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## Stauber sought political help through county emails

St. Louis County officials compelled to release records under court order

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL — St. Louis County officials, on Tuesday, complied with a judge's order, releasing a slew of emails that suggest County Commissioner Peter

Stauber may have used his official office to advance his run for Congress.

Stauber's email communications with representatives of the National Republican Congressional Committee show the commissioner seeking political

advice from GOP operatives and opposition research on current Eighth District Congressman Rick Nolan, who had indicated early on that he intended to seek re-election, but later changed his mind. Stauber is currently locked in a con-

tentious race with DFLer Joe Radinovich.

While Stauber's emails don't appear to contain a "smoking gun," they do show Stauber relying on the NRCC for political messaging and logistical arrangements for a visit that

Stauber and Commissioner Keith Nelson made to Washington, D.C. apparently representing the county. The emails also suggest that Stauber's office assistant played at least some role in

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Pete Stauber

ELECTION 2018

## Voters to go to polls next week

Retirements make for many hotly-contested regional races

by MARCUS WHITE  
Cook/Orr Editor

REGIONAL - Hotly contested races across the region and state will go to the voters next Tuesday. Polls will be open in Minnesota from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in most areas.

In the North Country, all eyes will be on the Eighth District race as constituents will decide who replaces outgoing DFL Congressman Rick Nolan.

The race between DFLer Joe Radinovich and GOP candidate Pete Stauber has seen some of the highest spending of any congressional race in the country with outside political groups spending millions of dollars in advertising, most of it from conservative groups targeting Radinovich over a number of traffic violations and a marijuana citation from his youth.

Political fact-checkers, such as Politifact, have ruled many of the ads "mostly

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Above: Families scurried up and down Main Street in Tower, trick-or-treating at area businesses. Bottom left: Sabrina Larson helped her youngest brother Eddie, who was dressed up as macaroni and cheese, during the school Halloween party. Bottom right: Epiphany Marks showed off her new front teeth as she picked out a Halloween duck at the Timberjay office. staff photos



ELECTION 2018

## Mental health headlines final debate for county commissioner

by MARCUS WHITE  
Cook/Orr Editor

COOK — Addressing mental illness proved a hot topic during the final candidate forum between retired deputy sheriff Bernie Mettler and longtime educator Paul McDonald, held Tuesday night in Cook.

The debate, sponsored by the Cook Chamber of Commerce, attracted about a dozen voters, along with an undetermined number of online viewers who watched on a Facebook live-stream.

The two candidates are vying to replace Fourth District Commissioner Tom Rukavina, who is retiring from the St. Louis County board after a single term due to health reasons.

McDonald, who lives in Ely, voiced See... FORUM pg. 10



Paul McDonald



Bernie Mettler

ELECTION 2018

## For young voters, elections are a teachable moment

by MARCUS WHITE  
& KEITH VANDERVORT  
Timberjay Editors

REGIONAL - It's an age-old political battle cry, "Get the young people to vote!"

But how to encourage young voters to go to the

polls, and make sure that this social media-dependent generation obtains accurate information on which to base their electoral decisions, remains the key challenge.

For most students, their first lessons on voting come in high school civics class.

Ely Air Force veteran Steve Saari studies alongside Ely High School students during an election judge training session. photo by K. Vandervort

For most students at the North Woods School, near Cook, it's a lesson they'll hear from Jason Limp, one of the school's social studies teachers.

"I teach it in two different ways," said Limp. "Ninth grade versus upper classmen — those who could

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

## EDUCATION

### Volunteers in Education names Hainey Executive Director

REGIONAL- Volunteers in Education (VinE) announced Cassandra Hainey has been named Executive Director of the nonprofit devoted to improving the academic achievement of students in area schools.

Hainey began volunteering with VinE in 2011 and accepted

the Program Director position in 2015. She has worked closely with the Board of Directors to implement a strategic plan that focuses on the efficacy and replicability of the nonprofit's Tutoring Program. Hainey is a graduate of the University of MN-Morris and resides in Pike

Township with her husband Shaun and their four children.

"I am absolutely humbled and so excited to be offered this position. I look forward to serving local students, supporting teachers, and engaging other community members. I've had the opportunity to watch VinE grow from a beautiful idea into a well-organized, thriving nonprofit and I am excited to lead VinE into our next chapter," said Hainey.

Hainey's appointment to Executive Director comes as all of the pieces of making the Tutoring Program a model program have been put into place, such as demonstrating increased student achievement and providing a framework for moving into new districts.

"We are proud to appoint Cassandra as our Executive Director. VinE is significantly stronger and successful in helping students because of her leadership and compassion. We look forward to continued growth within the schools we serve as well as within our organization," said Bailey Conger, Board Chair of VinE.

VinE is a nonprofit organization that recruits and trains volunteer tutors from the com-



munity to work with students who need additional one-on-one or small group support. Last year VinE tutors worked with 559 students to build confidence, work on reading and math skills, and improve academic achievement. VinE receives support from the United Way of Northeastern Minnesota, the Northland Foundation, and the Eveleth Community Foundation, among others. To learn more about VinE and how you or your business can get involved with supporting education on the Iron Range, visit [www.vine-mn.org](http://www.vine-mn.org) or call 218-404-5742.



**Volunteers in Education's annual fundraiser, a ducky race, was held last Friday. Pictured is Shaun Hainey dropping the numbered ducks from the Iron Ore Bridge. The ducks then traveled a little way down the East Two River, before entering Tower's Harbor, where the first ducks were scooped up by Dawn Tercel-Kroll in a kayak. Winning duck owners were Jessica Heisel, David Heisel, and Nathan LaBeque.** photos by M. White



## Minnesota Supreme Court Justice tours Tower-Soudan and Ely

by JODI SUMMIT  
Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER — Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Margaret Chutich is no stranger to northeastern Minnesota, and she visited Tower-Soudan and Ely last weekend, along with some guests visiting from Croatia.

Chutich's grandfather came to the Iron Range from Croatia and worked at the Hull Rust Mine. Her father grew up near Hibbing and she still has relatives living in the Hibbing and Side Lake areas. She spent a year in Croatia studying at the University of Zagreb, and some longtime Croatian friends, a sports doctor and professional basketball player and sports journalist, were visiting her in Minnesota.

Chutich was the guest of Mary Batinich, who also has deep ties to the Slavic region. The two share a mutual friend, who helped arrange the visit. The group toured the Soudan Underground Mine and the International Wolf Center, as well as enjoying time at Batinich's cabin on Lake Vermilion.

Chutich said she originally thought she would become a history professor. But Chutich's

life took a different turn. She was first exposed to the work of a judge while clerking for Judge Diana Murphy, a U.S. District Court Judge and the first female district court judge in the nation. I thought I would love being in that role," she said. "Being that reasonable person on the middle and doing what is right."

She started her law career in the private sector, and then moved to the public sector working on criminal appeal cases for the Minnesota Attorney General's office and eventually became Deputy Attorney General. In 2012, Gov. Mark Dayton appointed her to the Minnesota Court of Appeals.

"It felt like a privilege," she said.

Dayton elevated Chutich to the Supreme Court four years later.

In Minnesota, justices are appointed by the Governor, but then stand for re-election. While judicial campaigns tend to be low key, Chutich was at least partly in campaign mode during her visit, arranging meetings with key people and media, and she has found that the public is highly interested in the work of the court.

Campaigning has been enjoyable, she said, allowing her to travel around the state talking



**Two friends from Croatia (far left and far right) with Margaret Chutich (in red) and host Mary Batinich, enjoying a day at the Batinich cabin on Lake Vermilion.** photo by J. Summit

about her job and the role of the court. "We are not politicians. We are non-partisan. We are an independent third branch."

Chutich said she hopes to continue on as a judge, if the voters approve. "I just love the work," she said. "We get cases from all walks of life. I learn new things every day...It is really interesting to see both sides of issues. It can be challenging."

Chutich is being challenged

by Michelle McDonald. A recent editorial in the *Star Tribune*, which endorsed Chutich, noted that McDonald has "a history of controversy and legal trouble, including charges of professional misconduct that led to her law license being suspended for 60 days by the Supreme Court earlier this year. Her background and temperament do not measure up to comparison with the incumbent's."

"Life is an adventure," said Chutich when asked about the race. "Anyone can pay \$300 to file as a challenger to a sitting judge."

Chutich is married to Allina Health CEO Penny Wheeler, and is the first openly gay justice on the Minnesota Supreme Court. She has a 19-year-old daughter who is currently in college in the Twin Cities.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

# Ely man charged with kidnapping, assault

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY – An Ely man faces four felonies after he allegedly kidnapped, assaulted and threatened to kill a female acquaintance.

Ryan Richard Savolainen, 40, of 138 E White St., is in the St. Louis County Jail on a \$100,000 bond following his arrest last week. He is charged with felony kidnapping, second-degree assault, making threats of violence and false imprisonment. He also faces two misdemeanor charges of domestic assault.

The charges stem from incidents reported to Ely police that occurred on or about Oct. 22-23.



Ryan Savolainen

According to the complaint, a woman reported that her ex-boyfriend, identified as Savolainen, had threatened her in an audio and video recording. The video was of the defendant sliding his fingers across his throat with audio that said, “You’re in trouble, you’re not going to know when it’s coming or where it’s coming, but it’s coming. Trouble is coming for you and I’m going to enjoy it.” The audio was identified as Savolainen’s voice, the complaint said.

The defendant allegedly met

the woman near the Washington Elementary School because she said she agreed to only meet at a public place. The complaint said Savolainen entered her vehicle and told her to drive to his home or else “he would kill her and dump her body in the woods where no one would find it.” He allegedly took the woman’s keys and phone and once inside the home started beating her. She told police that he held a knife to her throat.

According to the report, Savolainen interrupted his attack when a male friend came to the home. The victim was told to go upstairs, where she kicked out a screen on a window and crawled on to the roof and begged the friend not to leave. Savolainen

eventually left the home and the victim left the roof, went to a friend’s house and called police.

The report said officials observed a black eye and swelling around the temple area of the victim’s head, along with other evidence of a struggle. Two knives with hair on them were located at the upstairs window.

The victim previously had a protective order filed against Savolainen. The report said she dropped the order due to threats made by the defendant against her and her daughter.

The kidnapping charge carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison with lesser penalties for the threats and assault charges.

## Hibbing man sentenced in death of Tower toddler

VIRGINIA - A 26-year old Hibbing man will face five years in prison after being convicted in the death of a toddler in Tower last year.

Jesse Lee Bonacci-Koski had been babysitting his nephew, 11-month-old Bentley Koski, in August 2017 when he left the infant alone. In his absence, the house caught fire leading to the child’s death. Koski later fled the scene in a stolen vehicle.

A jury found Bonacci-Koski guilty last month of child neglect/manslaughter, theft of a motor vehicle and fifth degree possession of a controlled substance.

OTHER RACES

# Virginia residents will decide fate of sales tax for Miners

by MARCUS WHITE  
Cook-Orr Editor

VIRGINIA — Voters in Virginia will be asked to give their blessing on Nov. 6 to the imposition of a one-percent sales tax in the city to fund the construction of a new Miners Memorial complex. Backers of the proposal have marketed the concept to city residents as a way to have residents of neighboring communities, including communities in the North Country, pay much of the \$43.8 million price tag.

That’s because Virginia is a regional retailing hub, which serves a large swath of northern St. Louis County. The one-percent sales tax would apply to most retail sales (automobiles being an exception) within the city limits and is estimated to pay the cost of revenue bonds over 20 years.

Supporters say that years

of maintenance problems have plagued the complex, which was originally built as a basketball arena and community center in 1957. Efforts to fund fixes to the building have been ongoing since 2005, but have been largely unsuccessful, and the city is banking on the referendum as a final option for the project or it risks losing funding pledged by the state.

Virginia Mayor Larry Cuffe Jr. said the city has expanded the project from simple renovations to one of the city’s largest economic development plans in recent memory.

“It won’t be just another ice arena,” Cuffe said. “It will be a convention and community center as well.”

The plan, according to Cuffe, is based on studies conducted by the city and project managers, Kraus-Anderson, that found building new, rather than a restoration of the exist-

ing structure, would bring in additional revenues to the city. Those increased revenues, estimated at \$2.25 million per year, would come from home sales and increased property values and the proposition that a large convention center would bring more business by luring hotels to build in the area, increasing traffic to local businesses and potential renters of the new convention space.

The latest plan only covers a new arena space, meeting rooms and convention space. Any additional work, such as the addition of swimming pools, would need to be funded through entities that would use them, such as local school districts.

Cuffe said he understands that the city has marketed the new tax to city residents as largely being paid for by outside shoppers, but he said it is the city’s right to hold such a referendum. He also said he would be willing

to meet with anyone, whether a city resident or not, to discuss the project and what he sees as not only an addition to the city, but an addition to the region.

He added that materials being circulated throughout the area to garner support for the project have not originated with the city, but are being distributed by a group of businesses and citizens who are in support of the project under the banner “Friends of the Virginia Recreation Committee”.

While members of the city council, including the mayor, are allowed to support the project personally and lend vocal support, Minnesota law prohibits cities from using taxpayer money to promote city projects up for a referendum vote.

Cuffe said Virginia’s plan to impose a sales tax is quite common in the state, and other cities, such as Rochester and Bemidji, have imposed sales

taxes to pay for similar projects with much success. Cuffe noted that Virginia currently has no local taxes, in contrast to Duluth, which has three. Even if Virginia voters okay the measure, the state Legislature will still have to authorize the tax.

If the referendum were to fail, Cuffe said the city would have two options on the table. The first would be to forfeit a \$12 million grant from the state. The second would be to utilize the grant, which requires matching funds, and raise the money through a local property tax increase, which could be as much as 28 percent, to increase the city’s bonding capacity.

The mayor has asked people to reach out to him on his cell phone at 218-780-9941 if they have any comments or concerns about the project.



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# OPINION

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## Editorial

### Making America great?

Trade and budget deficits, interest rates, and divisiveness are all on the rise under Trump

Midterm elections are, by nature, a referendum on the president, and that will certainly be true this coming Tuesday. While President Trump won't be on the ballot, he will be on the minds of many when they head to the polls.

We have seen the extent to which the current president will go to stem potential political losses. His use of the vile language of hatred and bigotry, his fear-mongering, and his frequent lauding of the use of violence, have left most decent Americans disgusted and alarmed. Trump's demagoguery is the kind normally associated with Third World dictators—certainly not the American president.

Even many of his supporters acknowledge that Trump acts like a bully and that he would do himself and this country a favor if he could just put down his Twitter finger. But even those supporters who acknowledge his immaturity and recklessness, defend him as the guy who was needed to fix what ailed the country.

They like Trump's tough talk on putting America First. They like his imposition of tariffs on foreign steel and aluminum and his focus on America's trade deficit. They like his tax cut and his push for deregulation, which they see as having juiced the economy.

We hear Trump's rhetoric on the job he's done. "A-plus all around," as he likes to say, and his supporters nod their heads without really paying much attention to the details or the warning signs which are increasingly flashing yellow and red.

Trump isn't shy about touting his successes, but his record is far more mixed than his supporters recognize, especially on the economy. Trump, unlike most presidents in recent memory, had the good fortune to inherit a strong economy. Most presidents take office with less than ideal economic conditions. Trump's predecessor inherited an economy in total collapse. President Obama not only stemmed the fall, but quickly turned it around and presided over the longest uninterrupted period of economic expansion in the nation's history. Or as Trump called it— "American carnage."

Trump hasn't yet blown up Obama's economic legacy, but he's working on it. Trump's imposition of tariffs has left America's agricultural sector reeling as trading partners retaliated by slowing imports of agricultural products, sending prices plummeting. Manufacturers, like Minnesota boat makers, are facing the prospect of lower profits and potential layoffs as Trump's

tariffs have increased the price of aluminum, the largest single component of most pleasure boats. Falling corporate profits as these higher costs ripple through the economy have hurt auto sales and helped fuel the recent dramatic losses on Wall Street.

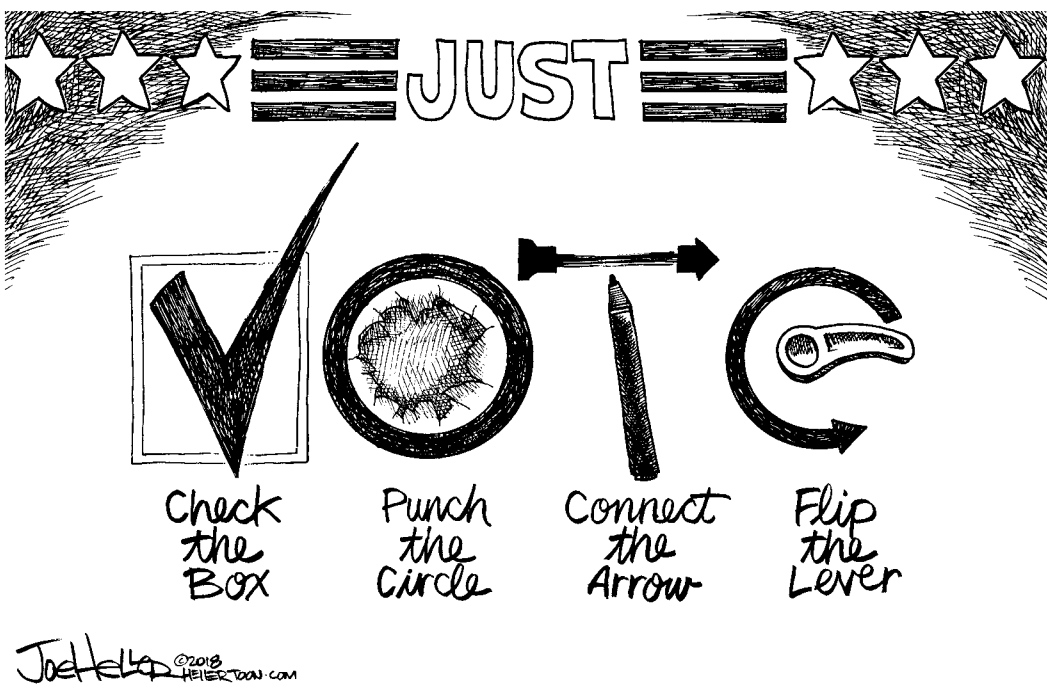
And here's the kicker: Trump's tariffs have done absolutely nothing to reduce America's trade deficit. That deficit was remarkably stable under President Obama, but under Trump, it's risen steadily and is currently on pace to set an all-time record high in 2018. On one of his signature issues, Trump deserves a D-minus at best.

Trump's tax cuts may have temporarily goosed the accelerator on the U.S. economy, but the hangover is already becoming apparent. Any competent economist would have told the president that juicing the already strong economy he inherited would speed the rise in interest rates, and rising interest rates are now slowing the housing market and other types of investment. New housing starts and sales have been dropping for months, as both higher interest rates and the rising cost of home construction (due to tariffs and labor shortages) discourage home buyers. That slowdown could have repercussions close to home. Without increased demand for home siding, the prospects for a new siding mill near Cook look more tenuous all the time.

Those rising interest rates have another troubling aspect— they're pushing up the interest America pays on its debt, which has exploded under Trump due to his tax cuts for corporations and the wealthy. President Obama inherited an economic disaster and a \$1.4 trillion annual budget deficit. He got the economy back on track and sliced nearly a trillion dollars off the annual deficit, but Trump quickly reversed that progress.

Trump talked a good game about helping working people, but the effect of his policies are only increasing wealth inequality, slowing home-buying, weakening American manufacturing, and will leave future generations saddled with more debt. And whatever benefits we've seen to the economy are temporary.

Here's our prediction: Trump will leave office with a higher deficit and a higher unemployment rate than he inherited from Barack Obama. And his toxic rhetoric will leave the country more divided than ever before. As you head to the polls on Tuesday, ask yourself if that's really your definition of "making America great again."



## Letters from Readers

### Stauber would be a follower, not a leader

I've been on the county board with Pete Stauber. I can attest he hasn't done much for the region—but he did vote to raise your property taxes 19 percent in his six years on the board.

OK, he's a nice enough guy, but his political philosophy isn't nice at all. Fellow seniors, he thinks your Medicare health insurance and Social Security pay check are "entitlements"; in fact, you paid for them, they are the best programs ever passed by Congress, and it was the Democrats who created them. Fellow union members, Stauber tells you he's for the union, but will he stick with the Republicans in their push for right to work legislation and to get rid of prevailing wages? You bet he will. Where was Stauber when the Steelworkers were pushing for a fair contract? Nowhere in sight, my friends. He's for the mining companies, not the miners. The mining companies can take care of themselves. We need a Congressman who will look out for workers.

What really makes me nervous about Stauber? I've been on the county board with him for four years and he's never had an original idea. In fact, he's never introduced his own unique resolution while I've served with him. We need a leader in Congress, not a fence-sitter; he'll be the perfect follower in Congress that the Republicans want.

What ticks me off, folks, is Stauber's opposition to health care for all, like Medicare, run by the government. Stauber has had government-run health care for himself as a Duluth cop and county commissioner—it works great for him.

There's a choice. My friend Joe Radinovich has a proven record supporting the middle class, affordable health care plans for all of us, and walking the line with union workers for better wages and benefits. Joe Radinovich supports fair taxes, and opposes the Trump-Stauber supported tax cut that gave 90 percent of the

cuts to the richest Americans.

Let me say this: in 26 years representing you in the legislature, I've never seen the Republican Party take the lead to do anything to help the hard-working people of the middle class. They are the party of the rich, they always have been, and it won't change. Vote for your family's health and prosperity. Vote the DFL ticket.

**Tom Rukavina  
Pike Township**

### Mettler is hard working and trusted

Hard working, trustworthy, forward-looking and a representative of his people. That is what most of us would like to see in the new District 4 County Commissioner. Bernie Mettler is all those qualities in large quantities. Thirty-eight cords of firewood cut and split in his shed tells you his work ethic and belief in preparing for rough times. He has also been attending county board meetings in an effort to prepare to serve you.

For 23-plus years he has had my back as a law enforcement partner. He is also the executor of my will, and my living will. In the event my wife and I are both incapable. He has my whole trust in doing the right thing to represent my wishes faithfully. I have never known a person more worthy of your vote.

**John Backman  
Embarrass**

### I'm voting for Joe's Minnesota values

I am voting for Joe Radinovich because we have many of the same beliefs. These beliefs reflect our Minnesota values.

Joe believes that health care is a right, and should include pre-existing conditions, and should be affordable. The Republican Party proposes turning health care over to private insurers who will decide whether or not to include pre-existing conditions and at what cost. Costs differ between non-profit and for-profit health care providers. For example, in

Florida a common non-profit emergency room base price is \$50. A for-profit emergency room base price can go as high as \$500. The ambulance ride is usually to the closest emergency room whether or not you can afford it.

Joe supports environmentally safe mining that brings jobs to the area. He also supports the employees who need to be treated fairly and share in the company's success.

Joe does not agree with the Republican tax overhaul, which gives a large tax cut to the top one percent. Critics agree that the plan mainly benefits the rich and corporations. The 2017 winner of the Nobel Economics Prize, Richard Thaler, stated that this plan will increase inequality and opportunities for tax avoidance. The Republicans proposed cutting Social Security and Medicare to help pay for this \$21 trillion debt which critics agree will probably never be repaid.

I will be voting for Joe not only because we agree on many issues but because Joe understands government, will reach across the aisle, and cares for his fellow Americans. Joe overcame adversity with help from others. I believe that he wants "to pay it back" so others will get the help they need.

Please join me in voting for Joe Radinovich.

**Jo Ann Halunen  
Lake Vermilion**

### Not interested in "canister-gate"

Regarding canister-gate, I listened to the 8/15/18 meeting recording, and Mike Ralston clearly states "it is my UNDERSTANDING ..." He also later states IF the county moved the canisters NOW, there would not be room at the 77 site. Furthermore, at that board meeting, there was no vote to move the canisters; they are not going anywhere anytime soon. Not sure why this continues to be an issue. Chairman Ralston has no reason to misrepresent the gist of conversations with the county. John Bassing continues to create controversy when none should exist.

**Steve Rodgers  
Greenwood Township**

# Much at stake in Tower's mayoral race

Voters in our area all have important decisions to make on Tuesday, and the votes we cast will play a significant role in the future course of our communities, our state, and the country.

There is so much I could write about this week, given this is our last issue before Tuesday's general election, but



**MARSHALL  
HELMBERGER**

this year's mayoral race in Tower is one of the contests I'll be watching most closely, which is why I've decided to offer my thoughts on the race.

I first started reporting on the city of Tower way back in 1986, even before we started the Tower edition of the *Timberjay* in

1990. I've watched city councils and mayors come and go and, for the most part, have felt that the people of Tower were pretty lucky to have a dedicated city workforce and a city council that gave their best effort.

These days, city governance in Tower is frustrating, to put it kindly.

But at least voters in Tower will have a real choice this year—a choice between progress, chaos, or the entrenchment of what I know many see as an

unproductive status quo.

Candidate Jeff Hill represents the chaos that most people in the community justifiably fear. Mr. Hill may have played a constructive role at times in the city's past, and may have good intentions even now, but his current circumstances make him an inappropriate choice for mayor of Tower. His erratic behavior and willingness to post wild and unfounded accusations on social media undermine his good intentions.

Electing him mayor would take a bad situation at city hall and likely make it much worse.

Candidate Steve Altenburg, to my mind, represents the status quo. For the last few years he has slowly assumed virtually every unelected position of significant authority in the city, from the head of the fire department and ambulance service, to chair of the city's planning and zoning commission and harbor committee,



# Letters from Readers

## Orlyn Kringstad has “the right stuff” to serve as mayor

I would like to give a sincere thank you to the members of the Tower Soudan Civic Club for graciously hosting the public forum for our mayoral and council candidates last week. What a fantastic way to get to know the people who want to serve our community. Submitted questions were answered sincerely and honestly by each candidate in attendance.

I have had the pleasure of serving on our city council in the past, and know it is not a task to take lightly. There are very important decisions to make that affect the lives of everyone within the community and there are not always black and white answers. With a limited budget and aging infrastructure, there is a ton of work to be done. Therefore, ingenuity and creativeness are needed now more than ever.

Many of us feel that Tower is and has been poised to become an even greater destination location than it has been in the past. We want to work together with our neighboring communities to not only survive but to actually grow and thrive like any other area that has all of the outdoor features we have to offer.

One of the most important aspects of this growth is to have a leader who has the experience and the right capabilities required to get significant tasks accomplished. Mayoral candidate Orlyn Kringstad fits the job description in all the right ways. I’ve had the pleasure of working with Orlyn on different local committees and know his aspirations are exactly what our little town needs. Orlyn is willing to go the extra mile when most people would back down and turn around. It has been extremely refreshing to work with a man that is as sincere, professional and respectful of others as he has been.

Coming from an Italian heritage, with a lot of emotion, I admire how calm and collected Orlyn can stay in difficult discussions. He also holds all of his relationships with utmost

respect and has made a multitude of professional connections throughout his life.

Orlyn has made more good things happen for our little town in the past three years than most people have in a lifetime. From actually putting down roots by purchasing and remodeling an older home in town and paying his fair share of property taxes, to opening up a family business on Main Street. He also facilitated the reopening of the Marjo Motel, helping to serve local business people and tourists alike. Orlyn has been a huge proponent of the current Tower Vision 2025 development of the harbor area, which by the way, has plenty of room for private as well as public expansion and will grow our tax base immensely. Orlyn has more than assisted our town in attracting new businesses, with at least three businesses in the wings ready for consideration.

He also had a major part in the sale of the former Standing Bear Marina to the new owners, Your Boat Club. As mentioned at the public forum, Orlyn has immeasurable, international business experience which equates to a better understanding of endless possibilities.

Last but not least, Orlyn truly cares about everyone, from all walks of life and from different working groups, as he understands how to work from the ground up. He would truly like to see everyone develop to their full potential. Orlyn and his wife Marit have been true assets to our community and Orlyn would truly be the right candidate to vote for. Please use your vote to promote economic development with professionalism and intelligence.

**Joan Broten  
Tower**

## Bernie Mettler is a man of the people

I am a retired St. Louis County Deputy Sheriff. I am urging all the voters in the Fourth District to vote for Bernie Mettler for the position of St. Louis County Commissioner. As a senior deputy, I watched Bernie grow from a newly hired deputy, to a competent patrol officer and then to a command Sgt. Bernie

was a competent and reliable patrol partner.

His roots are from central Minnesota, where he was raised on his parents’ farm. Like many of us he was not born here, but got here as fast as he could! The work ethic he learned on his parents’ farm has stayed with him throughout his life. He currently lives on a farm in Embarrass.

Bernie has raised a family, two sons and a daughter, and knows the effort and expense of raising a family. Bernie is pro mining and pro labor and knows that working in a mine is more family supportive than being a canoe guide.

I urge my fellow citizens to vote for commissioner, a man who is a man of the people. A man with calluses on his hands and understanding in his heart. That man is Bernie Mettler.

**David W. Quiser  
Cook**

## A vote for Trump/ Stauber goes against Eighth District values

Is a vote for Pete Stauber a vote for Donald Trump? Donald Trump says so, at nearly every rally and in the barrage of advertising purchased by Republican backers. Pete Stauber says so as he brandishes Trump-praising ads and stands beside President Trump in Duluth. So yes, a vote for Pete Stauber IS a vote for Donald J. Trump.

Conventional wisdom says that since Trump won the Eighth District, the strong Trump-Stauber ties will help Stauber ... don’t believe it. Trump may not help Mr. Stauber as much as conventional wisdom thinks. I’m a third-generation district resident who left for a while to chase a career. I’m back now and things haven’t changed as much as some say. People still love this area. They still love their country. They still want good jobs with fair pay. They still want their kids to get ahead—maybe even leave for a while to chase a career of their own. Most of all they’re decent fair-minded folks who go out of their way to help and to be kind. What a refreshing relief from the big cities.

But many of the folks I talk

to are uneasy—maybe because much of Trump’s behavior is at odds with the character of the people up here. They say things like ‘Things don’t seem to be going in the right direction.’ ‘I voted for Trump but I just don’t like some of the things he says’ or ‘I like some of the policy decisions but I worry about his tone.’ I’m not sure he really has our back.’ ‘He’s too beholden to the big companies.’ People understand up here that character matters. Policy shifts like the winds off Lake Superior. Character is a constant. It’s getting harder to justify character defects and their consequences as a tradeoff for policies we think we like.

If you have these doubts or if you have even stronger beliefs about Trump, you have one clear choice to actually change the path we’re on. That choice is to vote for a Democrat for Congress. The governor’s race won’t directly balance Mr. Trump. The Senate is unlikely to change much. But a change of control in the House of Representatives will make a huge difference and it’s a very real possibility. A Democratic House, through the changes in committee leadership, will provide a check on the president’s attempt to consolidate his power. It will compel the president to explain his decisions and to justify them to the American people. It will ferret out and staunch corruption at the cabinet level. In short a Democratic House of Representatives will hold the current government accountable; accountable to the standards we in the Eighth District expect and respect.

So if a vote for Mr Stauber is a vote for President Trump, here’s what it’s not: A vote for Trump/Stauber is not a vote for civility... but we all know that. It’s not a vote to slow corruption in Washington. If Trump consolidates power, as he’s attempting in this election, the swamp will grow even larger and become even dirtier. Autocratic tendencies will grow. A vote for Trump/Stauber will not rein in the chaos that has become ‘everyday’ in Washington. The constant careening from crisis to crisis gets old, doesn’t it?

A vote for Trump/Stauber,

importantly, is not a vote for Social Security, Medicare or Medicaid. Republican leader Mitch McConnell has promised these programs need to be cut. We can’t afford them after the tax cuts for big business and big money. And a vote for Trump/Stauber is not a vote for affordable, quality health care that covers preexisting conditions. We well know the Republican position on that in spite of their scramble to hide it.

A vote for Joe Radinovich is a vote FOR these things. It may well be the most important vote you can cast. I’m 72 years old and it’s the most important vote in my lifetime. Urge your friends and neighbors to vote. People who traditionally sit on the sidelines will determine this election. Let the world see the real Eighth District.

**Steve Anderson  
Birch Lake**

## Radinovich backs clean water and a clean energy future

I support Joe Radinovich for CD8 because he understands the importance of protecting land and water for generations to come.

He knows that tourism is a vital component of our northern Minnesota economy. We need to take care of our planet now in order to pass on the outdoor activities that he himself enjoys: hunting, fishing, mountain biking, hiking, etc.

He believes in strong regulatory standards that will protect the environment for generations to come.

He has worked to pass targets to reduce CO2 emissions, knowing that clean energy is vital to fighting what would be the irreversible impact of climate change.

As a strong advocate for the Clean Water Act, Joe believes that clean, safe water is essential and a human right.

Please join me in voting for Joe Radinovich and supporting the health of this beautiful part of the planet which is our home.

**Emily Brown  
Ely**

## TOWER...Continued from page 4

to serving on the charter commission. As such, he can’t avoid accountability for at least some of the current dysfunction at city hall.

Altenburg, it has to be stated, has provided some valuable service to the city. And he is by all accounts an excellent EMT. Yet that is not necessarily the same set of skills that make for a good mayor.

A good mayor is a facilitator, who works to ensure that the city council has complete information from which to make sound decisions. A good mayor encourages public involvement in city decision-making and ensures that government operates in the open. A good mayor puts the city’s interests ahead of his or her own.

While I personally like Steve Altenburg, I’ve been troubled by some portions of his track record.

I was at the city council meeting in early 2017 when he presented his plan for a shift to paid-on-call ambulance staffing, including a budget that failed to account for obvious, significant expenses, including such basic costs as payroll taxes. Councils need *all* the facts, not cherry-picked numbers.

At last week’s candidates forum, Altenburg painted a rosy picture of the ambulance finances, even

though he told members of the city council just two weeks earlier that the ambulance budget would look “very poor” at the end of 2018.

It’s certainly true that the ambulance department has long made money and that it has a substantial financial reserve. But Altenburg can’t really claim credit for that, since the reserve was built up mostly by past directors. The department’s budget surplus dipped modestly in Altenburg’s first year as director (in part because he demanded a doubling of the director’s salary in order to accept the job) and the budget could well be in the red by the time all the bills are accounted for in 2018. And if the ambulance fund is doing so well, why did Altenburg call on the council in October to approve a double-digit increase in ambulance rates for next year?

That’s not the only example of inconsistency. As chair of the harbor committee, Altenburg has taken any number of shifting positions on the harbor development and appears ready to abandon the plan for town homes just as the project finally has most of the pieces in place to be successful. He also failed to address the the committee’s repeated violations of the state’s Open Meeting Law.

Perhaps most troubling was Altenburg’s effort, earlier this year, to amend the city’s charter to allow him to simultaneously hold incompatible offices, including the office of mayor, ambulance director and fire chief, something that Minnesota attorneys general have repeatedly said is improper and is currently prohibited by city charter.

That Altenburg would attempt to alter the city’s “constitution” for his own self-interest is disturbing. When asked about the issue at last week’s forum, Altenburg offered a carefully-crafted answer, allowing that he would abide by the charter if elected. It sounded good, except for the fact that, as mayor, he could appoint political allies to the charter commission and achieve his apparent goal of putting the city almost entirely under his singular control. That should give voters pause. Tower needs a mayor, not a dictator.

While Altenburg, at times, can appear motivated by self-interest, candidate Orlyn Kringstad has already put self-interest aside by divesting himself completely from the harbor town home project in order to pursue a goal of revitalizing Tower’s economy and restoring confidence in city hall.

While he and his wife

Marit have only lived in Tower for three years, they have already made a substantial mark on the community—returning an empty Main Street building into a productive storefront and reopening the Marjo Motel, which has long been an important asset to the city’s economy. Kringstad also acted as a key facilitator in the transfer of ownership at the Standing Bear Marina, which is now being improved and promises to play a key role in the overall development of the city’s harbor and riverfront.

And despite delays on the harbor project, Kringstad has proven to be a constructive partner with the city even as the harbor committee has tried to walk back its original promise to fund public infrastructure. Most developers would have walked away by now, but Kringstad has continued his good-faith efforts to bring the project to completion. While Kringstad may no longer have a financial stake in the project, as mayor I have no doubt he would work just as hard to see this project through.

Advancing the town home project should be the top priority for the next mayor, regardless of who is elected. For the city to walk away from a second private development plan

at the harbor could well render the entire venture toxic. That’s especially true given the city’s inconsistency as a development partner. If this project fails to advance, the harbor is going to be populated by Canada geese and little else for years to come. By contrast, a successful development opens the door to a wide range of other worthwhile projects, including more affordable housing and additional retail development. It will also provide a desperately-needed expansion of the city’s tax base.

I know there are critics of town homes at the harbor. I was on the initial harbor committee more than a decade ago and have always preferred our original vision of first-floor commercial development with second-story apartments.

Kringstad doesn’t disagree.

What people forget is that the decision to build town homes was made by the city’s current harbor committee, including Steve Altenburg. Kringstad had nothing to do with the decision. He had simply responded to the city’s 2015 Request for Qualifications to provide architectural, planning, and construction services for what was supposed to be a city-led town home project. It was only later

that the city changed the deal and asked Kringstad’s company to actually lead the project.

Finally, Tower could benefit greatly from Kringstad’s long list of contacts that he has made through decades in leadership positions at companies like Honeywell, at public institutions like the University of Minnesota, or through his extensive work in the non-profit sector, where he learned how to access the funds necessary to advance projects. The city has lacked that kind of experience for too long.

Ultimately, as voters head to the polls in Tower, they should ask themselves what kind of future they wish to see. People I hear from every day want to see the city succeed and they’re frustrated with the lack of progress on just about every front. They’re irritated that questionable decisions, like connecting the campground to the municipal sewer, may now hamstring the city’s future development prospects for the foreseeable future. We don’t need more of an unproductive status quo and we don’t need chaos. With sound and experienced leadership, Tower can do better. It has to do better.



## BREITUNG Breitung residents will vote on switching to an appointed clerk/treasurer

by STEPHANIE UKKOLA  
Staff Writer

BREITUNG- The Breitung Town Board will ask township voters to decide whether the elected clerk and treasurer positions should be combined into one appointed position, on March 13, 2019, at the annual meeting. At their Oct. 24 meeting, the town board said in a statement, "The current clerk and treasurer have stated that they are not interested in continuing to file for the positions after next year and that they have no interest in being appointed to the new position if approved by the electors." Both Clerk Polly McDonald and Treasurer Jorgine Gornick have served the township for many years. The town board has suggested this change due to the increasing demands of the position and the amount of training required for a position with a two-year elected term.

McKinley Park Campground had a good season. Campground manager Susie Chiabotti provided a year-over-year comparison showing an increased overall income of \$4,712.

At the Nov. 14 meeting, the town board will look at setting rates for 2019. No decision has been made on whether or not rates will be increased. The board will also discuss renewal of the campground manager's contract.

The town board reviewed correspondence from their attorney, Jessica Durbin, who recommended completing a full township employee handbook using the attorney's template, rather than just a fire department handbook as the township had planned. The estimated cost is \$1,200 for a full township employee handbook and would be \$2,500 for a review of the fire department handbook as-is. The township will get another estimate from the same attorney to use her template with specific sections that pertain to the fire department.

### Other business

In other business, the town board:

➤ Heard that the Church Street Sewer project is behind schedule due to rain delays, and the deadline has been extended

from Nov. 1 to Nov. 15.

➤ Did the first of two readings of the ordinance to charge for false alarms to the fire department and also the first of two readings of the frozen water ordinance which states residents must use a qualified contractor to defrost frozen water lines.

➤ Approved the purchase of a pump for the fire department that would be used to pull water from an ice-covered lake at a cost of \$4,700.

➤ Heard from CDGB that their pre-application for funding has been approved. The township will now complete an application. The grant money, if received, will be used for handicap accessibility improvements.

➤ Heard that a census employee from Chicago is working with the township to get census response rates up to increase census accuracy.

➤ The next township meetings will be Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 1 p.m. and Wednesday, Nov. 28 at 4 p.m.

## St. Paul's new organist an island resident from Elbow Lake

by STEPHANIE UKKOLA  
Staff Writer

SOUDAN- While some church-goers are just waking, Anne Sherve-Ose is already making her way through frigid waters to St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Soudan where she is the new organist.

On Sunday mornings, Sherve-Ose boats from her island on Elbow Lake to where her car is parked on shore, a mile-long boat ride, and then drives another 45 minutes to the church. Sherve-Ose plans to continue playing at church until the lake freezes and she is no longer able to boat out. Once the lake is solid ice, Sherve-Ose will ski back to shore and head south to her winter home in Iowa.

Sherve-Ose lived year-round in Iowa until two years ago when she bought a cabin on Elbow Lake. She became familiar with our area after working as an Outward Bound instructor after college. She said, "It was always my dream to live as close as possible to the Boundary Waters, and now I'm only six miles away. It's really a dream come true." After her move north, she sent letters to area churches letting them know she was available, and St. Paul's jumped at the opportunity. She now plays organ three Sundays per month, only taking a break for the church's once-monthly contemporary service which is led by Michelle Anderson.

Sherve-Ose learned to play the



piano as a young child and then the organ in seventh grade. Her father, a minister, and her mother encouraged her to play and enrolled her in lessons. Soon she was playing in the church where she grew up in Jamestown, North Dakota. She has now played in over twenty churches in North Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, and as far away as Turkey. She's played locally as a substitute at St. Martin's Catholic Church in Tower and St. Mary's Catholic Church in Cook.

Anne Sherve-Ose is also the author of "Mississippi Misadventures, Thirteen Trips of a Lifetime," a collection of stories from her and her friends' 2,552-mile canoe journey from the Itasca headwaters of the Mississippi to the Gulf of Mexico, completed over thirteen years. Mississippi Misadventures can be purchased by emailing Sherve-Ose directly at anneso2423@yahoo.com. Cost is \$6 in-person or \$10 if mailed.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Tower-Soudan Veterans Day program on Nov. 9 at TS Elementary

TOWER- Tower-Soudan Elementary School will host its annual Veterans Day program on Friday, Nov. 9 at 9 a.m. The community is cordially invited to attend and help the students honor our veterans.

### St. Martin's Christmas Bazaar set for Saturday, Nov. 10

TOWER- St. Martin's Catholic Church is hosting their annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

We are very excited about this year's event – at present we have eleven private vendors participating! All of the 'normal' St. Martin's tables will be there; plus we are introducing one new table, the Cookie Walk. You will be able to purchase your own choice of cookies, sold

by the dozen.

There are two children's events that are returning: the Make-and-Take Table and the Christmas Shop. The Make-and-Take table will offer a variety of decorations that the children can make. The Christmas Shop is only for children – they can do their own Christmas shopping for their family and friends.

As always, the St. Martin's Café will be open featuring five different soups, plus caramel rolls, bars, coffee, and tea.

We hope that you will join us on Nov. 10. If you're not a bazaar shopper, stop in for lunch.

### History of St. Nicholas at Sulu's, Nov. 14

TOWER- The Tower Soudan Civic Club will hold its next meeting on at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 14 at Sulu's. Please note the change of location for this meeting

Pauly Housenga will share how St. Nicholas connects to the folk

image of Santa Claus in the United States and the many other names he has been given in other countries. The presentation will focus around the St. Nicolas figures that Housenga has collected since the 1970s.

Join the Civic Club members at Sulu's to learn about some of the traditions and customs behind the figure of St. Nicolas in countries around the world. Everyone in the community and surrounding area is welcome to this meeting. Coffee and will follow Pauly's presentation.

### St. James hosting Community Thanksgiving Meal on Thursday, Nov. 22

TOWER- St. James Presbyterian Church in Tower is hosting a free Community Thanksgiving Meal on Thursday, Nov. 22 at 1 p.m. Take-outs will be available starting at 1:30 p.m. Please call for reservations, 218-753-6005, so we can plan how much food to have. Everyone

is welcome to attend.

### Tower-Soudan Lake Vermilion Events Board to meet Nov. 5

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Lake Vermilion Events Board will meet on Monday, Nov. 5 at 5 p.m. at Good Ol' Days. The group, which plans Fourth of July and other community events, is looking for new members and ideas for upcoming activities.

### Northern Red Hat Belles to meet Nov. 15

COOK- The Northern Red Hat Belles will meet on Thursday, Nov. 15 at 12 noon at the Montana Café in Cook. At 1:30 p.m., the group will go across the street to the Comet Theater for a viewing of the new movie, A Star is Born. Please RSVP to Pam at 218-753-3006.

### Tower-Soudan Women's Bowling

Week of Oct. 17  
Team rankings:  
Vermilion Club (44-12); Jeanne's (34-22); Broten Construction (34-22).

Hi Team Game- Vermilion Club 666; Hi Team Series- Vermilion Club 1,907; Hi Ind. Game- Bev Thomas; Hi Ind. Series- Flora Ferretti  
Week of Oct. 10

Team rankings:  
Vermilion Club (38-10); Jeanne's (32-16); Broten Construction (26-22).

Hi Team Game- Vermilion Club 707; Hi Team Series- Vermilion Club 1,956; Hi Ind. Game- Bev Thomas 167; Hi Ind. Series- Bev Thomas 480.

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

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

at 218-753-2950.

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

TOWER- A limited number of tickets are still available for the Tower-Soudan Athletic Association Fall Auction on Thursday, Nov. 8 at the Wilderness at Fortune Bay. Please call Jodi Summit at 218-753-2950 or stop by the Timberjay office in Tower. Tickets may also be available at the door.

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.

All the funds raised go to youth activities in Tower-Soudan. This is the group's only fundraiser each year, so please consider helping out this important community event. In the last two years, TSAA has donated over \$8,500 in the community.

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Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat: 8am–3pm  
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**County 77 Canister Site**  
2038 County Rd. 77, Greenwood Twp  
Winter Hours  
Thurs, Sun: noon–5pm

**Embarrass Canister Site**  
7530 Koski Rd., Embarrass  
Hours  
Sat: 12:30–4:30pm  
Thu: 10am–5pm

**Household Hazardous Waste Facility**  
5345 Regional Landfill Rd, Virginia  
Hours  
Tues and Sat: 8am–1pm

### Area Solid Waste Facility site hours

**Cook Transfer Station**  
2134 S. Beatty Rd., Cook  
Hours  
Mon: 10am–6pm  
Tues thru Sat: 9am–3:30pm

**Soudan Canister Site**  
5160 Hwy 169, Soudan  
Hours  
Mon, Wed, Sat; Sun  
8am–5pm

**Aurora Transfer Station**  
5910 Hwy 135 N., Aurora  
Hours  
Mon, Thurs, Fri: 8am–4pm  
Tue, Wed: 10am–4pm  
Sat: 8am–noon

**Regional Landfill**  
5341 Regional Landfill Rd, Virginia  
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VOTE ON TUESDAY

Local elections to be held on Nov. 6

City of Tower

TOWER- With three seats open in the upcoming city of Tower election, set for Nov. 6, local voters will have choices on their ballots.

Tower Mayor Josh Carlson has chosen not to run again. Jeffrey Hill, Orlyn Kringstad, and Steve Altenburg have all filed for the mayor’s seat. Altenburg is currently the city’s ambulance director and fire chief. According to the city charter and state law, ambulance director and/or fire chief cannot also have a seat on the council or be mayor.

Council members Brad Matich and Lance Dougherty have both chosen not to run for their seats. Five have filed for the two open council spots, including former Mayor Steve Abrahamson, Mary Lawler Shedd, Rachel Bel-

do, and Michael C. Larsen. Victoria Ranua filed for council but has since withdrawn her name.

Local townships

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

Embarrass

Gary Rantala, Gene Wright, and Caleb Cowden all have filed for the one open Supervisor seat. This seat is currently held by Bernie Mettler, who is running for county commissioner. Rantala

and Wright have both previously served on the board.

Mary Novak, the incumbent, filed for Treasurer.

Kugler

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

Eagles Nest

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

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

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

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Halli Jo Aluni

Halli Jo Aluni, daughter of Casey and Courtney Aluni of Virginia, born on July 23, 2018, was baptized during the service at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tower on Oct. 21, 2018, at an impressive ceremony with Rev. Elizabeth Cheney officiating at the rites. Little Halli Jo wore the traditional baptismal gown that her mother, sisters, grandmother, cousins, and other immediate family members had worn at their baptisms. Godparents were the infant’s aunts and uncles of Virginia, Ryan and Dr. Whitney Cobby and Matt and Danielle Seppi. Halli is the granddaughter of Randall and Marjorie Johnson of Tower, and Craig and Cheryl Aluni of Virginia. Halli’s great-grandparents are Rudolph Grahek of Virginia, and Roger Taylor of Parker, Colorado, and the late Robert and Shirley Aluni, Jane Shoden, Aggie Taylor, Angeline Grahek, and Elmer and Erlene Johnson.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Election Day Chili Feed and craft sale at St. Paul’s, Nov. 6

SOUDAN- The annual Election Day Chili Feed and craft sale will be held at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church on Tuesday, Nov. 6 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$7 and includes chili, bread, beverage, and dessert. Take out is available, call 218-753-5341.

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

TOWER- The Tower Holiday Craft Show will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Tower Civic Center. Tables are \$20 each (limit two 8-ft. tables per vendor) and must be reserved

and paid for in advance. Checks can be made out to Friends of VCS and mailed to Vermilion Country School, PO Box 629, Tower, MN 55790 or can be dropped off at the charter school or at the Timberjay office in Tower. For more information, call Jodi Summit at 218-753-2950.

Community Education instructors needed

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

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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 Nov. 5

Monday-	Polish Rice-a-Roni Muffin
Tuesday-	Chicken Noodle Soup, Cheesy Bread Sticks, Marinara Sauce
Wednesday-	Fish Sticks, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Dinner Roll
Thursday-	Sub Sandwich Station
Friday-	Mini Corn Dogs, Tater Tots.

Week of Nov. 5

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.

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

Election Day- Vote at your local polling place. All polls open until 8 p.m. Opening times may vary.

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, Nov. 15 at 4:45 p.m. Meetings posted online at [vermilioncountry.org](http://vermilioncountry.org).

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Letters from Readers

What will our resurrected bodies be like?

One aspect of heaven that we normally don’t consider is the nature of our resurrected bodies at the end of time. What will our bodies be like? Has God revealed anything to us about our resurrected bodies? Yes, He has! We will have our same body, but it will be a perfectly ‘spiritualized’ and glorified body. Meaning, our bodies will be permeated entirely by the spirit. Scripture and the Tradition of the Church refer to four qualities of the resurrected body due to this perfect union of body and soul. Among other places, these qualities are mentioned in St. Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor 15:42-44). We also see these qualities depicted in the risen body of Jesus Christ in the resurrection accounts (Jn 20:26, Lk 24:31).

Impassibility is the quality of the body making it unable to suffer or feel pain. As our soul is immortal now, in the life to come the body becomes immortal. Our bodies will not deteriorate or be affected by anything external to it. You won’t be affected by your bodily passions. You won’t even need food

or drink for nourishment to live. If we eat or drink in heaven, it will be purely for the pleasure of it.

Subtlety is the quality of the body to be unaffected by the material nature of things. This quality is caused by the perfect unity of the soul and body. As the soul is pure spirit, it’s spiritual characteristics will permeate the body. Nothing physical will stand in our way. We will be able to pass through walls. Jesus on a couple of instances was able to enter into locked rooms.

Agility is the quality of the body to perfectly obey the soul and move with the greatest of ease and speed. On earth, we are restricted by physical ability of our bodies. Like subtlety, this quality is due to the absolute dominion of the soul over the body. Imagine dunking a basketball! You won’t have to spend time traveling to another location. You will instantaneously be there. Remember how Jesus instantaneously appeared before the disciples and just as fast was gone.

In this life, there are many who are discouraged about the physical limitations of their bodies, whether that be the inability to genuflect, swing a golf club, or even put on their own socks. At the resurrec-

tion, you won’t have to worry about any of that!

Clarity is the quality of the body being free from any deformity and filled with beauty, luminosity and radiance. Consider Christ at his transfiguration or when he appeared to St. Paul on the way to Damascus (Acts 9:3).

What about the damned? The damned will also have their bodies at the resurrection. However, the qualities of their bodies will be the opposite of all the above. They will suffer. Their bodies will not be responsive to the movements of the soul as the bodies of the saints are. And their bodies will be ugly and dreadful. But they will still be immortal and incorruptible. “During that time these people will seek death but will not find it, and they will long to die but death will escape them” (Rev 9:6).

I pray these thoughts inspire you to think of your existence in the life to come and motivate you to be the saint you are called to be!

Father Nick Nelson  
St. Martin’s Catholic Church  
Tower



Libraries

Ely library

Hours: Monday — Friday,  
10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Saturdays — 8 a.m. to noon  
Closed on Sundays  
Phone: 365-5140

Babbitt library

Monday Noon-6 pm  
Tuesday Noon-6 pm  
Wednesday Noon-6 pm  
Thursday Noon-6 pm  
Friday Noon-5 pm  
Phone: 827-3345

Support groups

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

Tuesday Group  
schedule

ELY - The upcom-  
ing Tuesday Group  
schedule (subject to  
change) is listed below.  
All talks are at 12 noon  
on Tuesday at Grand  
Ely Lodge.  
Nov. 6 - Eva  
Sebasta - Ely Chamber  
of Commerce

Ely Free Clinic  
open Mondays

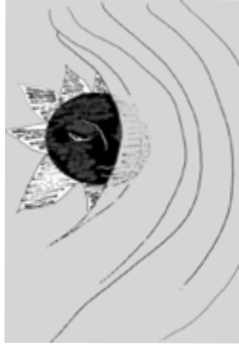
ELY - The Ely  
Community Health  
Center is open every  
Monday evening from  
5:30-7 p.m. in the lower  
level of the Frandsen  
Bank building on 1st  
Ave. in downtown Ely.  
For more infor-  
mation, call 218-365-  
5678, or visit their  
website, www.elycom-  
munityhealth.org, or  
Facebook page.

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.

Breathing Out

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november coming  
the gloomiest month ahead  
what was october



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OUR COMMUNITY

Taking lessons from history

A historian's perspective on the Ely Community Center



The 1907 Mesabi  
Range Strike

My first example is  
from the 1907 Mesabi  
Range Strike. Led by  
Finnish immigrants who  
called on the assistance of  
the Western Federation of  
Miners (WFM), miners  
demanded safer working  
conditions, a minimum  
wage, and an eight-hour  
workday. While there  
were many walkouts pre-  
viously, this was the first  
organized strike on the  
Range.

The WFM sent  
Italian immigrant orga-  
nizer Teofilo Petriella  
who worked in collabora-  
tion with Finnish, Slavic,  
and Italian strikers. It  
did not take long for  
the newspapers to begin  
their attack on the WFM,  
Petriella, and the immi-  
grant workers.

Nationality became a  
major focus while report-  
ing on the strike. On  
July 27, 1907, Hibbing's  
newspaper Mesaba Ore  
called Petriella "an alien  
Dago anarchist" with  
"blood-letting tenden-  
cies" as well as "a for-  
eigner—a smug-faced  
blatherskite."

Editor Claude M.  
Atkinson further stated  
that: "Months ago The  
Ore...advised that this  
Teofilo Petriella be  
treated with a coat of  
tar and feathers and  
removed, and The Ore  
still believes that to be  
the only solution of the  
Petriella problem...  
America must be pre-  
served for Americans,  
and the only course left  
open is to promptly sup-  
press all of those who  
will not accept, without  
question, the institutions  
of America."

On the same day, the  
Mesaba Ore then turned  
its attention to the immi-  
grant strikers by calling  
them "the off-scouring of  
Europe."

It went on to claim:  
"More than one-half  
of the men who formed  
the parade came into  
town from the Chisholm  
end of the district and it  
was a mark of note that  
fully 90 percent of those  
in line were Finlanders...  
The remainder of the  
motley crowd was made  
up of Austrians, Italians,  
and Montenegros—not one  
American appearing in  
the line."  
Rather than listen

to the claims made by  
the strikers about their  
working and living  
conditions, newspapers  
quickly dismissed them  
and chalked up their  
"rabble-rousing" to their  
immigrant status.

The 1916 Mesabi  
Range Strike

It took only nine  
years for those imported  
as strikebreakers of the  
1907 Strike to realize the  
unfair working condi-  
tions of the mines. It was  
then their turn to strike in  
1916 with the assistance  
of the Industrial Workers  
of the World (IWW).  
That summer was filled  
with clashes between  
immigrant strikers and  
mining company depu-  
ties, leading to several  
deaths. Again, the unfair  
working and living con-  
ditions of these workers  
was front and center;  
however, as with the  
1907 Strike, newspapers  
were quick to denounce  
the strikers as simply  
immigrant troublemak-  
ers.

While the strike was  
raging on the Range,  
World War I was also  
coming to a fever pitch in  
Europe. America had yet  
to enter the war, but this  
did not stop the spread-  
ing of anti-immigrant  
speech, specifically tar-  
geting those from Eastern  
Europe who were leading  
the strike.

The Wadena Pioneer  
Journal claimed that,  
"Most of the disorderly  
strikers are foreigners.  
Deport them on the  
ground that they are  
undesirables. A little of  
that sort of treatment  
would be more effective  
than armed control." The  
Cook Newsboy also made  
the statement, "If those  
foreigners down on the  
range, who are working  
as miners don't like this  
country, why in \_\_\_ don't  
they go back where they  
belong. We can get along  
without them."

On top of demeaning  
the strikers, the news-  
papers also took a very  
pro-American stance to  
combat the strikers.  
On July 14, 1916, the  
Tribune-Herald Chisholm  
proclaimed, "Americans  
must rule. They have  
the right to rule. They  
have the brains to rule.  
They have the power to  
rule. A great majority  
of the people are real

Americans. They believe  
in law and order. They do  
not believe in mob rule.  
And the mob has ruled in  
Biwabik long enough."

These statements  
were all made as poor,  
working-class immi-  
grants were trying to eke  
out a meager living in  
America. Ten thousand  
miners, their wives,  
and their children all  
came together to stand  
against the mining com-  
panies and proclaim  
they deserved better.  
As a result, they were  
insulted and threatened  
by American newspapers  
who did little to try and  
understand the other  
side's perspective.

Current events  
mimic the past

These two examples  
are from over 100 years  
ago and yet still remain  
extremely relevant in  
2018. They are perfect  
representations of fearing  
"the other" and thinking  
the status quo is good  
enough. Rather than think  
that these two strikes  
have no bearing on  
current events, I encour-  
age you to think critically  
on how today's actions  
will look 100 years from  
now.

Today, many Range  
residents are proud of  
their Finnish, Italian, or  
Slavic ancestry, as is their  
right; however, we should  
not fall into the same  
trap as many Americans  
from history have. As  
a region that was home  
to dozens of different  
immigrant groups, as well  
as indigenous peoples  
who were here first, we  
should be one of the most  
welcoming places in our  
country, not one of the  
most fearful.

We are a constantly  
changing place and we  
should not turn a cold  
shoulder to newcomers.  
One of the most dan-  
gerous sentences in the  
English language is, "But  
we've always done it  
this way." New cultural  
experiences and a deeper  
sense of empathy and  
compassion can only  
make our region stronger.  
Let us learn from history,  
welcome new Rangers,  
and share with them the  
beauty that is northern  
Minnesota.

Allyse Freeman  
is the curator for the  
Minnesota Discovery  
Center.

Ely Public Library Events

Thursday, Nov. 8 -  
3:30 pm - Movie Matinee  
- all ages  
Looking for a fun way  
to spend the afternoon?  
Join us for popcorn and  
a movie at our monthly  
Movie Matinee series.  
Each month, we have a  
new movie for you to enjoy

in our meeting area. This  
month's title is Bambi.  
We'll have the popcorn  
ready for you! This  
program is sponsored by  
Friends of the Library.

Monday, Nov. 12  
- Library Closed for  
Veterans Day

Tuesday, Nov. 13  
- 4 p.m. - NASA@My  
Library : Nanomaterials  
Learn about using  
nanomaterials to help  
in space exploration.  
Presented by Anahita  
Hafhizadeh, a PhD student  
in nanoscience and nano-  
engineering at the South

Dakota School of Mines  
and Technology. Anahita  
is working in developing  
new materials and tech-  
nologies for space appli-  
cations. There will be a  
hands-on activity at the  
end of the presentation.  
For grades three and older.



VERMILION COMMUNITY COLLEGE



The Vermilion Community College squad finished first at the MCAC Clay Target Fall Championship with an overall team score of 465, just two ahead of Southwest Wisconsin Technical College, 463, and Pine Technical and Community College, 457. submitted photo

# VCC wins Clay Target team title

ELY – Vermilion Community College took home the overall team championship trophy in the Minnesota College Athletic Conference’s newest sport, clay target or trapshooting.

The USA Clay Target League, recently concluded the inaugural season of the popular sport, with the MCAC Fall Championships on Oct. 16 at the Grand Rapids Gun Club.

While providing a platform for teams to compete in-person at the same site was the primary focus, the event was also a celebration of

the popularity and rapid growth of the sport in and around Minnesota, according to coach Wade Klingsporn.

The one-day championship event took place on a chilly and windy day, but participants, coaches, fans and families turned out in layers and smiles as they cheered on their teams, he said.

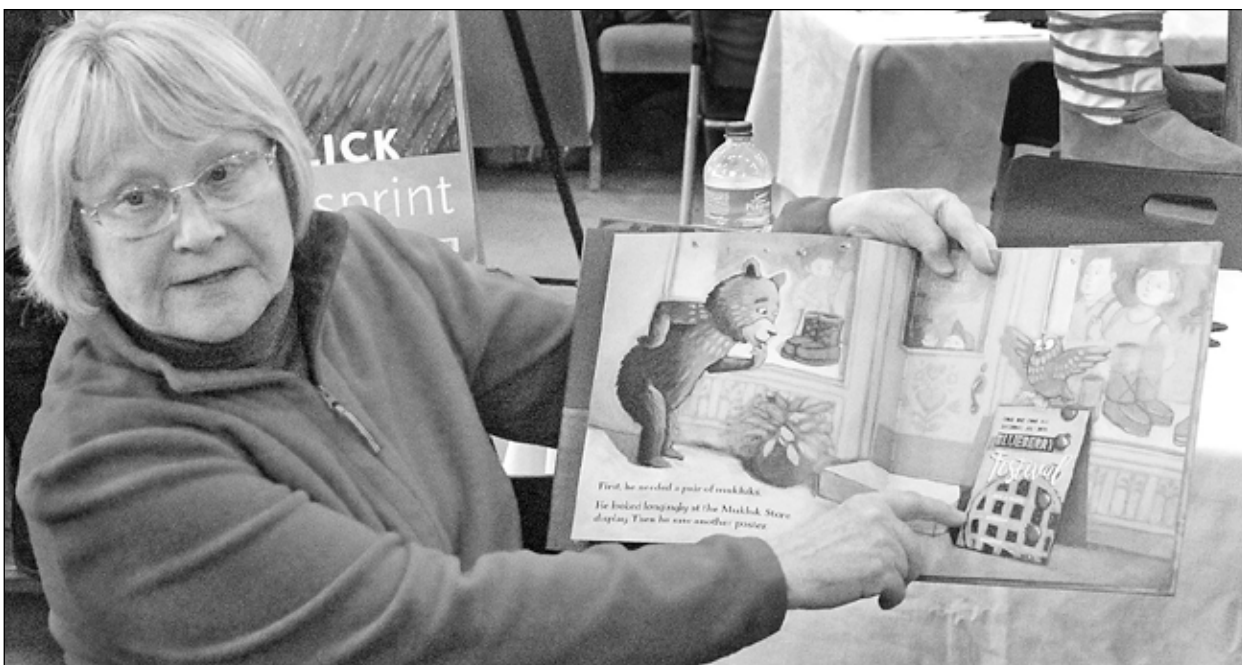
“While there were several great moments of competition, including two tie-breaking “first-miss” shoot-offs between the top two women’s competitors, and a third-place tie in the men’s division, several of the best moments went beyond the score

sheets,” he said.

The overall team championship on the day was claimed by VCC, who edged out Southwest Wisconsin Technical College by just two points.

Clay target, also referred to as trapshooting, is the newest activity in the MCAC. Similar to high school leagues, community college teams compete locally and record scores online. The VCC team practiced for a couple of weeks, competed for five weeks and then attended the state meet. A total of 155 students participated in the league.

## AROUND TOWN



# Mukluk Ball returns to Ely

New children’s book released last Saturday at Steger store

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY – The Mukluk Ball returned to Ely on Saturday in the form of a new children’s book.

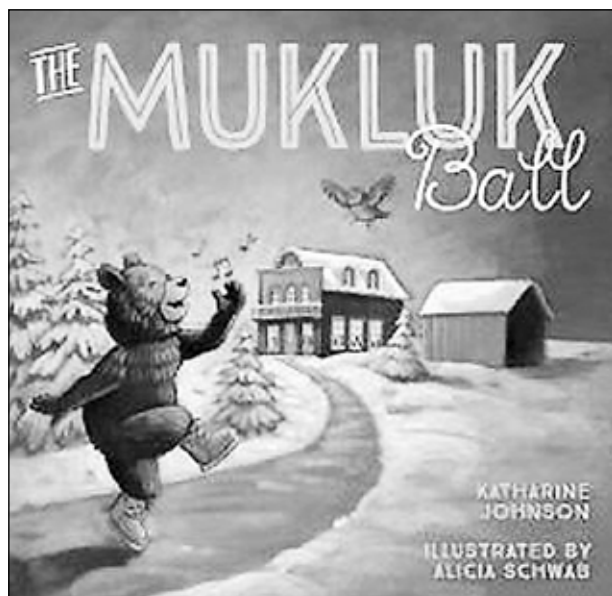
Years ago, part of the Winter Festival celebration here included a party and dance event in the former Community Center hosted by Steger Mukluks known as the Mukluk Ball.

The new version of the Mukluk Ball is a newly-released children’s book, published by the Minnesota Historical Society. Author Katharine Johnson and illustrator Alicia Schwab helped launch the book in Ely Saturday morning at Steger Mukluks.

With cookies and treats in hand, several families sat down in the popular store to hear the author read the story and to get their books autographed. They even had a dance party.

Here’s how the story goes:

Karhu the bear lives in the piney north woods near the bustling burg of Finn Town. When he sees



Author Katharine Johnson, top, read her new book at Steger Mukluks in Ely last Saturday. photo by K. Vandervort

a billboard advertising Mukluk Ball: Come One, Come All, he wants to go. Unfortunately, a few obstacles stand in his path.

First: he needs to buy a pair of mukluks, soft leather boots perfect for dancing. Karhu brings his innate skills to the town’s summer festival. He sells freshly picked blueberries and comforting bear hugs to earn enough for this

essential purchase.

Next: he needs to learn how to dance. Luckily, talented friends like Millie the square dancer and Mary Ann the librarian and Inga the folksinger agree to teach him. Soon he can polka and cha-cha-cha and boogie-woogie.

And then, the most vexing hurdle of all: with the dance set for January, Karhu needs a surefire

way to wake up from his long winter’s nap. Here, his friend Zazaa the owl swoops in to offer a solution.

Will the Mukluk Ball live up to Karhu’s dreams? The warmth and music and fellowship filling Finn Town Hall might just make for the best night of this bear’s life.

The hardcover, 32-page book, fully illustrated in color, is now available from the Minnesota Historical Society Press.

Steger Mukluks owner Patty Steger donated several of the books to the Ely community, including the Ely Public Library and Ely Washington Elementary School.

Katharine Johnson wears mukluks all winter in Cloquet. Her stories have been published in magazines and anthologies.

Alicia Schwab has been drawing and dancing her whole life. She is the illustrator of Good Grief and Great Group Skits.

## Sleigh rides with Santa, gift ideas featured at Holiday Fantasy Nov. 23-24

ELY - The annual Holiday Fantasy is set for Nov. 23-24 at Miners Dry House.

With 30 vendors already registered it’s going to be a busy place. The show is open on Friday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There is something for everyone including fresh wreaths and trees, kids’ toys, baked goods, photography and pottery. Beautiful ornaments for the whole family will be available to personalize. There will also be kids’ crafts again so parents can shop.

Traditional sleigh rides with Santa along the Trezona Trail will be offered both days of the show with a \$3 per person charge. Sleigh rides will start at Miners Dry and will run about 20-30 minutes per ride.

## Yesterday’s news, this week

from the archives of

## THE ELY MINER

Courtesy of the Ely-Winton Historical Society

November 1, 1918

## Cut down on lights

Ely citizens must curtail use of electricity to save fuel. Orders issued by Mayor Knutson were to the effect that in order to save coal at the city plant, people must be more conservative in the use of their lights.

Those orders were issued in response to a request made by the United States Fuel Administrator and should be followed out by every user of electricity in the city. The white way lights have been cut out to the extent of 50 percent all over the city and other savings on the part of the city are noticeable.

The orders issued are that no lights shall be used for illuminating or displaying advertisements, announcements or signs of any building, and that the use of lights for illuminating or displaying any shop windows or store windows or any signs in show windows shall be entirely discontinued.

There are penalties for the violations of these orders as issued by the fuel administration.

In addition to the above, it is requested that all domestic consumers be as saving in the use of the light and power as possible, and to turn off lights not actually needed in order to conserve fuel. One light alone is a small item, but the saving from one or more lights in each household when the entire city is saving, is considerable. You may figure that you are paying for it but remember that each light saved, means that much more toward winning the war.



## Area Solid Waste Facility site hours

**Northwoods Transfer Station**  
9384 Hwy 21 N. Ely/Babbitt  
Winter Hours  
Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat: 8am–3pm  
Tue: 9:30am–3pm  
Wed: 11am–5pm

**Aurora Transfer Station**  
5910 Hwy 135 N., Aurora  
Hours  
Mon, Thurs, Fri: 8am–4pm  
Tue, Wed: 10am–4pm  
Sat: 8am–noon

**Embarrass Canister Site**  
7530 Koski Rd., Embarrass  
Hours  
Sat: 12:30–4:30pm  
Thu: 10am–5pm

**Soudan Canister Site**  
5160 Hwy 169, Soudan  
Hours  
Mon, Wed, Sat, Sun:  
8am–5pm

**Household Hazardous Waste Facility**  
5345 Regional Landfill Rd, Virginia  
Hours  
Tues and Sat: 8am–1pm

**Regional Landfill**  
5341 Regional Landfill Rd, Virginia  
Hours  
Mon–Fri: 8am–4:30pm  
Sat: 8am–3:30pm

Winter hours effective October 1st through April 14th

St. Louis County Environmental Services Department  
1-800-450-9278  
Office hours 8-4:30 Monday through Friday  
www.stlouiscountymn.gov/recycle





# Community Notices

## Lyn Reed and Ron Maki exhibit

COOK - Northwoods Friends of the Arts is proud to announce the opening of an exhibit of new work by two former art instructors from ISD 2142. Lyn Reed and Ron Maki, who taught a combined 50-plus years in the Cook and Orr schools, are showing to the public what they have been creating since retiring from the classroom.

Lyn will be showing a new line of ceramics/pottery. Ron will be exhibiting some of his current large abstract paintings.

The opening reception, including time to visit with the artists, will be on Friday, Nov. 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. Reacquaint yourself with the artists or come and meet them for the first time. Join us to view something new, challenging and different, from two people who taught our students how to think in different ways and to create new worlds. The show runs the whole month of November, starting Nov. 1.

Gallery hours and days are Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Highway 1 detour

A culvert replacement project on Highway 1 in Linden Grove requiring motorists to use a detour route began Monday, Oct. 22.

Motorists traveling west on Highway 1 will be detoured north on Highway 73, west on County Road 114 and south on County Road 139.

Motorists traveling east on Highway 1 will be detoured north on County Road 139, east on County Road 114 and south on Highway 73. The detour route is about eight miles long and is fully signed.

The work is expected to be completed Nov.

2 and the detour will be lifted.

MnDOT thanks the public for their patience during this project.

## Readers and Rappers, Nov. 13

COOK - The book club has their next meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 13. Meeting place is at the Homestead Apartments in Cook at 1 p.m.

The book to be discussed is 'The Aviator's Wife' by Melanie Benjamin. 'The Aviator's Wife' is a work of historical fiction about the life of Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

The moderator is Jane Kujala and hostess is Susan Kolstad.

Following the discussion, there will be a visit from local author Pat McGauley, who will be introducing his new book titled 'Waiting'.

The book selection for December is 'Stones from the River' by Ursula Hegi.

New members are always welcome.

## Christmas program at Edge Center

BIGFORK - For anyone who wants to enjoy a fun "Scandinavian Christmas" evening without having to be Swedish or Norwegian, the Edge Center in Bigfork will be presenting a Christmas program filled with music, singing and dancing. In fact not being Swedish or Norwegian might even be better, because it might all be a totally new experience. This program has been performed at the Guthrie, on the Prairie Home Companion, in New York, and Norway. Anything that well-traveled certainly must have a lot to keep audiences coming. Indeed a "Scandinavian Christmas" is something for the whole family and it is entertaining, enjoyable and fun. On Dec. 16 the only dis-

tance one has to go is to Bigfork at the Edge Center to see this show. Come and see what's going on. It is a family-friendly show and will be on center stage Sunday, Dec. 16 at 2 p.m. Prices will be \$15 for adults and \$5 for children.

## Hunters Supper-Wild Game feed on Nov. 10 in Cook

COOK- Everyone is invited to attend the wild game feed the second weekend of deer hunting on Saturday, Nov. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cook Community Center. Dinner will be served starting at 6:30 p.m. Plenty of food will be provided, but if you want to bring your own contribution, nobody is going to stop you! The event will run from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and will involve a short program along with supper. Hope to see you there!

## Veterans Day lunch at Trinity Lutheran in Cook

COOK- Trinity Lutheran Church in Cook will be hosting a Veterans Day luncheon on Monday, Nov. 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.

This free lasagna lunch is in recognition of the service and dedication our veterans have given for our country. All area veterans and their family members are welcome to attend, as well as surviving spouses of veterans. Any questions can be directed to the church office at 218-666-5965. Trinity Lutheran is located off Hwy. 53 by the American Bank in Cook at 213 2nd St. SE. Handicapped parking is available in both the north and the south parking lots.

by MELISSA ROACH  
Staff Writer

COOK - The city council breezed through a short agenda at the meeting here in Cook last Thursday evening.

Council approved invoices for the River Street Bridge project from JPJ Engineering and Erickson Engineering totaling \$62,795.26. Administrator Theresa Martinson said that amount would be submitted to the county for reimbursement. She also provided updates on the bridge project as it nears completion. Martinson was hesitant to give a completion date, telling

## COOK COUNCIL

# Cook council pays the bills

the council there has been some delay with the rain.

Martinson reported the airport access road and parking lot pavement are now complete, and recommended the council approve payment to KGM for \$173,053.61. Martinson told the council there is a grant in place for that amount. She also provided an invoice from SEH for \$6,720 for their engineering services to the project for the board to approve.

Councilor Elizabeth Storm provided a brief update to the Lake Vermilion Trail, saying the group is focusing on

funding, marketing and fundraising.

Council approved library request for application for a Lake Country Power Round-up Grant.

Approved Walker, Giroux & Hahne to perform the 2018 city audit.

Bow deer hunters in Cook have harvested six female adults, one female juvenile, and one male juvenile.

Voting in Cook will be at the Cook Community Center. The council will meet to canvass city-wide election results for city council and mayor at 5:15 p.m. prior to the council meeting on Thursday Nov. 15.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

# The Thrift Shop needs you!

by KIRSTEN REICHEL  
Health Care Auxiliary President

COOK - It has been my honor to serve as the president of the Cook Area Healthcare Auxiliary the past few years. The Thrift Shop in Cook is our main source of income as a non-profit organization. My regret is that I am unable to help physically at the shop due to other obligations, especially at a time when the Thrift Shop really needs volunteers.

Because of the generous donations of many, we are able to reuse, recycle and renew so many items: clothing, books, kitchenware, small furniture, bedding, purses, shoes - the list is endless. As a result of the hard work of our volunteers and those who donate items, we have been able to provide over \$50,000 a year, for many years, to our Cook Hospital and Care Center as well as giving scholarships to North Woods High School students who pursue a career in health care.

Unfortunately, our volunteer base is dwindling and we need help. Most, if not all, of the volunteers are retired women who dedicate their time to the shop and have done so for many years. Some head south for the winter as "snowbirds" which leaves our volunteer base at a bare minimum.

What does it take to be a volunteer at the Thrift Shop? Being willing to spend a few hours a week to help sort through donated items (Mondays and Wednesdays starting at about 8 a.m.) and sign up to work on the days that we are open, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and the second and fourth Saturday of each month. And, it's fun!

Working at the Thrift Shop is a wonderful bonding experience. The days we are closed and sorting through all the donations present an opportunity to visit with fellow volunteers, catch up on what is happening in the community and enjoy the great variety

of food that volunteers bring for our coffee break.

Another bonus is to be able to work behind the counter on the days that we are open and meet and greet the many people who come to the Thrift Shop to find a special treasure, buy clothing by the bag-full at a bargain price, or purchase items for a person in need.

If you haven't been to the Thrift Shop - go! It's awesome! If you have some time on your hands and are willing to pitch in and help with an organization that has benefitted our area communities for many years - do it!

A few hours out of your week would be a huge contribution to this thriving organization that benefits so many. If you would like to be part of the Thrift Shop family, stop in and talk to other volunteers to see how you can help. Many hands make light work.

# Crane Lake News by the Singing Teapot Dames



Blasts of sunshine and cold weather have mixed for typical Minnesota November days.

November is the eleventh and penultimate month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian Calendars, the fourth and last of four months to have a length of 30 days, and the fifth and last of five months to have a length of less than 31 days. November was the ninth month of the ancient Roman calendar. November retained its name (from the Latin novem meaning "nine") when January and February were added to the Roman calendar. November is a month of late spring in the Southern Hemisphere and late autumn in the Northern Hemisphere.

Therefore, November in the Southern Hemisphere is the seasonal equivalent of May in the Northern Hemisphere and vice versa. In November we celebrate Deer Hunting Season, Veterans Day, the birthday of the Marines on Nov. 10, 1775, and Thanksgiving. Don't forget to set your clock back one hour as Daylight Savings Time ends Nov. 4.

Halloween was a special time at Crane Lake. There are not many youngsters for trick and treating but the adults enjoyed the festivities with parties. Jeanne and Ty Shuck hosted a very special party for delighted guests, some in costume, some not. There was one special sweet pickle, a hairy ape, several football players, the host as Elvis and the hostess in full "hooker" outfit. You can do that when you have that size body!!! The party was held in the beautiful spacious home of Jeanne and Ty which was decorated with witches and even a ghost snowmobiler. The word has it that this was the first of the annual Halloween parties at the

Shucks' house. Start thinking about your costume for next year.

Deer hunting season, an unofficial Minnesota holiday, is upon us. The sun and cold are welcomed by the hunters. Good clean shots to all the hunters. Remember to teach the little shots good safety rules. There are many lights in the bush from deer shacks being opened. Rumor has it that PeHarDi will be used this season. If you see lights, stop and say "Hello".

Thirty lashes with a wet noodle for the Dame who wrote the Anderson wedding report printed Oct. 12, 2018. Everyone knows it was Brandon Anderson, not Andrew, who married Hannah Chopp. Many apologies to the newlyweds Brandon and Hannah Anderson and many happy years together.

Have you watched the commercial on TV advertising back surgery? The patient is relieved of back, foot and leg pain with a simple laser procedure as opposed to open back surgery. The incision is only one inch long covered by a band-aid.

The patient walks happily out of the hospital the same day. Does it seem too good to be true? Well it isn't! Proof of the miracle is Mike Lang. He had the laser surgery on Wednesday at 4 p.m. in Moose Lake Hospital. At 7 p.m. he was released and driven home to the lake by 10 p.m. He feels fine, looks good and is pain free. Continued success on recovery to Mike, a miracle man.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery for Scott Minko of Eveleth. Scott fell last week and crushed his knee cap while also hitting his head. His head shows no sign of a problem however the crushed knee cap required immediate surgery in Duluth. The surgery was a success and Scott is now in the Virginia Hospital Rehab Section for rehab. Scott is the nephew of Ruth Carlson and it was his wife, Kathleen Minko, Ruth's niece, who was buried last week. Condolences to the entire family.

Our dear friend Zelda has left the area to move to her new house in South Carolina. The truck with all of her belongings

arrived in South Carolina while Zelda was in Texas for her brother's funeral. Zelda, dog Tinker and Linda Lang are now driving to Zelda's new home. Linda will fly back to Crane Lake after helping Zelda get settled. Condolences to Zelda on the loss of her brother and best wishes to the new home in South Carolina. Come and visit us often, Zelda.

Your ideas are needed to help design the Visitors Center being planned for the Borderland Lodge property. The Committee for Planning as formed by the Crane Lake Town Board presented a day workshop beginning with a tour of the site, which was conducted on Friday followed by a pizza lunch at Voyageaire Lodge. The afternoon was spent in a public workshop which included members of the Architectural Resources Inc. and members of the community. Everyone was invited. The community was well represented with interested members each having ideas. The community is encouraged to participate to visualize the Community Center. A full report of the meet-

ing will be given in next week's news.

Sue and Peter Dahl of Duluth spent some time at Crane Lake visiting and hunting. Sue and Peter proudly announced that they have an additional boat added to their chain of boats for charter fishing on Lake Superior. The names of the boats are very clever and include Happy Hooker, Happy Hooker Too, Treble Hooker, Five Star Hooker and the latest addition of the sleep-over boat is Nauti Hooker. Peter is the captain with his son, brother and nephews also guiding. Sue does the reservations for the charter trips. They are a busy couple in the summer but enjoy being snowbirds in Texas in the winter.

Let us hear from you! Send news by e-mail to info@thelakecountry.com, by fax at 218-757-3533 or by phone to Sandy at 218-757-3233 and it will be added.

Until next week, the Teapot Dames are singing off.



COOK COUNCIL CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Editor’s Note:

The Timberjay is publishing these statements from candidates for Cook City Council. Three candidates are on the ballot for two open council seats. Cook residents will be able to vote for their top two picks. Statements are in alphabetical order by last name.

Jody Bixby

(Note, this candidate’s statement was transcribed by Cook-Orr Editor Marcus White.)

I have lived in Cook for many years. My husband and I are residents and we raised our children here. I was asked to be on the council many years ago and since then I have learned a lot about how the city runs

and the grants we receive. We (the council) have done a lot of infrastructure projects such as the new River Street Bridge. There can always be more to work on and that’s why I want to stay on the council. When you look at young families struggling and people on fixed incomes, we need to take those people into consideration on proper-

ty taxes and utility bills. One thing we need to look at is bringing more new businesses to Cook and affordable housing for people to live. We need to make it a priority to come up with a plan. What that entails is a life of its own.

Bixby is running for her third term on the Cook City Council.

Kim Brunner

I have been on the Cook City Council since 2011.

I joined then and continue to serve now for the city as a whole. As a city resident, I took notice of the deteriorating infrastructure and focused on the importance of bringing our city back up to date. I’ve contin-

ued to get knee deep into the discussions on maintenance of the city and many projects. I’m proud to be a member of the team that brought projects to completion.

I have always been interested in a good outlet for children and young adults in the community. I briefly joined the Recreation Community to dedicate my time and fo-

cus on that mission. With firm support from the city and wonderful volunteer efforts, they were able to recreate a wonderful new building at the Doug Johnson Recreation Area for all the community residents to enjoy and appreciate.

I have strong ongoing interest in critical services in the community-fire, ambulance, etc.

I have a background in the liquor business so served as a key decision maker for the city’s store to show a profit which helps with the city budget.

My interest lies in continuing the many great projects that have started, and encouraging additional projects that will benefit the city and its constituents.

Daniel Reing

Hello to all the readers. As I say, in life’s journey you never know where it will take you. About four years ago my wife and I decided to leave our jobs and find new ones in the Cook area. I was born and raised here, and I returned full circle. This city is a great place to grow up. I am proud that I had the opportunity to do so. It is a safe place

to raise a family. Our daughter loves living here. A short time ago, I decided to run for city council because I want to continue to serve the city I grew up in. I currently am an active volunteer EMT on the Cook Ambulance. I also work for the city of Eveleth as a police officer. I also substitute teach from time to time in area schools including North Woods. My whole family serves on

the Cook Ambulance as well. Public service and helping people is in my blood. I enjoy helping people and keeping people safe. I will tell you I am not a politician and I won’t make any campaign promises except for one; I will give you my very best effort if I am elected. I enjoy going to and attending community events. I want to continue to invest in the city. As great as Cook is, there

is always potential for growth. I think change is good from time to time. I want to bring new ideas and energy to the council. I want to bring a fresh perspective to our city. I am always willing to listen to residents with their concerns and issues. I hope you vote for me on Nov. 6!

COOK LIBRARY

Library celebrates Fiber Arts Month

COOK - On Tuesday, Oct. 30, over 40 people gathered at the Cook Public Library for hot beverages and appetizers in celebration of Fiber Arts Month. Participants had fun looking at the various fiber art pieces and talking with artists and admirers. Fiber Arts Month was coordinated by library assistant, Margaret Jarka.



Crowds gather for afternoon tea at the Cook Public Library. photos by Crystal Phillips

Briefly

Food for Fines at Cook Library

COOK - Bring one nonperishable food item and we will delete all fines on one item. Items include books, DVDs, and audio books. For example, if you have fines on three items, three food donations will clear fines on those items. Food donations must be presented to library staff in order to clear fines from the library card account. Food items should not be outdated.

Fine Forgiveness for Youth (0-17): Fines on lost or overdue items will be waived when items are returned.

Library materials must be returned and checked in before fines can be removed. All collected food items will be given to the Cook Food Shelf.

Friends of the Library basket fundraiser

COOK - Beginning Nov. 13, the Cook Friends of the Library will be sponsoring a combination silent auction and dollar raffle ticket fundraiser. A variety of baskets, containers and items will be on display at the Cook Public Library. Winners will be drawn during the Volunteer Appreciation Event on Thursday Dec. 13 at 6 p.m.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to spend the next month browsing and bidding, while enjoying everything our library has to offer. Winners need not be present and will be notified.

North Woods teacher conferences

FIELD TWP - Teacher Conferences for parents and guardians will be held here Thursday, Nov. 8 and 15. Conference hours on both days are 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The conference schedule is also available on the North Woods School website. Please note this is a change in the previously published school district calendar. The updated calendar may be found on the school and district websites.

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.

Bookmobile schedule

Visit your library on wheels, the Arrowhead Library System Bookmobile.

Nov. 8 & 29, Dec. 20

Nett Lake - Community Center 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Crane Lake - Ranger Station 11:15 a.m. - 12 noon

Orr - Lake Country ReMax building 1:45 - 2:30 p.m.

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

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



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Ash River Trail Canister Site  
11391 Ash River Trail  
Winter Hours  
Sat: 12:30pm–4:30pm

Orr Canister Site  
4038 Hwy 53  
Winter Hours  
Tue, Thur: 9am–noon  
Sat: 8am–noon

Cook Transfer Station  
2134 S. Beatty Rd.  
Hours  
Mon: 10am–6pm  
Tues thru Sat: 9am–3:30pm

Household Hazardous Waste Facilities  
5345 Regional Landfill Rd., Virginia  
Tue, Sat: 8am–1pm

Kabetogama Lake Canister Site  
10150 Gamma Rd  
Winter Hours  
Wed: noon–4pm  
Sat: 8am–noon

Portage Canister Site  
6992 Crane Lake Rd.  
Winter Hours  
Tue, Sat: 1pm–4:30pm

Regional Landfill  
5341 Regional Landfill Rd, Virginia  
Hours  
Mon–Fri: 8am–4:30pm  
Sat: 8am–3:30pm

3994 Landfill Rd, Hibbing  
Sat: 8am–1pm

Sturgeon Canister Site  
8380 Hwy 73  
Hours  
Sun: 10am–4pm

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Winter Hours  
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TOWER

# Tower council, mayor candidates air views at forum

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

TOWER— About 60 Tower area residents turned out at the civic center here for what was the first candidate forum in recent memory for those running for mayor or city council in Tower. With none of the three current incumbents, including Mayor Josh Carlson and Councilors Brad Matich and Lance Dougherty, seeking re-election, this year's contest has the potential to bring a fundamental change to city governance.

The Tower Soudan Civic Club sponsored the event and club member Ellie Larmouth moderated the event.

## Mayoral contest

Only two of the three candidates for mayor actually appeared at the forum. Candidate Jeff Hill provided literature and a statement, which Larmouth read in Hill's place, but Hill declined to appear in person. That left Orlyn Kringstad and Steve Altenburg to make their cases to the audience.

"I'm running on my experience and what I have done for the city in volunteering for commissions and committees and working on the fire department and the ambulance," said Altenburg in his opening remarks. Altenburg said he had been on the fire department since 2006 and has been chief for nearly five years and he talked about his budgetary experience, claiming that the department is currently running under budget.

Altenburg noted that he has also served as ambulance director for nearly two years, and said his tenure in that department "has been a financial success as well."

Altenburg noted that the ambulance department is the largest single budget under the city's general fund. "There is a lot of fiscal responsibility when it comes to the city. There's lots of things that need to be done and you're never going to get them all done. There will never be enough money."

Kringstad talked about



**Civic Club member Linda Haugen (left) visited with council candidate Steve Abrahamson, along with Steve's sisters Joan Broten and Susan Abrahamson.** photo by M. Helmberger

his vision for the future of Tower, and the company he helped found, known as Tower Vision 2025. "Tower Vision has always been about much more than just building town homes around the Tower harbor," he said. "The plan was, and is, to provide a pathway for making Tower a model sustainable, rural town with a resilient and growing economy. We want to maintain a high standard and quality of life for both current and future residents."

Kringstad mentioned a community visioning session held last year, which drew a large turnout of area residents to develop a road map for improving the city. "The outcome was a five-page document that outlined a vision for the city of Tower by its citizens." He said groups like the civic club and the Tower-Soudan Community Development Corporation, and its Main Street Committee, had gotten involved in implementing some of the ideas that session had generated. Recent improvements to the civic center were among the items that the Main Street Committee helped to implement.

Kringstad addressed concerns about a possible conflict of interest between his financial involvement with the town home project and his role as mayor, if elected. "Earlier this month,

Marit and I sold our stake in Tower Vision to our business partners. We've revised the LLC bylaws to exclude Marit and me from ownership of the project. So I no longer am the chief executive of either." But Kringstad said he would continue to enthusiastically support the project in his role as mayor. "In fact, I will become the chief visionary cheerleader for the harbor project and for every other well-defined, appropriate, economically-beneficial development proposal that comes before the city council. So, as mayor, I will become a different stakeholder."

The candidates also responded to moderated questions from the audience. When asked about their top priorities as mayor, Altenburg said he would continue the focus on growth and development, while protecting city assets, particularly those that generate revenue.

Kringstad said his first job would be to better understand the duties and functions of the various departments. "If you don't understand what people are doing, it's very difficult to manage them," he said.

When asked about the biggest challenge facing the city, Kringstad said rebuilding trust and transparency in city government would be a top goal to address, along with completing the

harbor project. "The harbor project will drive a lot of other development in town," said Kringstad, "and that will broaden the tax base and will draw new people to town."

Another question focused on the daycare shortage. Altenburg said he didn't view the issue as a council matter. Kringstad said creating jobs in the community would attract more families to the area and allow a childcare center to become viable.

When asked if he would resign from the "ambulance crew" if elected, Altenburg said "no." But he indicated that he would follow the city's charter as it pertains to his position as ambulance director. The current city charter prohibits city officials from holding incompatible offices, which prevents members of the city council from simultaneously holding the office of fire chief or ambulance director. Earlier this year, Altenburg attempted to change the city charter to allow him to hold incompatible offices, but others on the city's charter commission rejected the idea.

Kringstad addressed a question on how to help grow Tower's economy. "If we want to maintain our businesses here, we need to buy locally. That's one of the things that Marit and I talk about all the time," he said, noting that Aurora recently lost its Zup's grocery store. "It would be devastating for this town if the same thing happened here," he said.

## Council candidates

Four candidates are vying for two open seats on the city council, including Mary Shedd, Steve Abrahamson, Michael Larsen, and Rachel Beldo. A fifth individual, Victoria Ranua, will appear on the

ballot, but she has indicated that she will not be a resident of the city at the time of the vote and so is not qualified to serve.

Shedd, a 30-year resident of Tower, said she decided to run because after a long career with the U.S. Forest Service, she was now retired and had the time to take on the job. Shedd noted that she has long been involved in a number of volunteer efforts in the community, including helping to organize the annual Vermilion Run on the 4th of July, helping with senior bingo or Operation Santa, or serving on the board of the Tower-Soudan Historical Society. "Those are the small joys of being part of the community," she said.

As for her priorities, Shedd pointed to the 2015 joint Tower-Breitung Comprehensive plan, which she said was created with a lot of involvement from residents. "Those plans include economic development and diversification of housing opportunities, from high-end to low-end, along with cultural and recreational opportunities. Those priorities are exactly what interests me." Shedd also made a push for engaging and collaborating with neighboring townships in the community's efforts. "The council can't do it alone. Tower's not going to do it without Soudan. We're not going to do it without Lake Vermilion," she said.

Candidate Michael Larsen, in a very short opening statement, said the city needs to assess what money it's spending and look into the possibility of tax relief. "Taxes are higher in Tower than in other areas around here," he said. He indicated that the harbor should be developed for the public. "It should not be just a bunch of condominiums," he said.

Rachel Beldo was the new resident among the candidates, having moved to Tower a few months earlier. Beldo, who grew up in Eveleth, is a nurse practitioner now working for Scenic Rivers Health Services. She said when Scenic Rivers posted its opening about a year-and-a-half ago, she jumped at the chance to return to the Iron Range and eventually bought a home on the city's north side.

She said she opted to move to Tower because she believes the community has a lot of potential. She moved to Tower in June and two months later decided to

run for city council. "Being a new resident, I have a deep interest in becoming a stronger member of the community through public service, which pushed me to this opportunity," she said.

Steve Abrahamson probably needed no introduction, having served on the city council for four terms, the last three as mayor. He got off the council four years ago to focus on his real estate business, he said. He cited some positive developments in recent years, including the opening of the clinic and the local charter school. "I feel strongly about the need to continue to move forward," he said.

Abrahamson said his long experience in city government. "I know where the funds are and believe that networking is important," he said, stressing the need to work with area political leaders to obtain funding for projects. "I think housing is a big opportunity in Tower," he said. "I'm in the real estate business and we have people always looking for places in Tower."

Abrahamson said he agreed with Shedd on recognizing the importance of thinking cooperatively as a region. "That's one of the big things that funding sources stress. How is what you do going to impact the region?"

As for top priorities, Shedd said she recognized that the next council will be mostly new and she'd want to take time to "take stock" of how to advance existing projects while also looking at new projects based on the priorities identified by the comprehensive plan.

Larsen said he didn't think the city needed any projects that were going to cost the city money. "We've got to get those Gunderson forest lands leased out as soon as possible and see if they're ready to log," he said.

Beldo said her first priority would be to gain trust, both in herself as a new resident, and as a council that will include three new members. She said she's been familiarizing herself with the ongoing projects but said it's important that projects have support and that members of the community feel that they're being heard.

Abrahamson said he would want to reengage with city staff to find out what works and what doesn't, and get involved in the projects again. "I think it's important before any decisions are made that we get up to speed and understand what has been going on in the community," he said.

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facilitating an interview between a Fox News reporter and Stauber back in 2017, for a story on the Eighth District race. In addition, they show Stauber forwarding an email from then-DFL candidate Kirsten Kennedy, in which Kennedy criticized some of those in attendance at a DFL function for dismissing Stauber's on-duty injuries as a Duluth police officer, which could have been incorporated into an attack ad.

In response to the case, Stauber spokesperson Caroline Tarwid referred any questions to the NRCC,, but did issue a one-sentence statement indicating that Stauber "respects the court's decision and the process just

as he did when the county looked into this matter and found no wrongdoing."

In fact, county officials have not weighed in on the question of wrongdoing but issued a statement last month indicating that the county found no reason for further investigation. The political nature of the emails suggest that Stauber may have run afoul of St. Louis County's ethics policy, which, among other things, states that elected officials "will not use St. Louis County equipment in support of their own campaigns for re-election, other candidates for public office, or political organizations."

The state DFL Party, which had sued St. Louis County for access to the

emails, took a tougher line on the contents of the emails. "Beyond abusing the public trust, Stauber disregarded state law and violated St. Louis County ethics policy by using county resources to advance his political ambitions, and then lying about it," said DFL Party Chair Ken Martin in a statement issued after the release of the emails. "Over the course of this campaign, Stauber has tried to convince Minnesotans that he would stand up to Washington Republicans and put Minnesota first. These emails show that was never his intention. Months before he was even an official candidate, Pete Stauber was plotting and strategizing with party bosses in

D.C. at the expense of his constituents at home."

International Falls attorney Patrick Boyle, who heads the DFL Party in Koochiching County, said the emails show Stauber as overly-reliant on GOP leaders. "Stauber's just lazy. Not only does he not think for himself, he's a hypocrite," said Boyle. He also took issue with the apparent use of his county aide to arrange a campaign-related interview. "As a county employee, she shouldn't be arranging anything of a political nature," Boyle added.

The emails, according to Boyle, reflect a candidate who would be highly dependent on GOP party leaders for his political directions, which runs

counter to Stauber's promises to be an independent voice in Washington.

## Judge's decision

The release of the emails came after District Court Judge Stoney Hiljus issued an order on Tuesday, finding that the emails in question were public information under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act and giving the county until noon on Oct. 31 to release them. County officials had maintained for months that the emails were private because they involved communication between an elected official and an individual, but the judge rejected that argument, noting in a lengthy explanation that the county's

interpretation of the law would preclude the release of almost any email to or from an elected official.

The judge's ruling was consistent with the Oct. 16 opinion of the Minnesota Commissioner of Administration, who had also concluded that the emails were public. The Star Tribune newspaper had requested the advisory opinion after St. Louis County refused to provide the emails between Stauber and the NRCC. When the county still refused to comply, the DFL filed suit last week. Judge Hiljus held a hearing in the case last Friday and had promised to issue his ruling by Tuesday.

# POLLS...Continued from page 1

false."

Stauber's campaign has faced its own controversy over his use of his St. Louis County email account for politically-based communications with the National Republican Congressional Committee. St. Louis County finally released those emails this week (see related story page 1), under a court order.

Health care has been a major focus of the campaign, with Radinovich offering support for a single-payer universal health care program, by making Medicare available to all Americans.

Stauber has painted that plan as a "government takeover" of health care but has said little about his own plans for health care.

The race has also seen a third-party candidate emerge, Ray "Skip" Sandman, who is running on the Independence Party ticket.

Locally, voters will decide who replaces Tom Rukavina on the county commission after he announced his retirement due to health concerns. Educator Paul McDonald and former Sheriff's Deputy Bernie Mettler were the top vote-getters in the August primary and have faced off ahead of Tuesday's general election (see related story page 1).

Statewide, DFL Congressman Tim Walz is vying to keep his party in control of the Governor's Mansion against GOP candidate and Hennepin County Commissioner

Jeff Johnson. Johnson unsuccessfully challenged current Governor Mark Dayton in 2012.

Walz has adopted many of the Democratic Party's national campaign themes, advocating for single-payer health care in the state and increased funding to education.

Johnson, who once criticized President Trump, has now thrown his support behind the president. Johnson has called for the state to stop allowing refugee resettlement within its borders saying it is costing taxpayers too much.

Attorney General candidate Keith Ellison met with voters in the region, including visits to Hibbing and Cook. Ellison, an outgoing DFL congress-

man from Minneapolis, is facing GOP hopeful Doug Wardlow to replace retiring Attorney General Lori Swanson, who bowed out of the office to run for governor.

Both Ellison and Wardlow have attracted controversy. Ellison has fought off allegations made by a former girlfriend this past summer that he grabbed her leg and pulled her across a bed during a domestic dispute, an allegation he denies. A DFL investigation into the matter found the allegations unfounded and

recently released divorce papers from an earlier marriage suggested that Ellison had faced occasional physical violence from his ex-wife, but did not reciprocate.

Wardlow in recent weeks has faced criticism he bullied a high school classmate over their sexual orientation. Wardlow is connected to the alt-right group, the Alliance Defending Freedom, which has been labeled a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center. He served as the group's legal counsel

during campaigns to stop the legalization of same-sex marriage and authored many of the group's legal briefs supporting a business's right to fire LGBT employees and deny services to others.

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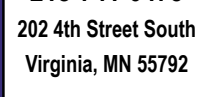
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ely Broadband Coalition looking for more grant projects

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY – The city of Ely and other partners in the Area Broadband Coalition gathered this week to brainstorm ideas to promote the use of high-speed fiber Internet as a tool for economic development

Bill Coleman, a contractor for the Blandin Foundation, served as a community coach for about two-dozen elected officials and residents

who met at Amici’s Event Center Tuesday night to begin a second round of seeking up to \$50,000 in funding from the foundation and the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation.

The local coalition competed against five other communities for a \$75,000 grant about 18 months ago to develop various broadband-related economic development projects. In addition, the Ely Area Broadband Coalition received a \$25,000 grant

to help fund a feasibility study for developing the infrastructure to provide broadband.

“With this new round of funding, you can either do more of what you have been doing, some new things, or a combination of both,” Coleman said. “Those in attendance here have a lot of influence on how these dollars are spent.”

He stressed that adding broadband to a community is not just about adding the infrastructure, but how to make the best possible

use of the technology to improve a community.

Coleman stressed six criteria that are used to evaluate the development ideas highlighted in the grant applications. “As far as the grant funding, ideas must fit into one of these buckets,” he said. “Ideally, the more buckets your ideas fit in, the stronger they are.”

The categories include:

➤ Broadband infrastructure - This is a marketing term defined as 25

mb download speed and three mb upload speed. The state goal for 2026 is 100 mb download and 20 mb upload speeds;

➤ Knowledge workforce – In almost every industry, people have to be aware of how technology is used. Every field has a greater use of technology, and some are strictly based on the use of that;

➤ Digital equality – Everyone will have a computer, know how to use it, plus have a connection to the Internet;

➤ Innovation – Doing new things in new ways, or old things in different ways or better ways, and helping a community catch up to today’s technology;

➤ Sustainability – This is economic development with the future in mind, including using resources in the best possible way with no waste;

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continued support for his plan to convert portions of rural hospitals in Cook and Ely to house mental health patients and encourage those facilities to hire mental health nurses and other specially-trained staff.

“We’ve turned a blind eye to it, we can’t do that any longer,” McDonald said. “Beds for mental health patients are scarce. Hibbing and Duluth have the beds, but they are almost always full.”

Mettler, who hails from Embarrass, took

McDonald to task over his plan, stating his opponent was oversimplifying a complex problem. “I don’t think it is as simple as putting some people in a hospital for a nurse to watch,” he said. “The problem comes when they are a danger to themselves and they need more supervision. It is a much more complicated issue than we care to address.”

Mettler added people who needed crisis care would still need to go to larger facilities for advanced care.

Both candidates were also asked about how they felt about addressing violence in schools and how it was related to mental illness.

Both Mettler and McDonald said they supported expanding the School Resource Officer program to have an officer in every school, and not split across schools as is the case in St. Louis County School District facilities.

McDonald added that the county should put more money towards partnerships with Range Mental

Health to expand access to mental health care professionals in schools.

Mettler said solving the stigma of mental illness in violence should be addressed through education both in schools and in homes, so people know when to get help.

Mining and job creation

Both candidates expressed support for proposed copper-nickel mining projects, especially the PolyMet project.

“I am a proponent of mining. I always have been,” McDonald said. “I wouldn’t be here today if my parents didn’t come here for mining. We’ve been mining here for 135 years, and I think we can mine here for at least another century. Our country was built on exploration. They’re looking for gold and other precious metals. Job creation is waiting to happen at PolyMet. It’s getting close. It will bring more royalties into the county coffers.”

While Mettler agreed on the PolyMet project, he pointed out that county commissioners had little to do with the approval process for mines, and said to get jobs on the Iron Range now, the county needed to invest in broadband internet access.

“Why isn’t the county leading this charge?” Mettler asked. “Why aren’t we looking at this as a county-wide project. It’s like phones or electricity.”

Mettler proposed the county could install and own broadband cable and lease out the usage to varying companies on the premise that county residents would benefit from fair pricing.

On job creation, both candidates also expressed support for the Vermilion Trail project and said it would bring revenues into small businesses and lakeside resorts.

Other issues

Both commissioners balked at a question on whether the county should be divided in two. Mettler called the idea a “romantic notion” with both he and McDonald saying there was no financially viable way to split the county in half.

On housing, Mettler said the problem of affordable housing should be addressed by cities and not by the county. He added, “if you have a job and you have the credit, you should be able to build a house.”

McDonald said communities should work with the county to look at all of the options available to them to build suitable housing for their location.

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- “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.” - Pete Stauber did nothing!
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be voting for the first time. I tell them, 'This is why we vote, this what happens when enough people don't vote.' For my ninth graders it is mostly just theory. For my upper classmen and those who could be voting, it is hands on. It's how you register and what you need to know."

Limp said seven students in the North Woods senior class are eligible to vote in next week's election. He expects three or four of them will actually do so.

But for those three or four students who plan to vote, he admits it can be a big task wading through all of the noise of social media and other online sources, and students just can't blindly walk into their voting stations. They need to know how to determine fact from fiction, he said.

"Look at reputable news sites, Fox, CNN, New York Times, etc.," Limp said. "I don't care if they are on the left or the right. I explain to them why these are good sites to go to. Sometimes they do get the information a little wrong, but in general I think our news sources do a good job."

In class, Limp uses graphics that plot media bias to give his students some background knowledge as to the prevalent sources of information they may encounter online.

"When you read the article or the story, you can keep it in the back of your mind for context," Limp said. "I don't think we've gone through an article that doesn't have some bias in it."

Often, he said, he finds himself explaining to students why articles they bring to class aren't necessarily true or don't tell the whole story. In that case, Limp said, he

walks the students through a process in order to critically examine articles from less reputable sources to balance them against larger media outlets with more accurate information.

"Identifying fake articles has been the hardest job in teaching kids about voting," Limp said. "I have so many kids come up and ask about things they saw or their parents saw on Facebook."

Part of the challenge, Limp acknowledges, is getting the students to read or watch the news outside of the classroom. For many, social media sites, like Facebook, become a substitute for real news.

## College voting

By the time students get to college, political parties know most students are able to vote, and political engagement tends to be more organized and intense. Organizations, often led by students, play a larger role in getting out the vote as well as providing political information to students.

The Student Senate at Vermilion Community College in Ely again initiated a "Push Out the Vote" effort this fall to help students register and choose where they will vote, or to apply for an absentee ballot for the Nov. 6 midterm election.

Federal law helps determine where a college student can vote since most are eligible to vote either in their home district or in their school's district, provided they choose only one.

"It can be really iffy for students to register when they are at school, or to vote back at home because they are up here," said VCC Student Senate

Secretary John Schaefer. "We thought this would be a great way to make it easier for all students to vote this year."

A student attending VCC who is from another state is allowed to register as a Minnesota resident after living here for 20 days, he said.

During lunch periods for the past couple of weeks, VCC Student Senate members staffed a table in the cafeteria for students to get assistance with voter registration. "We collected the forms and they were mailed out by the school. The only thing the student had to do was fill out the form," he said. "Turnout was super good. It turned out really well."

VCC Student Senate President Elizabeth Rios said in just one 90-minute period last week she had as many as 45 voter registration forms filled out. "I was surprised by how many came out. The voter registration was better than in 2016. I think it came more from us students encouraging each other. Our future does depend basically on us Millennials."

On Election Day next week, a shuttle van will be available for students to ride to the Ely polling location at the Senior Center.

Rios said climate change and the environment, along with disparities in the educational system are both high on her priority list when choosing candidates to vote for.

Coming from Texas, she said she felt she was not as prepared for college classes as many of the students she met from Minnesota and other Midwest states. "I'm in state and local government class this semester and I feel dumb as a rock at times. At least 80 percent

of the students here are from northern states like Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa, and they understand what is going on and what is being taught. It really shows. There are three students from Florida in my class and they're in the same situation that I'm in," she said.

Schaefer said the hot topic for many VCC students is the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and the mining issue. "It is kind of split here at the college. I know a lot of kids up here care very much for the protection and continued health of the Boundary Waters," he said.

Abby Nordstrom, VCC Student Senate secretary, said the midterm election is very important with as many as 39 state governor positions up for election. "I feel like the 2016 election made people feel stronger in their positions," she said. It is almost as if they have blinders on. Politically it is very divided. I think voter turnout could be very large this year."

She also noted that the Trump administration's recent tax plan could mean more changes to the Affordable Care Act. "That won't affect me yet, until I'm 26, but it will impact many, many Americans," she said.

## Young election judges certified with veterans

Along with efforts to get out the vote at Vermilion Community College, municipal officials recognize that voting isn't the only need at election time. The need for election judges is on the rise, and young people are the prime target to replace aging baby boomers and

other older generations who make up the largest percentage of judges.

The city of Ely and Morse Township are again working on a joint election project with student election judges training along with area veterans for next week's election.

The experiment was deemed a success in 2014 after a similar training session was held at the International Wolf Center through the efforts of Ely summer visitor Cole Kleitsch, director of Walking Civics, who paired up students and veterans together. "This could be used nationwide to up voter turnout for decades to come," he said.

As many as 20 Ely-area students, age 16-18, and a like number of area military veterans, gathered Monday at the Ely Memorial School Media Center for the two-hour election judge training session.

"By including area veterans in the training, we link a generation that is looking to serve with another generation that knows something about it," Kleitsch told the *Timberjay*. "Nowhere else in the country is this being done. Certain places are, of course, training young people, but nowhere else are they next to a veteran who knows something about service."

He said the point of the session is to create a competent poll worker. As many as 30,000 election judges are used in Minnesota for every election. "Hopefully for the rest of your lives," he told the students, "as a voter you will remember who you were next to when you learned to do this."

The city of Ely uses as many as 20 election judges for each election

and Morse Township will use as many as 15.

"In addition, this is a great way to help preserve a pool of election judges who have nobody following them."

Minnesota Secretary of State Steve Simon provided an exclusive videotaped message to the Ely training session participants thanking them for their civic-mindedness. "Those veterans that are in the room there helped us all to protect one of our fundamental rights—the right to vote," he said.

Morse Township officials actually conducted the required testing of their voting equipment at the training session to give the students an actual hands-on look at what the process is all about.

Ely Clerk Treasurer Harold Langowski and Deputy Clerk Casey Velchef also participated in the training session. "We are actually interested in getting a couple of election judges that would be eligible after this training," Langowski said.

Ely Memorial High School Principal Megan Anderson assured any of the students who wanted to help with the election that they would get a half-day pass to go to the voting poll at the Senior Center.

Morse Township Clerk Nick Wognum said many election judges are needed to make for a successful election day. "Most of them are over the age of 60. Some of them are over 70. You are the future. We need you. This year, in two years, in four years, whenever, we are going to need more election judges," he said.

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## VOLLEYBALL

# Grizzlies downed by Deer River in huge upset

The team started their playoff run with a convincing defeat of Mt. Iron-Buhl

by **Marcus White**  
Cook-Orr Editor

FIELD TWP— Deer River had the Grizzlies’ number this year, and they proved it again last Friday as they upset top-seeded North Woods in five sets to advance in the Section 7A playoffs. The Grizzlies came into the game as the odds-on favorite to win the section, posting an imposing 22-3 regular season record. The Warriors had delivered one of those three losses, in a five-set match back on Sept. 10, and they staged a repeat last week,

ending the Grizzlies’ season in five sets, winning 25-19, 23-25, 18-25, 25-23, and 15-8. At 17-8, the Warriors were hardly a pushover, but the result proved a shocker nevertheless. Head Coach Gabby Sundstrom offered no comment on the disappointing loss.

Morgan Burnett led the team with a season-high 37 set assists. She also had two aces and two digs. Karlyn Pierce wasn’t far behind, leading the team in overall kills for the game with 13.

Coley Olson had 12 digs and two ace serves.

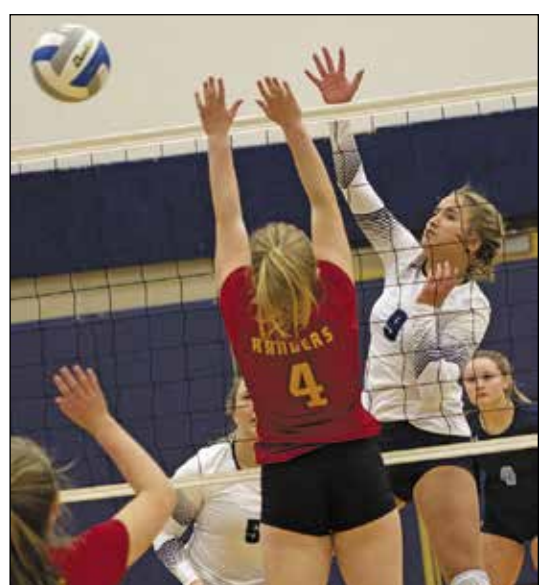
Earlier in the week, North Woods charged into the playoffs with a convincing win against Mt. Iron-Buhl,

sweeping the team 25-16, 25-16, 25-17.

For that game, Regan Ratai led the team with 15 kills, followed closely by Olson who had 13 kills. Burnett had 25 set assists and two ace serves.

As they look ahead to next year, the Grizzlies will see a major reshuffling as graduation thins the starter ranks on the senior-dominated team. This year’s seniors included Hanna Sandberg, Regan Ratai, Claire Beaudry, Taylor Mejdrich, Kate Stone and Maddy Serna.

**Coley Olson with a hit over MIB’s Devyn Dahl.** photo by C. Stone



## VOLLEYBALL

# Wolves go for semi-final run

by **MARSHALL HELMBERGER**  
Managing Editor

H I B B I N G — The Timberwolves’ playoff run was set to face its toughest test on Wednesday night, as Ely was scheduled to take on top-seeded Carlton in the semi-final round of the Section 7A volleyball tournament. The game results weren’t available as of the *Timberjay’s* weekly press time, but results will be posted online at timberjay.com as they become available.

The third-seeded Timberwolves emerged as a contender in this year’s playoffs after defeating Mesabi East and Cherry in the early rounds.

The Wolves upset second-seeded Cherry on the Tigers’ home court last Friday to advance to the semi-finals. The Wolves dropped the opening set 23-25, before dominating the next three sets, 25-21, 25-14, and 25-19.

“Set one was back and forth and we struggled some with our serve receive,” said Ely Head Coach Andrea Thomas. “In set two we were ahead and then found ourselves down 11-18, but the girls battled back and were able to win the second set. This was a real turning point for us.”

Junior Brielle Kallberg had a huge night, with 17 kills, 11 digs, five blocks and two ace serves, while Erika Mattson tallied eight kills, 14 digs, and five aces. Sophomore McKenna Coughlin posted six digs, four kills and two blocks, while junior Jenna Merhar tallied six kills and three blocks, and Rachel Coughlin posted seven digs and three ace serves. Setters McCartney Kaercher and Lida Dodge posted 15 and 14 assists respectively. The Wolves helped their cause recording only three serving errors the entire match.

“We were big at the net and hustled on defense,” said Thomas.



**Above: Brielle Kallberg goes for the kill against Cherry. Left: Jenna Merhar goes for a dig.**

photos by J. Greeney

“Things really came together and the girls played their hearts out!”

Ely made it to the quarterfinal round after some initial struggles with sixth-seeded Mesabi East. “The girls came out strong in the first set,” said Thomas, which Ely won 25-15. But the Wolves’ early momentum appeared to fizzle in the second set as defensive miscues allowed the Giants to win set two 25-22. But a Wolves rally in set three, sparked by a strong serving run by Rachel Coughlin, put Ely back on top as they cruised to wins in sets three and four, 25-19 and 25-16 respectively.

Kallberg had another strong



performance, with 17 kills, eight digs, and three ace serves. Mattson was right behind, with 17 digs and six kills, while Merhar added eight kills and three blocks. McKenna

Coughlin posted five kills, while Rachel added four ace serves.

Kaercher and Dodge posted 21 and 19 set assists respectively.

## FOOTBALL

# Grizzlies fall to Vikings

by **MARCUS WHITE**  
Cook-Orr Editor

GRAND MARAIS— Coming into their semi-final round playoff tilt sporting a three-game winning streak, the Grizzlies had reason to dream. But hope met reality this past Saturday as top-seeded Cook County shut down the North Woods passing attack and cruised to a 36-16 victory to advance to the Section 7 Nineman championship.

“Cook County outplayed us on Saturday,” said North Woods Head Coach John Jirik. “We played a good physical game but Cook County’s experience and ability to make plays at key times was too much for us.”

A much-improved Grizzlies offense had helped power its late-season win streak, but Cook County largely grounded the North Woods air attack on Saturday, allowing just 214 yards of total offense, or less than half the yardage the Grizzlies had been racking up in recent weeks. Senior quarterback Chase Kleppe, who had posted some outstanding numbers the past few weeks, completed six of 16 attempts for just 29 yards.

Freshman TJ Chiabotti carried the team on the ground, rushing for 90 yards and two touchdowns on 15 carries. Chiabotti would also rack up seven tackles and one interception on defense. Kleppe added 29 yards rushing to his passing numbers.

On defense, senior Stefan Johansen and Junior Trevor Morrison and Kleppe all had nine tackles a piece.

For the season, the Grizzlies went 3-5 during regular season play and 1-1 during their playoff run.

Offensively, the team racked up 3,492 yards on the season. Kleppe would own 1,205 of those yards in passing and would also lead the team in defense with 104 tackles. Chiabotti led the team in rushing with 906 yards.

The team now looks ahead to the major changes next year will bring, changing to Class 1A 11-man

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## CROSS COUNTRY

# Ely runners headed to state tournament

by **MARSHALL HELMBERGER**  
Managing Editor

CLOQUET— Two Ely runners are headed for the state cross-country tournament this Saturday after qualifying during Section 7A competition here last Thursday. Ely’s standout junior Luke Olson will represent the Ely boys after finishing in third place overall, with a time of 16:32. Meanwhile,

eighth-grader Zoe Devine finished in seventh place overall among varsity girls runners. Devine, with a time of 19:57 was just 20 seconds off the competition’s overall girls champion, Ava Hill of Mesabi East.

“Zoe had a great season,” said Ely Cross-Country Head Coach Jayne Dusich. “With her time of 19:56, if she runs

that well or better, it could put her in the top 30 to 40 at state. So far, she’s healthy and injury free. I’m looking for a good race from her and she’s only in 8th grade.”

Both Ely runners will compete in the tournament to be held at St. Olaf College in Northfield.

Both Olson and Devine have been the top performers for their

respective teams all season long and Olson will be a repeat competitor at the state meet. He told the Timberjay last week that he hopes to improve on his 21st place showing at last year’s state competition.

Other Ely competitors did well but fell short of qualifying for state. Among the boys, Gabriel Pointer finished 18th, with a time of 17:20. On the



TOWER CITY COUNCIL

# Council makes final rewrites to development agreement

by JODI SUMMIT  
Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER—The city council here made some final rewrites on the developer agreement for the town home project at the city’s harbor. The council, while on a conference call with attorneys from the Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick law firm out of Duluth, finalized the timeline for construction of the second and third town home buildings. Those decisions were needed to finalize details of the tax abatement bond. The timeline calls for construction on the first town home structure to begin in July 2019, with completion in July 2020. The second phase, which would include the second and third town home structures, would begin in July 2020, with completion in July 2021.

The council also discussed details of the tax abatement pay-as-you-go bond that the developer will issue to fund the road and infrastructure costs for the town homes. The council was presented with two scenarios, both of which assume that St. Louis County agrees to 100-percent abatement of the property taxes generated by the project. The city would agree to either 65-percent or 75-percent abatement. According to calculations provided to the council, slightly over one million dollars in taxes would be abated

during the ten-year period, which mirrors the projects infrastructure and road costs of \$1.1 million. The scenarios assume that the town homes would be taxed at the residential rate. If some of the town-home units are classified as seasonal properties, the actual tax collected would be higher. The city would use the remainder of the property tax over this time period to repay the city’s general fund for the monies used for the harbor project, including the bridge and highway relocation. After the meeting, City Clerk/Treasurer Linda Keith explained that the city is currently carrying a negative \$568,000 balance in the harbor fund.

At this point, the city does not have a commitment from St. Louis County on any level of tax abatement. The county is waiting for the final developer agreement before meeting with the interested parties, according to Keith.

This city will also be applying for a \$350,000 grant to the IRRRB to help with the upcoming infrastructure costs. The IRRRB had previously awarded this amount to the project, but told the city they would have to reapply after the funding deadline expired last December.

“This is a catch-22,” noted Orlyn Kringstad, speaking on behalf of the developers. “They have to sign the developer agreement without knowing the abatement payback from

the county.”

Mayor Josh Carlson agreed.

“But we have to get this development agreement signed,” he said.

Carlson said a contingency could be added into the agreement, to cover the possibility that the county tax abatement is different from the current assumptions.

Council members noted the land in question is not paying any county property taxes currently, and that the county has little maintenance expense with the project, since the city would be responsible for snowplowing and other maintenance.

The attorneys told council members that such tax abatement cases are decided on their own merits, and that this project is unique and will enhance the city in the long run.

The council passed a motion to approve the scenario with the city abating 65 percent of the local tax revenue, and the assumption the county would abate 100 percent. Under the scenario, the city would still collect an estimated \$307,300 over the ten-year period, which would be earmarked to repay the city’s general fund.

## Residential teardowns

The council also discussed at length how to address the funding shortfall in two proposed residential teardowns. The

IRRRB program will cover 75 percent of the costs, leaving 25 percent for the property owner or the city. The city has a list of five or six residential properties that are currently vacant and in irreparable condition. The owners of two of the homes have agreed to be demolished, opening up lot space for new housing. The remaining homes are under control of a bank or insurance company, which will not permit demolition at this time.

The estimate for demolition of the two properties, one a mobile home at 408 South Second St., and the other a home at 711 Main Street is \$12,217, which leaves \$4,741 to be funded locally. City Clerk/Treasurer Linda Keith noted that if asbestos is found in either structure, it will increase the demolition costs.

The city does not have a formal policy in place on such demolition projects. The city has helped with some of the local costs of such projects in the past.

“Do we want these eyesores gone if the owners are not able to pay their share of the costs?” asked Keith.

In one of the current cases, the owner is not able to pay their share of the cost, Keith said. In the second case, the owner, Tim Kotzian, was at the meeting, and noted when he bought the home in 2003, he had planned on remodeling it, but the project fell through due

to health issues. “Now the basement has started to collapse and there is a lot of water flowing through the basement into the sewer,” Kotzian noted he had been paying taxes on the property each year.

Carlson said there were many issues to consider, such as whether the city would be setting a precedent by paying the 25-percent portion or if the city could guarantee the newly-vacant lot would be developed and not just added onto a neighbor’s yard.

“Taking down these buildings is a good thing, especially in a residential area,” he said. “But something needs to go back on that land again.”

The city decided to go ahead with the pre-removal asbestos testing, and then make a final decision at the next council meeting on Nov. 13. The city does have a contractor lined up to do the work, if they decide to proceed, so it could be done this fall.

In other business the council:

► Accepted the resignations of two fire department members, Jason Picard and Tera Kultala, who have both moved out of the immediate area.

► Approved a new fire department member, Steve Syverson.

► Approved refunding approximately \$3,160 to Dave Rose. Rose had paid a deposit of \$7,500 to the city to cover engineering costs relating to

his proposed RV Park development. He has since withdrawn his proposal. The city did incur \$4,336 in billing from their engineering firm on the project. In addition, Keith noted she spent over 160 hours of clerk time spent on the project.

► Approved a revised bid for Nordic Homes of \$679,284 for the trail work at the harbor area. The bid was revised so it came in under the city’s grant funding of \$680,000. Changes included replacing custom-made fencing with more readily available wrought iron fencing and changing the width of the floating dock sections so a custom-built width was not needed.

► Accepted a grant for ski trail maintenance from the state of Minnesota for \$1,725.

► Heard that officials from the census office had met with the city. They are asking the city to set up a local committee to help make sure everyone gets counted, and also noted that census job workers will be hired in the area. For more information, visit 2020census.gov/jobs or call 1-855-562-2020. Keith said she would see if the Tower Soudan Civic Club and/or TEDA is interested in helping out with the census committee effort.

► The next city council meeting will be on Tuesday, Nov. 13, due to the Nov. 12 Veterans Day observance.

## TWIN METALS

# Looking into a crystal ball, Twin Metals leader anticipates big economic impact

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY – Dean Debeltz, Director of Operations and Safety for Twin Metals, provided an update on the mine development process to a crowd of more than 100 mining supporters here last week.

The project update, presented by Up North Jobs, revealed little that was new about the proposal to extract copper and other metals from an underground mine on the edge of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

“It has been difficult for us,” Debeltz said,

and talked mostly about the anticipated economic impact the project could have in the Ely area if it eventually opens.

“Hopefully you will leave here recognizing that there will be more changes (to the project) until we get this whole thing figured out and submit a (mining)

plan,” he said. “Once we do that we will work with the agencies and see what other changes would make this a better plan.”

Debeltz described “looking into a crystal ball” as he described Twin Metals’ plan for a \$1.2 billion investment to get the project to the construction phase. There will be “several million” labor hours to build the mine, he said. “We are planning on 650 direct mining jobs with a two-to-one spin-off, creating about 1,300 spin-off jobs,” he said.

He looked to highlight the mining project’s overall impact to the local economy. “These are just jobs, and this number could change,” Debeltz asserted. “I’ll be honest with you. Is that a solid number? I don’t know, quite frankly. That is the best information we have today. That is the number that we believe will support this mine.”

He told the audience that technology (driver-less trucks and other automation) eliminating jobs is not a big issue. “We use technology today and quite frankly it doesn’t take away the jobs that we use it for,” he said. “We use drones to do safety inspections in areas that I don’t want to go to... But there are people behind that technology.”

As for wages, Debeltz noted that industrial jobs tend to pay well. “If you look at all industries the average in Minnesota is roughly \$52,000. Mining

wages are a lot higher in Minnesota than in the country as a whole. They are good paying jobs,” he said.

He dismissed the “rumors” that mining would lead to a boom-bust cycle, though this has been a well-documented aspect of mining for hundreds of years. “We’ve been through that kind of stuff,” Debeltz said. “We’ve been through slow-downs. We’ve been through that kind of situation.”

He said that his grandfather worked for 42 years as a miner. His father had more than 30 years in the mines. “I’ve had 15 years in the mines so far and hope to do quite a bit more,” Debeltz said. “I’m a proponent of mining. I like mining. I think mining jobs are good jobs.”

## Next steps

The Twin Metals project still remains in the planning stage, noted Debeltz. “We’ve been there a long time,” he said. “We have changed our plans. We still have planning to do.”

Debeltz said he hopes that Twin Metals will be able to release a final mine plan within 18 months. “I think it will be sooner than that,” Debeltz anticipated. “Once we hit that point, we get into the EIS, the rigorous environmental review that is tailor-made to what we propose. There is no known period of time that this takes place in.”

He acknowledged that the mine project is in a sensitive area, within the watershed of the Boundary Waters. “We can’t move the deposit,” he said. “The environmental review process will take time. It will go through iterations, and a lot of changes, until we get to the point of permitting and construction leading to operations.”

He said that the length of the mine permit will be about 25 years, but that depends on a number of issues. “We believe we have the resources for well over 100 years of mining in that area,” Debeltz said.

Currently, Twin Metals is conducting many studies concerning the potential impacts of the mine, including wild rice studies on local lakes and air monitoring studies. “We have just kicked off our hydrogeologic study to help understand the hydrology of the area,” he said. “There has not been a study in this area that is that comprehensive. We are installing wells specifically for that purpose. All of those wells have to be permitted.”

The studies will remain ongoing, and once the mine plan is submitted “it kicks us into a public scoping,” he said. “There is a lot of opportunity for public input, and it’s important that that public takes that opportunity. That is the only way that we will produce a really good, world-class project.”

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football. Jirik said he’s happy with the progress the team made this year, but that a lot of work will

need to be done between now and next August when practice for the next season begins. He’s optimistic

that the team will make a mark on its new opponents.



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## Obituaries and Death Notices



### Evie I. Lamppa

Evie Irene Lamppa, 100, of Virginia, died on Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018, in Essentia Health Care Center. Private family services will be held with Pastor Don Stauty officiating. Family and friends are invited to a Celebration of Life Gathering to be held at 11:15 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 2 at the Virginia Elks Club. Interment will be in the Embarrass Cemetery. Memorials are the preferred way to honor Evie's memory and may be directed to the Gloria Dei Ladies Guild. Family services are provided by Bauman-Cron, a Bauman Family Funeral Home in Virginia.

Evie was born on July 18, 1918, in Siuro, Finland, the daughter of Emil and Hulda (Perttu) Niemi. She emigrated from Finland at age two, settled in Florenton, and was a graduate of Virginia High School. She married Arthur Owen "Art" Lamppa on July 29, 1939, in Embarrass and was a longtime Embarrass resident. Evie was a member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and its Ladies Guild; volunteered for the AEOA; was employed by Cluett-Peabody Arrow Shirt Factory; and was the produce manager for Lamppa's Store. She enjoyed crocheting, knitting, hardanger and was known for her delicious bread, biscuit and tarts. Evie's greatest joy came from time spent with family; she was a caring wife, mother, grandma, and great-grandma.

Evie is survived by her children, Bonnie (Bansi) Shroff of Pasadena, Calif., and Gary (Rita) Lamppa of St. Paul; grandchildren,

Brennan (Jennifer) Shroff, Sean (Norma) Shroff, Zach (Misty) Lamppa, Courtney (Kevin) Thompson and Rebecca (Andrew) Andestic; great-grandchildren, Waylon, Sadie, Barron, Anthony, Dutch, Judd, Steele, Kai, Hayk, Oscar and Leola; numerous nieces and nephews; and extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Art; daughter, Donna Lamppa; and her eight siblings.



### Dolores A. Lakso

Dolores Ann Lakso, 89, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2018, at Carefree Living in Babbitt. A memorial service and inurnment will be held in the spring. Arrangements are with Range Funeral Home in Virginia.

Dolores was born on Feb. 19, 1929. Originally from Tower, Dolores went to country grade school in Vermilion Township by Pike River. Dolores graduated from Tower-Soudan High School in the class of 1947. In 1951, Dolores earned her Bachelor of Science cum laude from the University of Minnesota and in 1958 she received her Master's (M.A.) from the University of Wyoming in Laramie.

Dolores began teaching English in 1955 at Virginia High School. In 1958 she accepted a teaching position with Virginia Junior College. Considered a "hard" instructor by students, Dolores made sure they learned during their sojourn in her classroom.

She was respected by her colleagues as a promoter of the English language and its proper usage. In 1993 she received a Certificate of Honor from the Minnesota State Board for Community Colleges. Dolores always intended to retire early, but she was happy at the community college and she stayed for 27 years.

After retiring in 1985, Dolores spent much of her time with family and traveled to places she had never seen. She took two trips to Finland with her mother Emma Lakso and aunt, Sylvia (Lakso) Matri. While in Finland, they visited with many relatives and built lifelong bonds with them.

Dolores was a member of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. She always looked forward to the fishing season opener. She enjoyed fishing from her dock on Pike Bay Narrows of Lake Vermilion. Dolores always made sure that her mother Emma had her line in the water, too. In addition to fishing, Dolores enjoyed blueberry picking and harvesting wild rice from local lakes.

Dolores is survived by her nephew, Michael (Jill) Ferguson; and niece, Ann (Ferguson) (Stephen) Locke.

Dolores was preceded in death by her grandparents, Richard and Lena (Pederson) Lakso and John and Anna Sofia (Ylinen) Mattila; parents, Jack and Emma (Mattila) Lakso; baby brother; twin sister, Doris (Lakso) Ferguson; nephews, Jack Ferguson and Donald Ferguson; and niece, Jennifer (Ferguson) Ponte.

### Dawn M. Stellmach

Dawn Marie Engel Stellmach, 59, of Virginia, died on Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018, in Essentia Health-Virginia. A memorial service was held on Thursday, Nov. 1 at Hope Community Presbyterian Church in Virginia with

Reverend Kate Stangl officiating. Inurnment was in Calvary Cemetery. Family services were provided by Bauman-Cron, a Bauman Family Funeral Home in Virginia.

She is survived by her husband, Tim; son, Casey (Kelsey) Stellmach of Chatfield; grandson, Colton; mother, Nancy Engel of Virginia; sisters, Debbie (Gary) Moon of Canby, Ore., Jayne (John) Egan of Highland Ranch, Colo., and Darlene (John) Hadrava of Eveleth; brother-in-law, Bryan Meyers of Duluth; and extended family and friends, including special cousin, Ethie Kniivila,

### Mary Gray

Mary Bianchi Gray, 75, of Ely, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018, at Essentia Health-St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth. A Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely with visitation one hour prior. A reception will follow at the church. The family extends sincere thanks to the CICU unit of Essentia Duluth and all her family and friends for all their love and support. Family arrangements have been entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

She is survived by her husband, George Gray; daughters, Marcy (Allan) Bubba, Tanya (Keith) Akins, Georgia (Jason) Akins and Amanda (Lance) Horvat; sisters, Gloria Smuk and Judy (Ted) Curn; grandchildren, Alanna, Klaeton, Hailey, Andrea, Jacob, Chase, Caitlin, Alec, Aiden, Carter, Makenna and Jack; nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

### Angela F. Golobich

Angela F. "Angie" Vertnik Golobich, 93, of Ely, died peacefully on Friday, Oct. 26, 2018, at Boundary Waters Care



Center in Ely. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 2 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely, with visitation one hour prior. Burial will be in the Ely Cemetery. Special thanks for all the years of wonderful care provided by the staff at BWCC and recent additional care by Essentia East Range Hospice. Family arrangements have been entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

She is survived by her husband of over 71 years, Tony; children, Robbie Golobich of Wayzata, Gerry (Mary Lynn) Golobich of Mt. Iron and Russ (Sue) Golobich of Coon Rapids; grandchildren, Jennifer (Chris) DeChantal of Maple Grove, Steven (Jill) Golobich of Duluth, Travis (fiancé Samantha) Golobich of Fargo, N.D., and Brent Golobich of Coon Rapids; sister, Gert Mosnik; and many nieces and nephews.

### Lynn M. Curry

Lynn Marie Kennedy Curry, 55, of Babbitt, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2018, at the Ely Bloomenson Community Hospital. A family service will be held at a later date. Family services are provided by Bauman-Vermilion, a Bauman Family Funeral Home in Tower.

She is survived by her life partner, Norm Curry of Babbitt; daughters, Amanda Curry of Babbitt and Dawn

(Richard Ritacco) Huewe of Babbitt; grandchildren, Hailey Lindquist, Brody Lindquist and Riley Curry; mother, Marilyn Olson of Virginia; father, Gordon Kennedy of Arizona; siblings, Tom Olson of Idaho and James "JJ" Olson of Virginia; and extended family and friends.

### Joseph J. Zupancich Jr.

Joseph "Happy Joe" John Zupancich Jr., 80, of Soudan, died peacefully at his home on Monday, Oct. 22, 2018. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Oct. 30 at St. Martin's Catholic Church. Family arrangements were entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mary Lou; children, Mary Jo Threinen, Angie (Carl) Enroth, Joseph Zupancich III, Steven (Renee) Zupancich and Christine (Kraig) Larson; eleven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sister, Zoe (Frank) Planton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

### Roy Grotberg

Roy Grotberg, 77, of Ely, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018, at Essentia Health-St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 2 at Kerntz Funeral Home in Ely. Family arrangements have been entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

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**Upcoming dates for 2018:**

Monday, December 3

No bingo in January 2019

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# Outdoors

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WINTER WEATHER

## Odds favor mild winter for region

A developing el Niño expected to bring warmer temperatures

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— It appears that the cool and wet conditions this fall may not carry through into the upcoming winter season. That’s according to the National Weather Service’s Climate Prediction Center, which issued its latest outlook on the 2018-19

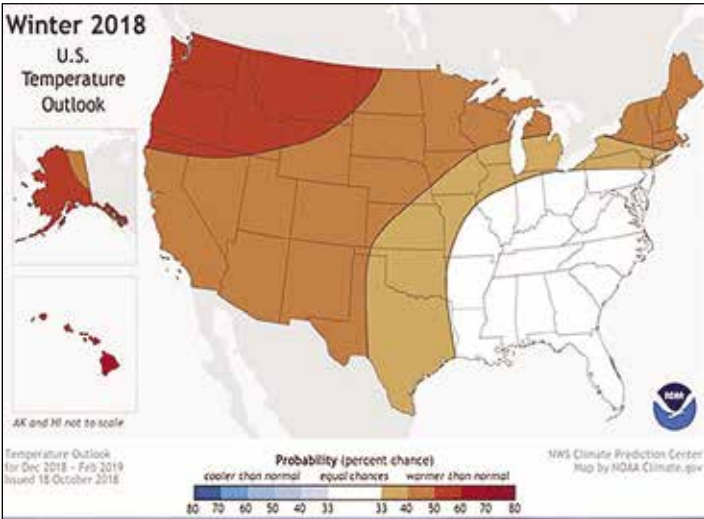
winter season late last week. In fact, the weather service is now predicting a greater likelihood of a warmer-than-average winter, with less certainty about precipitation.

A developing el Niño pattern in the Pacific Ocean is likely to affect weather over most of North America, including northern Minnesota. Forecasters use the

term “el Niño” to describe the warm phase of an oscillating Pacific Ocean current. During el Niños, much of the western and far northern parts of the United States experience warmer-than-average conditions. Precipitation tends to be more variable.

Forecasters were quick to

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2018 FIREARMS DEER SEASON

## Best opener in years?

More deer, looser regulations, and seasonable weather favor hunter success

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— Hunters should find seasonable weather and a recovered deer herd as they take to the woods on Saturday for the opening of the 2018 firearms deer season.

“The last four winters have been mild to moderate, as measured by the DNR’s winter severity index,” said Tom Rusch, DNR wildlife manager for the Tower work area. “As a result, fawn production has been excellent, with twin fawns the norm in better areas.” That’s left deer populations in most permit areas in “the sweet spot,” said Rusch, with plenty available for hunters without the degree of overpopulation that can impact agriculture and forests.

The rebound in the deer herd is good news for hunters, not only because there are more potential targets in the woods. In response, the DNR has loosened bag limits, with most permit areas in St. Louis and Lake counties now designated as either “hunter’s choice” or “managed.”

Under hunter’s choice, hunters can take one deer of either sex with a valid license. In a managed zone, such as Permit Area 177 this year, hunters can take a deer of either sex and a second antlerless deer with a bonus tag. Only

three local permit areas, 118, 132, and 108 are still designated as lottery, while 119 is the only permit area that remains bucks only. According to Rusch, a lack of winter cover in far northern St. Louis County has limited the recovery of deer populations there. Winter severity continues to remain the primary driver of the whitetail deer population in northeastern Minnesota, so adequate winter cover is a perennial challenge for deer. Predation and the antlerless deer harvest are other contributing factors to deer mortality in the region.

Hunters will be out in the field just as the annual rut is ramping up. “The chasing phase of the rut should peak during the first week,” said Rusch, with breeding activity hitting its peak during the second week of the 16-day season. Deer movements typically slow somewhat during the breeding phase, according to Rusch.

Wet conditions could be a factor for hunters, as an extremely wet and cool fall has left an exceptional amount of water on the landscape. Areas that might have been accessible in the past may be difficult to reach this year, notes Rusch. “Swamps, low areas and crossings are inaccessible for wheeled vehicles in many areas,” he added. Lake and stream levels are also extraordinarily high for this time

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Above: Hunters should have plenty to smile about this weekend, with a nearly recovered deer herd and seasonable conditions.

file photos



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REGIONAL— Deer season is a time of tradition, family and fun. It’s also a time for great outdoors stories and we’d like to hear yours— so we can share the best with our readers.

We’re looking for stories and photos from this year’s hunt. Whether it’s an interesting encounter in the woods, a monster buck, a funny story about life at deer camp, or a young person’s first deer, we want to hear about it. Don’t worry if you’re not a writer. Just tell us the story over the phone— we’ll write it for you. Or email us with a few details and we’ll take it from there. And don’t forget— nothing highlights the story better than some photos, so send them along as well.

Contact Marshall Helmberger at 218-753-2950 with your stories or email them to [marshall@timberjay.com](mailto:marshall@timberjay.com). You can also mail them the old fashioned way to The Timberjay, PO Box 636, Tower, MN 55790 or drop them off at our office in Tower. You can send photos to the same address. Be sure to have a return address if you want your photos back.

So go out and have a great time. And let us know how you did!

Outdoors briefly

## DNR offers hunter safety tips and more

REGIONAL— With the deer season set to get underway Saturday, the DNR is reminding hunters to treat each firearm as if it is loaded by keeping their finger off the trigger. Always control the muzzle of the firearm, and be sure of your target and what is beyond.

Hunters can find deer hunting information at [mndnr.gov/hunting/deer](http://mndnr.gov/hunting/deer) and join in on social media using #DeerCampMN. They can direct hunting questions to the DNR Information Center at 651-296-6157 or 888-646-6367.



# BWCAW PERMIT CONTROVERSY

## Forest Service to hold meeting on BWCAW permit changes

ELY – In response to increased public interest and questions about the upgraded recreation reservation system affecting federal lands, the Forest Service will hold an informational meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 13, beginning at 2 p.m. at the Kawishiwi District Ranger Office.

According to USFS officials, the changes, which took effect Oct. 1, include stronger security controls, better protection of personally identifiable information, and increased fraud protection.

The new system also enables real-time notification of availability and reservation of campsites in Superior National Forest developed campgrounds as well as Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness

quota permits.

Beginning in January 2019, the Superior National Forest will implement an administrative decision to make all BWCAW quota permits for all entry points only available for reservation using the first-come, first-served model.

In response to the high level of negative response and questions about these changes, the Superior National Forest will host an information sharing meeting on changes in the National Recreation Reservation System.

Members of the public are invited to come and learn about the new reservation system and what it means for people wishing to obtain a quota permit to enter the BWCAW. For more information, go to [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov).

LAKE COUNTRY FORECASTfrom NOAA weather

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Saturday

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Sunday

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Monday

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Tuesday

4031

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Totals			22.76	5.2"	Totals			24.45	2.1"	Totals			29.32	8.4"	Totals			NA	NA	Totals			27.63	4.9"

Minnesota deer facts

➤Adult female white-tailed deer typically weigh about 145 lbs., and males weigh about 170 lbs.

➤The biggest white-tailed deer recorded in Minnesota was a 500-pound buck.

➤A whitetail's home range is about one square mile.

➤There are nearly 500,000 firearms deer hunters in Minnesota.

➤Last year, 35 percent of Minnesota firearm hunters successfully harvested a deer. About 53 percent were antlered bucks.

➤70 percent of Minnesota's firearms deer harvest typically occurs during the first three or four days of the season.

➤The average hunter spends five days afield during Minnesota's firearms deer season.

➤The highest deer harvests occurred during the early to mid-1990s and from 2000 to 2008. From 2000 to 2008 the harvest topped 200,000 deer each year. The high harvests in the early 2000s occurred at a time when the

overriding philosophy was to reduce the deer population so it wouldn't grow out of control, and to address certain environmental, economic and social concerns. Harvests in the 1970s never topped 100,000, while harvests in the 1980s were under 150,000. In 2017, the harvest was just over 197,500.

➤In total, about 666,000 deer hunting licenses and permits (all types) were sold in 2017.

## Outdoors briefly

### Whitefish netting dates set on more area lakes

REGIONAL— The DNR has set the following dates for whitefish/tulibee netting on the following lakes.

- Shagawa, open to

netting Thursday, Nov. 1 through Sunday, Nov. 25, 2018 (minimum 3.5 inch mesh size).

- Bear Island and Ojibway lakes, open to netting Saturday, Nov. 17 through Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018 (minimum 1.75 inch mesh size).

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point out that even a milder-than-average winter in northern Minnesota doesn't eliminate cold weather and snow, but it could mean those outbreaks will be less frequent or not as severe as is typical for the region. The average low temperature in January in the

region runs from 6-12 degrees below zero with typical highs in the mid-teens. Snowfall could well be close to normal. In a typical winter, most of northern St. Louis and Lake counties receive about 65-70 inches of snow.

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of year.

Forecasters are predicting typical weather conditions for opening weekend, with highs in the upper 30s and lows slightly below freezing. Unlike last year, it appears hunters won't have a backdrop of snow cover to aid visibility, although a chance of snow showers Sunday, continuing off and on through the early part of the first week of the hunt, could lay down a dusting of white. Temperatures are forecasted to slowly cool, with

highs around freezing by midweek.

Hunters will also find a slim crescent moon waning towards new on Nov. 7. That means deer should be most active at dawn and dusk, with less deer movement in the overnight hours. According to the solunar calendar, the area should see peak deer activity between 9:45 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. and a minor period of activity from 4:25 p.m. to 5:25 p.m.

Legal hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise and one-

half hour after sunset. On Saturday, Nov. 3, the sun will rise at 7:50 a.m. and will set at 5:55 p.m. in central St. Louis County, which would put the legal shooting hours from 7:20 a.m. to 6:25 p.m. Don't forget that those times will change by an hour beginning Nov. 4, when we revert to central standard time.

Hunters will have the choice of registering their deer online, by phone (888-706-6367) or at traditional walk-in registration stations.

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## STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No. 69HI-PR-18-94

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR  
HEARING ON PETITION  
FOR DESCENT OF  
PROPERTY.

Estate of Barbara Jane  
Larva-Johnson, aka  
Barbara J. Larva Johnson,  
aka Barbara Larva, aka  
Barbara Johnson, aka Barbra  
Larva,  
Decedent

A Petition for Determination  
of Descent has been filed  
with this Court. The Petition  
represents that the Decedent  
died more than three years  
ago, leaving property in  
Minnesota and requests the  
probate of Decedent's last  
Will (if any), and the descent  
of such property to be deter-  
mined and assigned by this  
Court to the persons entitled  
to the property.

Any objections to the Petition  
must be filed with the Court  
prior to or raised at the hear-  
ing. If proper, and no objec-  
tions are filed or raised, the  
Petition may be granted.

IT IS ORDERED and  
Notice is further given, that  
the Petitions will be heard  
on November 28, 2018, at  
1:30 p.m. by this Court at  
1810 E 12th Ave, Hibbing,  
Minnesota.

Dated: October 22, 2018

Judge Rachel C. Sullivan  
Judge of District Court  
Amy Turnquist  
Court Administrator

Attorney for Petitioner  
Angela E. Sipila  
Sipila Law Office LLC  
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## STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No. 69VI-PR-18-168

In re: Estate of Ronald F.  
Setniker, Decedent.

NOTICE OF AND ORDER  
FOR HEARING ON  
PETITION FOR FORMAL  
PROBATE OF WILL  
AND APPOINTMENT  
OF PERSONAL  
REPRESENTATIVE AND  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is  
given that on 11/28/2018 at  
9:30 a.m. a hearing will be  
held in this Court at the St.  
Louis County Courthouse,  
300 South Fifth Avenue,  
Virginia, Minnesota 55792,  
for the formal probate of an  
instrument purporting to be  
the decedent's Will dated  
August 21, 2003, and for  
the appointment of Shelby  
Setniker, whose address

is 786 Interlachen Draw,  
Woodbury, Minnesota 55125,  
as personal representative of  
the estate of the decedent  
in an unsupervised admin-  
istration.

Any objections to the petition  
must be raised at the hearing  
or filed with the Court prior  
to the hearing. If the petition  
is proper and no objections  
are filed or raised, the per-  
sonal representative will be  
appointed with the full power  
to administer the estate,  
including the power to collect  
all assets; pay all legal debts,  
claims, taxes, and expenses;  
sell real and personal prop-  
erty; and do all necessary acts  
for the estate.

Notice is also given that, sub-  
ject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801,  
all creditors having claims  
against the decedent's estate  
are required to present the  
claims to the personal rep-  
resentative or to the Court  
within four (4) months after  
the date of this notice or the  
claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT  
Dated: 10/22/2018  
MICHELLE ANDERSON  
Judge of District Court  
AMY TURNQUIST/Stefanie  
Higgins, Deputy  
Court Administrator

Attorney for Petitioner  
Bryan Zlimen (MN#387909)  
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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  
Tuesday, November 6, 2018  
at the Eagles Nest Town Hall.**

Deb Siverhus, Clerk

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that Eagles Nest  
Township will conduct their Public Accuracy  
Test of the Automark Voting Machine on  
Monday, November 5, 2018, at 5 p.m.  
Deb Siverhus, Clerk

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## KUGLER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

The Kugler Town Board will hold their regular  
monthly meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 6  
p.m. at the Kugler Town Hall.

Julie Suihkonen, Town Clerk

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## Town of Embarrass NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

Embarrass Town Hall  
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Embarrass, MN 55732  
Tuesday, November 6, 2018  
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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Jennifer Boese, Town Clerk

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST MORCOM TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given that Morcom Township  
will conduct their Public Accuracy Test of  
the Automark Voting Machine on Monday,  
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Sasha Lehto, Clerk

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Phase  
7 Animals with two legs  
13 Eyelash makeup  
20 1960s space program  
21 Earhart in a cockpit  
22 Hires  
23 218 or more seats in Congress [BROWN]  
25 Simple tunes  
26 16th-cen. nun of Avila  
27 Bird of New Zealand  
29 Magazine for a fashionista  
30 "SCTV" bit  
31 Heart-tugging facet of a media story [SIMONE]  
36 Oral health org.  
39 Wed  
41 Heighten  
42 Verses using visual devices [GABRIEL]  
48 Golden Arches sandwiches with barbecue sauce
- 52 Person held in custody  
53 — -dieu (prayer bench)  
54 Seoul's region: Abbr.  
55 King, in Nice  
56 Certain Greek  
57 "— dare?"  
59 2010 Kevin Spacey film [MITCHELL]  
62 Sleuth's tidbit  
64 Hailed car  
66 Bus.  
67 Wrist wear  
68 Cod or koi  
71 Romanian tennis great [SEDAKA]  
75 Letters after wyes  
76 Artist for a comic book  
78 Up — point  
79 Dieter's target, often  
80 Dr. — (1990s TV therapist)  
82 Substantial number [CALLAS]  
85 "... — iron bars a cage"  
87 Salad staple  
91 Farm mother
- 92 Solder stuff  
93 Gulf republic  
95 Switchboard worker  
97 Balkan republic  
99 Warning message [BENNETT]  
101 Lover boy  
103 A bit warm  
104 Bovine call  
105 Setting of hearings for minors [DION]  
110 — -tat-tat  
114 Algerian port  
115 Purim's month  
116 Lover's tune  
120 Ocelot, e.g.  
123 Supporting vocalists (or an apt alternate title for this puzzle)  
127 Jack of fitness fame  
128 Wisdom goddess  
129 Ogle  
130 Climbed, as a rope  
131 Not so fat  
132 Disco effect
- DOWN**
- 1 Oohs and —  
2 Jaguar mark  
3 Look sulky  
4 Nobody — (only mine)  
5 Store assistant  
6 Marisa of Hollywood  
7 Cabo's peninsula  
8 "I believe," to texters  
9 — diem  
10 Wallach of Hollywood  
11 NFL great Mike  
12 "Know what I'm —?" ("Get it")  
13 City north of Mecca  
14 Vocalist DiFranco  
15 USMC NCO  
16 Provider of dishes  
17 Quick-footed  
18 Film rolls  
19 Thing of use  
24 Sagacious  
28 Slim and muscular  
31 Mod  
32 Idealistic  
33 Painter Jan van der —  
34 The Bard's "— of Athens"  
35 Place in trust
- 36 "Black Ice" rock band  
37 Active sort  
38 Stud fee?  
40 It's a must  
43 One behind a batter  
44 Oman's currency unit  
45 Blah feeling  
46 Muscle jerk  
47 Wince at, e.g.  
49 Mad as heck  
50 Lawn bowling game  
51 Many Punjabis, religionwise  
54 Mall station  
58 Nauru and Fiji's area  
60 Pirate realm  
61 Guy playing bebop, say  
63 John at the piano  
65 Purse  
68 Shrill flutes  
69 Dazzled  
70 T-bar user  
72 Bettor's slip  
73 Less cloudy  
74 Diner  
77 Allotment  
81 Whig's rival  
83 Florida city  
84 Capote, to friends
- 86 Rice-A- —  
88 Thing split in fission  
89 Dog in Oz  
90 Dunkable treat  
94 Aleutian island  
96 San Diego ball team  
98 Actor Fraser  
99 Not single-sex, as a school  
100 Decide (to)  
102 Jubilant  
105 Lower cheeks  
106 — the Hittite  
107 Vocalist Frankie  
108 Rebels' ring  
109 Sermonize  
111 Seed cases  
112 Basic belief  
113 Fury  
116 Argue (with)  
117 Streamlined, for short  
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119 Punta del —  
121 Channel for Jake Tapper  
122 Meth- ender  
124 Third of a dance move  
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126 Article in Arles

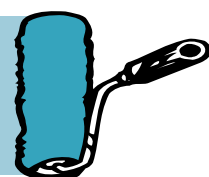
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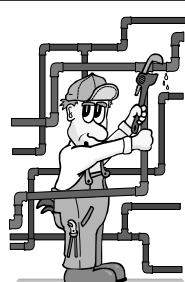


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