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DEVELOPMENT

## RV park proposed near resort

Part of effort to reopen BayView Lodge

by MARCUS WHITE  
Cook/Orr Editor

GREENWOOD TWP— The St. Louis County Planning Commission, on Dec. 13, will hear a proposal for the creation of a 33-unit RV park on property adjacent to BayView Lodge. The meeting will be held at the county’s Virginia Public Works building. County

officials have yet to post a time for the meeting, but they typically begin at 9:30 a.m. County officials did not release the identity of the party proposing the development, although the *Timberjay* has confirmed independently that Ryan Horan is the applicant. In the application, Horan indicates that he has signed a purchase agreement for

the property that is contingent on the county’s approval of a rezoning request and the conditional use permit needed to create the RV park on forested land located between the current lodge site and County Rd. 77. The 7.91-acre parcel proposed for development is currently owned by Greenwood res-  
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**BayView Lodge, a popular summer destination on Lake Vermilion, was closed last summer but plans are underway to possibly reopen.**  
photo by J. Summit

CITY OF TOWER

## City council rejects bid to ax harbor town homes

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

TOWER— An apparent attempt by Mayor Josh Carlson and City Clerk-Treasurer Linda Keith to scuttle the long-planned town home project at the city’s harbor failed on a narrow vote of the council on Monday.

Less than two weeks after the council had unanimously agreed to a modified tax abatement plan with the town home developers, Keith told the council that the attorney advising the city on the project had told her that the plan isn’t legal because the investor providing the upfront capital for public infrastructure is seeking 12 percent interest given the element of risk involved. The city had originally promised to back the cost

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COUNTY SCHOOLS

## SEEKING FAIR PAY

Tower’s kindly ‘lunch lady’ says district has denied her fair compensation for many years

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

TOWER — For the past 35 years, Marilyn Turnbull has been urging kids at the Tower-Soudan School to eat their vegetables. It can be a tough sell, but it’s just one of many challenges she has faced during her time as the school’s favorite “lunch lady.” While thousands of kids have passed through her lunch room over the years, Turnbull invariably found the time to learn each of their names, offering words of encouragement and support from her deep well of innate kindness. “I love the kids,” says Turnbull. “I love ‘em like crazy. They’re my little



**Marilyn Turnbull has worked in the Tower-Soudan School cafeteria for 35 years. She is seeking a change in her job classification, and wage scale, to more accurately reflect her duties.** photo by J. Summit

buddies.” Getting youngsters to eat right is always a challenge, but for Turnbull it has paled in comparison to her biggest challenge of all— getting the St. Louis County School

District to pay her what she deserves. For years, school administrators have ignored her pleas to be compensated as a “cook manager,” which is the title and pay grade that

most closely reflects her actual duties. Instead, the district has classified her as an “assistant cook,” even though she has  
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COUNTY SCHOOLS

## A seat at the table?

Bois Forte band member seeks more native input

by MARCUS WHITE  
Cook/Orr Editor

REGIONAL— Newly-elected Bois Forte councilman Shane Drift told the St. Louis County School Board on Tuesday that he would like to see Bois Forte band members have a greater voice in district affairs, preferably a voting seat on the district’s school board. “It would be nice to have a voice for the students,” Drift said. “They are just a number now, it would be nice for them to have a vote.” Drift, who made it clear that he was speaking as a band member and parent of two North Woods students rather than as a tribal official, had apparently hoped to ask the school board to expand the board’s membership

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ISD 696

## Ely School Board studies facilities project development

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

Dedicated community members will be needed for planning process

ELY — School Board members here met this week with Katie Hildenbrand, of Architectural Resources, Inc., of Hibbing, to con-

sider a professional services contract for ISD 696’s facilities renovation project. The improvement plan, including the con-

nection of the three campus buildings, possible additions like a new gymnasium, and renovation of several existing areas, is under development.

While a timeline has not been determined, the state has tentatively awarded the Ely School District \$495,000 toward the connection of the three

campus buildings through a School Safety grant program, and a process for moving forward with the improvements will likely be required by the end of

the school year. The state grant amount awarded to the Ely School District is likely just one-  
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# COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

## Vermilion Dream Quilters Christmas Party, Dec. 6

**TOWER-** Vermilion Dream Quilters will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 6 at the Vermilion Club for our annual Christmas party. Check your November minutes to see if you've already signed up and contact Kathy Lovgren if you would like to add your name or if you find you won't be able to join us.

December is the "Big Reveal" for our candy bar wrapper challenge so please be sure to bring your project plus a show and tell. We all gain inspiration when we see what is possible.

For more information, please contact Corrine Hill in Tower at 218-753-4600.

## Pancake breakfast and holiday boutique on Saturday, Dec. 1

**EMBARRASS-** On Saturday, Dec. 1, head to the Timber Hall in Embarrass for all you can eat pancakes, choice of ham or sausage links, fruit, juice and a bottomless cup of coffee. Breakfast will be served from 8 to 11 a.m. Adults cost \$5, children ages 6 to 10 years cost \$3, and children under 5 years old are free.

Holiday gifts will also be available for purchase at the holiday boutique. For vendor information, contact Sue Beaton at 218-750-2718. This event is sponsored by the Embarrass Region Fair Association.

## 4-H Pollinator Fun Day, Dec. 9

**VIRGINIA-** All kids in grades 3-6 are invited to participate in 4-H Pollinator Day on Sunday, Dec. 9 from 1-4 p.m. at the Olcott Park Greenhouse, 711 N 9th Ave. W in Virginia.

Youth will have a chance to explore a new 4-H after school club, Virginia Grows, and have fun learning about pollinators through hands on activities. This is a great opportunity to see what 4-H is all about and learn new skills.

Pre-registration is required by Thursday, Dec. 7. Participants can register online at <https://mn.4honline.com>. Space is limited. For questions, call Nicole Kudrle, 4-H Program Coordinator at 218-749-7120 or email [vande422@umn.edu](mailto:vande422@umn.edu).

## Tower Holiday Craft Show, Dec. 8

**TOWER-** The annual Tower Holiday Craft Show will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Tower Civic Center. This show features many talented area crafters and bakers, offering a wide selection of holiday gifts.

Stop by for homemade baked goods, gifts for all ages, craft items, coffee and more. Get your holiday shopping done close to home and support local crafters and vendors.

The show is sponsored by Friends of Vermilion Country School. A few tables are still available, contact Jodi at 218-753-2950 with any questions.

## Sons of Norway Family Potluck Christmas Party, Dec. 6

**VIRGINIA-** Sons of Norway, Haarfager Lodge 40, will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Virginia Senior Citizen Center for our annual Family Potluck Christmas Party. Join us around the Christmas tree and come expecting a visit from the julenisse. Serving committee will be Ruth Thuringer, Michelle Miner, and Roger Dall.

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## Cook Country Christmas on Friday, Dec. 7

Free movie at 4 p.m., Santa arrives at Community Center at 5 p.m.

**COOK-** Celebrate Cook's Country Christmas on Friday, Dec. 7 from 4 to 7 p.m. There will be a free movie, dinner, farmers market, crafts, sleigh rides, holiday music, and a special visit from Santa.

"The Muppet Christmas Carol" will show at the Comet Theater at 4 p.m. A farmers market will be open at the Cook Community Center starting at 4 p.m. Santa will arrive at the Community Center at 5 p.m. Visits with Santa can be captured with a free photo taken by photographer Becky Smith. Each child will receive a treat bag from Santa's elf. A free light supper of sloppy joes or hot dogs, chips, cookies and a beverage will be served by the Friends of the Parks. Northwoods Friends of the Arts will have several craft tables set up to create a holiday craft. Free sleigh rides will be provided by Mike Hanson between 5 and 7 p.m. At 6 p.m. holiday music will be presented at the Cook Public



Library with Zachary Scott Johnson.

Enjoy this family-centered evening downtown at the Comet Theater, Cook Public Library, and at the Cook Community Center sponsored by Friends of the Parks, Northwoods Friends of the Arts,

and the City of Cook with financial support from the Timberwolves Snowmobile Club, VFW Post 1757, VFW Post 1757 Auxiliary, Cook Lions Club and Cook Fire Relief Association.

EMBARRASS



**Above: Nora Kruse, pictured with her mother Britta, stopped by the Nelimark in November. Once again, the Nelimark will be full of baked goods, breads, and gifts for the holiday season.**  
photos by J. Summit

**EMBARRASS-** With Christmas less than a month away it is time to find items to fill the stockings. There are many items available at the Embarrass Nelimark Homestead at reasonable prices, created and crafted by community artisans. Old-time memories can be experienced and captured on Friday

and Saturday, Dec. 7 and 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The list is endless: hand-crafted figures, homemade soap and oils, small tree, mantel and entry decorations, sauna signs, repurposed and recycled items attractively made new, Finnish glassware, unique children's books, gift books, t-shirts,

hats and mittens, baseball caps, aprons, ironing board covers, throw pillows, long-lasting rag rugs, postcards from olden days, bird feeders, old marbles, games for kids, and local photographs of sites you love.

Upstairs at the museum you can find unique collectibles including kerosene lanterns, cookie jars, tins, glassware collections and many additional items on sale. All items in the second floor display will be 25 percent off on Saturday only.

If you're not in the market for stocking stuffers or collectibles, there will be an amazing selection of freshly baked holiday goodies available on Friday to add to your taste enjoyment, including homemade candies, fudge, tearings, Christmas coffee

cakes, potica loaf, cinnamon and braided rolls, wild fruit jams and jellies, relishes, dill and sweet pickles, including beet pickles, spicy salsas, rhubarb preserves, cardamom biscuit (pulla) sprinkled with sugar crystals and other ethnic breads, "limpu" rye bread, artisan breads, and other yummy delicacies.

If you need more than three of any item, especially pulla, please call 218-984-2302 to reserve special orders a week before the opening. Come out early and enjoy free hot apple cider or coffee and treats on the house and help ring the sleigh bells for the holiday season. It's time to enjoy this wonderful time of the year.

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JOINT POWERS SESSION

# Stauber headlines Ely area legislative session

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY —History was made in Ely this week. For the first time in the 20-year history of an annual area legislative gathering, an elected member of Congress was in attendance.

Pete Stauber, newly-elected to represent Minnesota’s Eighth District, found time between orientation sessions in Washington, D.C., on Monday to participate in the Ely Area Community Economic Development Joint Powers Board legislative session at the Grand Ely Lodge.

The board is a collaboration of local governments, including the cities of Ely and Winton, ISD 696, and the townships of Fall Lake and Morse.

Stauber joined state legislators Tom Bakk and Rob Ecklund, newly-elected St. Louis County District 4 Commissioner Paul MacDonald, congressional aides and representatives of other area agencies in a wide-ranging

discussion on issues that impact the economy of the Ely-area community.

Stauber reminded the audience of about 75 people that on the day he announced his candidacy for Congress in his hometown of Hermantown, he immediately drove to Ely to tell local residents of his intentions to leave the St. Louis County Board and head to the nation’s Capitol.

“Rural America, rural Minnesota matters,” he said. He congratulated MacDonald, saying he wished him success.

Stauber said his victory in the congressional race over Democrat Joe Radinovich humbled him as he looks forward to serving his constituents in the expansive Eighth District.

His first orientation session in Washington last week was of a bipartisan nature, and intended to encourage new members to focus on the interests and both their districts and the country as a whole. He complimented the new Democratic members of

Congress as “great people with great vision.”

According to Stauber, as much as 67 percent of the legislation introduced in the 115th Congress was bipartisan. “That’s what we’re looking for. We need that and more,” he said.

Stauber returns to Washington next week for another orientation session, including locating his office, and getting appointed to committees. “For me, it just makes sense to advocate for being a part of the Natural Resources committee,” Stauber said. “I look forward to a healthy discussion, on the Republican side, on why I should be on that committee, with all the natural resources we have in the Eighth District.”

He is also lobbying to be a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure committee. “There is going to be, I believe, a bipartisan bill put forth in Congress on our transportation needs,” he said. “I think I have a strong lobby to be on that



Sen. Minority Leader Tom Bakk and Congressman-elect Pete Stauber talk while County Commissioner-elect Paul McDonald looks on during a recent legislative session with the Ely Area Community Economic Development Joint Powers Board. K. Vandervort

committee. We have truck and rail. We have an international airport. We have the city of Duluth Harbor and the Seaway Port Authority. We have the most-inland port in the country. I look forward to lobbying for those economic drivers and

pushing forward so we have great-paying jobs, etc.”

Stauber said he is in the midst of hiring as many as 18 staff members and four part-timers. His new chief of staff,

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GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP

# Township still grappling with insurance issues

by JODI SUMMIT  
Tower-Soudan Editor

GREENWOOD TWP—The 2016 decision by the Minnesota Association of Townships to drop Greenwood’s liability insurance coverage is still creating problems for the township. The township’s current private liability insurer, Western World, notified the township earlier this month that it would no longer cover costs associated with a retaliation complaint filed by fire department member Jeff Maus several

months ago. Maus’s complaint alleges that the township’s decision not to hire him for an open assistant fire chief position was in retaliation for an earlier complaint he had filed with OSHA regarding safety issues in the department.

The fire department had posted the opening internally (to current members) and received two applications. In Maus’s complaint, he noted he was not asserting that he was more qualified than the other applicant, but was questioning the process for the hiring, and whether his

past history of questioning fire department policies and safety procedures played a part in the final decision.

MATIT had terminated the township’s liability coverage in 2016, in response to concerns over legal claims relating to township officials and employees who had filed charges against the township, including claims made by Maus and another by the previous town board chair John Bassing relating to release of public records. The township is still insured through MATIT for other township needs.

At a special meeting held on Nov. 26, current board chair Mike Ralston noted they were still waiting for more information on the decision, and exactly what costs the township will need to cover. The deductible on the policy is \$10,000.

Ralston noted that as far as he is aware, the investigation into the complaint by the Department of Labor and Industry has been completed, as has the investigation by the township’s insurance company-appointed attorney. He said the final report was expected to be released soon.

The town board did pass a motion to hire attorney Molly Ryan, from the Meagher and Geer PLLP Firm, who had worked on the claim for Western World insurance, to represent the township in any further matters required. They noted that since she was familiar with the case, it would not make sense to have their regular township attorney take over. Ryan will charge the township \$235 per hour or \$200 per hour if the work is being done by an associate.

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# OPINION

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## Editorial

### Common sense wins out

Three city councilors wisely bucked an effort to kill harbor town home project

A majority of the Tower City Council made the right call on Monday by derailing a transparent effort by Mayor Josh Carlson and City Clerk-Treasurer Linda Keith to scuttle the planned town home project that has been the focus of the city’s development efforts for nearly three years.

Had the mayor and city clerk had their way, the city would be faced with a potential lawsuit and virtually no prospect of attracting a new developer to the harbor. It would have been a disaster, and it was one that councilors Lance Dougherty, Brad Matich, and Brooke Anderson were wise to avoid.

There’s no way to know for sure at this point whether the town home project will prove a success, but there’s no rational basis for quitting at this point, after both the city and the developer have sunk hundreds of thousands of dollars into advancing the project. With St. Louis County likely to grant final plat approval in December, the developers will finally be able to begin to convert perceived interest in town homes into signed purchase agreements. After nearly three years of good faith efforts by the developers to advance the project (despite the city’s constant shifting of the goal posts), city officials would be reckless, and potentially legally liable, for pulling the rug out from under the project now.

The effort to derail the town home project was plainly choreographed by the mayor and city clerk, with the city clerk claiming that the attorney advising them on the project had determined that the tax abatement proposal approved by the council two weeks earlier violated state law. Councilors Dougherty and Matich were the first to ask to see something in writing, particularly as town home master developer Jeremy Schoenfelder challenged Keith’s interpretation.

Dougherty has increasingly complained in recent weeks that the council is being asked to make decisions without adequate information, which has been a continuing problem under the current mayor and city clerk. Matich suggested the council, in this case, was being “railroaded.”

Further examination of the issue by attorneys for both sides should clarify the issue. But until that happens, it would have been reckless for the council to let themselves be coerced into a hasty decision.

That’s exactly what the mayor and clerk were trying to do. Indeed, Clerk Keith, no doubt with Carlson’s support,

had added an agenda item for later in the meeting under which they hoped to get the council to issue a new Request for Proposals for harbor development. It was a jaw-dropping example of the degree to which city hall has lost touch with reality. Fortunately, given the council majority’s refusal to go along, the RFP gambit was quickly shelved.

Had the mayor and city clerk had their way on Monday, no developer in their right mind would touch the city’s harbor with a ten-foot pole. Remember, it was the mayor, the city clerk, and harbor committee chair Steve Altenburg who developed the plan for town homes at the harbor. In late 2015, they requested proposals for architectural, design, marketing, and construction services to assist in a town home project in which the city would serve as developer. Then, after attracting interest from a group led at the time by Orlyn Kringstad, the city changed course and asked Kringstad’s group to become the lead developer, which increased the risk to Kringstad’s company and investors. Under that deal, the city agreed to finance the cost of public infrastructure. Earlier this year, the city changed its mind again, reneging on the commitment to fund infrastructure, putting the risk of that investment on the developers instead.

Most developers would have recognized the city as an unreliable partner at that point, but having already invested more than \$300,000 in the project, the developers had an awful lot at stake in seeing the project through. In the end, they worked out a way to finance the public infrastructure with private dollars, to be repaid through the tax abatement plan.

The city council unanimously agreed to a modified tax abatement plan at their Nov. 13 meeting. Then, less than two weeks later, the mayor and clerk were pushing the council to renege on yet another agreement without a clear explanation.

Given such a track record, how could any developer rationally view the city, at least under current leadership, as a trustworthy partner?

Fortunately, three councilors had the good sense to seek clarification of the legal questions and take more time to make a sound decision. Hopefully, the council majority will take the steps necessary to hand a viable project off to the incoming administration. To destroy the project at this point would be an awful legacy for the outgoing mayor and councilors to leave.



## Letters from Readers

### Hate helps no one, love solves everything

Marshall, Your editorial on xenophobia touched my heartstrings. As your readership may know, I am currently in the University of Minnesota Medical Center receiving excellent care after my bone marrow transplant on Nov. 14.

Every day a nurse walks in who is a little different than me. She or he might be Somali or Hmong or Japanese-American and have a little bit of an accent - just like those old Croats I used to listen to on the northside of Virginia. Or, my nurse’s assistant may come in to take my blood pressure and tell me how she fled the war in Liberia when she was a young woman and what a wonderful opportunity it is to be here in America.

Then the housekeepers come in, they’re in a hurry, they say hi. They are Somali or Ethiopian or Liberian. One was a male who stopped emptying the wastebaskets and talked to us. About how he came from Ethiopia five years ago because of tribal conflicts. He already had a master’s degree in chemistry and is now working two jobs while going to school to become a pharmacist so he can give his three children a college education. He was particularly proud of his four-year-old daughter whose teacher told him was extremely intelligent. He told us his dream is that she will grow up to do something good for her country - this country, America.

I could go on and tell you that one of my transplant doctors is from Brazil and my primary oncologist is from India. She came to get her degree at the U of M and decided to stay on here to pay back for the great education she received from our state.

So, it’s puzzling to me that some of my friends and their children have forgotten that they are the children and grandchildren of immigrants.

That they came to America for the same dream, to make life better for themselves and their families. And they were treated as badly as today’s immigrants. I can’t help but relay the story told to me by one of my dad’s best friends.

They had milk cows on the northside of Virginia and it was Bruno’s job, as a 12-year-old kid, to deliver the milk in the morning to the mining locations - Lincoln, Higgins and Minorca - which sat above the hill north of Virginia. One early morning on his way to deliver milk, he saw smoke coming from the top of one of the mine dumps, so on his way back after delivery he decided to climb up there and investigate. It was a smoldering cross put there by the Ku Klux Klan to intimidate the Slovenians and Croatians because they were Catholic, and the Finns who they claimed were radicals. He also happened to notice there was a little book on the ground. He picked up the book and put it in his pocket and he brought it home to his father.

His Italian father couldn’t read English so they brought it across the street to another Italian immigrant who could read English. The book contained the membership list of the Virginia KKK. Rinaldo got so scared he threw the book in the kitchen woodstove and burned it, because it contained the names of some very important “American” people in Virginia. To this day I still remember some of the names that were told to me that were in that book. Much to my surprise I’ve kept those names to myself, and all of you knowing my big mouth, it has been a chore to not blurt them out at times. But, among the descendants of those individuals were many good people. My hope is that someday, the descendants of those people who are currently creating so much hardship for our new immigrants, will learn that people are people no matter their color, religion or country of origin. That they are good

people coming to the land of the free for the same reason our ancestors did.

On a final note, I can’t help but think that if not for the care of all these wonderful Somali and Liberian and Ethiopian and Brazilian and Indian and Hmong and Japanese immigrants that I’ve met here, I might be six feet under.

Hate helps no one, love solves everything.

**Tom Rukavina**  
**Pike Twp**  
**via University**  
**of Minn. Medical Center**  
**Minneapolis**

### Tired of the Coney Island carney

I am growing very weary of this high maintenance, self-absorbed, adolescent drama queen occupying our nation’s White House. The first time I heard him speak I thought he sounded like a “carney,” you know, a false front carnival show person. When Abraham Lincoln happened upon a carnival he said, “It’s all smoke and mirrors.”

**Janet Schultz**  
**Sturgeon Twp**

### Dems need to pay attention to the structure of our political system

Good work on the editorial about how the Democratic Wing of the Democratic Party needs to pay attention to the reality of our constitutional imbalance favoring states with the least population.

Note also that Spencer, Clear Channel, etc. provide Rush Limbaugh, et al for free to all those radio and TV stations out there.

Until and unless the Dems figure out how to do likewise, we are giving all those votes to the Republicans for free.

Such are the penalties for allowing Fair Comment and Equal Time to disappear.

**David Porter**  
**Minneapolis**

## Media should ignore the Trump circus and focus on policy

CNN’s Jim Acosta would have done well to take the hint and been content to leave the White House briefing room in the rearview mirror. Don’t get me wrong... Acosta and CNN have a First Amendment right to be there, and that’s a right that a petulant president



**MARSHALL HELMBERGER**

can’t take away. At least not without a fight.

But the larger point is this— the real news of this administration does not take place in the White House, and certainly not in front of the White House press corps. In an administration that spews misinformation with the abandon

of an erupting volcano, there’s little actual news to be found in a press briefing. Simply repeating Trumpian nonsense, even with the obligatory corrective, does little to advance the understanding of the electorate. Trump makes things up? Tell us something that we don’t already know.

The constant churn of media noise surrounding the Trump presidency may boost media ratings and readership, but it serves mostly as a distraction from the substantive policy

matters that are far too often ignored. That’s one reason we’ve tried to shy away from commenting on the Trump outrage of the day. Besides, with a weekly deadline, there will be half a dozen new outrages by the time we even hit the press.

It’s a fool’s game, because in this administration, it’s the stuff happening outside the circus tent that we need to be worried about.

From consumers to students, from workers to the environment, the Trump administration

is quietly working to make life just a little bit crueler for average Americans. Trump touts it as “deregulation,” which sounds great to most of us, until we know the details. Deregulation, for example, means that for-profit colleges no longer have to demonstrate to prospective students that their “degrees” are actually going to help them land a job. At the same time, Trump Education Secretary

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# Letters from Readers

## Putting public comments at the end was a good call

I applaud the town board moving the public comments and correspondence to the end of the monthly town board meeting. The result is a more orderly flow in the conduct of the township business without starting the meeting with the same nutty monthly complaints from the same few people. To wit:

1. The latest whine from Jeff Maus.
2. The latest rant from Mark Drobac.

3. The latest criticism from Barb Lofquist Murray about the color of the pavilion lights or a request from anyone but her to volunteer on behalf of the township or questioning the fire department training.

4. The latest support by Rick Stoeher of the Cook hospital district or his disenchantment with the recreation committee.

5. The ongoing obsession by John Bassing to disband our fire department or trash the current town board.

By the way, you will see what I mean if you read the monthly town board meeting minutes found on the Greenwood

Township website.

I find it interesting that Jeff Maus aspires to a leadership position in our fire department when he is EITHER complicit in John Bassing's desire to eliminate the fire department OR is simply an innocent Bassing pawn. Whatever scenario, Maus does not deserve a leadership role.

**Steve Rodgers  
Greenwood Twp**

## Using public office for reprisal

There you go again supervisor Ralston. You have used your position of authority to

once more launch into a reprisal. This time against Mr. Stoeher for exercising his First Amendment right (freedom of speech) to critique the Greenwood Town Board's actions in a letter to the editor. Specifically, Mr. Stoeher took issue with the board's disregard of the taxpayers' wishes as demonstrated in the Comprehensive Plan of 2015. Chair Ralston grossly misinterpreted the results of survey question 10C (further recreational development on township property), stating that 84-percent wanted more development and chose to chastise Mr. Stoeher with it at the last board meeting. The actual results of the survey can be

found on the township's website and clearly reflect the taxpayers' wishes by a 323/211 margin to not have further development. I was on the Steering Committee for the Comprehensive Plan, put many hours into it, am quite familiar with it and the weighted survey results you so wrongly interpreted. What concerns me most is that you would choose to, as chairman, chastise someone without a full understanding of what you speak. Perhaps, Chair Ralston, you should read the entire Comprehensive Plan.

**JoAnn Bassing  
Greenwood Twp**

## CIRCUS...Continued from page 4

Betsy DeVos scaled back an Obama-era debt relief program designed to lift some of the crippling debt that, for too many students, is the only tangible effect of their for-profit college experience.

There are so many other examples, that even the following represents just a handful of the ones that actually attracted a bit of media coverage:

► The administration delayed implementation of the so-called "fiduciary rule," which would require brokers who manage retirement accounts to serve the interests of their clients, rather than themselves. It's hard to believe that this would be controversial, but in this administration, self-dealing comes with the territory.

► The administration has postponed enforcement of a rule designed to reduce workers' exposure

to silica dust, which is known to contribute to a number of deadly lung ailments. The administration also loosened reporting requirements for companies that deal with hazardous materials whose employees are hurt or sickened on the job.

► The administration ended an Obama-era rule that prevented coal mining companies from dumping waste materials into streams and rivers.

► The administration revoked an Obama-era order requiring companies with large federal contracts to disclose past labor-law violations.

► The administration eliminated rules that allowed Internet providers to sell their customers' browser histories without their consent.

► The administration is preparing to gut mercury emissions rules, in a move

that comes at the direct behest of Robert Murray, the CEO of the Murray Energy Company, one of the country's largest coal producers. The rule required emissions upgrades that not only reduced mercury, but also cut levels of nitrogen oxide and soot, which contribute to asthma and lung disease.

► In a particularly appalling move, earlier this month, the administration pressured the USDA-funded 4-H program to halt an effort to welcome kids who are gay, lesbian, or transgender. Trump, of course, has frequently targeted members of the LGBTQ community, but in this case is openly targeting kids for abuse.

I'm leaving out dozens of other known examples, because there simply isn't space to list some of the hundreds of federal regulations that the admin-

istration has taken steps to eliminate, weaken, or delay since taking office. Keep in mind, the public can only understand the impacts of such efforts when they know about them. And while the above examples all made the news somewhere, how many of the administration's other equally egregious actions have been lost in the circus lights?

There's a reason that Scott Pruitt, Trump's original EPA director, who resigned in disgrace, spent \$43,000 for a sound-proof telephone booth in his office, and it wasn't to discuss how to make America's air and water cleaner.

President Trump would undoubtedly claim that his deregulation was unleashing business and creating jobs, but there's precious little evidence that these policies have

resulted in anything other than padded profits for wealthy investors, at the expense of the health and finances of workers, kids, students, and consumers.

The most offensive aspect of this administration's behavior doesn't come from the president's Twitter account, as appalling as that can be. The true offense is this president's casual disregard for almost everything that most decent Americans hold dear. A safe workplace. A clean environment. Respect and decency for others. A government that serves the public interest rather than just private greed.

Yes, this president's astonishing ignorance of everything from forest management (nobody rakes their forests) to basic American history is remarkable, but it really isn't news. Certainly, he

has misunderstood the concept of the bully pulpit, which is not to serve as the nation's bully. He is weak, churlish, and an embarrassment on the world stage. None of that is new, either.

While The Trump Show can seem irresistible at times, the Washington media would better serve the public through greater scrutiny of the truly frightening substance of this administration. Forget the jugglers and the clowns in the White House briefing room. The real news is happening elsewhere. The media should pay less attention to the Twitter tantrums and far more attention to the real damage that Trump's operatives are implementing behind the scenes.

## JOINT POWERS...Continued from page 3

Desiree Westby Koetzle, is a fourth-generation Iron Ranger and native of Virginia. "She understands the district. That is critically important for me to have someone who grew up in this district," he said.

Koetzle, who was a senior advisor to Stauber's campaign, previously served as Deputy Chief of Staff to U.S. Rep. Erik Paulsen, who lost his re-election bid in Minnesota's Third District. Koetzle and her husband have two sons.

"I look forward to finding ways we can help rural America," Stauber said. "Driving up here today, I told my staff member as we passed through these small communities, that these places matter. Ely and the townships matter. I am so looking forward to making sure that those in Washington understand what a township is, and what a privilege it is to serve on a town board. They have to know what a county commissioner does."

He lauded his time serving as a commissioner for St. Louis County. "I certainly learned a lot. I learned to work with my fellow commissioners. Instead of just looking for that perfect piece of legislation, why can't we all agree on just very good

legislation," he said.

### Minnesota politics

State Rep. Rob Ecklund, DFL-I-Falls, said he is looking forward to next year's Minnesota legislative session. "The Democrats took back control of the house this year and I think it will lead to some exciting times for us," he said. "I've always heard that it is fun to serve in the majority, so we'll find out."

Ecklund was appointed chair of the Veterans Finance and Policy committee. "The good part is they added the finance part to it, so it matches up with the Senate committee a little better," he said. "I have to do a lot of homework coming into the session, but I'm excited for it."

He praised state Sen. Tom Bakk, DFL-Cook. "He is always looking out for northern Minnesota when we get down to the nitty-gritty at the end. I think we form a good partnership down there," he said. "I learned how to play the ropes a little bit, and I look forward to doing good things for northeast Minnesota."

Sen. Bakk described a "pretty coarse" election cycle in 2018, in discussing the proliferation of negative political advertising. "It is pretty frustrating for a guy who has

to run a campaign. With all the money in politics today, candidates have lost control of the message," he said. "Messaging is all coming from outside groups. No one knows who they are or where their money comes from. Negative ads will work as long as you let them, and that's why people are running them, because the public still listens to them and believes them."

He warned that until voters tune out the negative ads and start listening to the candidates, the current course of elections will continue. "My challenge to you is to be wary of all the negative ads and the inaccuracies in them," Bakk said. "I have to believe that this too shall pass, and someday we will get back to a point where the candidates control the message. We're talking about the 2020 election already and we don't even have the (winners) from 2018 sworn in yet."

While the DFL reclaimed control of the House, state senators were not up for re-election this year, which leaves the Senate under a narrow 34-33 Republican majority, with Bakk as minority leader.

Paul Gazelka remains the majority leader in the state Senate. "He grew up in Virginia and

was a Blue Devil basketball player," Bakk said. "He's a good guy. We've done a pretty good job of working together. He doesn't always listen to me when he should."

Bakk described last year's Minnesota legislative session as "a disaster and total collapse of leadership." Even-numbered years are non-budget years and nothing "really has to happen" he said. "Unfortunately, that's what happened. We all agreed that we were going to do something about the opioid problem, school safety, and elder abuse, but none of that happened."

Bakk said that the Republican majority underestimated the governor, which proved a significant mistake after he followed through on a threat to veto a major piece of legislation. "I told them on the floor that we should send it back to conference on the last night and fix it up so we could get the governor's signature, and I lost 34-33 to send it back. What I told them would happen did happen. The session totally fell apart," he said. "And now we have to start over."

Looking ahead to working with Minnesota's newly-elected governor, Tim Walz, Bakk said his advice to him is to build an administration

"We have proven we can get insurance in the private world," he said. "That should work in our favor."

with geographic balance. "I felt very often in the Dayton administration that Minneapolis was the center of the universe. I'm very, very concerned about the attitude in rural Minnesota that Democrats don't care. I know that's not true, but sometimes percep-

tions become reality. Tim Walz is a rural guy, and I think we're going to see more emphasis on rural Minnesota out of his administration, and I am looking forward to that."

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Chili benefit for Neil Mayo, Dec. 1**

MT. IRON- Join the family and friends of Neil Mayo for a benefit and chili feed on Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Mt. Iron Community Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Neil was diagnosed with stage-four colon cancer in January 2015. Since diagnosis, Neil has undergone numerous rounds of chemotherapy (65-plus), a liver ablation, immunotherapy, and radiation. He is currently staying at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester.

Neil grew up in Kugler Township and is a 1999 graduate of Tower-Soudan High School. Neil is a proud Iron Ranger. He currently lives in Cloquet with his wife Bethany and their children Hendrix (8), Aili (7) and Charlie (2). All proceeds raised will go to help Neil's family with medical bills and expenses.

The benefit will have a chili lunch for \$10 at the door or \$8 pre-sale; kids under five eat free. Cash donations can be made at Northern Communities Credit Union, 800 S 16th Ave. in Virginia or Northern Communities Credit Union, 3311 W Arrowhead Rd. in Duluth, or online at GoFundMe/neil-russell-mayo.

**Bingo set for Monday, Dec. 3 at the Tower Civic Center**

TOWER- Senior Bingo will be held in Tower on Monday, Dec. 3 at the Tower Civic Center from 11:45 a.m. – 3 p.m. There is a \$10 charge for the bingo party, which includes lunch. All ages are welcome to attend this community event. Lunch is served starting at 11:45 a.m., and bingo begins at 12:45 p.m.

Bingo is cancelled in case of inclement weather. Call Jodi Summit at 218-753-2950 with any questions.

**Red Hat Belles Christmas luncheon on Dec. 7**

GREENWOOD TWP- The Red Hat Belles will meet for their annual Christmas luncheon at the Vermilion Club on Friday, Dec. 7 at 12:30 p.m.

Members are asked to bring an unwrapped gift for Operation Santa, and also non-perishable items for the Tower Area Food Shelf. Any "next-to-new" items you may bring will be used for gifts for the games. New members and guests are always welcomed. Please RSVP by Monday Dec. 3 to Kathy 218-753-2530 or Pam 218-753-3006. Members will order off a limited menu.

**New family daycare opening**

SOUDAN- Paige Hinkel Olson will be opening a new daycare facility in the lower level of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Soudan. The daycare will serve infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and school-age children. Cost is \$3.50 per hour or \$6 per hour for two children from the same family. Call Paige Hinkel Olson for details at 218-780-7217 or email paigehinkel41@gmail.com.

**Lights of Love in Tower, Dec. 2**

TOWER- The 28th Annual Lights of Love will be held on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 4 p.m. at Tower's Lake Vermilion Cultural Center and Tower Civic Center.

Participants will meet at the Cultural Center for the lighting of the Lights of Love tree and singing of a few Christmas carols. Afterwards, the group will move to the Tower Civic Center for coffee and Christmas delicacies, and special Christmas music performed by the Community Christmas Choir directed by Rolf Anderson. The Joy Bell Ringers, led by Jane Johns, will perform more Christmas tunes

and a special Christmas story will be read to all.

Lights of Love is an opportunity to honor the memory of a loved one or recognize someone special in your life by making a donation to the Lights of Love campaign.

All proceeds raised through this campaign go to helping Virgie Hegg Hospice carry out their mission of bringing comfort care services to enrolled hospice patients and their families in our local communities.

**Little Church hosting "A Christmas Story" sing-along on Dec. 2**

VERMILION LAKE TWP- The Little Church will be having "A Christmas Story" sing-along on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 4 pm. Everyone is welcome with coffee and a potluck meal afterwards. The Little Church also has a men's group that meets every Thursday at 9 a.m. for coffee and conversation. All are welcome. The Little Church is located in Vermilion Lake Township on Cty. Rd 26/Wahlsten Rd. Please contact Len Hujanen at 218-749-2014 with any questions.

**Penguins Christmas Party, Dec. 3**

GREENWOOD TWP- Penguins Snowmobile Club Christmas Party will be held Saturday, Dec. 8 at the Vermilion Club. Members' social starts at 6 p.m. Music by the Divas will go from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; music is open to the public. Please RSVP by Dec. 3 to 218-753-6277.

**Ladies Christmas Luncheon at Immanuel Lutheran, Dec. 12**

TOWER- The Immanuel Lutheran Ladies Christmas Luncheon, hosted by the Women of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tower, will be held Wednesday, Dec. 12 at noon in the Immanuel Lutheran Fel-

lowship Hall. Cost is \$12 per person. Meal includes hot roast beef sandwich, mashed potatoes, green beans, beverage and dessert. There will also be entertainment and games. We hope to see you there. Please sign up by Wednesday, Dec. 5 by calling Immanuel Lutheran Church at 218-753-2378 or Jan Brown at 218-290-4928.

**St. James Ladies Christmas Luncheon, Dec. 6**

TOWER- The St. James Presbyterian Church in Tower is hosting a Ladies Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 6 at 11 a.m. The event is free.; main course will be wild rice casserole. A music program and skit will be part of the afternoon activities.

**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. We still have a few open spots. 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.

**St. James Advent Services**

TOWER- The St. James Advent Theme this year will be "The Colors of Christmas."

1. A Green Christmas – The green decorations of Christmas speak of the promise of life in a season of barren trees and gloomy skies. The birth of Christ also speaks of that promise.

2. A Blue Christmas – What happens when Christmas

doesn't go according to plan? How do we handle it when circumstances rob us of the joy of the season? How do we respond to a "blue Christmas"?

3. A Gold Christmas – What was the most valuable gift that was given in the story of the wise men? And what can we learn from the gifts that were given?

4. White Christmas – Zechariah (the father of John the Baptist) declared certain prophecies about the coming Messiah and how He would fulfill the dream of "white Christmas" for Israel. What were these prophecies, and how did Jesus fulfill them?

**Movie Night, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m.**

TOWER- Come to St. James on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m. for a showing of "The Nativity Story." This movie is powerful, timeless, and visually magnificent. The Nativity Story is "a beautiful telling of one of the world's most familiar stories" (Dean Richards, WGN-TV, Chicago). It was the cruelest of times. Under Herod's torturous reign, families struggled to survive, and yet, in the midst of utter turmoil, a young woman's faith was put to the test. Join Mary and Joseph on an incredible journey of hope and discovery. Epic in its scope, yet intimate in its portrayal of this historical family, this "wonderful film" is "a family feature that will be cherished for years to come" (Bill Zwecker, Chicago Sun-Times) [PG].

**St. James Christmas Eve Service**

TOWER- St. James will have its Christmas Eve Service on Monday, Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. The Theme for the service will be "Led By The Star" from Matthew 2:1-12. The service will be followed by a "Birthday Party for Jesus" in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.

**Northeast Range High School First Quarter Honor Roll**

BABBITT- The following students have been named to the A and B Honor Rolls for the first quarter.

**A Honor Roll**

**Grade 12**  
Jacob Bjork  
Kellsie Konstenius  
Sophie Lenz  
Mikayla Mellesmoen  
Justice Porisch  
Mersadies Stordahl

**Grade 11**  
Jolie Langevin

**Grade 10**  
Anne Barich  
Dillon Gorsma  
Kaleb Kappes-Bliss  
Oskar Koivisto  
Willa Koivisto  
Alexia Lightfeather  
Phoebe Morgan  
Ethan Zaitz  
James Zupancich

**Grade 9**  
Audrey Anderson  
Erin Backe  
Markus Maki  
Natalie Nelmark  
Hannah Reichensperger

**Grade 8**  
Rachael Kratz  
Jennie Nelson

**Grade 7**  
Allie Larson  
Hailey Lindquist

**B Honor Roll**

**Grade 12**  
Chloe Aase  
Heidi Houghton  
Taina Koivisto  
Chelsea Larson  
Shayler Lislegard  
Maija Maki  
Carl Sundblad  
Austin Wagner

**Grade 11**  
Brody Anderson  
Robert Daugherty  
Carolyn Desilets  
Kayla Johnson  
Shelby Nelson  
Lara Poderzay  
Jason Skube  
Casey Zahnow

**Grade 10**  
Robert Bielejeski  
Christopher Ferguson  
Niisa Honkola  
Ariel Kalinowski  
Mythias Lightfeather  
Bralyn Lislegard  
Gracie Sperling  
Sadie Theel

**Grade 9**  
Amara Lampton  
Joscelyn LaSart  
Thia Lossing  
Rylan Poppenhagen  
Kaya Sawyer  
Jenna Smith

**Grade 8**  
Conner Berhow  
Morgan Bush  
Zoey Cameron  
Layne Kaufenberg

Logan Meskill  
Tori Sawyer  
Alice Wolter  
Jonathan Zaitz

**Grade 7**  
Natalie Backe  
Edee Flug  
Aubree Gerlovich  
Abby Koivisto  
Allie Larson  
Zander Lislegard  
Mikko Maki  
Rafael Marroquin  
Ashton Mattison  
Ruby Milton  
Wesley Sandy

## Join us for the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual "Lights of Love" 2018 Tree Lighting Ceremony

**Sunday, Dec. 2 at 4 p.m.**  
**Lake Vermilion Cultural Center  
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**Meet at Lake Vermilion Cultural Center** for the lighting of the "*Lights of Love*" tree and singing of a few Christmas carols

**Move to the Tower Civic Center:**

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- Christmas music sung by the Community Christmas Choir directed by Rolf Anderson
- Joy Bell Ringers will perform
- A special Christmas Story will be read
- Little gifts will be given to all children



# Angel Tree

Embarrass Vermillion Federal Credit Union will be partnering with our communities to help up to 120 local children, ages 0-17, in need. We will be hosting three Angel Trees, which will be available in our Tower, Embarrass, and Aurora offices. This project will run November 1st through December 17th. Community members can stop in and choose an Angel from the tree, shop from their wish list, and return it to us unwrapped. Also accepting donations of new warm blankets to donate to each child. We will take care of the wrapping and the distribution of the gifts. Everyone is welcome to participate!

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HOLIDAY GIVING

It is time to shop for this year’s Operation Santa

Donations needed by Dec. 7: toys, gift cards, clothing, and cash welcome

TOWER- This year’s Operation Santa toy drive is officially underway. Operation Santa is a local fundraiser which purchases Christmas gifts (toys, gift cards, and warm winter items) for children whose families use the Tower Food Shelf. Last year we served over 150 area children, and this year our list is already longer than that!

We have started to receive some donations, but much more is needed to make sure every child in our community receives gifts and warm clothing this Christmas season.

We are in great need of board games for children and teens, art supplies and craft kits, sporting goods, and toys for all ages including infants. We also need gift cards (Target or Walmart, valued at \$10 or \$15, for the teens on our list).

The effort is organized by *the Timberjay* and the Tower Soudan Civic Club, with help from many area groups, churches, organizations, and individuals. If your group or church is planning to donate this year, please contact Jodi at 218-753-2950. (This helps with planning!)

Lake Country Power’s Operation RoundUp® program has once again made a very generous donation to the Tower Soudan Civic Club (formerly the Tower Women’s Club), to help cover the cost



of purchasing warm items for the children.

If you purchase a toy that uses batteries, please also send a spare set!

We also accept gently-used holiday decorations and gifts for the adults who use the food shelf. Wrapping paper, tape, and bows are also needed.

Donations can be dropped off at *the Timberjay* in Tower, and will be distributed at the food shelf on Dec. 18.

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM MS. VERA MILION



Dear Hearts,

Well, we made it through Thanksgiving without anyone being hustled to the hospital with Ptomanine poisoning, choking on dry stuffing, second degree burns from the flaming dessert, or from too many Tums.

Hilda and I always do Thanksgiving because it is safer than Christmas! The parents you invite are generally too tired to enjoy food having been awakened by screams of joy or terrorist threats.

“I want the X-Box or I am telling mom what happened to the fifty-dollar bill in her purse and the package of Camels!”

A couple of screams, where did they learn those words, sound of Christmas tree crashing to the floor, the pop... pop of family heirloom glass ornaments being shattered which will lead to an ugly scene at dinnertime.

Or your sister-in-law, after the third glass of Christmas cheer (see recipes at the end of the article), who you tried to convince your brother not to marry, stands on an end table and proclaims, “#\$\$%&@#\*.” (This is a family newspaper so we must curb our vocabulary, or there might not be a Christmas bonus this year...who knows.)

Most often the end table collapses, she gets a major gash on her forehead, and an ambulance is called, followed by the police.

“Elaine, again?”

“Yup.”

“The punch?”

“Yup, we told you last Christmas. Don’t call us! Lots of coffee and no punch!”

Off they go, sirens wailing to track down whomever it was that stole the baby Jesus and the whole herd of sheep from the Nativity scene outside of Our Savior’s Baptist Church.

Our host, Harlan, pops out of the kitchen. He is wearing a chef’s hat and an apron that says, “Always Kiss the Cook!”

He has worn the same apron for years and no one has ever puckered up...he persists!

“Ladies and gentlemen...do I have a treat for you...Pan-Seared Bacon-Wrapped Venison Medallions, Guacamole Burgers with Jalapeno Aioli, and the good old Open-Fire Venison Cowboy Chili.”

Usually at this time, either Hilda or I fake Shigellosis, appendicitis, or Rift Valley Fever, and off we go.

Once an ambulance was called, and we were strapped onto stretchers and given a saline solution.

It took some fast talking, but they let us off by our car. The attendant said, “I hate this season...Christmas parties

and all those relatives! That’s why I volunteer to work every night of the twelve days of Christmas. No pain, but I still get presents.”

Our contribution to the party was a concoction called “Carol of the Bells.”

We start gathering the ingredients just after Labor Day, sort of a liquid scavenger hunt. Do you know how hard it is to find Barenjager Honey Liqueur, Gosling’s Rum, and Thomas Tew Rum... hunting is hunting!

**Carol of the Bells**

1 oz. Barenjager Honey Liqueur

.75 oz. Gosling’s Rum

.5 oz. Thomas Tew Rum

.5 oz. ginger liqueur

.75 oz. lime juice

1 oz. Hibiscus tea

Shake all ingredients with ice and strain over fresh ice into a snifter rimmed with gold, red, and white sugar

**Love Actually Punch Recipe**

6 Celestial Seasonings Apple Spice tea bags

8 oz. El Dorado 12-Year-Old Rum

5 oz. St. Elizabeth Allspice Dram

4 oz. Monkey Shoulder Blended Malt Scotch

2 tsp. Cardamom Seeds

1 Orange

1 Grapefruit

10 Star Anise

10 Cinnamon Sticks

Steep the tea bags in six cups of boiling water for several minutes.

Remove tea bags and in a punch bowl combine Tea, Rum, Allspice Dram and Scotch.

Add cinnamon sticks.

Float grapefruit and orange slices with cardamom and star anise on top.

Serve in tea cups with a cinnamon stick and a sprinkling of star anise and cardamom.

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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.

<b>Week of Dec. 3</b>
Monday- Mini Corn Dogs
Tuesday- Chicken Noodle Soup, Cheesy Bread Sticks, Marinara Sauce
Wednesday- Fish Sticks, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable
Thursday- Sub Sandwich Station
Friday- BBQ Riblet Sandwich, Tater Tots

Week of Dec. 3

**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 Dec. 18

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

**Wednesday**

Tower AA- Open Basics- 7 p.m. at St. James Presbyterian Church. Questions, call 753-2332.

**Thursday**

AA Meeting- Lake Vermilion 12x12 (Open). 6:30 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tower, use the rear side door entrance.

Vermilion Country School Board- Next meeting is Thursday, Dec. 20 at 4:45 p.m. Meetings posted online at [vermilioncountry.org](http://vermilioncountry.org).

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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 encounter alcoholism in a relative or friend.  
BABBITT AL-ANON - Thursdays, 7 p.m., at Woodland Presbyterian Church.  
CO-DEPENDENTS' 12-step support group, noon Fridays, St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Ely.  
ELY FOOD SHELF - Third Wednesday each month, 15 W. Conan St..  
ADULT BASIC EDUCATION  
GED - Study materials and pre-test available. Ely Community Center  
Thursday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Tower by appointment.

Ely Library

Friday, Nov. 30 - 3:30 p.m. - Pinterest Projects - for all ages. A program for our creative patrons of all ages. The theme for this month is to be announced This is the perfect craft session for you if you find yourself pinning lots of ideas on Pinterest that you never go back and use. The library will supply materials. This program is sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Wednesday, Dec. 5 - 3:30 p.m. - Zachary Scot Johnson Holiday Music - all ages. Minnesota singer/songwriter presents a holiday show of favorite songs and lesser known gems that will delight the whole family. Zachary also shares stories about the songs and his own experiences within the music industry. This program is made possible by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Monday, Dec. 10 3 p.m. - Friends of the Library Book Discussion - for adults.

Breathing Out

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slippery roadways  
snow and ice taking over  
cold winter soaked in



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FOOD DRIVE



Ely Memorial High School Youth in Action students collected almost 1,000 pounds worth of food for the Ely Area Food Shelf in time for holidays. submitted photo

SUPPORTING THE ARTS

Gardner Humanities Trust awards Ely arts grants

ELY - The board of the Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust recently awarded \$18,084 to local art organizations and fine arts events.

“This was a super competitive grant round due to a strict grants budget this fall,” said Keiko Williams, executive director for the Trust. “Artists and organizations requested over \$27,500, but we had only \$18,084 allotted for our fall grant round. Normally the Trust might use some of its operational reserve for grant awards but this summer our Community Giving Grant installed outdoor musical sculptures in Whiteside Park.”

The Trust’s project grant program supports activities in the fine arts and is intended to make possible presentations or productions. Project grants were awarded this year to the following organizations:

- The Boundary Waters Choral Festival was awarded \$2,400 to support high school students in small rural choirs with large ensemble opportunity, a festival clinician and UMD vocal coaches. The choral festival will be celebrating its tenth anniversary this year.
- The Ely ArtWalk was awarded \$2,000 to support its 11-day winter art show to be held Feb. 7-17, 2019. This is a wonderful collaboration between artists and the local businesses that open up their storefronts to create the outdoor gallery.
- Northern Lakes Arts Association was awarded \$3,280 to support performances of “A Tiny Miracle With A Fiberoptic Unicorn.” While the production is a comedy it will also be a collaboration with Northwoods Partners because the content includes a character with dementia.
- The Ely Winter Festival was awarded \$2,700 to help support the festival’s signature Snow Sculpture Symposium. This event is a wonderful collaboration of volunteers and artists that carve the big snow blocks in Whiteside Park.
- The Mesabi Symphony Orchestra was awarded \$3,200 to support a concert in Ely in February



Ben Niles directs the Mesabi Symphony Orchestra in concert in Ely. submitted photo



Shaun Chosa’s art was on display last year in the Ely ArtWalk.

2019, ‘Tragedy and Comedy,’ that will engage interest in classical music and the orchestra. The orchestra will also bring a small ensemble to do outreach in Ely and other area schools.

The operational funding grant program is for high-quality, established Ely-area arts organizations that produce or present fine arts activities or provide services to artists. Organizations with an established record of programmatic service and administrative stability may receive

funds to help with goals and objectives, rather than specific projects.

- Northern Lakes Arts Association was awarded \$2,484 to help set up a membership database, launch a membership drive, advertising, misc.
- Ely Arts & Heritage was awarded \$2,000 to support funding to update their website, offset costs for a new arts program, ‘Patchwork, Poetry and Pottery, and for miscellaneous administrative expenses.

The 2018 Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust board members are: Laura Moberly, Ryan Callen, Becky Zientek, Cade Thibodeaux, Beth Ohlhauser, Andrea Strom, Jill Swanson and Andy Messerschmidt.

Any questions about the grant programs, the Trust or ways to support the arts in Ely can be directed to Keiko Williams, Executive Director at 365-2639 or at info@gardnertrust.org.

The purpose of the Trust is for the enhancement, growth and improvement of: the Ely Public Library; the arts and artisans of Ely and surrounding area, to include the performing arts, the visual arts and literature; the creating and funding of scholarships, educational and artistic grants; and the cultural and aesthetic environment of the City of Ely and its surrounding area.

EDUCATION WEEK



Ely American Legion Auxiliary member Jeanie Zaverl helps Kindergarten students learn how to properly fold the American flag on Thursday, Nov. 15 as they celebrated Education Week. In addition, each teacher was given an apple and a flag for their classroom. submitted photo



OUR COMMUNITY

TRY HOCKEY FOR FREE



Little ice skaters recently had a chance to try their hand at hockey at the Ely Ice Arena. Shown clockwise from top left, Toren Harding loves the helmet, Logan Larsen gets a lesson in stick handling from coach Kevin Niskala, Hayden Engen is all smiles on the ice. photos by K. Vandervort

In Brief

Ely student to perform at Gustavus

ST. PETER - Gustavus Adolphus College will host its annual Christmas in Christ Chapel worship services this weekend, Nov.30 through Dec. 2 on campus in St. Peter, Minn.

This year, Ely student Catherine DeRemee will participate. Christmas in Christ Chapel’s theme is Visions of Divine Mystery. The service weaves a compelling tapestry as over 350 students proclaim the great wonder and timeless relevance of the incarnation as revealed to us through angels and prophets.

The evening performance on Saturday, Dec 1, will be live-streamed online for free beginning at 7:30 p.m. Visit [gustavus.edu/ccc](http://gustavus.edu/ccc) to learn more or watch the live-stream.

Youth grants awarded in Ely, Babbitt

REGIONAL– The youth board members of the Northland Foundation’s KIDS PLUS Youth In Philanthropy Program have awarded more than \$8,000 in 13 grants during its fall round of grant-making to support youth-driven projects across the region.

The board is made up of 15 high school students from Cloquet, Duluth, Ely, Hibbing, McGregor, Moose Lake, and Superior, Wis., and four adult mentors.

Youth In Philanthropy receives key funding support from the Minnesota Power Foundation, the Northland Foundation, and others. The remaining two rounds of grants have application deadlines of Jan. 1, and April 1, 2019.

Learn more at [www.northlandfdn.org/kids-plus/youth-programs.php](http://www.northlandfdn.org/kids-plus/youth-programs.php).

Regional grants awarded include:

- Northeast Range School - ISD #2142, Babbitt - \$400 - To create a space for students to film projects, produce videos, and create newscast content;
- Northeast Range School - ISD #2142, Babbitt - \$240 - To support the design and construction of a custom retro arcade cabinet that can be programmed by the youth center;
- Ely Knight Hawks 4-H Club, Ely - \$450 - To promote the local 4-H program by hosting a puzzle derby, planned and implemented by youth, so that people of all ages can gather and have fun together.

Tuesday Group schedule

ELY - The upcoming Tuesday Group schedule is listed below. All talks are at 12 noon on Tuesday at the Grand Ely Lodge.

**Dec 4 - Eric Enberg** - A Political/Financial Perspective on Climate Change and Katya Gordon - Sea Change: Addressing Climate Change on Lake Superior.

Yesterday’s news, this week

from the archives of

THE ELY MINER

Courtesy of the Ely-Winton Historical Society

November 29, 1918

Large crowd at meeting

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.

Flu ban lifted

The lifting of the flu ban Saturday evening changed the appearance of things materially. The theatre was crowded and the stores did a rushing business. A more cheerful feeling resulted among the people.

SEASONAL ENTERTAINMENT

Take a trip back to Christmas in the 1980s

ELY - The Ely Community Theatre’s production of “A Tiny Miracle with a Fiberoptic Unicorn,” continues this weekend at the Vermilion Community College Fine Arts Theatre, Friday Nov. 30, and Saturday Dec. 1, at 7 p.m., and Sunday Dec. 2, at 2 p.m.

The comedy in two acts will also play on Tuesday Dec. 4, Friday Dec.7 and Saturday Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door or online at [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com). This play is sponsored by the Northern Lakes Arts Association and made possible, in part, by a grant from the Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust.

Director Greg Mann described “Tiny Miracle” as a humorous look at family life in the1980s. ‘We present a play filled with laughs and nostalgia, as well as poignant moments and some tears,’ he said. “It also contains some PG-13 level adult content, so parental discretion is advised.”

ELY MEMORIAL SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Quarter 1 Honor Roll 2018-2019  
\* Denotes 3.5 GPA or above

**Grade 6:** Noah Anderson, Evelyn Cavalier, \*Caid Chittum, \*Isabella Davis, \*Carena Debeltz, \*Anna Dunn, \*Margaret Fetterer, \*Annabelle Henry, \*Jace Huntbatch, Rylee Larsen, Morgan Lassi, Bennett Leeson, \*Maija Mattson, \*Wyatt Mattson, \*Milo McClelland, \*Alex Merrin, \*Madelyn Memon, \*Janae Murphy, Carmen Nelson, Eli Olson, \*Lillian Rechichi, \*Lauren Rehbein, \*Garrett Rohr, Silas Solum, \*Ava Sundell, \*Clare Thomas, \*Kennedy Zupancich.

**Grade 7:** \*Chase Anderson, \*Esther Anderson, Colton Bramley, \*Lily Dirks, \*Kiarstin Eaton, \*Samuel Favet, Ryan Fenske, Bryce Ferdig, \*Thomas Homer, \*Abigail Johnson, \*Samantha Kvistad, \*Grace LaTourell, Samuel Leeson, Brielle Lindland, Henry Lowe, Andrew Marolt, \*Gavin

Marshall, \*Samuel Prijatel, \*Deegan Richards, \*Isabelle Schiltz, Rose Mary Schlosser, \*Ava Skustad, Leo Stalmer, Robert Towley, \*Sarah Visser.

**Grade 8:** William Bach, Joseph Bianco, \*Jacob Cochran, \*Katherine Coughlin, \*Rachel Coughlin, \*Margaret Dammann, \*Zoe Devine, \*Sydney Durkin, \*Courtney Eilrich, \*Natasha Fulkrod, \*Taylor Gibney, Madelyn Gruba, Gunnar Hart, \*Jackson Hegman, \*Phoebe Helms, Madeline Kallberg, Jason Kerntz, Logan Loe, Gabriel Mann, Tyler Mattila, \*Morgan McClelland, \*Sean Ogburn, \*Cedar Ohlhauser, \*Elizabeth Omerza, \*Madeline Perry, \*Madison Rohr, Levi Shusta, \*Juliet Stouffer, \*Grace Sundell, \*Audrey Thomas, \*Kelly Thompson.

**Grade 9:** Alec Cook, Rylee Dusich, \*Bryce Fairchild, \*Charly Flom, Joseph Foster, \*Jon Hakala, \*Drayke Hanninen, Matthew Janeksela, Reba Kissell,

\*Micah Larson, \*Sidney Marshall, \*Annikka Mattson, \*Willow Ohlhauser, \*Cora Olson, \*Lauren Olson, \*Gabriel Pointer, \*Gracie Pointer, \*Edward Prijatel, \*Abigail Rehbein, \*Zachary Robbins, Raven Sainio, \*Chase Sandberg, \*Katrina Seliskar, \*Harry Simons, \*Kellen Thomas, Jacob Towley, \*Karissa Vanvickle, \*Ande Visser.

**Grade 10:** \*Riley Bishop, \*Madisyn Carlson, \*McKenna Coughlin, \*Harrison Dammann, \*William Davies, \*Grace Erickson, Emmett Faltesek, \*Jasper Johnston, \*Cameron Kienitz, Jaicee Krings, \*BrockLaTourell, \*Hanna Littler, \*Sophie Montana, \*Katie Pinckney, \*Amelia Pluth, \*Margaret Renner, \*Sydni Richards, Madelyne Roderick, \*Jonah Schwamm, \*Julia Schwinghamer, \*Abigail Thompson, Brynn Vollom, Elsie Vollom, Davis Walsh.

**Grade 11:** Elissia Bennett, \*Ana Bercher, Nils DeRemee, Holly Dirks, \*Andrew Dunn, Andre Edgington,

\*Kalyssa Eilrich, \*Dylan Fenske, \*Apolonia Homer, \*Sarah Isbell, \*Savannah Johnson, McCartney Kaercher, Josh Larson, Finn Liesching, \*Henry Matthys, Eric Mattila, \*Erika Mattson, \*Jenna Merhar, Kjetil Midttun, \*Nathan Nettifee, \*Luke Olson, \*Raif Olson, Eric Omerza, \*Brooke Pasmick, \*Mitchell Peterson, Seann Prigge, Abigail Rabe, \*Winter Sainio, Dalton Schreffler, \*James Schwinghamer, \*Selina Sun, Destany Walker.

**Grade 12:** \*Dana Crenshaw, \*Charles Dammann, \*Lida Dodge, Maarja Faltesek, Zachary Hiller, Tyler Housey, Nash Hren, \*Madelene Johnson, Jeremiah Kaercher, Adam Knuutti, \*Kaitlyn Lakner, Nicholas Mattila, Trevor Mattson, Preston Morgan, \*Tim Moskalyk, \*Gabriella Omerza, Mackenzie Peterson, Evan Rabe, \*Shane Spangler, \*Lucy Stouffer, Logan Synnes, Patrick Vanderbeek, Jasiah Wigdahl.

ELY COMMUNITY

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, Dec. 2 • 2 PM

Washington Memorial Auditorium • Ely, MN

FREE of charge

We hope to see you there!



# Community Notices

## National Honor Society Induction

COOK - North Woods High School's annual induction ceremony for the National Honor Society will be held in the high school cafeteria at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 5.

To be eligible for membership in the National Honor Society, students in grades 10-12 must have a cumulative GPA of 3.60. Additionally, members must meet high standards of leadership, service and character. Students were evaluated by a faculty council of five teachers. Students selected for admission to the National Honor Society are: Olivia Fultz, Brynn Simpson, Cole Thiel.

## Borderland Orchestra performs Dec. 2

I-FALLS - Borderland Community Orchestra will spread holiday cheer through music on Sunday, Dec. 2 at Backus Community Center. The concert starts at 2 p.m.

In their twentieth season, the orchestra, under the direction of Katherine Williams of Emo, Ontario, includes over 40 musicians from all across the district; International Falls, Littlefork, Fort Frances, Rainy River, Baudette and Williams. A former member now living in Thunder Bay will join the concert that features a wide variety of music that will appeal to all ages, from teens to seniors.

Selections will include Santa at the Symphony, Christmas at the Movies, Nutcracker Ballet Suite, LeRoy Anderson's Sleigh Ride, Christmas Eve in Sarajevo and Stille Nacht - a wonderful version of Silent Night featuring Dr. Eric Kopenda from International Falls on cello and Harvey Lein from Baudette on piano.

Families are encour-

aged to come and bring their children. Admission is \$12 for adults; \$5 for kids ages 6 to 18; pre-K children free. Tickets are available at the Backus office, City Drug Store, Betty's in Fort Frances, and at the door.

The concession stand will be open before and during intermission.

For more information, please contact Backus Community Center, 900 5th Street, International Falls, 218-285-7225 or go online at [www.backusab.org](http://www.backusab.org).

## Lutefisk and meatball dinner

COOK - Trinity Lutheran Church will have their sixth annual Lutefisk and Meatball dinner on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 4 to 7 p.m. Other food served will include potatoes and gravy, green beans, rutabaga, homemade bread, cranberries, pickled herring, and a selection of deserts. Tickets cost \$15 for adults; children 10 and under are \$6. Takeout boxes will be available for those unable to stay for the entire event.

## Carol and the Belles

COOK - Come experience the joy and true meaning of Christmas as portrayed by the children of our community and surrounding area. "Carol and the Belles" will be presented at the First Baptist Church of Cook on Saturday, Dec. 15 at 5 p.m. and on Dec. 16 at 10 a.m. The production begins at 10 a.m. but you are invited to a coffee time in the fellowship hall at 9:30. The 50's style musical set at the local Drive Inn is filled with vibrant songs and delivers the truth of God's Word regarding the birth of Jesus. The script and story feature an exuberant cast (young AND old!) preparing for a "Rock and Roll TV Special" that results in a beautiful Nativity scene. Following the Saturday performance, there will

be a Feast and Fellowship time in the lower auditorium. ALL are welcome to attend one or both of these performances. You won't want to miss it. The children invite you, too.

## Christmas Bird Count

COOK - The Public Library here will have its annual bird count presentation on Thursday and Dec. 6 at 11 a.m.

The presentation will be given by Julie Grahm.

Grahm's presentation will cover the ins and outs of participating in the annual Christmas bird count. She will give information about the many birds that live in and visit our area in the winter and give tips on how to identify them. All ages welcome.

## Grocery delivery services offered

COOK - Registrations are being taken here for a grocery delivery service following the fire at Zup's Grocery. The program, offered by the AEOA, is for seniors 60 years of age or older. Registrations will be taken over the phone by calling the agency at 1-800-662-5711 ext. 6899

## Gingerbread and volunteer appreciation at Cook Library

COOK - Come and help build a gingerbread village at the Cook Library. Sweet treats and frosting will fill the library on Thursday Dec. 13 at 4 p.m. during the after school library club. All children are welcome to participate; those under 10 years need an adult helper. Creations can go home or stay at the library.

The gingerbread creations will be followed at 6 p.m. by a volunteer appreciation gathering featuring snacks and drinks for the public.

# SNOW CITY Have a jolly weekend in Orr



Santa greets parade goers at last year's Snow City. file photo

ORR - Don't miss out on the fun with this year's Snow City Festival in Orr. While the festival is held on Saturday, Dec. 1, the event began with the Medallion Hunt. Clues have been posted since Monday for the Snow City Medallion hunt, kicking off the annual holiday tradition.

Residents and visitors alike will be treated to the annual festival

events around Orr starting with breakfast bright and early at 7 a.m. at Orr Community Center (Legion Building).

At 10 a.m. craft vendors will open their shops at the Orr Center. While moms and dads shop, kids will have a day filled with activities at the center as well.

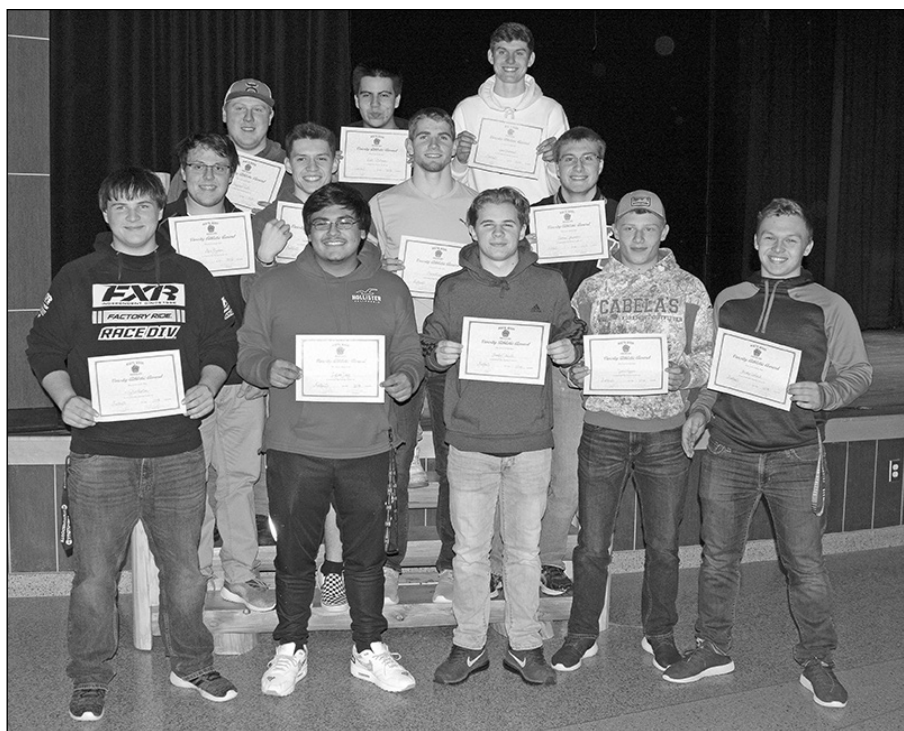
Once your stomach is ready to eat again, the Orr Center will host

lunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Don't forget to watch the parade at 1 p.m.! If you're feeling lucky stop by Norman's One Stop at 3 p.m. for a chance to win a 4-wheeler.

The day will conclude at 6 p.m. back at the Orr Center with the Lights of Love tree lighting and refreshments.

## FOOTBALL AWARDS



Top: Hayden Picek, Kent Villebrun, Ian Sherman; Middle: Alex Byram, Tanner Barto, Chase Kleppe, Stefen Johansen; Bottom: Tyler Kiehm, Dylan Day, Brody Driscoll, Jake Hyppa, Blake Scofield.

photo by C. Stone

FIELD TWP - The North Woods Grizzlies football team gave out their awards last week at the post-season banquet. Chase Kleppe earned the Brynn Linn, Most Valuable Player and Best Defense awards. Trevor Morrison also shared the Best Defense award. TJ Chiabotti earned the Best Offense award. Tyler Kiehm earned the Unsung Hero award. Alex Byram was Most Improved. Kleppe, Morrison and Chiabotti were also named All District players.

# Crane Lake News by the Singing Teapot Dames



If you look at the calendar it will tell you that winter officially begins in the western hemisphere on Friday, Dec. 21, the solstice, and will end on Wednesday Mar. 3, 2019. Don't believe it. It is winter in northern Minnesota. Every few days we will have a mild weather day; however that is just a teaser. All the other days are either cold, windy, snowing or all of the previously mentioned. The beauty of our land overtakes the hardships and we love living in Northern Minnesota.

What is the Winter Solstice? The word *solstice* comes from Latin *sol* "sun"

and *sistere* "to stand still." In the Northern Hemisphere, as summer advances to winter, the points on the horizon where the Sun rises and sets advance southward each day; the high point in the Sun's daily path across the sky, which occurs at local noon, also moves southward each day. At the winter solstice, the Sun's path has reached its southernmost position. The next day, the path will advance northward.

However, a few days before and after the winter solstice, the change is so slight that the Sun's path seems to stay the same, or stand still. The Sun is directly overhead at "high-noon" on the Winter Solstice at the latitude called the Tropic of Capricorn.

Beginning in January, the Dames will add a new feature to this column. The Dames have found the old listing of birthdays which ran in the *Crane Lake News* years ago. The Dames will gladly include everyone's birthday for each

month, at the beginning of the month. The listing the Dames have is a bit outdated so they are asking for your help. Please respond as soon as possible with your birthdate or any others you would like to have included. You may respond by e-mail to [info@thelake-country.com](mailto:info@thelake-country.com), by fax 218-757-3533 or by phone to Sandy at 218-757-3233 and it will be added. Thank you for your help and everyone is sure to acknowledge "the day we all got better". The Dames promise to not print any ages!

Jake Ulen is at Mayo Clinic for treatment from the severe accident he suffered at Sand Cut Hill. The accident was the result of a blown tire, forcing the vehicle to roll, ejecting Jake through the windshield with a section of the fender landing on his leg, crushing his leg. Mayo has a process which will hopefully save Jake's leg. The process will require several surgeries and about a year of treatment. The entire communities of Buyck,

Crane Lake and Orr send prayers and good wishes to Jake.

Now that we have officially entered the Christmas season and with online shopping being such a large outlet many of us will undoubtedly be using our "plastic" money. Another reason for the January doldrums! A credit card authorizes the designated user to charge goods and services to an account. The cardholder is then billed periodically, usually monthly. This practice began in the U.S. in the 1920s with local oil companies and hotel chains issuing them for select customers to use at company outlets. The first universal credit card that could be used at a wide variety of establishments appeared in 1950. Diners Club Inc. issued this prestigious "Diners Club" card. Other credit card companies sprang up, eventually leading to the bank credit card system.

December is here, but it will go quickly. Before we know it,

we will be looking forward to New Year's Eve and anticipating what 2019 will bring.

It is always uplifting to think of what each New Year will mean for each of us. Let us hope that nationally 2019 will bring a year where our politicians actually do work together to get things done for the nation, instead of sticking to a personal agenda.

But first we have to get through the holiday season.

What are your Christmas traditions that you and your family must do to make the holiday season for you? We are a blend of so many cultures, and each family has its "tried and true" traditions—which are yours? The cookies and treats you make (no lutefisk, please, but lefse allowed!), to hanging stockings, to the tree and decorations, to caroling—just what do you and your loved ones have to do to make it Christmas? The Dames would love to have you share your holiday "have

to's". Christmas is the season of sharing, so share! Ruth Carlson shares her tradition. Every year on the first of December, Ruth takes down her everyday dishes from the cupboard and replaces them with her service of twelve Christmas dishes. The Christmas dishes are used daily for the entire month and on Jan. 2 or 3 replaced for another year.

The decorating and tree are soon to follow at Ruth's house, however, the daily use of the dishes is a special way to welcome the holiday. To share your tradition with us please send by email, phone or fax. The numbers follow.

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Until next week the Teapot Dames are singing off.



ZUP’S FUNDRAISER



Matt Zupancich (top-center), owner of the Cook Zup’s, stands with the North Woods girls and boys basketball teams. Both teams held mini games and a fundraiser to help families affected by the fire at Zup’s earlier this month.  
photo by C. Stone

GRIZZLY UPDATES

Meet Mr. Will Kleppe

Principal John Vukmanich interviews a selection of educators and coaches at the North Woods School

This week we will spotlight a teacher at North Woods who wears many hats as a teacher and coach, Mr. Will Kleppe.

Mr. V: Where are you originally from and where did you go to high school and college?

Mr. K: I am from Napoleon, N.D., and graduated from Napoleon High School in a class of 26 kids. Go Imperials! I graduated from Moorhead State University with a degree in Social Studies Education and got a Masters from Southwest State.

Mr. V: Were there teachers who were an influence on you? Please name a few if you can.

Mr. K: For sure Mrs. Wolf, my first-grade teacher. I still talk to her. Mr. Laber was my high school social studies teacher and JV basketball coach. He taught me self-discipline.

Mr. V: What characteristics did these teachers have that were important to you?

Mr. K: Mrs. Wolf



JOHN VUKMANICH

loved her students, all of them, and Mr. Laber taught self-discipline and accountability.

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

Mr. K: Social Studies, History 7, Geography 8, and CEP American History.

Mr. V: Why did you choose teaching as a profession?

Mr. K: My friend’s sister was a teacher, and she mentioned that they needed an elementary basketball coach at their school in 1992. I fell in love with it and have been doing it ever since!

Mr. V: What are your hobbies?



Will KLEPPE

Mr. K: I love Montana, motorcycling, doing things with my family, snowmobiling, making lumber and working in my sawmill, talking basketball with people, etc.

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

Mr. K: Students and staff are like a big family; we know everybody. The staff is super helpful.

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

Mr. K: Right now to break down the State of MN Social Studies Standards, but always it is to engage students the best we can.

Mr. V: What is something you love about northern MN?

Mr. K: I love the change of seasons and the outdoors.

Mr. V: What is a piece of advice you’d give your students?

Mr. K: Learn to get along with people, even when you don’t like them. Be nice.

Mr. V: Do you have a favorite saying or expression?

Mr. K: I have lots of quotes I use to help motivate kids to work hard.

Mr. V: What do you hope that your students will remember you for?

Mr. K: As someone who treated them nice and in a positive way, regardless of the grade they got from me.

Thank you, Mr. Kleppe, for all that you do academically and athletically at North Woods School!

Go Grizzlies!  
Your Principal,  
John Vukmanich

JUNIOR JAMBOREE



Parents of North Woods School juniors perform a skit during last week’s Junior Jamboree. The annual event is a showcase of talent from the school’s junior class, as well as some fun performances by both parents and teachers in support of the students. In the above photo, parents imitate what they believe to be a representation of how their children behave in school. wphoto by C. Stone

Briefly

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of the public infrastructure but later reneged on that promise citing the potential risk if the project fails to move forward.

Keith said a state statute prohibits cities from paying two percent over the prime interest rate.

But Jeremy Schoenfelder, the master developer for Tower Harbor Shores, the company that is pursuing the development at the city's behest, told the council that his company's attorney, who is based in Minnesota and serves as city attorney for larger cities than Tower, could find nothing in statute to confirm Keith's claim. Schoenfelder asked for both attorneys to talk about the issue so they have a common understanding of what, if anything, the law actually requires.

Schoenfelder and Keith engaged in a back-and-forth over the issue for several minutes, before Councilor Lance Dougherty asked if Keith had anything in writing on the issue. Keith said she had only had a phone conversation with the attorney and that he was traveling and was unable to provide anything in writing.

Dougherty said he didn't like being asked to make a significant decision without enough information. Councilor Brad Matich suggested that he felt the council was being "railroaded."

But Carlson said he now has doubts about the project even if the law doesn't prohibit the interest rate proposed. "I question whether we have a viable project here," Carlson said that he was no longer willing to go along

with the interest rate. He also suggested, based on a comment by Keith, that the county would never approve the proposed interest.

Schoenfelder said if the city can find an investor willing to accept a lower interest rate, he would be fully supportive, but questioned whether that would be possible. And he noted that the city would not know the county's position until it asked.

Councilors Matich and Dougherty objected to the mayor's suggestion that the city doesn't have a "viable project," and said they favored letting the attorneys for both sides try to clarify the issue.

The interest rate had been an issue at the council's Nov. 13 meeting, but city engineer Matt Bolf had noted that the city could not expect to eliminate its risk, by having an outside investor front the cost of public infrastructure, without expecting to pay more for the benefit.

In the end, the council voted to allow the attorneys to iron out any concerns regarding interest rates. Dougherty, Matich, and Councilor Brooke Anderson voted yes, while Carlson voted no. Councilor Kevin Fitton appeared to be silent on the issue.

Keith and Carlson had clearly anticipated they could convince the council to end the city's involvement with Tower Harbor Shores, and they quickly tabled a proposal later in the agenda to issue a new Request for Proposals, seeking a new developer or proposal for development for the harbor area.

In other business,

Tower Area Ambulance Director Steve Altenburg delivered what was billed on the agenda as an "ambulance director's report," but was, in fact, a 46-minute-long harangue against *Timberjay* Publisher Marshall Helmberger for what he called "lies" and an effort to scare the public about the ambulance department's shift to paid on-call and more recently about Altenburg's request for a third ambulance. Altenburg said the staffing costs for the POC program have proven to be less than he originally predicted and less than Helmberger had suggested in previous news stories. Altenburg acknowledged following the meeting that the service has saved money on staffing because it had hired less-experienced Emergency Medical Responders, rather than EMTs. The service is also paying the on-call staff less per hour than Altenburg had originally proposed.

Altenburg, throughout his rambling and disjointed presentation, regularly misrepresented reporting in the *Timberjay*, pulling sentences or partial sentences from a wide variety of news stories or editorials that had been published over the past ten months without providing context.

Altenburg provided no written report, but offered his comments off-the-cuff, and provided no updated figures on the number of transfers in recent months, although he acknowledged that calls seem to have dropped in recent months, saying it was a trend being experienced by other departments.

At one point, he questioned Helmberger's business judgment, noting that he had been involved in an effort to establish a state-licensed daycare facility to the community, which had been forced to close when the center was unable to find replacement staff after its director had quit.

"Five months, it went out of business," he said. Helmberger, along with several others, had undertaken the effort to establish a daycare at the request of Mayor Josh Carlson after a community meeting revealed the lack of daycare services in the community.

He also said that Helmberger had been involved in obtaining a \$125,000 grant from the IRRRB to help bridge a funding gap in the early stages of the harbor town home project. He falsely claimed that those funds had been "given to Orlyn [Kringstad]," when in fact the funds had gone to Tower Harbor Shores, a corporation with multiple investors to pay for architectural, engineering, and marketing costs associated with the project. "That is a matching grant fund," said Altenburg. "After a year and a half later, there's not a single receipt in matching expenditures. No collateral," said Altenburg.

Altenburg's claim was false, since the money was only allotted to Tower Harbor Shores based on paid invoices and posted checks documenting payment, a fact that both Helmberger and Deputy Clerk Terri Joki-Martin had confirmed in a review of the payments at the time.

Altenburg claimed that the developers had

provided no financials showing the potential to repay the loan. In fact, the IRRRB opted to make the grant repayable to the Tower Economic Development Authority because Tower Harbor Shores had provided financials demonstrating the potential for repayment. In other instances, the IRRRB provided similar funds to start-up projects on a purely grant basis, requiring no repayment.

Altenburg's comments targeting Kringstad came three weeks to the day after Kringstad handily beat Altenburg and a third candidate in the race for Tower mayor.

Altenburg's comments devolved at times into nit-picking, suggesting that Helmberger had misreported his comments regarding the purchase of an ambulance from Lifeline. He said Helmberger had reported Altenburg as saying he was "looking at going with the Lifeline one," while Altenburg claimed he said he was "leaning toward Lifeline." In fact, the digital recording of the meeting confirms that the *Timberjay's* reporting was accurate, word-for-word (The *Timberjay* has posted the relevant portion of the digital recording on its website at timberjay.com along with this story).

Indeed, Altenburg went on at the Nov. 13 meeting to say that he would be finalizing a "contract" for the Lifeline ambulance and bringing it back to the council for final approval. After inquiry from this newspaper about the lack of a competitive bidding process, the city

requested formal bids from various suppliers for the ambulance. A bid opening is now planned for early December.

In other action, the council:

➤ Approved a resolution naming Nov. 14, Herb Lamppa Day in Tower in honor of the former mayor, city councilor, teacher, and businessman who died earlier this month. The resolution highlighted Lamppa's many achievements for the betterment of Tower, including improvements to city infrastructure and promotion of economic development.

➤ Received their first look at the city's proposed 2019 budget, which is set for final approval on Dec. 10. The council offered no questions or discussion.

➤ Approved an updated quote of \$16,220 from GMen for the demolition of two dilapidated residences, one located on S Second and the other on Main Street. The bid was \$1,200 higher than the original version, reflecting the discovery of some asbestos in one of the buildings.

➤ Approved contracts with SEH for the second phase of LCCMR funding for the harbor and riverfront and for repairs to Pine Street near the fire hall. The city received \$420,000 from the Local Road Improvement Fund for repairs to the rough portion of street. The project will require a \$186,000 local match. Keith said she was not sure where the funds would come from.

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idents Joseph and Marcia Wegleitner. The parcel, which does not include

lake frontage, is valued by St. Louis County at \$38,700 and is wedged

between County Rd. 77 and the current access road to BayView Lodge and

adjacent cabins.

The application states that a plan to reopen the resort, its restaurant and bar, and a planned pizza and ice cream shop, would only be feasible if the RV park is built. The portion of the property planned for the proposed RV park is currently zoned as residential, which makes rezoning of the parcel necessary.

In addition to the RV sites, the proposal includes a new access road into the resort from County Rd. 77 to allow easier traffic flow for larger vehicles and ease potential congestion on the existing BayView

Drive. The application states the owners will be providing private garbage disposal services for a fee at the resort to maintain cleanliness.

Lake Vermilion currently has four RV parks, with the next closest located at Fortune Bay Resort Casino.

A RV park has been proposed at BayView previously, but did not receive approval from Greenwood's planning and zoning authority. Greenwood residents decided to grant St. Louis County authority over local zoning several years

ago. The Greenwood Town Board, at their November meeting, chose not to make any comments to the county on the proposal.

In previous years, the resort has faced complaints from surrounding property owners over noise. In both 2013 and 2016, the resort, under different owners, fought against Greenwood Township's efforts to curtail outdoor music on the property. The resort's popular restaurant and bar, which had hosted the annual Lake Vermilion Flotilla for many years, was closed for the 2018 season.

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ELY TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING

Council weighs three percent levy hike for 2019

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
 Ely Editor

ELY –City of Ely taxpayers will be paying more in property taxes for 2019 and nobody seems to mind. Not one person attended a Truth-in-Taxation public hearing held Tuesday night at city hall to learn more about the city’s tax and spending plans for next year.

In an empty council chamber, Clerk-Treasurer Harold Langowski and city council members reviewed the proposed budget, that calls for a 2019 city levy of \$1,751,0798—an increase of \$52,400, or 3.08 percent over 2018.

“Our estimated taxable market value for 2019 increased \$8,629,600, or 5.2 percent, compared to 2018 which is significant,” Langowski said.

The city’s general fund levy will see the largest increase for next year, jumping \$45,700, or 11 percent, over last year’s number, to \$458,300. The general fund includes police and fire protection, street maintenance, building safety, city administration, parks and recreation, legal services, building operations, planning and zoning and other general government expenses.

The library fund will increase by \$5,700, from \$273,100 to

\$278,800, or about 2.09 percent, Langowski said. Other funds stayed much the same.

Total general fund expenditures are budgeted to increase by \$91,800, or 2.8 percent. “The \$45,700 increase in the levy along with increases in other revenues offsets those increased expenditures,” Langowski said.

The jump in property taxes for next year is largely due to the much smaller increase in Local Government Aid, he noted. “Our LGA increased sufficiently in 2018 to offset the inflationary and labor contract increases and in the budget, allowing for a reduction in property taxes,” Langowski said. “In 2019, LGA

increases are not sufficient to cover our rising costs.”

In 2018, LGA increased by \$85,300. In 2019, the city of Ely will receive only a \$5,800 boost in LGA. “That is a considerable reduction,” he said. “I would expect the increase in LGA to be much higher next year.”

The Ely Economic Development Authority levy, a completely separate fund, will increase to \$31,643.34, based on the increase in the taxable market value of properties in the city.

Other changes in the 2019 budget include a big drop in capital project expenditures, estimated to total \$2.59 million, a decrease from \$4.735 in

2018. “Twenty-three percent of that amount, or \$597,200, is budgeted by property taxes,” Langowski said. The remaining \$1.922 million is funded by federal and state grants. “We get money from IRRRB on the state level and CDBG on the federal level. On the local level, we have transfers from utilities for improvements made to water and sewer, and at the airport we receive both State of Minnesota and FAA funds,” he said.

The Ely City Council will give their final approval to the budget and certify the levy at their Dec. 18 regular business meeting.

Ely seeks funding for ‘pocket’ park

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
 Ely Editor

ELY – City council members here, last week, agreed to seek as much as \$50,000 from the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation’s “street-scape” program for the development of a downtown pocket park.

The small green space would be located on Chapman Street in the lot of the former Pamida store next to the James Drug building.

The city’s Projects Committee has endorsed the plan, first envisioned almost five years ago by the Minnesota Design Team. The proposal, esti-

mated to cost as much as \$145,500, calls for the vacant lot to be landscaped with shrubs and grass, and would include benches, tables, concrete path and maybe even a small splash pad.

According to Clerk-Treasurer Harold Langowski, the overall project request would include the replacement or repainting of decorative lighting and replacement of the banners on the light fixtures on Conan Street.

According to minutes from a recent Projects Committee meeting, much of the street lighting work could be completed by the Ely Utilities Commission to reduce costs.

City officials have envisioned improvements to the downtown area, especially Chapman Street, that include the development of the vacant lot that has been an eyesore in the area since the Pamida building was demolished a decade ago.

In other business, the council:

➤ Congratulated Ely Public Library Director Rachel Heinrich on the facility’s receipt of a “four-star” rating for the second year in a row from the national Library Journal Index of Public Service, a publication of the American Library Association. There were only four Minnesota

libraries to receive a rating this year.

➤ Approved the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Committee to approve the request for vacating the right of way on Lockhart Street from Jim Haugen.

➤ Approved a variance from Julie and John Edison to build a residence on a parcel that is below the minimum size of 15,000 square feet.

➤ Accepted the resignation of public works employee John Litherland.

➤ Noted the plea from Langowski for ice skating rink attendants, at a rate of \$11 per hour.

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on its own, but school officials quickly informed Drift that state law would not allow for such an action. “If you vote in your district you can’t vote in ours,” Board Member Dan Manick, of Cook, told Drift.

Drift represents Nett Lake on the Bois Forte Tribal Council. Nett Lake already has its own school district, and operates an elementary school in the community, however, it does not have a high school. Instead, the district contracts with the St. Louis County Schools for educational services for grades 7-12. Those students used to be served at the Orr School, but have been shifted to the North Woods School with the closure of the school in Orr.

Minnesota law views contract students in a similar manner as students who open enroll in other districts. Anyone can enroll in any district provided there is room, however, doing so does not grant a vote to those families.

Board member Chet Larson said that if Bois Forte residents wanted voting members on the school board, the tribe

would need to seek legislative approval before the board could act.

Larson said, however, even without a vote on the board, parents and the tribal council were still welcome at any of the board meetings as members of the public to voice their concerns.

With the board unable to take action, Drift asked the board whether they would be opposed if he or the tribe pursued a legislative action.

In other business, the board:

➤ Approved a plan to provide free breakfast for voluntary pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students at all district schools. Business Manager Kim Johnson said the district had excess funds in the food service budget. She did say, however, that the district would make families fill out paperwork for the free meals.

➤ Took no action to alter the hockey agreement between Northeast Range and Ely. The board had previously had a spirited debate on the matter, but ultimately decided to make no changes.

➤ Heard from Superintendent Reggie Engebritson on last week’s meeting in Chisholm between staff from several Iron Range school districts on a proposal to create a cooperative agreement. Engebritson said the meeting was a success and that superintendents from across the region were to meet on Thursday this week to begin planning out the framework for the cooperative.

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run the school kitchen in Tower for years. The lower designation has cost tens of thousands of dollars in lost income for Turnbull, who has lived alone since her husband Ballard died 13 years ago.

"I'm the only assistant cook with a food manager's license," she said, noting that it's her certification, posted at the school, that allows the district to continue to operate the kitchen there.

That license may not be available much longer. Turnbull said her current certification expires at the end of January and she's not planning to renew it given what she sees as years of unfair treatment by the district. "If they'd be fair with me, I'd be fair and would work at least until the end of the year," she said. "I feel like I'm going to quit, because they just won't listen to me."

"I'm 66 and my ankle hurts really bad at the end of every day."

### Long battle

Turnbull said she's argued repeatedly with the school district and

her Teamsters' union representative that she's done the job of a cook manager for years without getting paid the higher wage that comes with the designation. She said past superintendents had promised to address the issue, but never did. She said her union representative eventually told her to stop calling him. Most recently, she asked Superintendent Reggie Engebritson to grant her the title and pay she was due.

In response, she said, Engebritson asked her to write down each of her duties for a week in order to document her work. Turnbull did so and produced pages of handwritten notes detailing her activities. "I went through days and days and sent it to her and never heard back," she said.

Turnbull said she has considered retaining an attorney over the issue, but has, to date, tried to find other solutions.

In October, Turnbull, in frustration, asked the *Timberjay* to investigate the matter. That began a month-long battle with the

school district, including the involvement of the school district's legal counsel, to obtain a copy of the job descriptions for the position of "cook manager" and "assistant cook," both of which are public information.

The difference in the job descriptions is revealing, in that it confirms that Turnbull has, in fact, done the work of a cook manager for years. The assistant cook, according to the district's most recent job description, is exactly that—an assistant, who reports primarily to the head cook. The assistant cook's job is to provide help to the cook manager, with little responsibility beyond assisting in food preparation, removing used dishes, emptying the trash and dealing with leftovers. It's not clear who, exactly, school district officials believe Turnbull is assisting, since she handles all of the duties at the Tower-Soudan kitchen by herself.

The cook manager, by contrast, must maintain a current Minnesota Food Manager Certification,

which Turnbull has done for years. The job description includes more than twice as many activities as an assistant, including dealing with students' food service accounts, checking and signing off on food shipments, and determining the quantities of food to be prepared daily. The cook manager also keeps records daily records for the federal food program, records all food requisitions, and reports any problems or accidents occurring in the kitchen.

Earlier this year, Turnbull provided Engebritson several pages of detailed notes documenting her activities for a week in order to demonstrate that she met the criteria for a cook manager. Engebritson had requested that Turnbull undertake the time study in response to Turnbull's request for reclassification.

In response to a request from Turnbull's union representative to implement the reclassification, Engebritson argued in January of this year that Turnbull doesn't meet all of the criteria for a cook

manager because she does not have to manage other kitchen staff. But Turnbull notes that she has managed staff at various times and does currently oversee the part-time worker who handles the lunch payment process.

Engebritson also claimed that Turnbull "does not have to cook a majority of the food as it is already brought in cooked from Northeast Range. However, she on occasion does prepare some foods on a hot plate."

Engebritson's claims are inaccurate, according to Turnbull, who notes that she is responsible for preparing virtually all of the meals at the Tower school. "Only twice a month, do they bring food from Babbitt," Turnbull said, and that is typically limited to only a portion of a meal.

Turnbull has a full kitchen range, rather than just a "hot plate" described by Engebritson.

Turnbull noted that when she recently had to take a day off for a medical appointment, the school had to order pizza from

the Vermilion Club, since Babbitt no longer provides meals to Tower-Soudan.

Engebritson also argued that Turnbull doesn't qualify as a cook manager because Tower is an elementary school only, although the district's job descriptions make no distinction between the type of school in which a cook is working. Engebritson also argued that Turnbull does not have to track or make student deposits for breakfasts or lunches since the school is what's known as a CEP school meaning that the district does not charge for meals. The Tower-Soudan school was formerly a CEP school for a year or two, but is no longer eligible, so Turnbull is required to track student payments as well.

The *Timberjay*, on Monday, submitted several questions to Superintendent Engebritson for this story. The superintendent promised answers but did not provide them prior to the paper's Wednesday press time.

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third of the estimated \$1.5 million needed to connect the Memorial High School, Washington Elementary School, and Industrial Arts buildings. Adding a gymnasium and other proposed improvements would cost much more.

Following the board's recent decision to utilize the design services of ARI for the multi-million dollar project, Hildenbrand offered a professional services proposal to help the district navigate the many facets of the project. Hildenbrand outlined her firm's three-step process at a study session Monday night.

Phase One of the process, she called data gathering, will include the development of an existing facilities condition report, to include a review of the building envelope, finishes, mechanical, electrical, building code, accessibility and technology. "We will walk through the buildings and identify how they are currently sitting," she said.

The second piece will include the development of an Educational Adequacy Report. "We will look at how many students you are serving, what types of processes you have, how the spaces are being used, how education is being delivered today, and how you might be delivering education in 20 or 50 years and how the building relates to that. That starts to paint a picture for you on how the school is being used."

Phase Two of the process will include development of a specific Community Engagement Plan. "We will develop plan specifics for the city of Ely. What this does is help you hear from the community, teachers, staff and anyone connected to the school on what they want to see. We help guide you through to prioritize the wishes and wants that we hear from the community," she said.

Phase Three is to develop the options for consideration. "We will present opportunities for the school district, budgets associated with them, tax

implications and what it means in the big picture. In the end we hope to get you to a point where you can make some smart decisions going forward on your facilities, your community involvement, where you want to be and how the district wants get there."

Hildenbrand described the planning process as thinking outside of the box. "This forces us to go with a real big picture. We don't limit ourselves through this process. This sets you up for a good, solid direction if you were to go forward with any kind of bond referendum to look to the taxpayers to help support the school district for the future."

A four-month completion window for the process should start as soon as possible, according to Hildenbrand. "With the safe school grant money we're going to have to make some decisions in a pretty short order, by next spring, on how we want to spend that money," she said.

The state grant money was specifically awarded for the Industrial Arts building and the construction of an enclosure connecting that building to the Memorial and Washington buildings, in addition to developing a secure school-day entrance. "It is important to remember that we need to use that money for that purpose,"

she said.

Superintendent Kevin Abrahamson referred to a 10-year-old school facilities report completed by a consulting firm as a good starting point for determining the condition and status of the existing campus buildings. "We can start with that, and look at those recommendations, what has been done since then, and what still needs to be done," he said. "We want to have safe buildings. We want a secure entry. There has been talk about (another) gym, and a number of other things. But we really haven't talked about the existing infrastructure."

Another big-ticket item that Abrahamson said should be considered is a new roof for the Memorial building. "We need to look at a more global view of the options for money out there," Abrahamson said. "How can we use all of those (options), in one way or another, to come up with the best plan. We may have to phase-in some things."

School Board Chair Ray Marsnik stressed the need for community support for the facilities project. "We need to get the community involved in this planning. We need that support."

A facilities committee of 10 to 12 people, including school board members, school staff and community members, will work for at least four months, Hildenbrand said,

to develop the project. "I envision having a facilities meeting, then a community meeting, then another facilities, then another community meeting, so everyone is involved in

this process. Commitment to this process is very important."

School Board members will likely vote on approving the ARI proposal at their

Dec. 10 regular meeting. "Hopefully, we can hit the ground running at the beginning of the year," Hildenbrand said.

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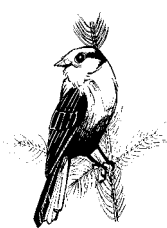
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## HOCKEY

# Ely drops two in opening weekend

by JAY GREENEY  
Sports Writer

HALLOCK – The Timberwolves put points on the board in their second game of the season on Saturday, but it was too little, too late as Kittson Central claimed the 8-2 win. The Bearcats took both games of a weekend series here, after topping Ely 6-0 on Friday evening.

Kittson Central is a cooperative program that combines Lancaster, Kittson, and Tri-County high schools. For the second game in a row the Bearcats took big early leads over Ely, leaving the Wolves to play catch up. Kittson Central posted three goals in each of the opening two periods to start the matinee matchup.

Senior Austin Meskill finally got Ely on the board in the third period, with junior Luke Olson posting the assist. A follow-up goal by junior Dalton Schreffler, with the assist going to sophomore Jackson Flom, cut the Bearcats' lead to 6-2.

But the Bearcats weren't finished as they added two more late goals

to clinch the deal.

Ely goaltender Chase Sandberg allowed eight goals on 42 shots, for a respectable .810 percentage. Ely, by contrast, had just 11 shots on goal in the game.

Officials assessed five penalties on both teams, although Ely players spent a total of 13 minutes in the box, compared to just ten

for the Bearcats.

The Wolves are playing with a smaller roster this season as they used just ten different skaters throughout the game alongside Sandberg.

In Friday night's season opener, Kittson Central scored at least one goal in every period to dominate Ely in their shutout victory.

Ely had 24 shots on goal and watched goaltender Chase Sandberg stop 32 of 38 shot attempts by Kittson Central.

Ely hosts Wadena-Deer Creek on Saturday, Dec. 1 in their home opener. Face-off is set for 2 p.m.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Grizzlies rout Chisholm in home opener

by Marcus WHITE  
Cook-Orr Editor

FIELD TWP— The baskets just kept coming for the Grizzlies girls basketball team here on Tuesday, as they crushed Chisholm 103-37 in their home opener.

Even with the huge score, coach Robbie Goggleye said his team could have scored more.

"We missed a lot of easy shots," he said. "We missed a lot of layups. We'll be looking for better consistency."

The seasoned Grizzlies

were up against a much younger Bluestreak squad, whose most veteran player is a junior. The Grizzlies, meanwhile, were fielding a senior-dominated starting lineup. Goggleye said those seniors were under some pressure to deliver during the final home opener of their high school careers.

And deliver they did.

Regan Ratai and Kate Stone led the team with 20 points apiece, followed closely by Bria Chiabotti with 19. Juniors Sasha

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Below: Bria Chiabotti goes up over Carolina Maure for two on the board. Bottom-right: Regan Ratai and Hanna Sandberg fight and get possession of the ball from Chisholm. photos by C. Stone

## Sports week

### BOYS B-BALL

**Thursday Nov. 29**  
North Woods hosts South Ridge, 7:15 p.m.

**Friday Dec. 1**  
North Woods hosts Cass Lake-Bena, 3:30 p.m.

**Tuesday Dec. 4**  
North Woods hosts Bigfork, 7:15 p.m.

Ely at Two Harbors, 7:15 p.m.

### GIRLS B-BALL

**Thursday Nov. 29**  
NE Range hosts North Woods, 7:15 p.m.

Ely at Nashauk-Keewatin, 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday Dec. 1**  
Ely at Two Harbors, 2:30 p.m.

**Monday Dec. 3**  
NE Range at South Ridge, 7:15 p.m.

**Tuesday Dec. 4**  
Ely hosts Greenway, 7:15 p.m.

**Thursday Dec. 6**  
North Woods at South Ridge, 7:15 p.m.

Ely at I-Falls, 7:15 p.m.

### HOCKEY

**Saturday Dec. 1**  
Ely hosts Wadena-Deer Creek, 2 p.m.

Ely at Two Harbors, 7 p.m.

## TAXES

# Get your ducks in a row; tax planning this year is more important than ever before

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY – As the weather turns colder, snow starts to pile up, and Christmas music begins to fill the air, a local certified public accountant strongly recommends taking time now to prepare for the upcoming tax season.

Federal tax reform was passed last year with the hope that everyone's Christmas stocking would be a bit more full. Minnesota couldn't reach an agreement on tax conformity, meaning the state is still operating under the pre-tax reform tax code. This means new forms and



many headaches are ahead for Minnesotans when they begin filing their tax forms.

Charles R. Zeugner owns a tax and accounting business in Ely. "We take the saying, 'A CPA is a trusted advisor,' seriously," he said. "That means that like most firms, we

do taxes, consult, and provide advice. We also try to go a step further and make sure that the client knows the reasons why things are done the way they are done. Many people are confused by taxes and accounting. We want to help reduce the

confusion."

The 2018 tax year is bound to have surprises for most tax filers. Deductions disappeared, among other massive changes with the passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) in December 2017.

"As the end of 2018 approaches, you may be wondering how to reduce your tax burden or make filing easier," Zeugner said. "The good news is that year-end tax planning is easier than you think."

Here are ten tips, and the first tip does not even require you to know anything about taxes:

-Tip One - Get organized. One of the easiest

ways to save is to reduce your tax preparation expenses by being organized. A dollar saved in tax preparation costs is just as

“The good news is that year-end tax planning is easier than you think.

Charles Zeugner

valuable as a dollar from an extra deduction. Find your tax return from last year and use that to get started. If you use a professional

tax preparer, ask him or her to provide you with an organizer. Use last year's information to gather your documents and figure out your income and expenses.

-Tip Two - Decide whether you will take the standard deduction or itemize. One big change for 2018 affected itemized and standard deductions. The standard deduction increased to \$12,000 for single filers and \$24,000 for married people filing jointly. At the same time, some deductions have changed. For example, state and local tax deductions are now capped at

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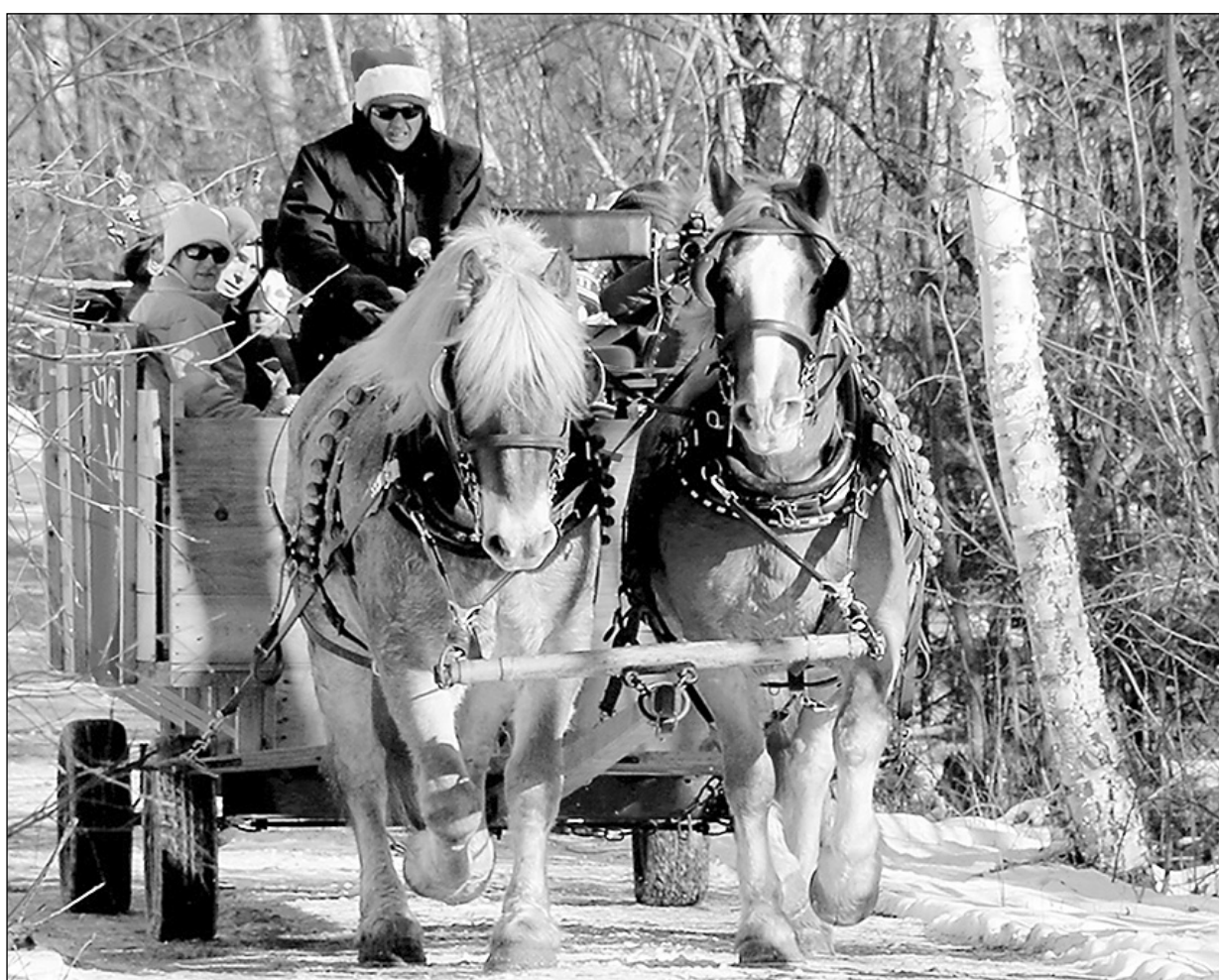
'TIS THE SEASON

# Ely gets Jolly

ELY – An “End of the Road Christmas in Ely” kicked off in Ely over the Thanksgiving weekend. A Holiday Fantasy arts and crafts fair was held Friday and Saturday at the historic Miner’s Dry House and the annual Christmas Parade and City Tree Lighting celebration took place

Saturday night.

Hundreds of excited parade-goers lined the route and cheered on parade participants while a light snow fell on downtown Ely. Earlier in the weekend, families enjoyed the arts and crafts fair, along with crafts for the kids and horse-drawn wagon rides.



Clockwise from top right: Smokey the Bear dresses up for the holidays and braves the snow; Santa Claus waves to crowds from a fire truck; residents enjoy sleigh rides through the woods; Mary Sereg takes delight in some holiday coloring. photos by K. Vandervort



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Strong and Nicole Olson put up 15 and 14 points respectively to round out the bulk of the scoring.

Sofia Anderson led for the Bluestreaks, with 18 points, including a pair

of three-pointers. She was followed by Trista Baazard with 14 points.

With a big win under their belts, Goggleye said he hopes this is the start of a winning season for

the team, which has struggled a bit in recent years. Goggleye said the team is aiming for at least a run at the semi-final round in the district playoffs later this season.

Before then, however, the team was to face Northeast Range on the road on Thursday night. Goggleye said he'll be looking for improvement in order to notch another

win in their first week of action.

“We need better guard play,” he said. We’re hoping for a win. What I am looking for is more consistency and more

defensive pressure.”

Tipoff is set for 7:15 p.m. in Babbitt.

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\$10,000.

The Minnesota Department of Revenue announced that taxpayers may itemize on their state returns regardless of whether they itemize or take the increased standard deduction on federal returns. That means what may not be deductible on federal taxes is still possibly deductible on state taxes.

-Tip Three - Take advantage of retirement plans and IRAs by maximizing your contributions this year to reduce your taxable income.

- Tip Four - Take advantage of Flexible Spending Accounts and Health Savings Accounts (HSAs). These accounts allow employees to pay for some medical expenses not covered by insurance with pre-tax dollars.

- Tip Five - Consider a 529 education account. These accounts feature tax-deferred earnings that reduce your tax burden while saving for education. With the tax credit, one can receive a maximum of \$500 or 50 percent of

contributions made during the year (income limits apply). Those opting for the subtraction can qualify for up to \$3,000 if married filing jointly, or up to \$1,500 if filing single, head of household, or married filing separate.

-Tip Six - Plan your charitable contributions. The new larger standard deduction makes it harder to deduct charitable contributions. Consider using strategies such as donating every other year so that you have a larger amount that might allow you to itemize. If you have investments, you may be able to donate appreciated investments. This allows you to avoid tax on any gain and may allow you to take a deduction. If you have an IRA and are taking required minimum distributions, you may be able to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) instead.

-Tip Seven - If you have a business, keep track of your expenses. The IRS says that business expenses are the ordinary and necessary cost of

carrying on a trade or business. Many small business owners do not keep track of mileage and incidental expenses. However, those costs add up.

-Tip Eight - Remember to record your mileage. If you drive a vehicle for business, then you already know that the mileage rate for 2018 is 54.5 cents per mile. If you drive for charitable purposes, the rate is 14 cents per mile. Did you know that if you must drive for medical care, you may be able to deduct 18 cents per mile?

-Tip Nine - If you operate a business or own rental property, plan your capital expenses. It is not a good idea to make a big purchase solely for tax reasons. However, if you need a new piece of equipment for your business, or if your rental property needs improvements, then it makes sense to consider the effect of depreciation and taxes.

-Tip Ten - If you need help, don't be afraid to find a professional. The new tax forms are supposed to be simpler and

for many taxpayers they will be. The new higher standard deduction means that fewer people will itemize their deductions. However, for 2018 there will be more schedules and for some taxpayers that will mean that 2018 will be more complex.

### Strategies for planning ahead

While every taxpayer's situation is different, there are some strategies that everyone should consider before Dec. 31. The Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants offers these tax-planning tips.

### Do a paycheck checklist

The IRS is strongly encouraging taxpayers to check their withholdings using the IRS Withholding Calculator. In particular, the following groups should perform a paycheck checklist because of how the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) may have significantly changed their tax situation:

-Taxpayers who traditionally itemized their deductions.

-Taxpayers with several dependents.

-Taxpayers with significant investment income.

-Taxpayers involved in the gig economy.

-Taxpayers in dual-income families.

Visit [www.irs.gov/payments/tax-withholding](http://www.irs.gov/payments/tax-withholding) to complete a paycheck checklist.

### Minnesota-specific year-end strategies

One item that was included in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act was the \$10,000 State and Local Tax (SALT) limit. For some Minnesotans who plan to itemize and may not have enough Minnesota income tax to reach the new SALT limit, there may be other state and local taxes that fall within that category to help reach that limit and for the 2018 return. Talk with a certified tax professional to assess all options.

### More help

Certified public accountants can help guide the taxpayer through year-end planning options and recommend strategies that are the best fit for you.

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## 7 Points to Civically Engage at Mesabi Unitarian, Dec. 2

VIRGINIA- On Sunday, Dec. 2, Steve Johnson will discuss “7 Points to Civically Engage.” Often, people have opinions and want to see change but they just are not sure how to take the first step. These seven points will give you the key to making a difference in your community. Steve is on the Virginia City Council. The service is at 10:30 a.m. at Mesabi Unitarian Universalist Church, 230 7th St. S in Virginia.

## Merry Tubachristmas concert, Dec. 8

EVELETH- For the sixth consecutive year tuba and euphonium players from around the area will come together and present Merry Tubachristmas at the Eveleth Municipal Auditorium on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 1 p.m.

The Merry Tubachristmas performance features traditional Christmas carols especially arranged for tuba by American composer Alec Wilder. The warm, rich organ-like sound of the tuba-euphonium choir has won the ears and hearts of audiences worldwide. It is no wonder that Merry Tubachristmas has become an established Christmas tradition in cities throughout the world.

Merry Tubachristmas will be preceded by a performance of the Mesabi Community Band, under the direction of Paul Helfter, creating a wonderful afternoon of Christmas music and holiday spirit.

The event is free to the public, but in the spirit of holiday giving, if you can, please bring a non-perishable food item or make a freewill monetary donation for the Quad City Food Shelf. For more information, call Tom Baldrice at 615-715-6378.

## TOWER

# Tower-Soudan Singers Christmas concert set for Sunday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m.



TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Area Singers will once again return to the Tower-Soudan Elementary School gymnasium for their annual holiday concert on Sunday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m.

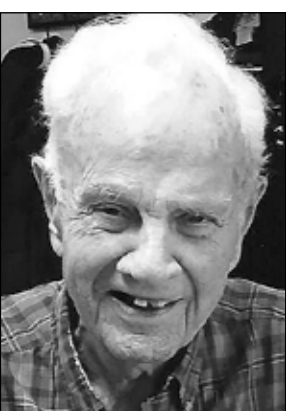
This year's concert is titled “The Many Moods of Christmas.” The concert will feature all kinds of

familiar carols, sacred pieces, and fun popular Christmas tunes. The concert will also feature solos by Jay Machie, Kathy Siskar, Dale Horihan, and a duet by Linda and Ryan Bajan. Mr. and Mrs. Claus, along with Frosty the Snowman, have offered to stop by to greet the audience.

Refreshments will follow the

concert with a freewill offering. Rolf Anderson will direct and Julie Horihan will accompany. Come share in the joy of the holiday season through the beauty of live music performed by dedicated local musicians. You won't be disappointed.

## Obituaries and Death Notices



### Harold C. Cole

Harold C. “Hal” Cole, 98, of New London, died on Monday, Nov. 19, 2018, at the Grace Living Community of Glen Oaks in New London. Funeral services were held on Saturday, Nov. 24 at Peace Lutheran Church in New

London. Burial was at Lebanon Cemetery in New London. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Johnson Funeral Home.

He was blessed with an enduring faith in the Lord who now welcomes him home. Hal's positive attitude and caring spirit will live on in all whose lives were touched by him.

Harold was born on Sept. 9, 1920, in rural Hanley Falls, to parents Hannah and Lewis Cole. Following high school, he attended the University of Minnesota and the MN School of Business. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1942, where he attained the rank of Ensign, and served in the Philippines

until 1946. While on leave he married Phyllis Tollefson, of Granite Falls, in 1945. To this union his children Autumn Vicki Cole and Lewis John Cole were born. Sadly, daughter Nancy Jean Cole passed away at ten months from the Asian Flu in 1959.

Hal started his banking career in Montevideo, and then became president of Murray County State Bank in Slayton, from 1954-1962. His family moved to New London in 1962 after he and Phyllis purchased the First State Bank (now United MN Bank). They also opened Cole's Real Estate and New London Insurance Agency. After selling the bank in 1974, he remained on the board of directors until retiring at age 86, after 60 years in the banking business.

Over his lifetime, Harold was a member and officer of numerous organizations including the Kiwanis, Lions, Toastmasters, American Legion, New London Improvement Association, as well as his home churches. He was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in New London. Other civic accomplishments include assisting in establishing the Little Crow Golf Course, Glen Oaks Care Center, Peaceful Hills Mobile Home Park, and Cole's Island View. He and Phyllis were proud

to be honored as Grand Marshals in New London in 1993.

Hal went through life with a positive approach to life and cheerful personality. He was kind, caring, and a joy to be around. His personal motto was “helping others is what life is all about.” He was known for telling many Norwegian jokes and for his great sense of humor.

In their retirement years, Hal and Phyl spent winters in Pahrump, Nev., where they enjoyed golfing, playing cards and being outdoors. They also enjoyed the times they spent helping son Lewis during his farming years. Grandsons Joshua and Christopher also brought much joy to their lives. Special trips to visit daughter Autumn and husband Phil were also a highlight.

Hal especially appreciated time conversing with friend Harold Young and other former bank employees, Joyce, Bev and Ruth. Hal was known for his remarkable memory and fine storytelling, especially of years past. He often shared these stories at the annual Cole reunions, Tollefson cousin reunions, and while visiting with caring niece Arlys Jensen and her husband Don. More recently, he loved the time spent with his great-grandsons, Finley, age 3, and Bennett, age 1.

Hal was ever so grateful for the deep friendship and many joyful times he shared with his special friend Phyllis Tompt during the past ten years, as she brightened his life immensely.

Harold is survived by his devoted children, Autumn Vicki Cole (Phil Hyde) of Ely and Lewis John Cole of New London; grandsons, Joshua Cole and Christopher (Kalie) Cole; great-grandsons, Finley and Bennett Cole; former daughter-in-law, Michelle Cole; special niece, Arlys (Don) Jensen; cousin, Sandy (Bob) Fagen; and many other relatives and friends.

Harold was preceded in death by his loving wife of 53 years, Phyllis in 1998; infant daughter, Nancy; and ten siblings.

### Clinton D. Long

Clinton David Long, 67, of Orr, passed away on Friday, Nov. 23, 2018, at his home. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, Nov. 29 at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Orr. Arrangements were with Mlaker Funeral Home of Cook.

He is survived by his mother, Marion Long; brother, Tom (Judy) Long; sister-in-law, Diane Long; five nephews; and ten great-nieces and great-nephews.

### Michelle M. Weisinger

Michelle M. Cummings Weisinger, 59, of Aurora, formerly of Ely, passed away on Monday, Nov. 19, 2018,

at Essentia Health-St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth. A celebration of life was held on Saturday, Nov. 24 at Kerntz Funeral Home in Ely.

She is survived by her children, Tracy Weisinger of Aurora, Carrie Weisinger of Ely, Eric Weisinger of Aurora, Jason Weisinger of St. Cloud, Becky (Tom) Meador of Ely, Jessica (Cody) Fredenburg of Ely and Keith Weisinger of Chisholm; 11 grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

### Nancy M. Olson

Nancy M. Keseley Olson, 82, of Embarrass, died on Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018, in the Edgewood Vista Senior Living Community. A memorial service was held on Monday, Nov. 26 in Bauman's Vermilion Funeral Home in Tower. Inurnment will take place at a later date in the Embarrass Cemetery.

She is survived by her children, Sharon (Lavern) Kompelien of Embarrass and Kris (Janice) Olson of Pine River; grandchildren, Kathy (Chris) Johnson of Gilbert, Stephanie (Paul) Petersen and Heather (Jorge) Pacheco, both of Otsego; great-grandchildren, Brian Heikkila, Henry Heikkila, Louis Johnson, Persephoney Petersen, Arianna Petersen, Koen Petersen and Jazmin Pacheco; siblings, John (Diane) Keseley of Terrebonne, Ore., Fran (Ray) Richmond of Maupin, Ore., and David (Laray) George of Independence, Ore.; nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

## TOWER BINGO Monday, Dec. 3

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

### Upcoming dates for 2018:

No bingo in January 2019  
Monday, February 4

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# Outdoors

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## 2018 FIREARMS DEER SEASON

# Firearms deer harvest down 14 percent in NE

### Hunters can't recover from slow start to the season

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL — Deer hunters posted somewhat better numbers in the final week of this year's firearms deer season, but it wasn't enough to overcome lower-than-expected results from earlier in the season. And that means hunters

will likely fall well short of a statewide goal to harvest 200,000 whitetail deer this year.

As of the end of the regular firearms season in most parts of the state, hunters had registered 148,020 deer, down about eight percent from the same period last year. In northeastern Minnesota, the harvest

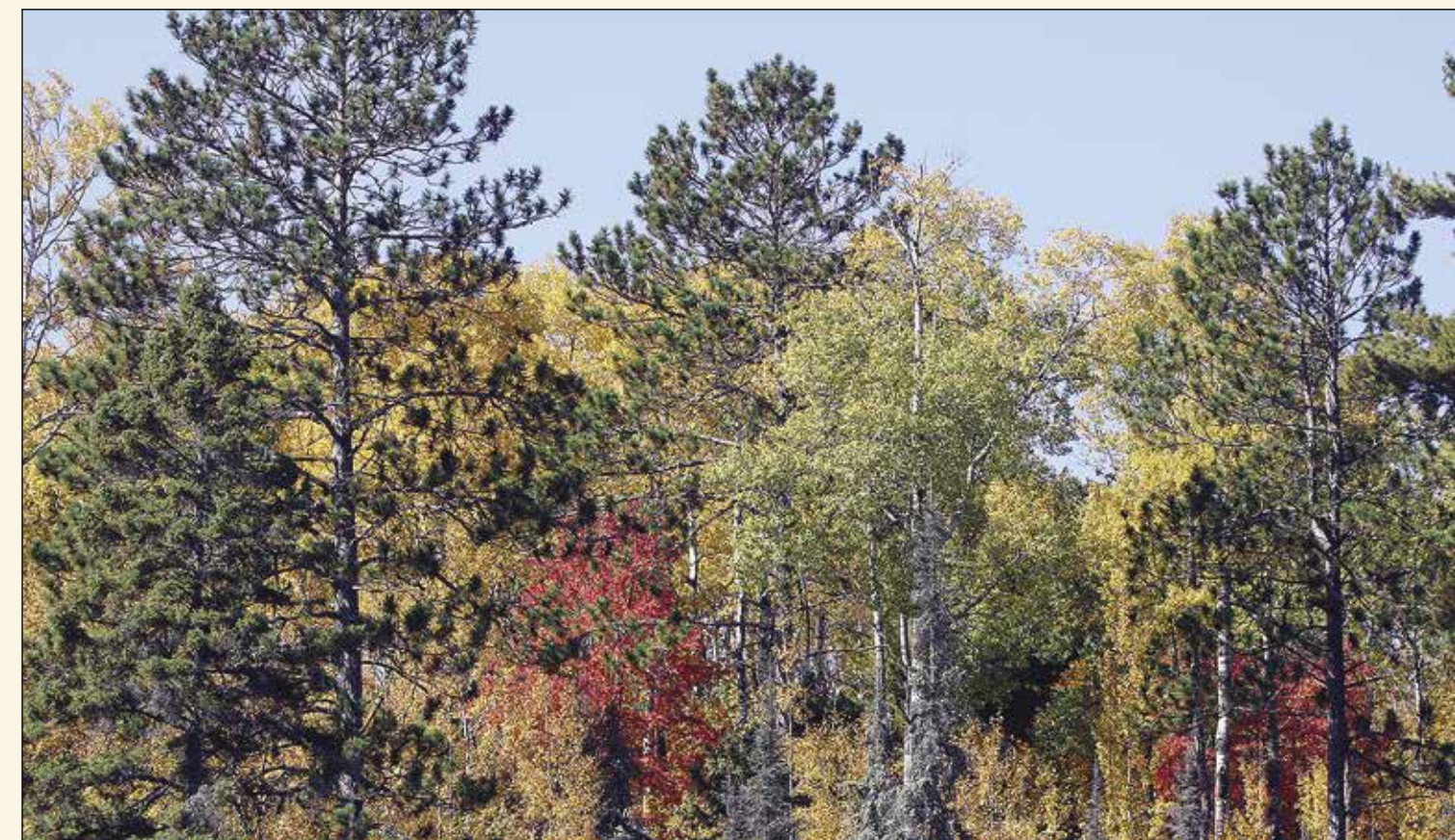
was down 14 percent, the largest decline of any region in the state.

Through the final day of the regular firearms deer season, hunters in northeastern Minnesota, or Zone 100, had registered 49,303 deer, including 27,715 bucks. Last year, as of the end of the season, the hunters in Zone 100 had registered 57,363

deer, including 31,844 bucks.

Locally, hunter success was somewhat better, according to DNR Tower Area Wildlife Manager Tom Rusch. In the Tower work area, the total harvest was off by just two percent. The buck harvest was down one percent, while the antlerless

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## THE CHANGING CLIMATE

# An unrecognizable future

### New report predicts major climate impacts to northern Minnesota

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL — Northern Minnesota's timber and tourism industries are expected to be among dozens of economic sectors harmed by ongoing climate change over the next several decades. The loss of cold-water fish species, the decline of boreal tree species, and the resulting impacts on many of the region's current species of wildlife, are other major risk factors posed by the changing climate.

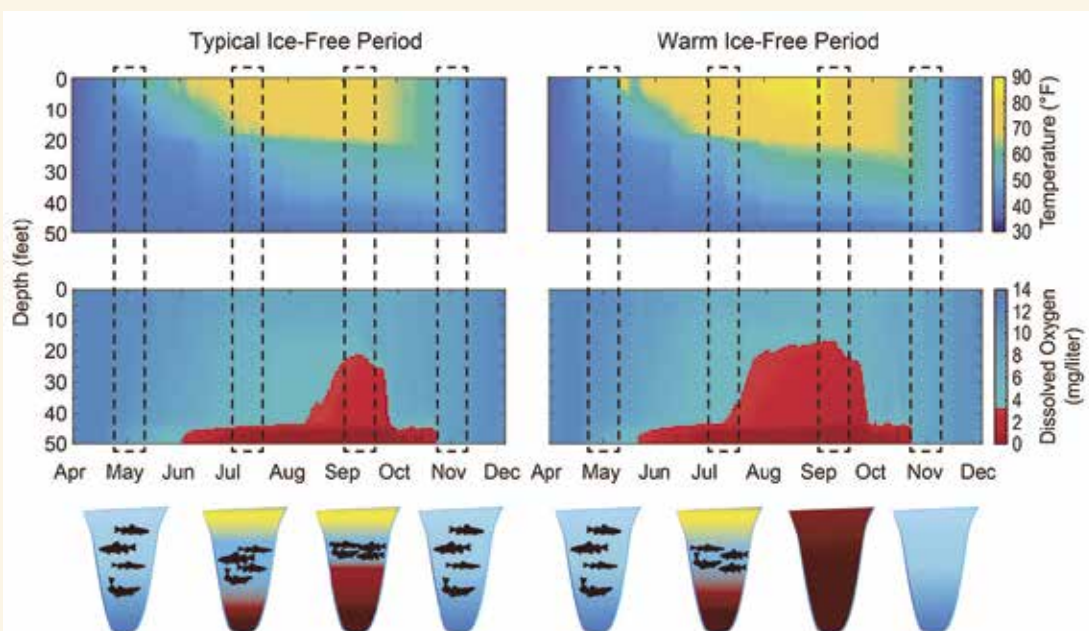
Those are just some of the many projections and conclusions in a new federal report produced by the U.S. Global Change Research Program, included input and authorship from more than a dozen federal agencies. In broad strokes, the report offered a number of alarming conclusions, including:

➤ Human health and safety, U.S. quality of life, and the rate of economic growth in communities across the U.S. are increasingly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

➤ The cascading impacts of climate change threaten the natural, built and social systems that Americans rely on, both within and beyond the nation's borders.

➤ Societal efforts to respond to climate change have expanded in the last five years, but not at the scale needed to avoid substantial damages to the economy, environment, and human health over the coming decades.

Without substantial and sus-



**Top:** A typical forest scene in the North Country could look much different by mid-century, according to a new federal report on climate change.  
**Above:** A chart demonstrating how warming temperatures are expected to lead to the disappearance of cold water fish species from lakes in Minnesota. Warmer water temperatures are expected to squeeze cold water species into ever shrinking habitat as warm surface temperatures (seen in yellow) extend deeper and last longer, and water with low oxygen levels (seen in red) extends closer to the surface, eliminating habitable conditions for many cold water fish  
Source: U.S. Global Change Research Program

“Warming winters already have economic impacts on the forest industry.”

Federal climate report

tained global efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and regional initiatives to prepare for anticipated changes, climate change is expected to cause growing losses to American infrastructure and property and

impede the rate of economic growth over this century.

Closer to home, the impacts cited in the report should be of concern to residents of northern Minnesota. According to the report, the ongoing warming in the Upper Midwest will significantly affect forests, particularly in places like northern Minnesota. “Many tree species— such as paper birch, northern cedar, and quaking aspen, are highly vulnerable to temperature increases,” notes the report. “Populations of the emerald ash borer, a destructive invasive insect pest that attacks native ash trees, will increase

due to warming winters in the region. That, in turn, is expected to significantly impact black ash mortality.”

“Warming winters already have economic impacts on the forest industry,” notes the report in its chapter on the Midwest. “In the Upper Midwest, the duration of frozen ground conditions suitable for winter harvest has been shortened by two to three weeks in the past 70 years. The contraction of winter snow cover and frozen ground conditions has increased seasonal restrictions on forest operations in these areas, with resulting economic

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## Outdoors briefly



### Snowmobile trails need more cold and snow

REGIONAL — The state's snowmobile trails open officially on Saturday, but DNR officials are advising that more cold temperatures and snow are needed before trails are passable.

Officials note that several conditions must be met before trails are open, groomed and ready for travel:

➤ The ground must be frozen. Where trails cross wetlands, 15 inches of ice is needed to support the weight of the trail groomers.

➤ Adequate snow cover, about 12 inches, must be on the ground to allow for trail packing and grooming.

➤ Trails must be cleared of fallen trees, signs put in place and gates opened. Snowmobile club volunteers and DNR staff are currently working on these tasks.

“While the cold air is helping the ground freeze, we still need more snow and thicker ice to access trail segments that cross wet areas for brush clearing and other maintenance,” said Grand Rapids area supervisor Guy Lunz. “Crews are out now removing brush from trails where they can, and the pace will pick up as continued cold freezes the low-lying areas.” Even after a chilly start to November, ice on most lakes is not safe for travel. The DNR recommends a minimum of 5-7 inches of new clear ice for snow machines.

When the trails open, the DNR urges riders to use caution. Early season trails may have trees or debris across them, unfrozen swamps and flowages, rocks or ruts, or standing crops and closed gates. Also, road ditches can have obstacles such as culverts, signposts and rocks.

While snowmobilers wait for the arrival of cold temperatures, now is a good time to make sure registrations are current, snowmobiles are in good operating order, review safety training, and check local trail maps for route changes or new trails.

Watch the *Timberjay* for future updates on trail conditions.



SELFIE WITH GRAY JAY



So what do hunters do all day out in the deer stands when the deer aren’t moving? Timberjay Publisher Marshall Helmberger entertains the timberjays (aka gray jays), posing here with one attempting to make off with a portion of the publisher’s sandwich. M. Helmberger

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take was four percent lower.

It’s not entirely clear why the harvest was down this year. After four straight relatively mild winters, DNR wildlife officials loosened bag limits in anticipation of a strong harvest.

Wildlife officials blamed an earlier-than-average opener, which timed the opening weekend ahead of peak deer movement, for the slow start to the harvest.

Deer movement

appeared to improve as the season wore on, which allowed hunters to recover some ground despite very cold temperatures and snow that settled in for the second and third weekends of the season.

Despite more deer activity, hunters couldn’t make up for the slow start to the season. Generally, regular firearms hunters harvest about 70 percent of their deer during the first four days of the season.

Fishing reports

Kab-Nam area

Kabetogama is making good ice and with the lack of snow cover hopefully it won’t be long before serviceable ice is accessible by foot travel. There have been a few spear fishermen spotted on the bays but no reports to speak of. Sandy Point Lodge is planning to place their spear houses in Tom Cod Bay before the weekend as they have had ice for quite some time in that area. Voyageurs National Park officials are advising no main lake travel and all trails (snowmobile, cross

country ski and snowshoe) are closed. Visit the Voyageurs National Park website and Facebook page for current ice and trail conditions.

Grouse hunting has definitely been a highlight this fall. It has been a fantastic season to say the least with most hunters being successful. With still a month to go and just a dusting of snow on the ground, conditions are perfect for a walk through the woods after one of our favorite game birds.

Courtesy Gateway Store, Lake Kabetogama

LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST

from NOAA weather

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impacts to both forestry industry and woodland landowners through reduced timber values.”

Declining forests are also expected to impact the tourism sector. “Forest-related recreation such as hunting, fishing, hiking, skiing, camping, wildlife watching, off-highway vehicles, and many other pursuits add to the region’s economy,” stated the report. Citing data from Wisconsin, the report’s authors noted that “forest-based recreationists” spent \$2.5 billion annually on such pursuits in Wisconsin in recent years.

Other forest researchers, like University of Minnesota forest ecologist Lee Frelich, have cited projections showing the virtual disappearance of other northern species, like balsam fir, from northeastern Minnesota by the end of the century. And that may not be the worst of it. Frelich notes that the line between prairie and forest could well shift over the next 80 years as much as 300 miles to the north and east, which would put nearly all of Minnesota into the prairie biome.

Warming conditions are also expected to harm cold water fisheries, and impact an industry that attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors to northern Minnesota every year. “For example, in the Midwest region, cool- and cold-water fishes in inland lakes are particularly susceptible to changes in climate

because habitat with appropriate temperatures and oxygen concentrations is often limited during summer months,” notes the report. As temperatures warm, these fish experience a squeezing of available habitat during summer months as the water near the lake surface becomes too warm and the dissolved oxygen levels in deeper waters drop below safe levels (see graphic on previous page).

“This “invisible” loss of habitat is driven by increases in water temperatures, longer duration of the stratified period (which delays the mixing of oxygen-rich water into the deeper waters), and declines in ice cover,” notes the report.

Human health

“Climate change is expected to worsen existing health conditions and introduce new health threats by increasing the frequency and intensity of poor air quality days, extreme high temperature events, and heavy rainfalls; extending pollen seasons; and modifying the distribution of disease-carrying pests and insects,” notes the report. “By mid-century, the [Midwest] region is projected to experience substantial, yet avoidable, loss of life, worsened health conditions, and economic impacts estimated in the billions of dollars as a result of these changes. Improved basic health services and increased public health measures—including surveillance and monitoring—can

prevent or reduce these impacts.”

At the same time, the report predicts an increase in types of mosquitoes that carry West Nile virus and in the abundance and range of the black-legged tick, which carries Lyme disease.

The report also cited the risks posed by an increasing number of extreme heat days, even in northern Minnesota. The report notes that the highest maximum temperature recorded in northern Minnesota in summer for any five-day period is 88 degrees, the coolest of any place in the Midwest. But as soon as mid-century, that average maximum for the same five-day period is expected to increase to anywhere from 93-95 degrees. In many other parts of the Midwest, that average maximum for a five-day period will rise to more than 100 degrees. That is not only expected to impact human health, due to the effects of extreme heat, but also exceed optimum conditions for the growth of most agricultural crops.

More extreme heat is also expected to worsen air quality in many of the region’s urban areas, as heat tends to elevate levels of pollutants like ozone. In forested regions, like northern Minnesota, air quality may also diminish due to the greater presence of smoke from wildfires during the warmer months.

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# Voice your opinions about health care in Ely-Bloomenson survey

ELY-Community members in Ely, Winton, Isabella, Babbitt, Tower and Soudan may soon be receiving a survey form in their mailbox. This survey will be sent to a random sample of homes in November to help Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital (EBCH) identify the health services needed in the community. The information gathered will be used for strategic planning, grant applications, new programs, and by community groups interested in addressing health care issues. The National Rural Health Resource Center of Duluth is assisting EBCH in the analysis

of local community needs, use of local health care services, and overall community health. This process was developed to maintain quality health care to serve the continuing and future needs of the community. An accompanying goal of this process is to keep health care dollars within the local community. While most health care can be provided locally, rural citizens often drive to large medical centers for care, spending money on health care, and non-health care purchases, that could be spent locally. It is estimated that within a typical rural community, millions of dollars in revenue are lost in this way. This revenue could be retained in the local community with stronger community health care provider linkages.

EBCH services currently include Cardiac Rehab, Diagnostic Imaging, Ely Community Pharmacy, 24/7 Emergency Department, Foot Clinic, Home Health Care, Chemotherapy/Infusion Treatment, In-House Lab, Orthopedics, Patient Financial Services, Prosthetics and Orthotics, Physical and Occupational Therapy, Sleep Studies, Surgical Services (including a fulltime General Surgeon), Swing Beds and a Wellness Center.

## MNsure open enrollment period open now through Jan. 13

REGIONAL- MNsure is reminding Minnesotans who are currently enrolled in a private

health plan through MNsure that they have the option of renewing the same plan or selecting a new plan during the upcoming open enrollment period beginning Nov. 1. With rates declining across the state from 7 to 27 percent, MNsure recommends that private health plan enrollees use MNsure’s new plan comparison tool to find a plan that fits their needs.

**Keeping the same plan:** Minnesotans who would like to keep the same plan will automatically renew, as long as the plan is still offered by the insurance company. They will continue to receive an invoice from their insurance company and must continue to make payments in order to maintain coverage. To ensure coverage is renewed, consumers should

respond quickly to any requests for additional information. **Changing plans:** Minnesotans who wish to change plans must log in to their MNsure account on MNsure.org during open enrollment and select a different plan by Saturday, Dec. 15 (the deadline for Jan. 1, 2019, coverage). If enrollees have questions about their plan features, such as deductibles, networks or co-pays, they can call their insurance company. Family members currently enrolled in Medical Assistance or MinnesotaCare do not have to take any action to renew their coverage unless directed by the Minnesota Department of Human Services. More information can be found at mnsure.org.

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## Nov. 23 answers Super Crossword

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No. 69VI-PR-18-178**

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (ANCILLARY PROCEEDING)

ESTATE OF: Ralph LaVerne Huggins, aka Ralph L. Huggins, aka Ralph Huggins, Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on Dec. 12, 2018, at 9:30 A.M., a hearing will be held in this Court at 300 5th Ave. South, Virginia, Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Laura Ward, whose address is 1245 S. Mountain View Road, Apache Junction, Arizona 85119, ad Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration.

Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper, and no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (sub-

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Dated: November 14, 2018

BY THE COURT  
GARY J. PAGLICCETTI  
Judge of District Court  
Amy Turnquist

Court Administrator  
STEFANIE HIGGINS, as  
Deputy

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by Linda Thistle

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**ACROSS**

1 Temporarily trendy things  
5 Huge chasm  
10 Nile serpents  
14 Navajo neighbors  
19 "Oh, gotcha"  
20 Flip (out)  
21 Mets' old home  
22 Blue color of the clear  
23 Eau de vie applied to a head injury to reduce swelling?  
25 Having the same figure as Sheriff Wyatt?  
27 Verb suffix in London  
28 Vast age  
29 Average golf scores  
30 Kindhearted  
31 Clutch, e.g.  
33 Sets of two  
37 Gyro holder  
39 "Fish Magic" painter Paul  
40 Drink you can only get by contacting someone by beeper?  
43 See 8-Down  
45 Her cow was notorious

**DOWN**

46 Bite slightly  
47 Q-V linkup  
49 Designer Schiaparelli and others  
54 Jethro — (rock band)  
56 Strong Dutch gin that's inexpensive?  
59 "The gloves are off!"  
62 Like alfresco events  
64 Obedient dogs, maybe  
65 Rival of HBO  
66 Male bud  
67 Bert's bud  
69 14th-century Russian ruler  
70 Golf club for extremely long shots?  
74 Unit for measuring the force of some PC picture files?  
77 "I pass," in cards  
78 Cantina cooking pots  
82 Chast of cartoons  
83 The sun, e.g.  
84 Negatively charged, as an atom  
86 Banned diet-drug combo  
88 Major alarm

90 Pie topping that originated in Edison's lab?  
92 Base for poi  
94 Lung, for one  
95 Mail, e.g.  
96 Lacerate  
98 Taking the middle out of  
102 Santa — (some hot winds)  
104 Surrounded by a spicy Indian condiment?  
107 Grungy sort  
111 Fierce whale  
113 Tatum with an Oscar  
114 Post office gizmo  
115 Sushi  
117 Like hand-me-downs  
119 Altar vow  
121 Vitamin no.  
122 Gusto shown by a wild Asian ass?  
124 Apt alternate title for this puzzle  
128 Did a fall yard chore  
129 "I concur!"  
130 Circus site  
131 Concept, in Soissons  
132 Clock parts

133 Org. against dogfights  
134 Shindig  
135 Unhip type

**DOWN**

1 Painter Fra — Lippi  
2 Predictably  
3 Split up, as a corporation  
4 Summer and fall mo.  
5 "Hair" hairdo  
6 Marlon of movies  
7 Appetite  
8 With 43-Across, tear-jerking tune  
9 Pilot's milieu  
10 Far offshore  
11 On the ball  
12 Soldiers on  
13 Undermine  
14 Taunting cry  
15 County in Missouri  
16 Iris part  
17 Dunne of old Hollywood  
18 Bog plant  
24 Trip during a kegger, say  
26 Eye carefully  
29 Chi-omega link  
32 1954-77 treaty gp.  
34 Over there, old-style

35 Wonderland visitor  
36 Wife of Niles on "Frasier"  
38 Feel  
41 1995-2013 Arizona senator Jon  
42 Free of fluid  
44 Capital of Suisse  
48 Bit of parsley  
50 Onetime TV legal drama  
51 Shelled out for  
52 Deduced, not observed  
53 Mil. draft inits.  
55 British noble  
57 Stirrup site  
58 Big name in ketchup  
59 Suffix with capital  
60 Paint diluter  
61 Going it alone  
63 — stick  
66 Obfuscate  
68 St. Pat's isle  
71 Virus in 2014 news  
72 Ryder of "Black Swan"  
73 Puckish  
75 Courier, e.g.  
76 "Grimm" network  
79 — helping hand

80 Film director Lee  
81 Goad  
84 "Ti —" (Italian "I love you")  
85 French film award  
87 Poet Heinrich  
88 Bragging about  
89 Vena cava neighbor  
91 Cry for help  
93 Wilhelm's "Woe is me!"  
97 Links org. since 1916  
99 Trespass  
100 Less well-off  
101 Whirled  
103 Film genre  
105 In vogue, in the '60s  
106 Customer  
107 Fencing tool  
108 Oahu porch  
109 Port in Japan  
110 Deli nosh  
112 Good thing  
116 Nap spots  
118 Peak  
120 Attack time in WWII  
123 Tase, e.g.  
124 Road guide  
125 Nest egg inits.  
126 Reagan-era teen, e.g.  
127 — Tin Tin

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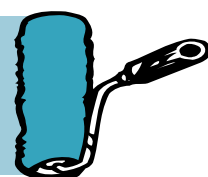
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