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SUSTAINABLE LIVING

Aquaponics on display

Orr Center project highlights sustainability by growing indoors

by MARCUS WHITE
Cook/Orr Editor

ORR - There is something growing inside the Orr Center, and it's been a long time coming. After a few unexpected delays, the center is debuting their latest project, an aquaponics system designed to highlight a sustainable means of growing food year-round, even in northern Minnesota.

"We want to show people they can be sustainable in their



house," Executive Director Wendy Purdy said. "We try new things to show them how it's done."

The center has repurposed an old classroom to house the project, and built

the necessary, non-mechanical components out of other repurposed material including old gym floor panels for the tables and river rocks to form the base to hold vegetation in place.

Executive Director Wendy Purdy tends plants that are grown at the aquaponics tables at the Orr Center. The sustainable growing system is on display now, and classes may be taught in the future. photo by Marcus White

The result is a closed ecosystem within the classroom, free from the constraints of variable year-round temperatures.

Aquaponics works as a two-fold system. Fish grow in a tank attached to a large rubber-lined platform. The platform is filled with small rocks, spread to a depth of a

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ELECTION 2018

Did new NYT poll of Eighth get it wrong?

Latest survey shows Stauber up by as much as 15 points

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL — Is the race to replace Congressman Rick Nolan a nail-biter or a blowout in the making?

It could be either one, depending on what one makes of recent polling on the race. Back in September, the *New York Times* published a poll showing a near dead-heat, with DFLer Joe Radinovich clinging to a 44-43 percent lead, which suggested it would be the same kind of down-to-the-wire race we've seen in previous election cycles. Internal

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DISCUSSION POINTS

Health care for all

Ely forum addresses important election issue

by MELLISA ROACH
Staff Writer

ELY — Candidates and activists from a number of organizations offered a consistent message on the issue of health care in the U.S. and how to pay for it during a town hall forum held here last week.

The event, sponsored by the DFL's Third District Operating Unit, drew a sizable crowd to Vermilion Community College, who heard from DFL congressional candidate Joe Radinovich and others about the importance of reforming the health care system in the U.S.

Health care, and its future, has become the top issue in this year's midterm elections, according to Radinovich, and the candidate talked personally about how the issue has affected him and his family over the years.

In the wake of family tragedy, Radinovich openly expressed the difficult times he had coping, and relayed what mattered the most was that his dad had a good job and good wages, and had health care when the family needed it the



Ely physician Dr. Joe Bianco makes a point on the topic of health care at a forum at Vermilion Community College in Ely.

most. "If it hadn't been for that, I probably would have been lost," he said. "There are a lot of people out there who deal with routine problems in their life. Rich people, poor people, and everyone in between. Too often, what makes a difference in whether people can make it through those situations or not, is that someone in their life has a good job and can access health care for them." He continued, "I don't think that in the wealthiest and most productive country

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Leah Rogne and Bill Tefft talk with DFL congressional candidate Joe Radinovich after the forum last week. photos by F. Schumacher

TOWER AMBULANCE

Revenue increase surpassed by higher expenses since paid on-call

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

TOWER — Six months after implementation of a paid on-call staffing program by the Tower Ambulance service revenues are up by \$105,174 over the same period last year, due to both an increase in the number of emergency calls over 2017 and an increase in the number of non-emergency transfers from area hospitals.

That's right in line with a *Timberjay* projection back in March, which estimated a \$200,000 increase in department revenues when considered on a 12-month basis. About \$5,000 of the increase in revenues this year is attributable to a higher number of ambulance runs from January-March of this year, which occurred before the paid on-call staffing was initiated on April 1.

Meanwhile, the higher cost of staffing, house rental for staff, increased truck maintenance, and other factors have pushed the department's expenditures higher as well — by \$142,896 through the end of September. That's according to budget data provided the city of Tower.

A *Timberjay* estimate produced in March indicated that the shift to paid

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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

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.

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 fund-raiser 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.

Ruby’s Pantry Oct. 27 in Babbitt

BABBITT- Ruby’s Pantry food distribution will be on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Babbitt Municipal Center, 71 South Dr. A \$20 cash donation at the door buys an abundance of food. No checks will be accepted. There are no income or residency guidelines. Bring two large boxes or baskets. Ruby’s Pantry is sponsored by St. Pius X Catholic Church. Volunteers are always welcome.

Chimpy’s Family Fun Night at TS Elementary on Tuesday

TOWER- Tower-Soudan Community Education is hosting a Family Fun Night with Chimpy on Tuesday, Oct. 23 from 3:15 - 4:30 p.m. There will be time in the gym with the rolling globe, tightrope walking, spinning plates, bounce house, and more. Snacks will be provided. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children. All participants need to fill out a registration form, before participation or at the event. Call Tower-Soudan Elementary at 218-753-4040 with any questions.



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October Events at NWFA Gallery in Cook



Pileated Woodpecker - “Time for Lunch” colored pencil drawing by Wanda Parks.

COOK- At NWFA Gallery there is an explosion of new arts and crafts made by your friends and neighbors. Enjoy an autumn drive to view the talented artist members of Northwoods Friends of the Arts. It will be a complex exhibit consisting of the annual Members Show, “October Festival of the Arts” and “Rocks, Trees, and Water.”

Featured at this years Members 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, a celebration of the spirit of the wilderness. Some of Martin’s paintings will be on

display and prints will be on sale and for raffle.

Visit the NWFA Gallery throughout the month to take in these exhibits until Oct. 27. Gallery hours 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.

Artists meet at NWFA Gallery regularly on Tuesdays for Wood Carvers Group, 6 to 8 p.m., on Saturdays for Open Art, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on the second Saturday of each month for the Writers Group workshop, 1 to 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome, beginners and pros alike.

ARROWHEAD LIBRARIES

Musical program "When There's Good to Be Done" coming to local libraries, Oct. 23 and Nov. 1

REGIONAL- The Arrowhead Library System is pleased to present Curtis and Loretta’s “When There’s Good to Be Done,” a free musical program being offered for ages 12 to adult at Ely Public Library on Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 10:30 a.m., at Babbitt Public Library on Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 2 p.m., and at Cook Public Library on Thursday, Nov. 1 at 6 p.m.

Experience original folk songs from husband-and-wife duo, Curtis and Loretta. Together, they deliver beautiful harmonies and play several instruments, including folk harp, guitars, mandocello, and banjo. Their latest album, When There’s Good to Be Done, features story-songs of Minnesota’s unsung heroes.



Loretta wrote each of the songs about real-life people who experienced great challenges in their lives and came out stronger for the journey. She interviewed each person, then crafted their story into a folk song. These are ordinary people with extraordinary qualities.

This program, sponsored by Arrowhead Library System, was funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. To learn more about Arrowhead Legacy Events, please see our calendar at www.alslib.info, follow us on Twitter @ALSLibraryNews, or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/alslibinfo.

Family Forest Workshop and Field Tour in Ely focused on water quality, wildlife habitat, and landowner resources

ELY- Despite the cool temperatures, it was a beautiful day for the Healthy Forests, Healthy Habitats “Family Forest” Workshop and Field Tour on Saturday, Oct. 6 in Ely. The changing colors on the maple and aspen trees brightened the overcast, drizzly day for the workshop participants.

Before heading outdoors, participants learned about how forests protect water quality, the wildlife habitat that forests provide, and tools, opportunities and incentives for land owners to be active stewards of their woodlands.

Private landowners play a pivotal role in balancing these needs for our forests, because 44 percent of forests in Minnesota are privately-owned. There are several programs available to help private forest owners be stewards of their woodlands including planning, cost-share, and tax incentives that the Minnesota DNR Forestry, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, or private foresters can help landowners navigate. Participants



had a chance to meet many of their local foresters and representatives of these organizations.

After lunch, participants headed out to three sites just north of Ely, along the Echo Trail, to tour some local woodlands that had been affected by the 2016 blowdown. All three woodlands had similar damage, similar trees, and similar terrain, but the woods looked very different today because of how the landowners were able to react.

DNR Forester Steven Horndt compared the cost of the work done on each site, the remaining damage,

and opportunities for growing new trees. It was an opportunity to see the different choices, challenges, and opportunities landowners faced for similar situations dealing with a blowdown.

The event was part of a unique collaboration between government and private landowners, conservation and the timber industry, and even wildlife and forestry. The East Range Private Forest Management Stakeholders Group typically puts on a Private Woodland Workshop and Field Tour each fall, rotating around the East Range.












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ST. LOUIS COUNTY

State: Stauber emails should be released by county

Despite ruling, county officials say they won't release the communications between Stauber and top GOP officials

by MARCUS WHITE
Cook-Orr Editor

REGIONAL—St. Louis County officials announced Wednesday that they plan to defy a non-binding opinion issued by the Minnesota Department of Administration regarding email communications between County Commissioner Pete Stauber and the National Republican Congressional Committee.

The Commissioner of Administration issued an advisory opinion on Tuesday that found that St. Louis County acted improperly when it denied the *Star Tribune* and other media access to the emails between Stauber and the NRCC.

"Government data are presumed to be public unless otherwise classified," Commissioner Matthew Massman said in his opinion. "When an entity denies access to data, it must cite specific statutory authority or other legal justification for the denial."

Both the *Star Tribune*

and the *Duluth News Tribune* requested the opinion from the Commissioner of Administration after the county declined to release the emails, which are on a government server, because the content of the messages were between Stauber and "an individual."

According to Minnesota Newspaper Association attorney and public access expert Mark Anfinson, the law's intent is to prevent the disclosure of communications between elected officials and actual constituents, not lobbyists or political groups.

The Commissioner of Administration agreed, concluding that the NRCC does not qualify as an individual under the state's interpretation of the law, so the county's refusal to hand over the communications

was a violation of the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act.

According to Massman, the law in question, Minnesota Statute Chapter 13, does not apply to an individual acting on behalf of an organization or other entity, only to a person acting on their own behalf and not representing any other organization.

The opinion of Massman is not legally binding and county officials released a statement on Wednesday indicating that the county would not comply.

"Our highest priority has always been and continues to be to follow the law," said the statement.

The opinion does raise the stakes for the county if it refuses to hand over the emails to media, including the *Timberjay*, which filed its own request earlier this month. In any court challenge, judges must give considerable weight to opinions issued by the Department of Administration. And the county could be liable for attorneys fees for any media organization that pursues the

case in court, and wins.

Randy Lebedoff, legal counsel for the *Star Tribune*, said he found the county's position "surprising," and that the newspaper was "considering all its options."

The opinion of the commissioner drew a quick response from DFL candidate Joe Radinovich's campaign manager, Jordan Hagert, who noted that Stauber's allies had gone after Radinovich for traffic violations, while Stauber's own observance of the law was in doubt.

"Pete Stauber seems to believe his election certificate allows him to live by one set of rules while the rest of us live by another," Hagert said. "Stauber wasted official resources and our taxpayer dollars to strategize with Washington special interests and was caught, red-handed."

DFL Chairman Ken Martin echoed the sentiment in a statement from the party stating, "Pete Stauber's constituents in St. Louis County have every right to

know what was in the emails he sent to the National Republican Campaign Committee from his county email address on county time. This has nothing to do with politics, and everything to do with public trust in government."

In a statement to the *Star Tribune*, Stauber spokeswoman Caroline Tarwid said Stauber had declined all requests to release the emails and made a mocking claim that the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee had pulled support from the Eighth District race.

Radinovich's communications director told the *Timberjay* on Tuesday evening while the DCCC and the campaign are not allowed to coordinate, the image of a campaign in turmoil is just a political ploy by the GOP.

"Republicans are terrified that they have a candidate that is sneaky and misleading and isn't being honest with voters," he said. "They are trying to stir up a narrative that shows the Radinovich campaign is being abandoned."

TECHNOLOGY

Tower area to join Blandin broadband initiative

by JODI SUMMITT
Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan area is the newest member of the Blandin Broadband Communities (BBC) on the Iron Range program. The program is an intensive, two-year partnership between rural Minnesota communities and the foundation.

The Tower Economic Development Association sub-

mitted the successful application to be one of the four new communities in this year's program. They are hoping to attract other area communities to be part of the process, including surrounding townships, Bois Forte, area schools, medical providers and assisted living facilities, DNR offices, and the state park.

"Our area has been anxiously awaiting more technological growth for quite some time,"

wrote Joan Broten, TEDA Vice-Chair. "To be able to entice more businesses, families and tourism with world-class internet access would give us the edge we need to grow and sustain our local economies."

"We have some amazing, well-educated, hard-working, fun-loving individuals ready to help with promoting and developing our area," she wrote. "The Iron Range BBC would provide

us with the stepping stone we have needed to promote our area."

Selected communities work through a proven process to define their technology goals, measure current levels of broadband access and use, and seek technical assistance and resources to meet their goals.

Each BBC has the opportunity to apply to Blandin Foundation for matching grants (around \$75,000) for locally

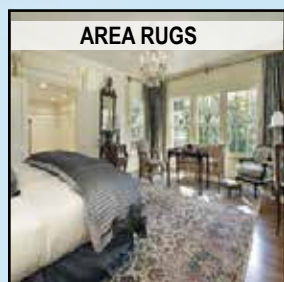
developed projects that advance community-identified technology goals over the two-year project period.

In addition, Broten said, Blandin does provide a smaller grant to help with administrative expenses during the planning period.

Broten said TEDA is working to form a committee to lead the program in Tower-Soudan.

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Editorial

Let the billionaires decide?

Eighth District voters should reject the flood of attacks on Radinovich by dark money interests

Should billionaire casino magnates and oil company executives from other parts of the United States have the right to determine the Eighth District's next congressman? That's the question that voters in our region should be asking themselves as a literal handful of the country's mega-rich are pouring millions of dollars into attacks against DFLer Joe Radinovich, who is currently running to replace Congressman Rick Nolan in Washington.

The onslaught is unlike anything we've ever seen before as secretive Super PACS have inundated our television, computer, and phone screens with an endless stream of attacks that media fact-checkers, like Politifact, have labeled “mostly false.”

Who are some of these groups? The biggest spender, so far, is the Congressional Leadership Fund, which had poured \$3.89 million into attack ads against Radinovich as of Monday of this week. The group has raised \$100 million this election cycle, almost one-third of it from groups connected to Sheldon Adelson, the casino magnate who has become the GOP's biggest dark moneyman. Adding to the haul are major corporations, like Koch Industries, and other oil and coal interests, along with companies like Erik Prince's Blackstone Group, a corporation that has grown rich providing mercenaries around the world.

Another big Super PAC spender is the America First Action Fund, which had dumped nearly \$2 million into attacks on Radinovich, funded again by a who's-who of the mega-rich.

None of these companies or individuals have any real connection to the Eighth District. But they were the primary beneficiaries of the GOP tax cuts and they want to protect a Republican majority in Congress, so they can continue their push for lower taxes for the rich at the expense of our nation's future.

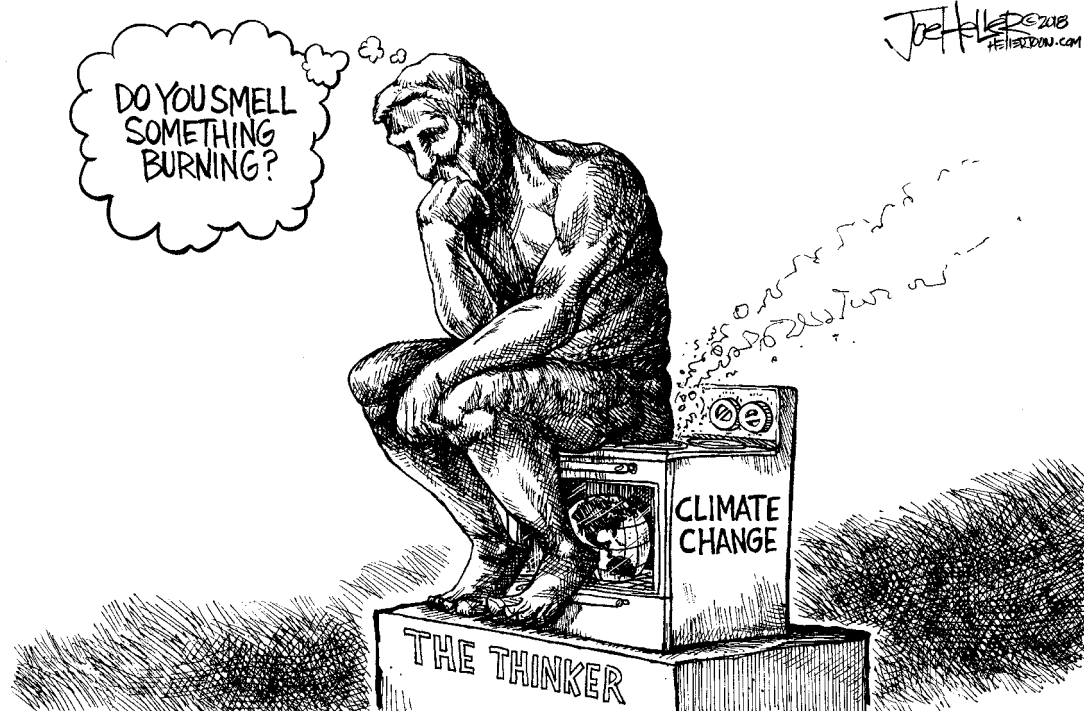
If you can judge a man by the friends he keeps, Radinovich's Republican opponent Pete Stauber clearly has some explaining to do. The billionaires aren't

pouring millions into this race because they are concerned that Radinovich is somehow unfit for Congress. They're waging their campaign of deceit in hopes that voters here will send Stauber to Washington to help facilitate the further entrenchment of the billionaires' agenda over America's foreign and domestic policy. They know that the most recent round of tax cuts for the rich has pushed America's deficit higher and now they want Congress to go after “entitlements” to facilitate even more tax cuts for the wealthy.

By entitlements, of course, they mean Social Security and Medicare, which both Congressional leaders and Trump's top economic advisor, Larry Kudlow, have indicated in recent public comments will be part of their agenda if Republicans maintain total control in Washington. That's become an issue in this race, even as Stauber stubbornly refuses to acknowledge what his party's own leaders have planned.

Instead of addressing the issue, Stauber's attack dog billionaires have flooded the airwaves with ads accusing Radinovich, of all people, of wanting to destroy Medicare. That's not “mostly false”—that's 100-percent pure b.s. Radinovich wants to expand Medicare to cover everyone and he wants to improve the program by adding vision and dental coverage, which Medicare doesn't currently cover.

The biggest question for voters here is, are we going to let a handful of billionaires who couldn't find the Eighth District on a map if their gilded lives depended on it, decide who represents us in Congress? We suspect voters here have enough common sense to see these attacks for what they are. They aren't just attacking Joe Radinovich. They're attacking the very notion of democracy, by overwhelming the political debate in a manner that's guaranteed to turn off voters. If those of us in the Eighth want to send a message, we should tell the billionaires to knock it off. Tell them they can't buy this seat with their negative attacks. Northeastern Minnesotans should be smarter than that.



Letters from Readers

Admitting the truth of white patriarchy

Not one woman has ever been chosen by Senate Republicans for the Judiciary Committee. All eleven Republican committee members are white males, as was the court nominee. Every member of the Supreme Court was a white male until 1967 and all male until 1981. The U.S. Presidency was exclusively white until President Obama. Women were not allowed to vote until 1920.

A white patriarchy dominates the American social system. Women, minorities and working class whites are not viewed as their equals. Two power relationships are at work here: 1) “others” tolerated, but not empowered, is patronizing, 2) treating “others” as “father knows best,” is called paternalism. Asserting women's rights exposes the white male system as in the Kavanaugh hearing.

Wealth, privilege and power converge as prep school and the Ivy League-tutored maintain a “pecking order” of entitlement. A clash of privileged interests with common rights erupts with passion and belief over reason and fact as a force against inevitable change. Many no longer have faith in the American Dream as they struggle with stubborn systemic barriers.

Tribalism is an outgrowth of inequality and exclusion, whereas, solidarity emerges from inclusion. A closed system keeps the many uninformed and powerless, while openness and light serves justice. A “white-out” blinds us from seeing social control as the province of Caucasian men of privilege, with women, minorities, working class and the poor, not welcome.

Due process of law is the first line of defense by men accused of sexual assault, but where is due process when institutions ignore the pleas of women as accusers? A white male system of power and privilege convulses from historical and human forces that collide in open conflict and raises the question, “can we handle the truth?”

**Harold Honkola
Tower**

McDonald has the right agenda

If we can't have Tom Rukavina for our County Commissioner, Paul McDonald will be a good replacement.

An educator, community and union activist, Paul is a lifelong Ranger and knows our communities. He has spent his life living, working, and playing in northeastern Minnesota. He knows us, he knows our issues, and he will be a strong advocate for us.

Paul has worked with our youth for much of his adult life in coaching and teaching. They will be the beneficiaries at the county level when he brings this knowledge to the board. He has already promised to focus on the huge out-of-home placements we have and get to the core reason why, so he can help. He will also be an advocate for increasing mental health services for our youth.

Paul has promised to focus on making sure our roads and bridges are safe and of high quality, and he will advocate for fairness and equity for our area at the county board. For these reasons, I urge you to consider voting for Paul McDonald as your County Commissioner for District 4.

**Kim Stokes
Britt**

Snow machine registration is too expensive

I just recently received my snowmobile registration renewal notice a few weeks ago for two snowmobiles I own, that are 21 and 22 years-old. Each is a fee of \$111 which is a mandatory three-year fee when using the trails. That is up approximately 30 percent from three years ago!

Why are we required to pay for three years? No one can predict that their snowmobile or any other recreational vehicle that requires a three-year registration is going to be operable during that period.

In my case I have very old snowmobiles and it is possible they will not last for the next three years. Our riding season

seems to be about three months out of the year. Weather and snow accumulations can be a big factor and it may be even shorter some years.

I also believe that, as with automobile registrations, the fee for recreational vehicles should decrease as they age.

I do believe this issue needs to be brought to the attention of state senators, state representatives and the DNR on having the registration fees issued on a yearly basis and not being forced to pay three years.

Please join me and speak your voice on this matter.

**Holly Abramson
Cook**

McDonald will be an area champion

Replacing a legend like Tom Rukavina is impossible, but St. Louis County 4th District voters can find their next champion this November in Paul McDonald.

I first met Paul as one of the hundreds of teenagers who attended his basketball camps at Vermilion Community College. As an educator and coach, Paul treated us like young adults and pushed us to improve our skills and grow as both players and people. Those camps were just one example of how Paul has pulled people together and invested in the youth of the Northland for many years.

Paul has demonstrated over his career that he's an excellent teacher, communicator, and just a great guy to be around. He's down-to-earth, approachable, and focused on the right issues. His advocacy for economic development and mental health, in addition to core county services, is refreshing. No doubt there will be many challenges for him to tackle, but as someone who coached, taught, refereed, and served as an athletic director, Paul has proven he knows how to multi-task and build relationships across the region.

On Nov. 6, please vote for Paul McDonald as your next county commissioner.

**Arik Forsman
Duluth**

Focus on health care bodes well for Democrats

You only need to pay attention to the dynamics of the Eighth District congressional race to understand why Republicans are worried about holding the U.S. House. The GOP's attack machine is focused on DFLer Joe Radinovich's old parking tickets, while Radinovich



**MARSHALL
HELMSEBERGER**

himself is talking about health care.

Candidates from both parties are confirming from the field what the polls have been saying for months. Right now, Americans are most worried about the future of health care—and that's a good playing field for Democrats at a time when many

Americans rightly see the GOP as the biggest threat to their health care access.

The public's angst over health care was fueled this summer when the Trump administration, in a highly-unusual move, opted not to defend a portion of the Affordable Care Act that, among other things, requires insurance companies to provide coverage for people with pre-existing conditions. That provision, and others, is under assault by nearly two dozen

Republican attorneys general who have worked in league with GOP leaders in Congress to try to undermine the ACA in the courts.

Since passage of the ACA eight years ago, insurance companies have been prohibited from denying coverage based on pre-existing conditions, and it's one of the most popular aspects of the law with the public. Going back to the bad old days, as the Trump administration and GOP members of Congress want, could deny coverage, or sharply

raise the cost of coverage, for as many as 130 million Americans.

During recent candidate forums, Radinovich has kept the focus on health care reform, including advancing toward a single-payer Medicare-for-all system, like seniors in the U.S. already enjoy. The plan being advanced by leaders like Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders would not only expand Medicare eligibility to everyone, it would

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Letters from Readers

Here's why I'm backing McDonald

I'm for Paul McDonald for County Commissioner. Why? I've known Paul all his life. He's as honest as the day is long. And he'll be honest to the taxpayers of District 4. Next, he's loyal to his family, friends, and community. He's been married to Tracy for 27 years, and with her help, he's raised two lovely daughters. And true to the principles his parents taught him, he's been loyal to his community.

Paul's been raising money for good causes for over 25 years. He's been mentoring young people and teaching them how to be good citizens for three decades. And he gets along with old and young alike. Paul has proven that, as a well-respected referee who is known for his fairness. And God knows we could use some good refereeing in these contentious times.

Paul McDonald will fight for the middle class. He's been a leader in his union. He's been a statewide advocate for working people before the legislature, supporting mining and good jobs for our people. Paul has never forgotten his roots. He's a fourth-generation Ranger whose grandparents worked the mines. He knows that taconite mining remains the backbone of our economy and that copper-nickel wealth could help our region thrive for many generations to come.

There's no doubt in my mind that Paul McDonald is the leader we need. He'll make us proud. Join me in voting for Paul on Nov. 6.

Tom Rukavina
St. Louis County
Commissioner, District 4

Pete Stauber reflects what made America great

Some people are depressed with all the political ads on the air - blah, blah, blah. I, however,

find them rather entertaining.

One of my favorite ones was a few years ago where this energetic candidate, eager to show us all that he's "one of us" aired some footage with him sporting his orange vest and shiny new shotgun ... hunting deer! It was good enough to put on America's Funniest Home Videos.

There's one candidate this fall who doesn't need to resort to these comedian acts— that is Pete Stauber, who is running for Congress in the Eighth District. Here is a guy who can stand on his merits without smoke-and-mirror acts to make us believe he's something he's not. For eight years on the Hermantown City Council and six years on the St. Louis County Board as the voice of reason and practical reality, he has the background to know how government works.

I got to know Pete before he was a county commissioner, and I found him to be one of the finest fellows you could ever meet. Patriotic, intelligent, a true family man and a real American all the way. The first time I met him, he had a small-size copy of the Constitution in his shirt pocket - and it was even a nicer copy than the one I had in mine! I didn't have to remind him that elected officials are to respect and serve the people they represent - he well knew this already.

Right down the line, Pete is there on all the important issues. Second Amendment Rights - as well as our other constitutional rights. The proper role of government to serve their citizens ... instead of cranking on a pipe wrench around the neck of people and businesses to conform to the latest government edict. He gets it.

He also has a grip on the economy. You can't have healthy communities and families without having good jobs. In this neck of the woods, and for the good of the whole state, this means mining. Unlike some who sputter and stutter and talk ventriloquist, Pete has said it clearer than all the rest;

he supports mining. Period. We do it better here than anywhere else in the world, we're blessed with abundant natural resources, we've been mining here for 130 years, and we still have the cleanest water in the state. And there are some who think giving canoe rides and selling McBurgers is going to give us a raging economy?

Without taconite, copper-nickel, and all the businesses up and down the line that support these industries, northern Minnesota would shrivel up to one big ghost town as desolate as northern Siberia. More importantly, Pete supports the miners who work in these plants and pits. After all, these are the beneficiaries of these good jobs where these workers can now support their families, schools, local businesses and government.

Actually, I was a little disheartened when I first heard Pete was running for Congress. His absence on the county board would leave a huge hole in our local government.

Nevertheless, if Pete is answering a higher calling, all I can say is, more power to him. God knows the common sense he would bring to Washington is sorely needed. What an asset he would be there, not a bag of hot air from a 'Texas' cowboy who's all hat and no cattle, but really one of us who knows our way of life here in northern Minnesota and that comes from a working class family. Pete Stauber is cut from the same stuff that made this great country, and he is the one we need to send to Washington on Nov. 6.

Jim Hofsommer
Markham

A few campaign thoughts for Greenwood

I would like to say a few words on campaigning for election to the Greenwood Board of Supervisors.

Some of the things that I would NOT suggest to put in a campaign ad would be:

Vote for me, I will make up information given to me by the county so that I can use fear to walk the fence on the canister site.

Another slogan could be: I will never spend any of your tax dollars to improve my knowledge of town board functions by not attending any training until I am shamed into doing so. Even after a unanimous vote by the residents at the annual meeting that each board member attends one training per year.

Vote for me, I will mislead state employees to find out which resident had called to verify if safe drinking water was being provided at the town hall.

OE, Elect me, I will provide false statements to an Administrative Hearing Judge when questioned on an investigation into open meeting law violations.

Support me, when elected, I will approve employee policies and then later deny that the board ever approved them and put that in writing.

I find it problematic that the same board that so strongly opposed "false and misleading statements" and discussed the issue as an agenda item seems to have not been able to avoid them.

A slogan that I would support: I will serve the township to the best of my ability and listen to the residents, knowing that not everyone will agree with all of my decisions. I will not use false and misleading statements. I will serve with honesty and integrity in the performance of my duties.

Jeff Maus
Lake Vermilion, Tower

Why all the bashing of Greenwood?

In the course of attending the township meetings and reading the *Timberjay* and *Tower News*, I have to question the obsessive behavior of John and Joanne Bassing:

1. The township hired a licensed contractor to replace the water spigot at the township. The CONTRACTOR used the incorrect spigot. Rather than notify the township board (when her husband was the chairman), Joanne Bassing reported it to the MN Department of Health. WHO DOES THAT and WHY?

2. The Fire Chief handed out something during the meeting and the CLERK failed to put a copy in the public folder. Rather than asking for a copy, John Bassing asked the state auditor for a ruling on an open meeting violation. WHO DOES THAT and WHY?

3. When Chair Ralston explained that his contact at the county mentioned that there MAY not (NOT WILL NOT) be room at the 77 dump site for the recycling canisters and they MAY need to go to Soudan, John Bassing called someone else at the county and was given different information. Clearly the county provided conflicting information. Bassing now accuses Chair Mike Ralston of lying to the township during two township meetings and in the *Timberjay* online comments and letters to the editor. WHO DOES THAT and WHY?

I expect elected township supervisors to be trustworthy, have integrity, and have the best interests of the township at heart. The current group of supervisors continue to fulfill those expectations. In my opinion, the Bassings do NOT, and seem to have some TWISTED agenda.

Steve Rodgers
Greenwood Township

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expand the kind of coverage available, to services like dental and eye care.

The concept is popular with the public and, for the first time, Democrats are really starting to talk seriously about it.

Republicans, meanwhile, have put themselves in a box on the issue. When the Democrats first started talking about a single-payer approach in the 1990s, the Republicans responded with a market-based counterproposal which ultimately became the basis for the ACA. Ever since President Obama proposed the Republican plan, of course, the GOP has falsely vilified it as a "huge government takeover of health care" and its repeal has been the number one organizing principle of every GOP campaign since.

Today, however, the GOP is facing the same problem as the dog who finally caught the car— what now? And it exposed the GOP as the party of "No Ideas" on the health care front.

Radinovich has called out his opponent, Pete Stauber, on the issue at every candidate forum

this fall, and Stauber often has little to say except to attack Radinovich over the cost of the Medicare-for-all proposal, which Radinovich supports, or note that Radinovich was in the Legislature when the state created MNsure, the statewide healthcare exchange, which had a noticeably rocky start-up.

In other words, Stauber is reacting to the issue like every other Republican right now— with absolutely nothing of substance. Stauber, like the rest of his party, has no solution at all to the issue— other than trying to destroy the current system, which despite its many flaws, does manage to give affordable health care access to tens of millions of Americans who didn't have it before. It's perfectly in keeping with a party that has made mean-spiritedness their lodestar.

President Trump responded to the growing GOP concern over the issue by laying out talking points in a remarkable editorial in last week's *USA Today*— remarkable in the sense that any credible newspaper could publish such

a steaming pile of... need I say more? The editorial was so rife with falsehoods that media fact-checkers' pants caught on fire just from reading it. One of them said that virtually every sentence in the op-ed has an inaccuracy or mischaracterization. In other words, it was classic Trump.

Trump, of course, is desperate to keep the House, and its ability to investigate his corrupt administration, in the hands of people he can control. And right now, it appears that the GOP's wrecking ball approach to health care is the single biggest threat to Republican rule.

By playing offense, for a change, the Democrats have put themselves in a much stronger position on a key issue that Americans

care about and have opted for simplicity over the convoluted health care plans proposed by the Clintons in the 1990s, and President Obama in 2009. The ACA, with its thousands of pages of complex legalese, was picture perfect for GOP attacks. Government takeover! Death panels! You name it, the GOP trotted it out.

But Medicare-for-all? Gee, how many seniors do you know who want out of Medicare?

Trump, in his *USA Today* op-ed, falsely accused Democrats of wanting to destroy Medicare and the entire health care system. Under the Democrat's plan, writes Trump, Medicare would be eliminated and Americans would be prohibited from enrolling in private health insurance plans, which

"would inevitably lead to the massive rationing of health care."

At the same time, writes Trump, "Doctors and hospitals would be put out of business. Seniors would lose access to their favorite doctors. There would be long wait lines for appointments and procedures. Previously covered care would effectively be denied."

All of these statements are, in fact, false. Medicare-for-all, as proposed by Sen. Sanders and others would do the exact opposite of what the president described. But while the Republicans have had success vilifying past Democratic health care proposals, they're likely to find tougher going this time. That's

because Americans are familiar with Medicare. They know that it doesn't put doctors and hospitals out of business. Indeed, most of the hospitals and doctors serving north-eastern Minnesota exist today largely because of Medicare. Seniors know that Medicare gives them free access to the doctors of their choice. Extending that right to all Americans doesn't take it away from seniors, and anyone with common sense knows that.

Which is probably one reason we're hearing an awful lot about Joe Radinovich's parking tickets.

One thing's for sure. Pete Stauber sure doesn't want to talk about health care.

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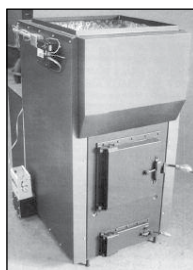
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We would like to get all the marked stakes put out by the grave sites by the first week in November.

The Ice Candle and Holiday Gathering will be held this year on **Saturday, December 15** at the Embarrass Cemetery with Christmas goodies to follow from **4-6 PM** at the Embarrass Town Hall located at 7503 Levander Road. Mark your calendars!

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TOWER

Meet the three candidates for Tower Mayor

Editor’s Note:
The Timberjay is publishing unedited statements from candidates for Tower Mayor. We will be publishing statements from the council candidates in next week’s paper (and earlier online at www.timberjay.com). The city election is on Tuesday, Nov. 6.



Jeff Hill
Hi Folks, My name is Jeff Hill, I am your candidate for Mayor for the Greater City of Tower. I have lived in Tower all my life except for a brief period when I took my business on the road to explore ideas in business incubation, Jeff proudly

Steve Altenburg
In 2006 I began serving the City of Tower as a volunteer, first as a firefighter and then serving on various commissions and committees. I stand firmly behind my record of work and dedication to our community in every position that I have been granted to hold. This includes the successful budgeting, management, and

leadership of the Tower Fire department as well as the continued growth and expansion of the Tower Ambulance.
I believe it is the primary responsibility of all elected officials to protect its citizens and the assets of the City by making informed decisions that benefit the greater good. This requires sound investments in growth and

infrastructure, new and old. Understanding and addressing the needs of citizens while balancing budgetary constraints is integral to Towers success.
I cannot make any grandiose promises about the future, because if elected I will be only 1 of 5 votes. I can promise that I will not support unfunded debt, and continue

working on reducing the old unfunded debt. My efforts will focus on working with the council towards responsible growth, long-term financial stability, and investment in our existing infrastructure.
I appreciate the opportunity and voter consideration to continue to serve the City of Tower, as your Mayor.



states.
I was Born in the Soudan Hospital to the late Stanley “Bunker” Hill (Tower’s postmaster for years), and Mary Ann (Chiabotti) Hill, I was raised on the Main Street. I am Graduate of Tower High School and was confirmed at St. Martin’s Catholic Church in Tower. I hold an Associate’s Degree from Vermilion Community College in Ely. I reside in Tower and have been a Taxpayer for many years in our nice little town.
The pages of Tower history are filled with the accomplishments of My family and I am no exception. I was a member of the Main Street business community own-

ing and operating a real estate agency and was a Communications Specialist working with the Local Government agencies. I developed a loyal following and dedicated customer base and I am known by My customers for my fair, honest, and straight forward dealings.
I was instrumental in obtaining over a million dollars in funding for the fire department through grants, charitable gambling, and subsidies from outside governmental funding sources. Jeff chaired the planning commission for years and the commission wrote the city’s current zoning ordinance while under his direction.
When asked why he

is now throwing his hat into the world of Tower politics, Hill responded, That’s a good question? But I have a simple answer, The Citizens of Tower Deserve better.
I designed and Constructed the Tower Airport A&D Building and was the City Real Estate Consultant. I am a Communications Specialist and served as Chairman of Planning and Zoning. Created the Tower Ambulance Equipment Subsidy program along side my life long friend the late Ballard Turnbull (foundation). WE Created the Tower Ambulance Equipment Subsidy program Project Intercept with ALS service with Life Flight Helicop-

ter for the Area- Setup and managed Charitable Gambling for Tower Fire Dept. former Civil Defense director. CEO Tower Firemen’s Relief Assoc. Generating Thousands of Dollars for meaningful projects through out our communities. I also served Assistance Ambulance Supervisor, Former Fire Chief- Asst. Chief- and Training Officer with 20 years of service (retired) Pilot Single Engine Aircraft (I have a vision of the big picture) Past Performance will be indicative of future results for your city.
I want to serve the people of Tower. “I love this Town” We are facing challenging times, WE

are experiencing a time of change in our community just like all communities. I look forward to helping the city take inventory, confirm where we now are and what direction we need to go so we can experience a prosperous future. The citizens, people who live in Tower, need to help determine the direction we go from here. When ELECTED I will keep open communications with all of Tower’s citizens and promptly respond with “boots on the ground” to your concerns. We are all in this together, and I am Pulling for Ya, Lets Keep our Stick on the Ice.

Orlyn Kringstad
The role of rural, small town/ local government is to effectively manage civil services and public affairs of the city, provide for common city-wide utilities and related services. Tower’s engineering and maintenance services does this very well.
Tower must also have a Vision and Plan to manage growth creating an environment for business expansion, creating jobs and affordable housing, and building infrastructure to ensure long-term success for commerce in the city. Tower does this less well.
Three years ago, I was invited by Tower City Council (TEDA) to

present a plan for development around the Tower Harbor area and Harbor North. I did so, and my team and our plan (Tower-Vision 2025) were accepted.
In cooperation with other community leaders we organized a “Vision for Tower” survey, that generated over 350 responses, and held a well-attended city-wide ‘Tower Visioning Forum’ that identified development priorities for the City of Tower. Building townhome residences around the Tower Harbor was priority one, partly because it was mandated by the city as their 1st priority. Building the town homes, along initial limited commercial and

recreational amenities will begin during the first half of 2019.
Meanwhile I am pleased that we have initiated new commercial development and lodging that have already brought significant economic development to Tower. Negotiating the sale of the dilapidated Standing Bear Marina to “Your Boat Club” was the first step in revitalizing the Tower Harbor North area. Reopening MarJo Motel has also brought significant economic benefit to Tower and has proven that establishing a resort/ conference hotel adjacent to the Marina and MarJo Motel is feasible and will bring significant jobs and revenue to the city which



will drive further development.
On January 23 last year we organized a forum for local businesses interested in either expanding or establishing a business in Tower. Attendees and presenters included IRRRB, APEX-

We Get Business group, Entrepreneur Fund, and MN DEED. Two outcomes are the Lapppa Manufacturing expansion in Tower’s Industrial Park and a second company that is poised to establish business operations there in early 2019.
Tower is the center for commerce for the smaller townships around us. They rely on Tower for food, banking, entertainment and other services. We need to look for and develop areas of cooperation and services that address cost-saving economies of scale and provide local job and business opportunities so that we grow and prosper together.
As a collaborative

manager, leader and executive, both in business and in the non-profit world, for nearly five decades I expect to use my international management experience to develop Tower, and the local region, into a thriving model for sustainable economic growth, broadening the tax base, stabilizing or lowering taxes, populating Main Street with traffic-stopping shops and services, and upgrading Tower’s residential neighborhoods.
I look forward to elaborating on these plans at the candidate forum, October 24 at the Tower Civic Center.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

St. James 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.
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.

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Meet and Greet Forum
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Wednesday, Oct. 24
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Mayor: Steve Altenburg, Jeff Hill, Orlyn Kringstad
Council: Steve Abrahamson, Rachel Beldo,
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TOWER

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, Michael Larsen and Mary Shedd have all said they will attend. 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.

VERMILION COUNTRY SCHOOL



Four VCS students attended Construct Tomorrow at the Range Recreational Civic Center in Eveleth this past week. High school students were invited to this Skilled Trades and Construction Careers Expo. This event was made possible by the Northeast Minnesota Office of Job Training/ Northeast Career EdVenture, Career & Tech Ed/Perkins, the Northland Foundation and IRRRB.

BREITUNG

Breitung Fire Department working on renovations

by STEPHANIE UKKOLA
Staff Writer

SOUDAN- The Breitung Township Board, last Thursday, heard from Fire Chief Steve Burgess who has been working on the renovations to the old maintenance garage which will soon be home to the fire department. The fire department has also been doing some housekeeping and updating their policy manual and mission statements.

The board heard from their attorney that the cost to review the department’s new policy book approved by the board at their last meeting, would cost \$2,500. The attorney suggested they use a sample policy, which they supplied, and then have the department personalize it as needed. Burgess said he will do that.

Burgess said, on the renovations to the garage soon to be fire hall, that the new LED lighting has been installed, but other work is de-

layed due to needed equipment being on back-order. After the lights are finished the room will be painted, and work will be done on the plumbing.

A proposed ordinance, to charge residents for false-alarm fire calls, will be changed to read that residents get two warnings, then a \$500 charge on the third false-alarm call. The warnings will reset annually.

The township board approved the rules of engagement, and a new mission statement, vision statement, and logos for the fire department.

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Vision statement

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Other business

Chief Dan Nylund said that the lien on an impounded truck has been paid off by the township and will be sold. Nylund also said he is seeking another part-time officer.

The township board approved an expenditure of up to \$1,500 for a back-up generator that would be used to open surface building garage doors in case of power outage.

The next township board meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 24 at

AEOA Senior Dining Menu

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

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

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

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

Week of Oct. 22

Monday- Sweet and Sour Chicken Rice Bowl, Bread Stick

Tuesday- Italian Meatball Sub Sandwich, Corn

Wednesday- Hamburger Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Green Beans

Thursday- Taco Salad, Corn Muffin

Friday- Pigs (Hot Dog) in a Blanket, Baked Beans

Week of Oct. 22

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 Nov. 20.

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.

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AA - 7 p.m. Mondays,
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BABBITT AA - 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Woodland Presbyterian Church.
AL-ANON - Sundays 8-9 p.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely. For persons who encounter alcoholism in a relative or friend.
BABBITT AL-ANON - Thursdays, 7 p.m., at Woodland Presbyterian Church.
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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. Those without internet access can contact Keiko Williams by phone at 218-365-2639 or email at info@gardnertrust.org to have an application mailed to them.

Completed applications can be mailed to the Trust office at P.O. Box 720, Ely, MN 55731 or dropped off at the Ely City Hall, Clerk's Office, at 209 E. Chapman Street.

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OUR COMMUNITY

A gathering of arts in Ely

ARTS in Ely group produces arts directory

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY - Have you ever wanted to find a choir to sing with, a watercolor class, or a jewelry maker to create a special gift? Ely has all this and much more, and soon there will be an online directory to help artists and audiences connect with one another.

ARTS in Ely, a recently-formed collaboration of area artists, is developing a directory of all Ely-area artists at their website, www.ArtsInEly.org, and they will demonstrate it to the public at a celebration on Thursday, Oct. 25, from 5-7 p.m. in the Society Hall, upstairs of Northern Grounds.

According to the ARTS in Ely web developers, the new one-stop online arts directory is expected to go live by January.

"See the directory in action, learn how to create a free listing and search the site, chat with the developers, and make a donation to help fund this community asset," said Keiko Williams, one of the organizers of the initiative. Appetizers will be served and there will be a cash bar.

"ARTS in Ely began with a meeting last November for those who wished to discuss ways to make our already impressive arts community an even better place for artists to collaborate, arts consumers to find what they need, and the arts to contribute to the overall Ely economy," Williams said.

More than 75 people gathered for the first meeting at Amici's Event Center, shared their thoughts, and created ad hoc committees to work on a variety of tasks. According to Williams, at subsequent meetings, attendees decided not to form an official non-profit organization, but to engage with already-existing ones and encourage their input. The next major tasks were identified as creating an online directory and an online calendar.

Their mission statement: "ARTS in Ely is a cooperative whose purpose is to nurture and develop the Ely area arts community with resources, connections, and support, and to promote economic growth through networking, mar-

keting, and outreach. Our mission is to promote art creation, experiences, and collaborations in our area."

The gathering at Northern Grounds next week celebrates the completion of the planning stage for the directory and gives arts participants a chance to become familiar with how it will work and to support the effort by creating a listing or making a donation or both, she said.

The ARTS In Ely Directory will have categories not only for visual artists, crafters, writers, musicians, and other performance artists, but also for venues like galleries and restaurants with live music, arts organizations, arts education opportunities, and resources for artists from grant sources to piano tuners to stores with supplies for the arts.

"Anyone involved in Ely arts is welcome to have a free listing that includes the name of the individual, group or location, a small image, a brief description, and contact information," she said. Websites in the contact section will have a live link.

Once the basic directory listings are working well, more elaborate paid listings will be available to those who wish to have a full page that can include more images and text. "For artists or groups who don't have a website, this will provide an opportunity to have a web presence at a very affordable rate," Williams noted.

"The website committee is hopeful that the paid pages will provide enough income to maintain the directory from year to year," she said. Donations are critical as ARTS in Ely has no other source of income and, although the web creators are being generous with their time and rates and volunteers have contributed much of the planning, the project will cost close to \$3,500 to set up and maintain for the first year.

For those who can't attend the celebration and demonstration at Northern Grounds next week, donations can be made online at ArtsInEly.org or by mailing a check to Arts in Ely, c/o Thea Sheldon, P.O. Box 788, Ely, MN 55731.

Ornamental Hermit Studio a quiet addition to Ely community's expanding arts culture

ELY - Andy Messerschmidt bought an abandoned church property on 1st Avenue East, just a stone's throw north of Sheridan Street, three years ago and has been quietly renovating the building and using it as a studio.

"Once an arcade, dry cleaner, florist, garage in the 40s, mortuary and church, I've named it the Ornamental Hermit in my fascination with the fad that swept through estate owners in England in the 1700s," he said. "It became commonplace at the time to hire a hermit to decorate one's grounds. This bearded eccentric was to do nothing except grace the grounds to be marveled at by guests, be in touch with nature, and look cool doing it, damn it."

Messerschmidt said he metaphorically thinks of the Ornamental Hermit trope in regard to the arts in general. "Ely is a Mecca to the recluse in search of the Tao etc., and the hermit is given credit by the tourist but scant monetary support," he said.

He referenced an article to make his point: http://www.hermitary.com/lore/ornamental_hermits.html.

"In one account in the article," he said, "the hermit was contracted to stay on for seven years but ended up quitting after three weeks and was last seen drinking in a bar. The other fascination with the Ornamental Hermit is that it stands in as the canary-in-the-mine of cultural collapse. Think Roman vomitorium here - classist opulence. A garden gnome stuffed in a contemporary cabinet of curiosity."

Messerschmidt provided a back story behind the name of his studio. "I repainted the building this summer and put up fresh gables etc. Thinking back to historical architectural styles that the OH (Ornamental Hermit)



Ely artist and musician Andy Messerschmidt, shown above playing drums for the Tru Blu North Trio, has been quietly renovating a First Avenue building into his Ornamental Hermit Studio. photos by K. Vandervort and submitted



would fit in is troublesome," he said. "I originally wanted to do a turquoise Cuban or Miami thing integrating the Deco glass blocks. The roof slope from the alley side mimics the Swiss Chalet but the 1970s crushed

that vibe proper. It's kind of got a Scottish pub feel at present. Stop by if you're in the neighborhood. I'm there most days."

Women Who Care meets Oct. 28

ELY - Women in the Ely area can make a difference in their community by joining 100+ Ely Women Who Care to support local nonprofits. Their next event is Sunday, Oct. 28, at 4 p.m. at the Ely Senior Center.

At their last event in May, 100+ Ely women

from all walks of life joined together and voted to contribute over \$7,600 to Northwoods Partners, one of Ely's many non-profits serving the community.

By joining together and donating a significant sum at one time, the selected charity is able to provide services and programs they may otherwise be unable to afford. To date 100+ Women Who Care have

donated over \$22,400 to local charities.

After a social time, participants use a process of nominations and votes to select one local charity. Members donate \$25 to \$100, depending on whether they register as part of a team or as an individual.

For more details and to register, go to 100ElyWomenWhoCare.org.

Please register in advance even if you donated previously so organizers can confirm attendance and plan accordingly. Hard copies of the registration form can be printed from the website and mailed.

Can't attend? Check the website for instructions on how a donation can still be counted as part of the grand total.



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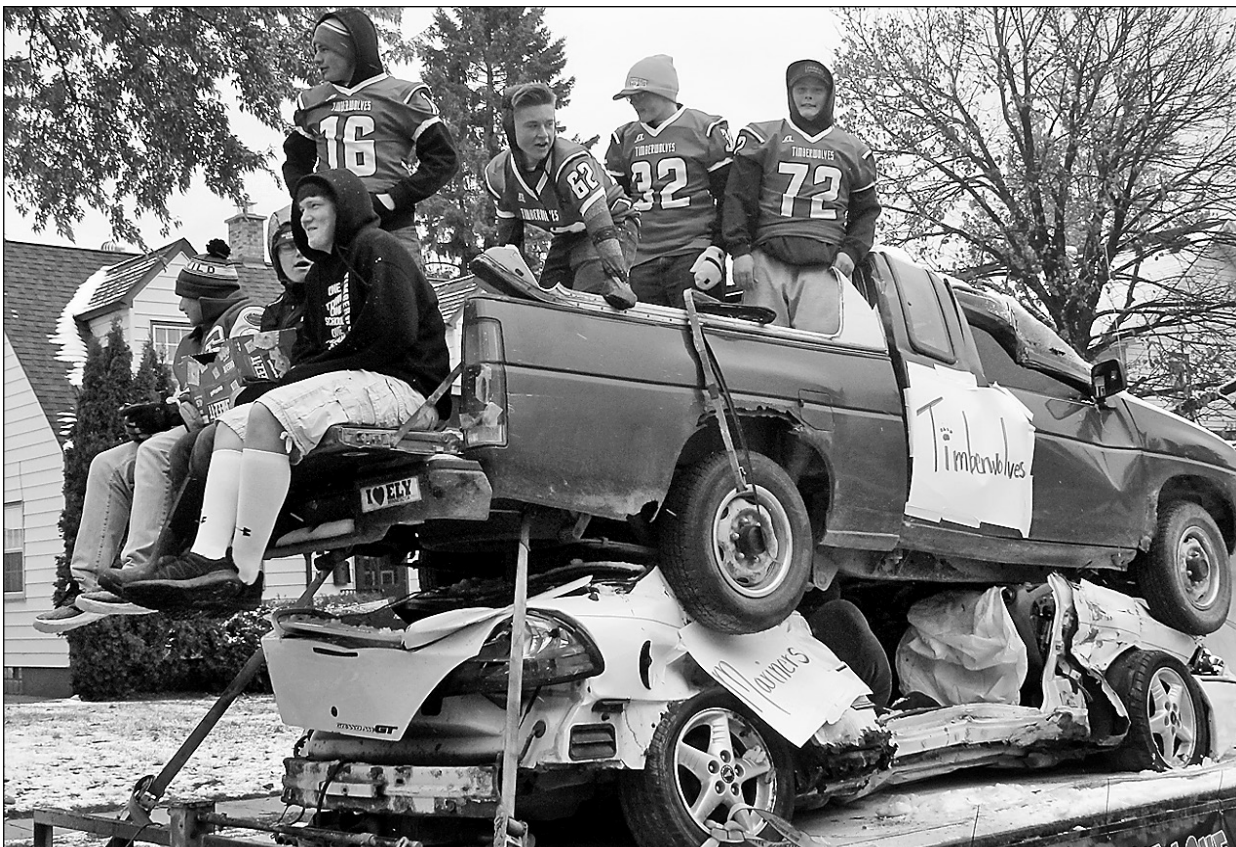
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Homecoming Parade



Snow flurries and a cold wind met Ely Memorial High School Homecoming Parade participants last Friday. The Timberwolves football team's float, top, called for "crushing" the Mariners. King and Queen Lida Dodge and Tim Moskalyk, above, bundled up against the cold. The band's drumline, right, kept the beat.
photos by K. Vandervort



SAVING THE ENVIRONMENT

Plugging into the future

Electric vehicle charging available at Ely library

ELY - Minnesota Power recently installed four electric vehicle (EV) charging stations across the Iron Range, each supported by a five-kilowatt solar panel.

The charging stations are located in the parking lot at the Ely Public Library, Virginia, Two Harbors, and Motley. Construction began last week in Ely and crews will move south to the other charging stations, with all expected to be complete by the end of the year.

The four charging stations are part of Minnesota Power's plan to build a charging network in northeastern Minnesota to provide more charging options for motorists.

"Investing in electric vehicle charging stations across our service territory is a way to help foster and grow this new technology and build the infrastructure to meet the changing energy needs of our customers," said Frank Frederickson, Minnesota Power vice president of Marketing. "Driving an EV is a fun and increasingly practical way we can lower society's carbon footprint and promote environmental stewardship."

Here are the details for each station:

Ely: Two Level 2 EV charging stations, each capable of charging one



This artist's rendering shows the location of the two electric vehicle charging stations recently installed at the Ely Public Library.

car at a time, are installed on the southeast corner of the library parking lot and will be available for free public use. The installation includes a 5-kilowatt or larger solar array on the library roof.

Virginia: Two EV charging ports will be installed near Veterans Memorial Park, one 50-kilowatt DC fast charger and one Level 2 charging station, both of which will charge one vehicle at a time and will require payment for vehicle charging. A 5-kilowatt solar array will be built next to the charging stations.

Two Harbors: Two Level 2 EV charging stations, each capable of charging one car at a time, will be installed at the City Hall parking lot and will be available for free public use. The installation includes a 5-kilowatt solar array on City Hall.

Motley: Two EV charging ports will be installed at the Bricks

Travel Center at the corner of Minnesota Highway 210 and U.S. Highway 10, one 50-kilowatt DC fast charger and one Level 2 station. Both will require payment for vehicle charging. A 5-kilowatt solar array will be built next to the charging stations.

The solar panels for the associated solar arrays will be locally sourced, manufactured in Mountain Iron by Heliene, a company based in Ontario that is now operating the Iron Range production facility.

Minnesota Power has contracted with Hunt Electric to construct the charging stations. All of the charging stations have operating temperatures down to at least 22 below zero, so they are compatible with the northern Minnesota climate.

Electric vehicle use in northern Minnesota is currently low, but more consumers are expected to invest in this innovative and evolving technology

as electric vehicle travel ranges have increased to more than 200 miles per charge and charging station availability is increasing.

Under a conservative estimate of two charges per day at each station, it is estimated that the charging stations would help keep about 288,000 pounds of carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere every year.

Last year, Minnesota Power, Enbridge and Hunt Electric completed a charging station in Duluth's Canal Park with nine chargers, four dual-port charging stations offering eight plug-ins and one DC fast charger. That charging station is supported by a 54-kilowatt solar array that also functions as a canopy for parking spaces below the array. The charging station was donated to the city of Duluth, which operates and maintains the facility.

More information can be found at www.mnpower.com.

News in Brief

Ely resident honored for ski patrol

REGIONAL - Dave Markwardt, of Ely, was recently honored as Outstanding Ski Patrol volunteer at Giants Ridge.

He has been a member of the National Ski Patrol for over 25 years, and has been the Giants Ridge Ski Patrol Director for five years.

All National Ski Patrol members are volunteers. Dave is a very kind and generous person who has dedicated much time and effort to helping people on the ski hill. Dave and his wife, Nancy, live in Ely.



Dave Markwardt

Christmas Choir rehearsals begin

ELY - The Ely Community Christmas Choir rehearsal started this week and continue on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church. All singers are most welcome to join.

Tuesday Group schedule

ELY - The upcoming Tuesday Group schedule (subject to change) is listed below. All talks are at 12 noon on Tuesday at Grand Ely Lodge.

Oct. 23 - Terry Cooper - Composting

Oct. 30 - Meet New Elyites

Nov. 6 - Eva Sebasta - Ely Chamber of Commerce

Ely Free Clinic open Mondays

ELY - The Ely Community Health Center is open every Monday evening from 5:30-7 p.m. in the lower level of the Frandsen Bank building on 1st Ave. in downtown Ely.

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

Co-dependents meets Friday

ELY - The Ely co-dependents support group meets Fridays at noon at St. Anthony's Church in Classroom 3. Use west side entrance.

For more information, go to www.coda.org.

Yesterday's news, this week

from the archives of

THE ELY MINER

Courtesy of the Ely-Winton Historical Society

October 18, 1918

Bereaved again

For the second time in three months, Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Hippakka of this city have been called upon to give up one of their family by a violent death.

In August, their son George was accidentally killed while at work in the yards of the Rainy Lake mill at Virginia, and on Saturday their daughter Miss Ida, who has been teaching school in the Kettle River district, met her death in the flames which devastated that section and caused the death of practically every living thing for an area covering many miles.

Mr. Hippakka, becoming alarmed over the fire news and knowing his daughter was in the area, went to Kettle River to locate the girl from whom he had received no word for several days. He found the remains of his daughter at the morgue at Moose Lake.

Parties who brought the remains claimed it was Miss Hippakka but the father could not identify the charred and unrecognizable body. The young lady wore a ring and Miss Hilda Hippakka, a sister of the deceased, accompanied by Rev. Ruotsalainen, left yesterday for the scene in an attempt to identify the body and bring the remains to the city for burial.

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We are now accepting
2018 Arts Grant Applications

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Updated grant applications and guidelines are available online at www.gardnertrust.org

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS: 12:00 noon on Fri., Oct. 26

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

Call 365-2639 or email info@gardnertrust.org
Youth Grant applicants must call by October 1 to schedule a grant review meeting with Keiko.

Crane Lake News by the Singing Teapot Dames



This is Minnesota, so of course, the weather is always a topic! However, it is not always a pleasing discussion. Though we haven't had to deal with hurricanes, as has the Florida Panhandle, Georgia, North and South Carolina, we have had our own depressing weather. Snow in early October is not the ideal by anyone's imagination. Hopefully, there are a few nice days that will give us a break from the white on the ground or this is going to be an awfully long winter. The weather forecasters have indicated that we are supposed to have above-normal temperatures and less snow than normal. The Dames are not filled with confidence—but if you believe that, we may have some swamp land to sell you!

Zelda Bruns is anticipating her move to Spartanburg, South Carolina. This week saw her moving company packing up her belongings for their trip south. Zelda will have a side-trip to Texas because of a family illness, but then she will be at her new home. Tim Johnson and Crystal Spahn are the new owners of the home on Myrtle Lake. It is a gorgeous home; many happy years there, Tim and Crystal.

Steve and Sherri Blazevic, their daughter and son-in-law, were involved in a boating accident in Voyageurs National Park, when their spotlight failed and they ran aground on Indian Island. Three of the four were injured. Wishes for speedy recoveries to all are extended to

them from the entire community. Wishes for a continued recovery are also sent to Jake Ulen, who was injured in a car accident. May he soon be back to normal.

Condolences are sent to Ruth Carlson and the Carlson and Minko families, on the passing of Kathleen Minko, who passed away on Oct. 12 following a long illness. Scott and Kathleen were frequent visitors to the Crane Lake area and are known to many of the locals. A gathering occurred at the funeral home, and a special family Celebration of her life will be held in February, the month of her birthday. Heartfelt sympathies to all the lives that were touched by Kathleen.

John Sanborn was home for a two-week leave from his Marine duty station in North Carolina. John and brother Scott got in some spotty duck hunting, and a lot of family-time. Wednesday found him returning to his job for the Country. Good to see you home, John, and thank you for your service to Uncle Sam.

Did you ever wonder how "Uncle Sam" came to stand for the U.S. government? The term Uncle Sam is linked to Samuel Wilson, a meat packer from Troy, New York, who supplied barrels of beef to the United States Army during the War of 1812. Wilson stamped the barrels with "U.S." for United States, but soldiers began referring to the food as "Uncle Sam's." A local newspaper picked up on the story and Uncle Sam gained widespread acceptance as the nickname for the U.S. federal government. Political cartoonist Thomas Nast began popularizing the image of Uncle Sam giving him the white beard and stars-and-stripes suit that are associated with the character today.

The Teapot Dames are singing off.

Until next week the Teapot Dames are singing off.

PARENTS NIGHT

Parents share the spotlight

FIELD TWP - Parents of senior students took to the court with players at Monday night's volleyball game between North Woods and Chisholm. The Grizzlies would go on to sweep their opponent in three sets. Monday was the final home game for the regular season for the Grizzlies. More on the game, page 1B.



Above: Madison Antikaninen, Eighth grader Cooper Antikaninen and parents Karis and Robert. Left: Taylor Mejdrich and parents Mindy and Brad.
photos by C. Stone



Right: Kate Stone with parents Chad and Connie. Below left: Hanna Sandberg with parents Brad and Dee Ann. Below Right: Regan Ratai with parents Stacey and Steve.
photos by C. Stone



Right: Claire Beaudry and parents Tom and Stephanie. Left: Maddy Serna with parents Tammy and Art. photos by C. Stone



FALL FESTIVITIES

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 Du-

luth 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!

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North Woods Homecoming Royalty 2018



Above: Crowning of Queen Bria Chiabotti, Queen candidates Jacie Lakoskey, Ellie Frazee, and Alanna Rutchasky.

Right: Crowning of King Tanner Barto, King candidates Alex Byram, Parker Jones and Kyle Nelson.

Far Right: Crowning of Princess Taylor Jones, Princess candidates Erin Houde, Katrina Jackson and Lilly Voges.

photos by C. Stone



Homecoming Royal Court Back Row: 2017 Prince Austin Sokoloski, Prince candidates Ajay Zakrajshek, Eagen Long, Francis Littlewolf III, Prince Trey Gibson, King Tanner Barto, King Candidates Kyle Nelson, Alex Byram, Parker Jones, 2015 Prince Chase Kleppe. Front Row: 2017 Princess Zoe Kisch, Princess candidates Lilly Voges, Katrina Jackson, Erin Houde, Crown Bearers Jackson Long and Ellie Sherman, Princess Taylor Jones, Queen Bria Chiabotti, Crown Bearers Ogimaa Benner and Savannah Villebrun, Queen Candidates Alanna Rutchasky, Ellie Frazee, Jacie Lakoskey and 2015 Princess Kate Stone. photo by C. Stone



Meet Mr. Suish King

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

One of the names that comes to mind locally when it comes to influential teachers and coaches is Mr. Bill King. Mr. King taught biology, physical education, and health in Orr, retiring in 1987. He coached several sports and was a local "teacher of the year." He is also remembered as a basketball coach who brought Orr High School to three MN State Basketball Tournaments. I'd like to personally thank Bill for giving a copy of his biography, written by Damion Paulson, to the North Woods School Library. As a big fan of local history and also of those who are role models for our kids, I really enjoyed the book.

This week's article features North Woods' own "new" Mr. King! When first hired, I wondered if he had any relation to any of our local families. However, as you will soon learn, Mr. King came to us from a long way across the country!

Mr. Vukmanich: Where are you from?

Mr. King: Brooklyn, New York. I went to high school at Brooklyn Tech-



JOHN VUKMANICH

nical High School, which I believe is one of the best schools in the country. I graduated with around 1,200 classmates!

Mr. V: What is your role at North Woods School?

Mr. K: Student Support Services/Indian Education Assistant. I assist the kids with academics, usually math, and help Ms. Brunner with running our room.

Mr. V: How did you become interested in education?

Mr. K: I have always had a knack for teaching. Even back when I was in school myself, I helped other kids. Education has always been important to me.

Mr. V: What is your college background?



Suish King

Mr. K: I have a Bachelor's degree in History from the University of Rhode Island.

Mr. V: Who was an influence for you in terms of education?

Mr. K: My political science professor from the University of Rhode Island, Mark Genast. He made every class and topic interesting.

Mr. V: What are your hobbies?

Mr. K: I love history, of course. I am also a big sports fan, and I coach college football at Vermilion Community College in Ely.

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

Mr. K: It's a really friendly place, I feel like everyone knows each

other. The kids are awesome!

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

Mr. K: I want to be a head football coach at a college.

Mr. V: What brought you to Minnesota?

Mr. K: I was offered the assistant football coach/defensive coordinator job at Vermilion.

Mr. V: What is something new or unexpected about northern MN?

Mr. K: Seeing a black bear go across the highway. Also, just the wildlife in general and the snow in October.

Mr. V: What is something you've never done that you want to try now that you live here?

Mr. K: I want to go hunting and snowmobiling.

I'd like to thank Mr. King for allowing us to get to know him a little better. Welcome, Mr. King, to the area and to our school! We're glad to have you as a part of our school community!

Your Principal,
John Vukmanich

Cook Senior Citizens Club

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

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Local employees nominated for Spirit of Hospitality awards

REGIONAL- The nominations are in! More than 70 area front line workers were nominated for a Spirit of Hospitality Award (SOHA) in 2018. Nominees represent a wide range of businesses across the Mesabi Iron Range and even a little beyond.

Now entering its seventh year, the Iron Range Spirit of Hospitality Awards recognize excellence in customer service and promotion of the region to visitors and locals alike. A positive attitude, knowledge of the area, and a willingness to go ‘above and beyond’ are all part of the skills SOHA nominees bring to their workplaces every day. “The Spirit of Hospitality

Awards is something that our team members look forward to every year,” said Brian K. Anderson, who is the director of sales and public relations for Fortune Bay Resort Casino. “It is a very reputable program that many businesses take pride in for the simple fact that it recognizes the hard work put in every day by those working in the hospitality field. Win or lose, everyone is a winner when they get nominated because it shows the work they do is being noticed by their peers and that, in itself, means the world to these hard-working individuals.”

All nominees are invited to take part in a short interview process and photo session where

they receive an invitation to the awards banquet. This year’s banquet will be held at the Eveleth Auditorium on Sunday, Oct. 28.

Area nominees

Nominees in the Bartender category include Gail Dawson, Crescent Bar & Grill; Dawn Gustafson, Fortune Bay Resort Casino.

Nominees in the Behind the Scenes category include Dawn Dahl, Fortune Bay Resort Casino; Emily Lahti, Fortune Bay Resort Casino; Deb Spaeth-Milks, Fortune Bay Resort Casino; and Mollie Stanford, Arrowhead Library System.

Nominees in the Guest

Relations category include Elise Grabowski, Fortune Bay Resort Casino; James Juip, Lake Vermilion-Soudan Underground Mine State Park; Carla Koch, MelGeorge’s Elephant Lake Lodge.

The nominees in the Hotel Guest Services category include Bonnie Avikainen, Fortune Bay Resort Casino; and Lucy Pellinen, Fortune Bay Resort Casino.

Nominees in the Retail category include Byron Greenwaldt, Fortune Bay Resort Casino; Tabitha Hall, Fortune Bay Resort Casino; Brandon Hanks, Fortune Bay Resort Marina; Liz Kallevig, Northridge Community Credit Union.

Nominees in the Server category include Alice Gruska, Vermilion Club; Michelle Peterson, Fortune Bay Resort Casino.

Tickets to the 2018 event may be purchased online at IronRange.org

Congratulations to all the nominees and their employers!

The Iron Range Tourism Bureau is a nonprofit destination marketing organization serving the communities of Hoyt Lakes, Aurora, Biwabik, Gilbert, Fayal, Eveleth, Embarrass, Virginia, Mountain Iron, Buhl, Chisholm and Hibbing. Learn more at IronRange.org.

VERMILION COMMUNITY COLLEGE

VCC Mineral Royalties Scholarship recipients announced

ELY- Vermilion Community College is pleased to announce the first recipients of the St. Louis County Mineral Royalties Scholarships. Earlier in 2018, the county board dedicated \$150,000, a portion of the iron ore royalties, to create scholarships for students at Hibbing Community College, Mesabi Range College, Lake Superior College, and Vermilion Community College. The scholarship program will serve as a

workforce development resource to help train and retain skilled employees in high-demand industries in St. Louis County.

Vermilion’s portion of the program distributes \$37,500 to 23 students. These students hope to stay in the region and work in high demand areas, including water quality, forestry, law enforcement, and veterinary technology.

The St. Louis County Board of Commissioners made these

awards possible by voting to support local students training to join the regional workforce. Commissioners Tom Rukavina, Keith Nelson, and Mike Jugovich represent the areas serving the college communities.

2018-19 recipients include Gabe Chavarria of Ely, Chase Elrich of Ely, Brandon Hanson of Ely, Gracie Hanson of Ely, Alexandra Hebl of Babbitt, Kaitlyn Larson of Babbitt, Ashley Lindgren of Ely, Cole

Longwell of Ely, Brandon Martin of Ely, Tyler Moravitz of Ely, Amy Musel of Ely, Melissa Nelmark of Embarrass, Hannah Peitso of Babbitt, Andrew Rouse of Babbitt, Betty Lou Runquist of Babbitt, Tyme Waisanen of Babbitt, and Tyler Walter of Ely.

Vermilion Community College is a two-year, residential college providing liberal arts, business, environmental and natural resources career

and transfer programs. VCC is located in Ely on the edge of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. VCC educates people from all walks of life to become well-rounded, ethical citizens prepared to work, live, and learn in a changing world, especially the natural world that surrounds us. Visit www.vcc.edu for more information.



Dr. Behning of Cook Hospital receives training for treatment of pelvic conditions

COOK- Sara Behning, Doctor of Physical Therapy of the Cook Hospital, recently completed a course focused on assessing and treating pelvic and lower extremity dysfunction through the highly respected Herman and Wallace Institute. The Herman and Wallace Institute is best known for their expertise in reproductive health, orthopedic

pelvic rehabilitation, and women’s health. Behning has studied both external and internal examination and treatment methods that focus on hip mobility and pain relief. She hopes to help patients with many pelvic conditions such as urinary incontinence for women, vaginal pain, pain with intercourse, and unresolved hip and low back pain in both men and women. Behning’s treatment techniques include soft tissue lengthening, trigger point release, joint mobilizations, and positional inhibition.

For questions or to know more about this treatment, please contact Dr. Sara Behning at the Cook Hospital Therapy Department, Monday-Friday 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., at 218-666-6225. A referral from your physician is recommended.

Vermilion Dream Quilters to meet on Nov. 1

TOWER- Vermilion Dream Quilters will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1 in the social hall at St. Martin’s Catholic Church in Tower.

Snow in October - one redeeming thing about nasty weather is that it gives us a really good reason to cuddle in a homemade quilt – and an excuse to make even more! We invite you all to join our friendly group for discussion, learning and sharing. Our November program features Cindy Lind who will show some of the Woolie Trees she has made and share information on how they are constructed from strips of felt, wire, florist tape, and a block of wood.

As always, please bring your own projects to share for show and tell since we all gain inspiration when we see what is possible.

Our hostesses for November are Alberta Whitenack and Lois Garbisch.

The Vermilion Dream Quilters is a guild with

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

Living with Grief program held Oct. 29

VIRGINIA- Hospice Foundation of America’s 2018 Annual Living with Grief program, Transforming Loss: Finding Potential for Growth is moderated by Frank Sesno, Director of the School of Media and Public Affairs at George Washington University. This program is sponsored by Essentia Health St. Mary’s East Range Hospice and will be shown at Essentia Health Medical Arts Building, McMillan Room A (lower level) on Monday, Oct. 29 from 1 to 3 p.m. The program explores the most current theoretical perspectives on loss and grief, emphasizing that loss engenders not only grief, but also growth. The presentation addresses the phenomena of post-traumatic growth and includes self-help tips for individuals grieving a loss and strategies professionals can use to assist individuals.

Pre-registration is recommended, but not required. Please contact Essentia Health St. Mary’s East Range Hospice by email to mary.vidmar-billman@essentiahealth.org or by phone to 218-749-7975 or 1-877-851-2213. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. You are welcome to bring a bag lunch; coffee and will be available. This workshop is open to the public as well as health care professionals.

Nelimark will open on Nov. 9 and 10

EMBARRASS- With the November weekend opening coming fast, the Nelimark Homestead Museum team is busy creating new things to share. A new furnace will be installed on Oct. 16

so the shopping experience should be warm and toasty for everyone. The popular holiday gathering place will open at 10 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 9 and Saturday, Nov. 10. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. December openings will be on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 7 and 8. The December days should be a delight for families to take part in.

The theme for this year’s Christmas at the Nelimark is “Sleigh Bells Ring.” The sound of jingling bells on sleighs of yesteryear inspires this year’s theme choice. Artisans have been gathering at the site to decorate the rooms for the occasion.

Friday will feature special holiday breads and goodies, fresh cookies, candy, cardamom bread, rye bread and artisan breads on Saturday as well. Those who are creating new craft items promise some surprises for your decorating needs and will help to bring out the spirit of the holiday season for you and your family this year. Arrive early on Fridays to enjoy hot coffee and cider as you explore what we have in store for you to enjoy this season. You won’t be disappointed as the sleigh bells ring.

“Would You Harbor Me?” at Mesabi Unitarian on Oct. 21

VIRGINIA- Rev. Suzanne Wasilczuk will give a talk, “Would You Harbor Me?” on Sunday, Oct. 21 at 10:30 a.m. at Mesabi Unitarian Universalist Church, 230 7th St. S in Virginia. A sanctuary is meant to be a safe place, even a sacred space, ensuring welcome and shelter for all within. How safe are we in our community and in our worship space?

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TOWER- Senior Bingo will be held in Tower on Monday, Nov. 5 at the Tower Civic Center from 11:45 a.m. – 3 p.m. There is a \$10 charge for the bingo party, which includes lunch. All ages are welcome to attend this community event. Lunch is served starting at 11:45 a.m., and bingo begins at 12:45 p.m. Senior Bingo is organized by the Friends of the Vermilion Country Charter School. Questions, call Jodi Summit at 218-753-2950.

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- Monday, November 5
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ELY CITY COUNCIL

New chapter begins for Ely, Community Center

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – On a 6-1 vote Tuesday night the Ely City Council sold the historic Community Center building to the K America Foundation for \$30,000. Paul Kess voted against the transaction.

A Minneapolis couple, Jimmy and Africa Yoon, has proposed to renovate the vacant city-owned building, built in the 1930s, and repurpose the historic landmark into a facility to house Korean culture and heritage camps.

Despite the racially-charged community discussion over the issue for the last several months, there is the possibility that the Community Center could return to city ownership if the Yoons’ business

plan does not succeed.

Terms of the transaction allow for a six-year window and a possible three-year extension, for the new owners to complete millions of dollars in renovations and move forward with their dream.

Angela Campbell told city council members that she is still waiting to implement her own plan to restore the Depression-era community social hub to its former glory. Her proposal was presented after the K America purchase agreement was signed by the council.

She appeared before the council and presented what she called a “closing statement” regarding the Community Center sale.

The closed-meeting and “secret” discussions and negotiations over the sale, required by law as

requested by the potential buyers, was the incentive for Campbell to start an inquiry and develop her own proposal. “In less than two weeks, I presented a proposal, a synopsis of my business plan,” she said.

Even during the period of public hearings required to sell the building, and the property zoning-change hearings, Campbell said she was pushed to move forward with her plan and line up investors. “People called me and said they loved the Community Center, and the memories and the histories,” she said. “To me those were of value.”

She said she learned from the process. “I wanted the Community Center to once again be the Community Center,” Campbell said. “There is so much division these days.

When that Community Center was built, there was a depression going on. There was a deep, deep quest to work, and build these mines and support families. That’s what I envision the Community Center to be once again.”

As a member of the Heritage Preservation Commission, Campbell helped Celia Domich clean out the Community Center after the library vacated the facility. She said she heard many memories from Domich about the old days. “I cried with her. I heard these voices in my head of parties and stories that filled those rooms,” she said.

“I am willing still today to stand in, if the time comes, to re-establish our Community Center,” she said.

She closed by com-

mending the city council members on the job they do for the community. “I want you to know how much I appreciate what you do,” she said. “I also want to thank our citizens and the people who love Ely from afar.”

She respectfully thanked the K America Foundation and the Yoons. “All they wanted to do was to buy a building,” she said. “And I just want to say that I will be waiting.”

Other business

In other business, the city council:

➤ Approved the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Committee to rezone the Community Center parcel from P-2 to R-T, and make the buyer aware of concerns from neighbors regarding parking and

maintaining the historic nature and architectural character of the building;

➤ Approved a note and mortgage for E Sheridan Properties, LCC, to repair and insulate the roof at Insula Restaurant;

➤ Approved mortgage satisfaction for Bryan and Alexandra Cole;

➤ Directed the City Attorney to develop a proposed annexation agreement with the Town of Morse;

➤ Approved a \$7,000 commercial renovation loan for Stony Ridge on Shagawa Lake to upgrade their café heating;

➤ Authorized submitting a bill for \$46,488 to Holiday Station Stores for the Memorial Day fuel spill response.

EIGHTH DISTRICT ELECTION

Campaign fundraising reaches new heights in deadlocked race

by MARCUS WHITE
Cook/Orr Editor

REGIONAL — DFLer Joe Radinovich collected an astonishing \$1.25 million in campaign contributions in the third quarter, according to a spending report filed with the Federal Elections Commission this week. According to the DFL, Radinovich’s third-quarter fundraising haul, by itself, surpasses Rick Nolan’s fundraising for the entire 2012 campaign.

Radinovich’s fundraising also outpaced his GOP challenger, Pete Stauber, who reportedly collected \$546,000 during the same three-month period, which runs from July 1-Sept. 30.

But the money raised by the two congressional campaigns is largely being drowned out by a flood of outside dark money that has poured into the district, the vast majority of it to finance attack ads targeting Radinovich.

As of this week, a super PAC known as the Congressional Leadership Fund had already spent just shy of \$4 million in attack ads that the fact-checking website, PolitiFact, has labeled “mostly false.”

The Congressional Leadership Fund is a political action committee that has raised \$100 million to support GOP candidates. Billionaire casino magnate Sheldon Adelson and affil-

iated groups have provided nearly a third of the CLF’s funds, while entities like Koch Industries and private military contractors such as the Blackstone Group, have contributed millions of additional dollars.

Additionally, the America First Political Action Committee, had poured at least \$2 million into attack ads against Radinovich. The PAC was investigated earlier this year by NBC’s business affiliate CNBC for its ties to the Trump White House. Its funders include a long list of wealthy corporate executives and CEOs.

As Stauber has benefitted from the corporate spending spree, Radinovich spokesper-

son Bennett Smith the 32-year-old DFLer has shunned corporate gifts and has chosen to go it alone with more than 8,000 small, individual contributions given in the third quarter.

He has, however, accepted money from political action committees representing labor groups such as the IBEW.

“Grassroots fundraising continues to be the primary focus of Radinovich’s fundraising efforts,” a campaign statement said. “Radinovich has refused to accept any contributions from corporate PACs like big pharmaceutical companies, unlike his opponent who has cashed in on tens of thousands of dollars of special interest

money.”

Radinovich has also brought in big name endorsements in recent weeks.

The United Steelworkers Union endorsed him at their rally in Virginia earlier this month. Outgoing Congressman Rick Nolan also threw his support behind Radinovich at the same rally.

Former President Barack Obama has put his support behind the candidate and said Radinovich would help restore dignity to the government.

While key endorsements and a record fundraising haul from small donors appeared to give Radinovich momentum heading into the final weeks of the campaign, a stunning *New York*

Times poll last weekend (see separate story page 1) suggested that the onslaught of attacks on Radinovich had affected the campaign, leaving Stauber with a clear edge. The *Times* later acknowledged that the poll may have had structural flaws that could have affected its accuracy.

“We have always known this race would go down to the wire,” Smith said in a statement. “Republicans have attempted to buy Pete Stauber a seat in Congress with corporate special interest money, but Joe Radinovich and his positive message can’t be stopped by Pete’s special interests.”

Correction

In or Oct. 12 story on the visit by Congressman Keith Ellison, we incorrectly stated that an allegation by a former girlfriend involved sexual assault. That is incorrect. The girlfriend alleges a domestic dispute, in which Ellison pulled her leg while she was lying on a bed. The Congressman has repeatedly denied the allegation. The *Timberjay* regrets the mischaracterization of the incident.

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Pete Stauber's Hiding Political Misuse of St. Louis County Funds?

The Duluth News Tribune October 16, 2018

- "During a public records request last spring, the Minneapolis Star Tribune had sought emails between Stauber, the Republican candidate in the 8th Congressional District race, and the National Republican Congressional Committee."
- "A state data practices opinion on Tuesday said campaign correspondence found in Pete Stauber's county email account ought to be reviewable by the public."
- "Elected officials are prohibited by county policy from using county funds, equipment, supplies, employees, or facilities in support of their own campaigns."

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few inches, and vegetable seedlings are set within the rocks, providing enough of a substrate to allow their roots to take hold. Every three hours, a pump in the fish tank discharges a portion of the tank's water up onto the platform, which then slowly gravity-drains back into the tank. Each flooding provides a new round of water and nutrients from fish waste to the plants and the plants purify the water as it returns to the fish tank, eliminating the waste.

For now, the system

is still in an experimental stage, and the center is stocking their fish tank with about 140 goldfish and minnows. Eventually, says Purdy, the center would like to grow tilapia or blue-gills so the fish can also be eaten at maturity.

That's the idea behind aquaponics, which is supposed to provide both vegetables and meat in a sustainable manner.

For now, Purdy said, there are no plans to sell any of the fish raised by the project since the state

requires different certification to sell fish or meat products than it does for vegetables. There are no plans as of yet as to what will happen to the fish if they are unable to be used anymore.

The only part of the process that requires humans is feeding the fish and harvesting them along with the vegetables when they are ready.

Light will eventually be provided by bright LED lights to mimic the sun. Purdy said the ultimate goal is to take

the room off the power grid and have it entirely sustained through solar energy.

In order for the whole project to work, Purdy said, the room must be kept above 70 degrees.

The project began two years ago but is only now ready for the public to take part. Purdy said the center is developing classes for the public to come in and learn how the aquaponics process works.

The first produce to come off the tables,

which includes tomatoes, peppers and lettuce among several other vegetables that grow above ground, will also be available in about two to three months.

"Food systems are part of our non-profit," Purdy said. "We have a short growing season in Minnesota, but we grow more if we use spaces in our homes."

The cost of the system is about \$1,500 for the basic certification and the mechanical pumps. Purdy said the center spent about

\$500 extra to build out tables and other spaces to house the equipment.

The center is in the process of forming a local farmers market, which Purdy said will feature produce grown in the aquaponics room.

No plans have been made as to when classes may begin, but Purdy said anyone with some spare time could volunteer and learn how to maintain the project by calling 218-780-5300.

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polling by the Radinovich campaign has also shown the race neck-and-neck, which lent credence to the narrative that the race is very tight.

That narrative was upset, however, when the *New York Times* published a new poll this past weekend, which put Stauber up by 15 points, 49-34 percent.

For the Radinovich campaign, it was not a happy Monday. While it's just one poll, such results can have a major impact on a race, particularly where one side, in this case GOP, is pouring millions of dollars into attack ads against Radinovich. As Democratic-leaning funders consider whether to invest their own resources to defend Radinovich—by running ads attacking Stauber, for example—a poll result like this can be the kiss of death. If they decide the race is lost, the money people can quickly close their wallets and leave the candidate twisting in the wind. It can also affect how the public views the race, along with

their willingness to donate money or volunteer for get-out-the-vote efforts.

Indeed, the Radinovich campaign has seen an immediate slowing of the small dollar individual donations that the campaign has, up until now, been able to raise very successfully. The campaign, just last week, reported it had raised a remarkable \$1.25 million in the third quarter, almost all of it in small donations. Like it or not, polls can have a very significant impact on political races.

So, does the latest poll reflect the state of the race, or something else? The *Timberjay* put that question to Don Levy, the director of the Sienna Research Center, who has been conducting the polling for the *Times*, as well as the *Time's* polling analyst Nate Cohn, who has led the newspaper's polling efforts around the country.

Their answers were surprising.

First, keep in mind that the numbers that

appear in most polls do not reflect the actual raw data. Instead, the results are typically weighted based on an expectation by the pollsters of who is likely to turn out in any given election. While the public might believe that election results reflect the views of the public, they actually reflect the views of those who vote, and that electorate changes with each election. Turnout is key, so pollsters make educated guesses in their polling about who will turn out. Making this call for the *Times* is Nate Cohn's job.

In the *Times'* September poll, Cohn assumed that the 2018 electorate in the Eighth District would be comprised of 34 percent Democrats, 32 percent Republicans, and 29 percent independents. And based on the 500-600 people they actually sampled, they concluded that such a hypothetical electorate would favor Radinovich by one point.

The raw results in the *Times'* October poll actually weren't that dif-

ferent, as Cohn explained on Monday in an analysis he posted on the *Times* website after getting questions from the *Timberjay* and others.

Assuming the same electorate as the *Times* used in September, Stauber would have led by just four points, which is within the poll's margin of error. But the *Times* assumed a very different electorate in its October poll, one comprised of 37 percent Republicans, 27 percent Democrats, and 29 percent independents, which would be a remarkable change from previous elections in the Eighth. They also assumed a turnout of 305,00 voters in the district, which would vastly surpass the turnout in previous mid-term elections, and, that most of that increase would be due to greater GOP turnout.

"We have no evidence to show that's going to be the case," said Bennett Smith, campaign chair for the Radinovich campaign, who says the *Times'* poll isn't anywhere close to

their own internal polling.

Donna Victoria, of Victoria Research, who has been polling for the Radinovich campaign since the primary, agreed. "I'm just floored to read what Nate Cohn wrote," she said. "They [the *Times*] sold this poll for four days essentially as entertainment. Now Cohn's written an article saying it could be off by as much as ten points?"

Cohn never really explained why he changed the methodology as much as he did, although he said it reflects, at least to some degree, the different responses pollsters received from the people they surveyed in October, versus those they spoke to the previous month. "Last time, voters disapproved of Mr. Trump by one point," wrote Cohn, defending the poll. "Now they approve by 18. Last time, Democrats outnumbered Republicans by two percentage points; now Republicans outnumber by Democrats by 10."

Victoria said such an electorate "doesn't exist

to my knowledge," in the Eighth.

Could this poll be one that simply missed the mark? Victoria said even the best polls have a confidence margin of only 95 percent. "That means one-in-twenty is just going to be awry," she said. Cohn, in his assessment of the Eighth District poll, acknowledges that sometimes poll results turn out "weird."

Still, Victoria acknowledged that Radinovich could really be down by a few points, in part reflecting the impact of more than \$6 million worth of attack ads directed at him by GOP-leaning Super PACs over the past four weeks.

Those ads have run heavily in the very expensive Twin Cities media market and appear to have had an impact in that portion of the district, which tends to lean more Republican than other parts of the district.

In the September poll, Radinovich trailed in that portion of the district by nine points. In the October poll, he was down by 34 points, a swing of 25 points in a month. While the poll showed Radinovich underperforming his September results across the district, the Twin Cities exurbs showed his biggest decline, and by a wide margin.

The Radinovich campaign, which has not seen much Super PAC backing in the general election, has not been able to respond to the relentless attack ads that have aired heavily on television and online in the Twin Cities area.

Cohn points out that polling can be difficult in Minnesota because the state does not currently have party registration. In most other states, people have to declare a political affiliation when they register.

That means pollsters have to rely on the self-identification of an individual who is being surveyed, and that isn't always an accurate reflection and it makes it difficult to accurately weight the results.

Victoria doesn't buy that explanation. She said she polls in plenty of states without party registration and because of that she doesn't weight her results by party affiliation, since those affiliations often change.

In any case, the *Times* poll likely won't be the last word on the race. Victoria said her firm will be revisiting the district before the Nov. 6 election. And the *Times* is considering taking another look at the race, according to Levy, of Sienna Research.

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City of Ely, Morse Township consider land swap

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – Officials from the city of Ely and Morse Township continued negotiations this past week over a land swap near a former landfill area on Lookout Ridge Road.

With St. Louis County Commissioner Tom Rukavina acting as umpire during a joint meeting between the governmental bodies, members of the Ely city council voted to “accept for consideration” the township’s proposal to allow the city to acquire 60 acres of tax-forfeited land

and annex 140 additional acres in the township.

Morse demanded that no industrial use take place on the land and also asked to receive as much as one-fourth of property tax revenue on that land for the next 10 years. In addition, the township would acquire 40 acres of property now owned by the city located east of Hwy. 1. A second township proposal was that no other annexation take place outside of an existing annexation agreement, dating back to 1973, without the consent of both sides.

“We’re all Ely guys,”

Rukavina said during an hour-long give-and-take session in the Ely council chambers. He urged the local leaders to solve the dispute themselves rather than take legal action or look to the state for mediation.

The negotiation session came after months of wrangling between the two units of government because both Ely and Morse wanted the chance to purchase the land from the St. Louis County tax forfeit rolls.

Ely Mayor Chuck Novak said that the former dumpsite needs to be

cleaned up for any development to take place on the parcel. “The ground-water pollution is impacting everybody,” he said. “People put everything in that dump, including the kitchen sink.” He said grant money is available to clean up the site, but only if a development project is planned. He said he would like to see more housing built in the area.

Morse officials have indicated they want to open the land for recreational use.

Rukavina tabled his proposal to sell the land to Morse at a recent St. Louis

County Board meeting in order to give the local officials a chance to work out a deal. He told the two sides there were no guarantees if they took their dispute to an administrative law judge. “The only people guaranteed to win that way are the lawyers,” he said.

Like most discussions between the city and township, this latest one was spirited at times.

Ely council member Paul Kess questioned the demand that no further annexations be done without an agreement. “Why is that important?” he asked.

Morse Supervisor Bob Berrini yelled back, “Why do you think? Come on, Paul, use your head!”

Berrini reminded the city council that their water pipes go through the Town of Morse.

“If you want to shut off the water, say so,” Novak shot back.

In the end, the two sides failed to reach an agreement. Council members voted 6-0 to consider the Morse proposal.

“I was hoping we could come to some sort of agreement where everybody wins,” Rukavina said.

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in the world, that we can afford to let people slip through the cracks because they can’t get affordable health care.”

Joining Radinovich on the panel were Rose Roach of the Minnesota Nurses Association, Bruce Miller representing the Minnesota Farmers Union, and United Steelworkers union negotiator Mike Maleska. Also in attendance was state Rep. Rob Ecklund, DFL-International Falls, who supports a single-payer health care system. The panelists talked about the impact of health care concerns from their represented sectors, but voiced solidarity in moving forward with universal health care coverage for all.

Miller said the

Farmers Union has been hosting rural conversations and he relayed the sense of frustration felt by many. “Farmers are paying \$25,000-\$45,000 in premiums and deductibles right now. The Farmers Union has believed for decades in universal health care coverage. It dominates everything we hear in rural discussions. It’s driving farmers off farms and preventing young farmers from entering.”

Rose Roach, Executive Director of the Minnesota Nurses Association, reiterated her organization’s support for a universal system. “Nurses have been insistent that we enact single-payer, an improved Medicare for all in this country, so health care is finally recognized for what it is— a basic

human need, a public good, not a consumable good.” Roach said the American health care system is not only the most expensive in the world by a wide margin, but trails dozens of other countries in terms of outcomes. “Even spending more per person, the United States is last in health care outcomes, access, and equity when compared to other industrialized countries,” she said. “We are penny-wise and pound-foolish when it comes to how we finance health care in this country.”

Roach explained that thirty cents of every health care dollar is going to something other than health care.

Radinovich expounded on that point. “It’s more than insurance companies

It’s executive bonuses, lobbyists, and PAC contributions to politicians.” By not taking corporate PAC money, Radinovich contends he steps out of the “bought-and-paid-for” cycle many politicians have fallen into. “What I really care about is getting to a single-payer health care system in this country,” said Radinovich. “What I mean by that is that we need to have a health care system in this country where everybody has access to health care by virtue of being a citizen of this country.”

Mike Maleska, from the Steelworkers, said a

universal, single-payer system would benefit workers, even those who currently have health insurance through their employment. If health care was off the table in negotiations, he said, “we could really get down to some serious issues with our contract.” He also waded into the delivery of the message of universal health care. “Inevitably we get asked if we are talking about socialized medicine. The Veterans Administration is socialized medicine.”

Roach helped distinguish the two. “The V.A. is truly socialized. It is gov-

ernment-run and owned. The difference between Medicare and the Veterans Administration is that people on Medicare go to whatever doctor they want to, and that is the health care model the nurses are moving forward with.”

Roach said taxpayers are already paying for most of the cost of health care in the U.S. “The fact of the matter is that health insurance companies, more than sixty percent of their revenue is taxpayer dollars. It’s our money already, we are practically paying for a universal health care system, we just aren’t getting it.”

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FOOTBALL

Mariners sink Timberwolves

by JAY GREENEY
Sportswriter

ELY — The Timberwolves had their chances to improve to 3-4 on the season during a bone-chilling homecoming tilt with the Mariners last Friday.

Both teams entered the game 2-4, but it was Silver Bay that managed to fend off a last-minute scoring opportunity for the Wolves, leaving them up 34-30 as the final buzzer sounded.

The Mariners took the lead on their opening kickoff, after converting a fourth-and-goal from the Ely four yard-line. A kicked extra point put them up 7-0.

After a trade of possessions, the Wolves put their first points on the board. From the Silver Bay 14-yard line, senior fill-in quarterback Nick Mattila scrambled his way to the end zone for six. The Wolves followed up with the conversion giving Ely

a much-needed confidence booster and an 8-7 lead.

The Wolves extended their lead, on the Mariners' next possession, when junior Finn Leisching intercepted a Silver Bay passing, setting up an easy Ely score.

The Wolves didn't enjoy their lead for long. The Mariners drove for six more later in the second quarter, but still trailed by a point after they failed on a two-point conversion.

But an Ely miscue on

their next possession gave the Mariners the ball on the Ely side of midfield with 1:24 to go before the half. It took just one play for the Mariners to capitalize, and the two-point conversion put them up 21-14 at the break.

Ely got back on track early in the second half, when they recovered a Silver Bay onside kick attempt at their own 49-yard-line. Their scoring

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Collen Seliskar goes for the tackle against a Mariners rusher.
photo by J. Greeney

VOLLEYBALL

Grizz on fire going into playoffs

by MARCUS WHITE
Cook-Orr Editor

FIELD TWP - The Grizzlies will earn a first-round bye in the post season after going 22-3 on the season. The team easily swept through their final week opponents in the regular season, beating Chisholm in straight sets Monday, 25-16, 25-10

and 25-17. North Woods would then sweep South Ridge on the road 25-23, 25-21 and 25-20.

While the scores on the road at South Ridge were closer Tuesday night, North Woods still walked away on top.

"The girls came out intense and it showed," Coach Gabby Sundquist said. "They played well with each other, had

great passes and some amazing hits. I was impressed with how hard they worked."

Regan Ratai and Coley Olson led the team, each putting up 14 kills on the evening. Ratai would also put up two blocks and Olson would add two aces. Karlyn Peirce would

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Left: Coley Olson up for the hit at the net. Above: Taylor Mejdrich, Kate Stone and Regan Ratai, celebrating the play.
photos by C. Stone

‘Hawks show promise despite injuries

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

BABBITT — The Nighthawks won't be back to full strength this season as standout Hannah Reichensperger is out for the season with an ankle injury. But that hasn't kept Northeast Range from battling through that and other injuries this season, and they showed plenty of fortitude as they challenged the three teams they faced this week.

They wrapped up their regular season at home with a grueling five-set loss to Floodwood, 22-25, 25-22, 21-25, 25-14, and 18-20.

"This was another really good match," said Head Coach Jodi Reichensperger. "But we need to be able to carry and maintain momentum. We have lulls in play and the other teams take that opportunity to steal that momentum back."

Senior Sophie Lenz had a huge night, posting 28 digs, 12 kills, and six blocked shots, while classmate Maija Maki added 12 digs, seven kills and three blocks. Senior setter Shayla Lislegard put up 25 assists as well as 14 digs and two kills, while senior Chloe Aase posted seven kills and three blocks.

"It's tough to win the first two sets and drop the next three but we went down swinging," said Reichensperger. "Statistics don't lie and they show that this was really a team effort."

Playing in Cherry on Monday, the Nighthawks fell in three hard-fought sets against the 16-6 Tigers, 23-25, 20-25, and 25-27. "Cherry is one of the toughest teams in our section and they took the match but not without a battle," said Reichensperger. "We just struggled to put the ball away."

While Sophie Lenz had 18 swings from the net, a tough Cherry defense limited her to just a single kill, as the Nighthawks posted just 14 kills total for the night. Freshman Jenna Smith and junior Maude Lenz tallied four kills apiece.

In action last Thursday, the Nighthawks fell to the Mariners in five after winning the first two sets, 25-23, 25-19,

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Timberwolves get first round bye

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

ELY — The Timberwolves are looking strong as they head into the opening round of the Section 7A volleyball playoffs. They wrapped up their regular season here on Tuesday, with an easy straight-set win over Silver Bay, 25-9, 25-11, and 25-21, and head into tournament play having won nine of their last ten matches.

Junior Brielle Kallberg had a big night against the Mariners, posting 18 kills. "Brielle had an incredible hitting performance," said Head Coach Andrea Thomas. Sophomore McKenna Coughlin helped out, tallying nine digs and six kills, while junior Jenna Merhar added four kills and four blocks. Senior setter Lida Dodge added 15 assists and three ace serves.



Brielle Kallberg goes for the point against the Mariners.
photo by J. Greeney

The Wolves made equally short work of the Spartans last Thursday, winning in three sets, 25-11, 25-17, and 27-25.

"McKenna Coughlin did a great job playing on the outside against Nashwauk-Keewatin," said Thomas. Indeed,

Coughlin posted 13 kills on the night, outpacing Kallberg's 12 kills.

Junior Erika Mattson had a huge night, as well,

posting eight kills and 12 digs, while Jenna Merhar posted seven kills. Setters McCartney Kaercher and Lida Dodge posted 17 and 13 assists respectively.

"These last two matches gave us an opportunity to play around with some different line-ups and provided an opportunity for all of the girls to get some playing time," said Thomas. That's likely to serve Ely well as it heads into the playoffs.

Playoff seedings and schedules were not finalized as of the Timberjay's Wednesday deadline, but Ely was unofficially seeded third, which would give the team a bye in the opening round. Assuming that schedule holds, the Wolves would play the winner of Mesabi East vs. Littlefork at home, on Wednesday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m.

FOOTBALL

Grizz devour Floodwood on the road

by Marcus White
Cook-Orr Editor

FLOODWOOD – North Woods senior quarterback Chase Kleppe put up his best numbers of the season, by far, last Friday night as he led the Grizzlies to a 60-8 rout of the Polar Bears. Kleppe completed ten of 13 passes for 197 yards and two touchdowns and added 47 yards rushing to singlehandedly outpace

Floodwood’s entire offensive output. As a team, the Grizzlies put up 545 yards of offense, their best performance of the season.

The standout performance ended a three-game losing skid for the Grizzlies and came as the Grizzlies’ regular season was set to end at home against 2-5 Ely just as the Timberjay went to press this week. Despite a 2-5 season to

date for the Grizzlies, last Friday’s big win gives the team some badly-needed momentum heading into their homecoming finale and it promises to be a hard-fought match.

“We were able to stop their run game which crippled their offense,” Head Coach John Jirik said of the Floodwood game. “On offense we were able to run and throw successful-

ly throughout the game. There were many good plays and one does not stand out over any others.”

Jirik admits Floodwood was a relatively weak opponent, despite their 4-2 record coming into the game. The Polar Bears enjoyed an easy schedule, at least compared to the Grizzlies very challenging schedule this year.

Kleppe wasn’t the only North Woods player with a big night against Floodwood. Freshman TJ Chiabotti proved a workhorse, rushing for 153 yards on 18 carries, while junior Nathan Crain collected a 64-yard touchdown strike from Kleppe. Freshman Carter Holman also made his mark, posting 47 yards on six carries.

Defensively, the

Grizzlies held the Polar Bears to just 205 yards. Alex Byram led the team with a sack and nine tackles, while Dylan Day and Austin Sokoloski also each posted a sack, adding four and two tackles respectively.

Kleppe’s big night extended to defense, as he kept Floodwood from scoring twice with two key interceptions.

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drive took 3:27 off the clock and their two-point conversion staked Ely to a 22-21 lead.

The Wolves appeared to extend their momentum on their second pick-off of the night on the first play of the Mariners’ next possession. That left the Wolves on the Silver Bay 35-yard line, but penalties proved costly and they came away empty-handed.

The Mariners hit pay dirt on their next possession, taking a 27-22 lead.

The Mariners padded their margin after forcing an Ely punt, then added six points on their first play from scrimmage, on a spectacular 72-yard touchdown scamper. They added the extra point and took a 12-point lead with just 5:13 remaining in the game.

But the Wolves weren’t finished. On their next possession, they drove the ball 63 yards

in just over a minute and scored on a broken play to trim the Mariners’ margin to six. They added the conversion to close the gap to 34-30.

Then, they recovered their own onside kick, giving them the ball and renewed momentum on the Silver Bay 40-yard line, with 3:51 to go. But Ely couldn’t capitalize and they gave the ball back to Silver Bay on their own 12-yard line with just over

a minute remaining. The Mariners could have easily run out the clock, but Ely forced a fumble, giving the ball back to Ely on the Silver Bay 11-yard line.

The Wolves took it seven yards on first down, leaving them second and three on the four yard-line. The Mariners stuffed their next run, leaving Ely with a third down from the five yard-line. Ely appeared to score the go-ahead on the next play, but a 15-yard

penalty brought them back all the way to the 20 -yard line. A pass attempt on the replay of third down fell short and the Mariners picked off Ely’s fourth-down Hail Mary in the end zone to end the game.

Despite the loss, Ely put up impressive offensive numbers. Nick Mattila was the workhorse, rushing for 201 yards and three touchdowns on 36 carries. Junior Dalton Schreffler was right behind, with 190

yards and a touchdown on 21 carries. Ely had 432 rushing yards for the game, but fell short in the air, completing just two of nine pass attempts for just 20 yards.

Ely fell to 2-5 with the loss. They were playing 2-5 North Woods in both teams’ regular season finale as the Timberjay went to press.

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help the team with eight kills with Taylor Mejdrih rounding out the team with four kills. Morgan Burnett had a strong showing Tuesday night, putting up 29 set assists.

In their win on Monday night, Ratai would lead the team with

14 kills and three aces, while Pierce posted eight kills of her own and a block. Olson rounded out the pack with seven kills, three aces and a block. Burnett would also have her usual strong showing on set assists, racking up 26 along with three aces

and three digs.

Sundquist is optimistic the team can be a contending force in the section playoffs.

“Looking on to the postseason I see that we will have some good competition and I think it’s important to make

sure that we are always improving and getting better to compete,” she said. “I am excited to see what this postseason holds and how the girls compete. If we played like we did last night, with the drive to never give up and win, we will have a chance to keep

moving forward.”

Just how far the team will go, their fans will have to wait to find out. North Woods will host their first playoff game on Wednesday, with expected game time at 7 p.m.

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21-25, 23-25, and 13-15. Sophie Lenz had another big night, notching 28 digs and 12 kills, while Maki added 12 digs, seven kills, and three blocks. Aase posted seven kills and three blocks, while Lislegard posted 25 set assists and 14 digs.

Reichensperger said it tentatively appears that the Nighthawks, now 9-12, will have home court advantage in at least the opening round of the Section 7A playoffs, which get underway on Monday.

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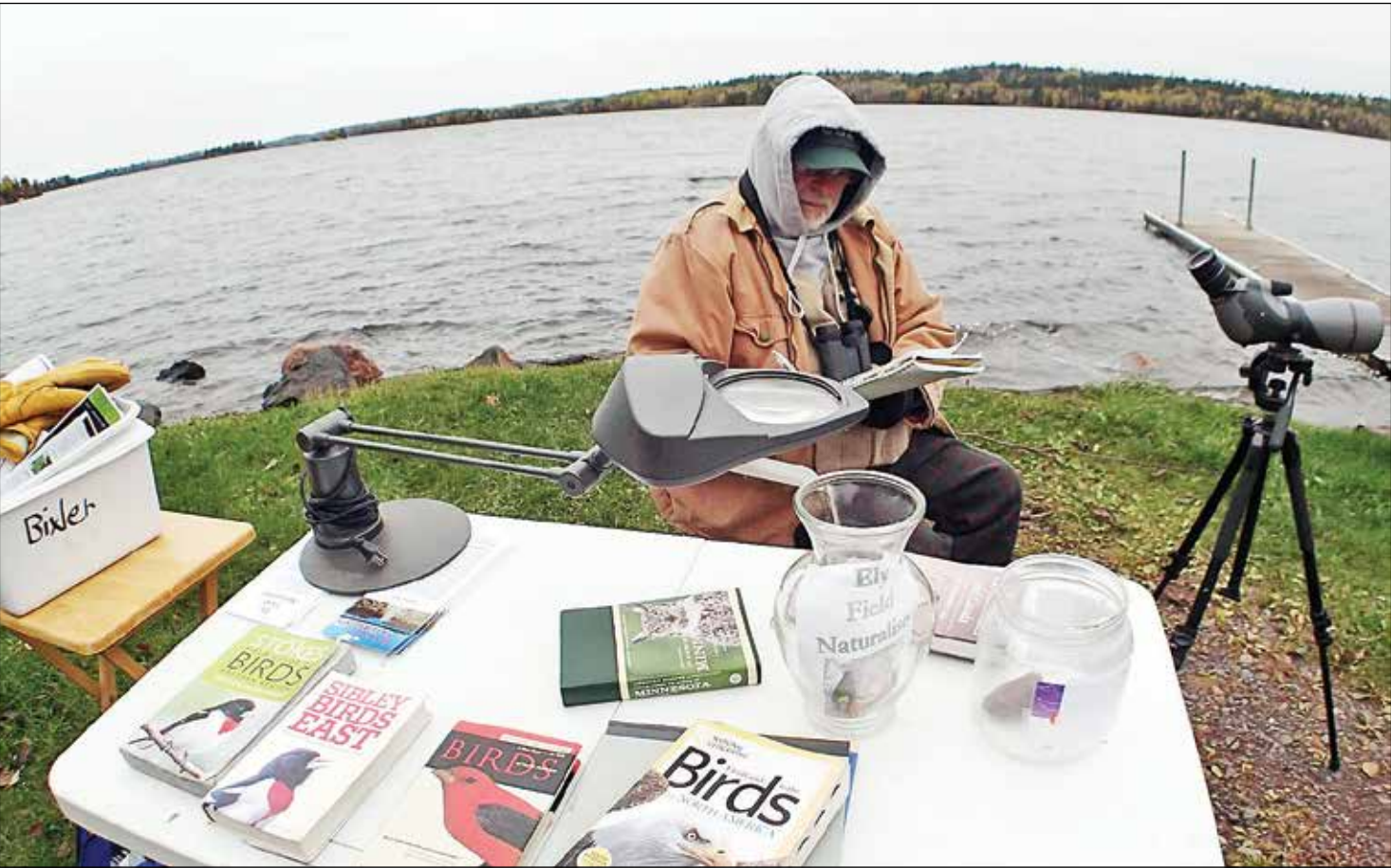
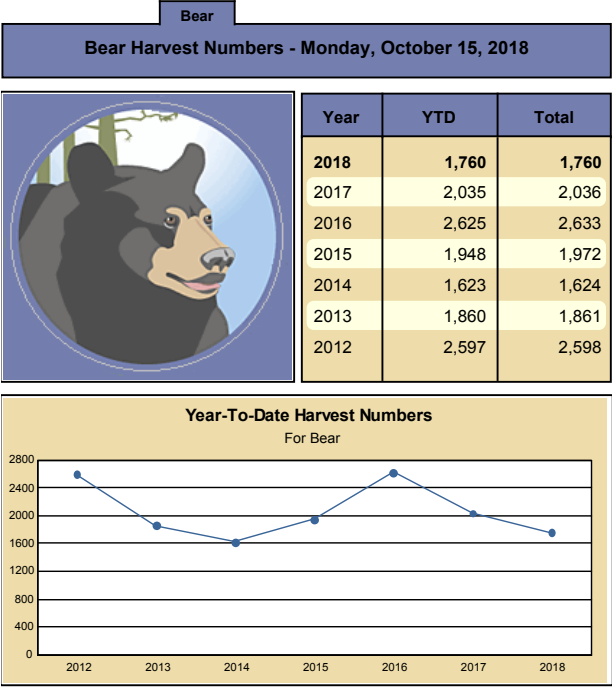
Harvest locally was off 11 percent according to the DNR

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— With the 2018 bear season now in the rearview mirror, it’s clear that abundant wild foods this year reduced hunter success. While the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources issued the same number of permits as last year, the total bear harvest was down 13 percent statewide, and 11 percent in the DNR’s Tower work area, which includes much of northern St. Louis and Lake counties. As of this week, hunters had registered a total of 1,760 bears, compared to the 2,035 bears regis-

tered last year. That computes to a 40-percent success rate in the quota zone, which includes all of northeastern Minnesota, which remains historically high, even though it was below the nearly 50-percent success rate in the quota zone last year. Male bears accounted for 66 percent of the harvest statewide, and about 63 percent of the harvest in zones within the Tower work area. That put the harvest of females at about 37 percent in the local area. “That’s still too high if the goal is to increase the bear population,” said Tower Area wildlife manager Tom Rusch. The DNR is still attempting to

boost bear numbers after several seasons of generous permits and high harvests that cut the state’s bear population roughly in half, from an estimated 28,000 a little over a decade ago, to about 14,000 more recently. The DNR is currently trying to rebuild the bear population to about 20,000 animals, but progress has been slow. While the DNR has sharply lowered the number of permits it issues, relatively high hunter success in recent years has kept pressure on the bear population. While the latest numbers represent the end of the season, they are considered preliminary until the DNR issues a final report on the season in February.



RESEARCH

Deer gut pile study needs assistance

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— Here’s a proposal you don’t see every day. Two University of Minnesota extension service researchers are inviting successful deer hunters, or anyone with access to deer gut piles, to take part in a study this fall. The researchers, Dr. Joseph Bump and PhD student Ellen Candler, are asking deer hunters to place their trail cameras near fresh gut piles in order to document the types of wildlife that make use of this valuable food source.

Minnesota offers a unique opportunity to study this because of the diversity of major biomes that intersect in the state, including the tallgrass prairie, the eastern deciduous forest, the sub-boreal forest in northeastern Minnesota, and the aspen parkland found in northwestern Minnesota.

The researchers are seeking hunters in every region of the state.

Researchers are looking for hunters with their own game camera to set the camera on their gut pile and leave it to record pictures of when and what animals come in to use the gut pile for one month. Hunters are uniquely positioned to record everything that comes in to feed on that gut pile by setting a camera immediately after field dressing a deer.

The researchers are affiliated with the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology in the College of Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resource Sciences at the University of Minnesota. They are partnering with the Minnesota Master Naturalist program. If you would like more information, or are interested in assisting with the research, you can contact Ellen Candler at 208-680-6023 or by email at belle130@umn.edu.

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by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – Just after daybreak last Sunday morning, under a slate-gray sky, a visitor to the Shagawa Lake boat landing found a dedicated bird watcher sitting in a chair, binoculars in hand, spotting scope nearby, and a table full of bird books spread out in front of him. He was all by himself, bundled up in layers against a persistent northwest wind with temperatures hovering just below freezing. One could see his breath as he talked. Any Ely-area resident with even a passing interest in bird watching would have recognized him. Bill Tefft flashed a big smile, as the visitor remarked that he looked kind of lonely. “Not at all,” he said. “I spotted as many as 13 species since sunrise, but a few of those I just heard because it was too dark to see anything yet.” Tefft, along with several other Ely Field Naturalists, spent the day at the boat landing they call their Boreal Birdometers Count Station participating in The Big Sit. The Big Sit is an annual, international, noncompetitive birding event hosted by Bird

Watcher’s Digest and founded by the New Haven, Conn., Bird Club. At 8 a.m., Tefft looked more like he was at a tailgate party for a sporting event, only he was there on the wrong day. “I expect more people later on,” he said. “We always hope that we will hit a good point in the fall migration to see birds on the lake, in the air and around the wooded edges of the public access,” Tefft said. Tefft provided this summary. “This year with cloudy skies, temperatures in the low 30-degree F range, and constant winds from the WNW at 10 to 15 mph, a hearty band of counters grew in number and enthusiasm through the twelve hours of counting,” he said. Ely Field Naturalists members came and went during the day and not only conducted the bird count but also discussed upcoming fall and winter bird feeding strategies. “Ten people conducted most of the counting, but an additional 15 people visited to see how the count was going or to supply the counters with some hot chocolate,” he said. All together, the counters recorded 25 species (see list). “We talked about the Christmas Bird Count and other bird count activities, but

the discussions often centered upon the activity of the birds observed, and in particular we talked about loon observations from last summer,” he said. “Sherry Abts, who lives down the shore, keeps an eye on Shagawa Lake all season. She aided in determining age, and helped in our understanding of the loons that were present throughout the day.” Cormorants, ring-billed gulls and Bonaparte’s gulls were feeding just offshore and their food-gathering methods were displayed, he added. “The lesser yellowlegs and greater yellowlegs were an entirely unexpected species of sandpipers for this late in the fall. The American pipit came and provided close examination as it explored the boat ramp for food items.” The other main group of birds was feeding throughout the day at the array of 12 bird-feeding locations around the boat launch with most of the activity at sunflower seeds in feeders and mixed seed spread on the ground, according to Tefft. “There was a great opportunity to look at various sparrow species and to examine the differences in color among the large group of rusty black-

Ely’s “Big Sit” bird species list

- Mallard
- Bufflehead
- Common Merganser
- Greater Yellowlegs
- Lesser Yellowlegs
- Bonaparte’s Gull
- Ring-billed Gull
- Common Loon
- Double-crested Cormorant
- Bald Eagle
- Downy Woodpecker
- Common Raven
- American Crow
- Black-capped Chickadee
- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- Hermit Thrush
- American Robin
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
- White-throated Sparrow
- White-crowned Sparrow
- Dark-eyed Junco
- Rusty Blackbird
- American Pipit
- Fox Sparrow

birds,” he said. “An additional activity during the afternoon was netting aquatic invertebrates from the shallow shoreline and looking at

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Outdoors briefly

Whitefish netting opens Saturday

REGIONAL — A number of area lakes will be open for whitefish and tullibee (cisco) netting beginning Saturday, Oct. 20.

Those lakes include:

- Vermilion (all except Pike Bay, south and west of a north-south line at narrowest portion between Echo Point and Punchers Point) - 3.5 inch mesh.
- Fall — 1.75 inch mesh.
- Basswood — 1.75 inch mesh.
- Newton — 3.5 inch mesh.

These lakes all are designated infested with spiny waterflea so netters are encouraged to review rules that help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. Other Tower area lakes will be announced in November.

Nets used in designated infested waters must be dried for a minimum of 10 days or frozen for 2 days before using in a different water body. Nets should be dried for 10 days or frozen for 2 before moving from any lake to another.

Nets used in spiny water flea and/or zebra mussel infested waters should be not used in any other water body.

BIG SIT...

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them under a tabletop microscope. Caddis flies, mayflies, beetles, and other findings drew exclamations and excitement and a desire to schedule a field naturalist aquatic invertebrate workshop in 2019," he said.

Everyone is welcome

The Big Sit bird count is always conducted each year at the beginning of October to take advantage of the fall migration.

"Our location each year is at the public water access just east of Grand Ely Lodge on the south shore of Shagawa Lake in Ely," Tefft said. "The idea is to find a good spot for bird watching—preferably one with good views of a variety of habitats and lots of birds. Last year an eagle came and snatched the snowshoe hare that was put out. We recorded 25 species last year."

While The Big Sit is

non-competitive, every team that observes the year's "Golden Bird" has a chance to win \$500. Swarovski Optik annually sponsors The Golden Bird Award and all Big Sit teams are eligible. A North American bird species is selected randomly by the New Haven Bird Club at its December meeting. All Big Sit teams that spotted that bird are placed in a hat for a random drawing. The team that wins The Golden Bird Award receives \$500 from Swarovski, which can be donated to a conservation cause or project of its choice.

Big Sit events took place all over the world last Sunday, including Guatemala, India, the Netherlands, England, Vietnam, and New Zealand, Tefft said. "We can usually count on warmer weather this time of year. You just never know."

LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST

from NOAA weather

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BWCAW PERMIT CONTROVERSY

Nolan wants delay in phase-out of lottery

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL — Concerns about changes to the reservation and lottery system for permits for the Boundary Water Canoe Area Wilderness have made it to Washington. In a letter to Interim Chief of the Forest Service Vicki Christiansen, Eighth District Congressman Rick Nolan is seeking answers to those concerns, many of which have been raised by resort owners and outfitters on Fall and Moose lakes, near Ely.

The local businesses are most concerned by the phaseout of the lottery system, which typically ensured that those businesses that served users of the wilderness would have sufficient permits, particularly day-use motor permits, to serve their customers. The issue was the subject of reporting in the *Timberjay* last week.

Rep. Nolan is asking the Forest Service to hold off on changes until some of the issues raised by stakeholders can be addressed.

Specifically, Nolan's letter to the USFS states:

"To what extent were unique visitor situations (elderly, disabled, or otherwise) considered when making the change to the lottery process, especially when these individuals were served by cooperators? It is my understanding that the previous model found a good balance between the public seeking access to these entry points and the remaining resort owners who provide a complete suite of guiding and outfitting services for those seeking to enter the wilderness. A complete revamp of the system, cautioned one business owner, could harm wilderness access for current visitors that don't have the capabilities to make these reservations on their own — such as a computer-less World War II military Veteran that would need to stop coming north if the lottery system goes away.

"How does the Forest Service reconcile lottery trend user data with changes to the lottery process for Fall and Moose lakes? In July 2017, the Forest Service published a report displaying permit and visitor use statistics for the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness from 2009 to 2016. The data suggests continued high use of the lottery, especially for day use motor permits. In fact, the USFS found that this category of lottery applications has been increasing, corresponding to an increase in the number of unsuccessful lottery applications.

"How does the USFS plan to address disparities in access to Recreation.gov in rural communities? Many of the cooperators are located in rural, "end-of-the-road" locations where access to reliable broadband is not a given. On top of this, Northern Minnesota in January can be an unpredictable place. Expecting cooperators to overcome this issue by driving into Ely or other nearby towns is impractical and could be unsafe, depending on the weather and road conditions. A number of other questions come to mind in this regard:

- Will cooperators be able to block off or make mass-bookings for multiple guests over the Recreation.gov hotline (1-877-444-6777).
- If not, what process does the Forest Service envision for these businesses?"

The Forest Service had no immediate response to the Congressman's inquiry.

Rick Nolan

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PUBLIC NOTICES

KUGLER TOWNSHIP

Notice of General Election

Notice is hereby given to all qualified voters of Kugler Township, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota. General election will be held Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Kugler Town Hall, 9072 Hwy 135 N. Polls are open to elect the following:

(One) Board Supervisor C – four-year term
(One) Township Treasurer – four-year term

Please call the Kugler Town Clerk with any questions, 753-3314.

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LEIDING TOWNSHIP

CAMP FIVE TOWNSHIP

Notice of General Election

Notice is hereby given to all qualified voters of Leiding Township and Camp Five Township, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota. General election will be held Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Leiding Town Hall.

Marie Milan, Town Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST CITY OF ORR

Notice is hereby given that the City of Orr will conduct a public accuracy test as required by law to test the AutoMark Assistive Voting Device on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. at Orr City Hall, 4429 Hwy 53, Orr, MN 55771.

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One (1) Supervisor A - (4) Four-year term
One (1) Supervisor B - Special Election
(2) Two-year term (remainder of term voted in the 2016 General Election, currently filled by appointment)
One (1) Clerk - (4) Four-year term

Bearville Township is a mail-in-balloting precinct. Ballots are automatically mailed to all registered voters. Absentee ballots may be cast at the Itasca County Courthouse-Auditor's Office. New voter registrations may also be done at the County Auditor's Office. New voters may vote immediately after registration.

The Board of Canvass will meet at 6:15 p.m. prior to the regular board meeting November 14 in order to canvass the results of the November 6 General Election and declare the winners of the election. All meetings are open to the public.

Kathy Cressy, Bearville Township Clerk

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to all qualified voters of Eagles Nest Township, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota. General election will be held Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

**Polls will be open from
10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on
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at the Eagles Nest Town Hall.**

Deb Siverhus, Clerk

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A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the polling place on Election Day.

Dated: 6-11-18

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

School District Clerk

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS DISTRICT COURT SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Case No: 69VI-CV-18-786

NOTICE

In the Matter of the Application of DALE C. OLSON AND ADRIANNE M. OLSON AS TRUSTEES OF THE ADRIANNE M. OLSON REVOCABLE TRUST UTA DATED AUGUST 30, 2016 to Vacate the Plat of DALE'S DELL

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 505.14

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Applicants will be present at a Special Term of Court at the St. Louis County Courthouse, 300 S Fifth Avenue, City of Virginia, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, on the 20th day of November, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard to present the Application, attached hereto and on file with the Court, to the Court and for a hearing before the above-named Court to determine whether or not the relief requested therein shall be granted.

Dated this 10th day of

October, 2018.
DEFENBAUGH LAW OFFICE
By: Rae Bentz (MN Lic. No. 218376)
107 E Camp St
Ely, Minnesota 55731
218-365-4977
Attorney for Petitioners

**Case Type: Real Estate
In the Matter of the
Application of
DALE C. OLSON AND
ADRIANNE M. OLSON
AS TRUSTEES OF THE
ADRIANNE M. OLSON
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APPLICATION

Pursuant to Minn. Stat 505.14

YOUR APPLICANTS allege and show to the court the following facts, to wit:
This action is brought pursuant to the terms of Minn. Stat. 505.14. Applicants, DALE C. OLSON AND ADRIANNE M. OLSON AS TRUSTEES OF THE ADRIANNE M. OLSON REVOCABLE TRUST UTA DATED AUGUST 30, 2016 are the owners of the following described property in Town of Beatty, St. Louis County, Minnesota, **Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Dales Dell**

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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4 Brooklyn NBA team
8 Les États- —
12 Instrument that drones
19 Gp. of docs
20 "Give it —" ("Go for it")
21 Somewhat, musically
22 Endless
23 Command for online missives
25 "Singing to the Hits" label
26 Woodlands
27 Army chaplains open curtains?
30 Haughty sort
31 Pilferer
32 MSN competitor
33 Queen in "Frozen"
37 Flower parts with the most light, soft colors?
42 "Come on!"
45 Comes — surprise
46 "He-e-elp!"
47 Stir-frying pan
48 Provo site

49 Inits. at Indy
52 See 36-Down
55 Heckles
57 Leatherneck pilots stay behind?
63 Split to splice
64 City near Oneida Lake
65 Pulse
66 Hooded vipers
70 Little louse
71 Aside from
73 Hooded coat
75 Weep aloud
77 — for tat
78 Window part
80 Lots and lots
82 First extra inning
84 — acid
86 Himalayan guide who's skilled at crafting sentences?
90 Sufferer for a cause
93 Lamb nurser
94 Sci-fi power
95 Bawl (out)
96 "Kristin" actress Ortiz
97 Hamm of soccer
99 Andy's chum
103 Bucolic poems

105 Heartless doughnut shop employee pestering customers?
111 Hold to be
112 Med. plan
113 Queen, in Spain
114 Apia's locale
118 Change everyone's table positions during a spring holiday dinner?
123 Alike
126 Aid in solving
127 Racer Mario
128 Dribble
129 — Iranian
130 Look to be
131 "I have it!"
132 Scented pouches
133 — tide
134 Makes a slip
135 Chaney of film
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1 Hinged door fasteners
2 Clarification starter
3 "I'll handle it!"
4 Convention sticker

5 SFO stats
6 Sad, in Paris
7 Slender, graceful girls
8 Maintenance processes
9 Averse to, with "of"
10 Like some cold coffee
11 Was bought for the price of
12 Happens to, as evil
13 On the crest
14 Richard of Hollywood
15 Determine in advance
16 Electees
17 Singer Boone
18 Ernie of golf
24 Move directly via a wholesaler
28 Comic Rudner
29 Eggs of fish
34 Yard surface
35 Coin opening
36 With
52-Across, proposes a date to
38 Get rid of
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40 Starchy staple
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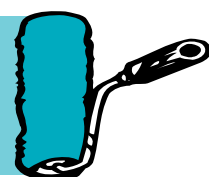
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60 "Crocodile Rock" label
61 Sun orbiter
62 Reduces to pulp
67 Secondary leaflike appendage
68 Endocrine gland in the brain
69 Blizzards, e.g.
72 Log-in info
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79 Follower of FDR
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98 Sticks fast
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101 Like superstore shopping
102 Irritated fit
104 Deprives of weapons
106 Lottery winner's cry
107 Thurman of "Tape"
108 "— to it!" ("Simple!")
109 Anxiety
110 Many a sock mender
115 Rock genre
116 Brand of weedkillers
117 Iraqi, e.g.
119 Sommer of "The Prize"
120 Chip coating
121 German article
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