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## ELY THEATER DISTRICT

### State Theater set to open

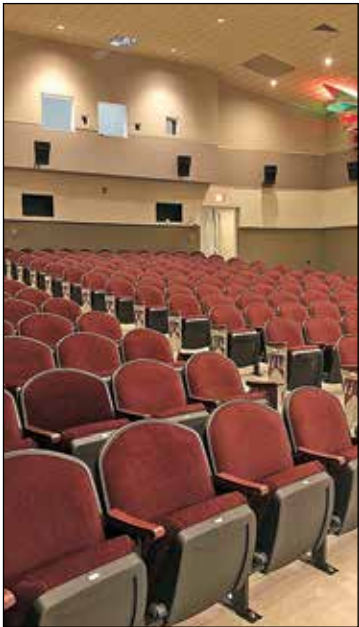
Board reaches out to major donors for support

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY - The seats are in at Ely’s Historic State Theater and the restoration is nearing completion, thanks to the folks at Alley A Realty, who have been renovating the space for the past five years. Now the non-profit board that will operate the theater is reaching out to the community of Ely, neighboring towns and visitors to help fund the cinema equipment

More than 230 historically-accurate theater seats were recently installed in the Ely State Theater. An open house at the renovated facility is planned for Thanksgiving night. submitted photo

needed for its two theaters. “We’d love to feature Casablanca in a classic movie series and are thrilled to bring new exciting films and offer See...THEATER pg. 12



## TOWER-SOUDAN

### New user fees could impact Community Ed participation

by E. M. SCHULTZ  
Staff Writer

TOWER-SOUDAN— New fees that will now be required for community education offered through the St. Louis County Schools are raising concerns about the viability of some of the popular programming that has been offered here in the past.

For years, the local community education program has offered a number of free activities, like the Family Fun Night, which has been particularly popular. Tower-Soudan’s community education coordinator Leone Graf is worried that participation could fall sharply as a result of the new fee requirement, potentially all but eliminating the program in Tower.

According to Graf, many of the students who have previously gone to the event won’t even consider going if it costs money. She said See...TOWER pg. 9

## HISTORIC MINE ON PINE ISLAND

### Of unknown depth



### Undocumented mine dates back to 1890s

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

LAKE VERMILION— St. Louis County officials plan to backfill a previously-undocumented iron ore mining operation located on Pine Island on Lake Vermilion, in order to reduce the potential risks to the public. The former operation, which geologists believe dates back to the 1890s, is located on county tax-forfeit property about 300 feet from the island’s north shore, not far from Canfield Portage. The adjacent landowner, Wayne Dahl, had alerted St. Louis County land officials last year about what he thought at the time were merely exploration pits.

A previously unrecorded-mine shaft on Pine Island on Lake Vermilion will be filled to reduce potential risks to the public. submitted photos

But after a site visit with county lands officials and geologists from both the Department of Natural Resources and the Natural Resources Research Institute in August, all involved realized that one of the pits is actually a mine shaft of unknown depth, excavated through bedrock. The smaller of the two holes found at the site was similar to many test pits found throughout the region. According to Derek See...MINE pg. 11



## DEVELOPMENT

### Ely under construction

Recycle center staying put for now as changes begin at west entrance

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY – The west entrance to the city of Ely is undergoing a major renovation with a trailhead project complete with visitor center and Chamber of Commerce offices, a hospital expansion, and street and utility extensions. While the project marks a major improvement, it has forced the city to find a new drop-off point for recyclables, since the current center is located in the middle of the construction zone. The center was supposed to be relocated this fall, but that effort is now on hold and may not happen as quickly as first announced. Last month, city staff and council members discussed the project at length and announced plans to move the county-supported recycled material dumpsters to the other end of town adjacent to the softball fields near Hwy. 1 and White Street. However, at the Oct. 15 Ely city council meeting, Mayor Chuck Novak said the recycling center is staying put on the west end for now. “The recycling center is going to stay in place right now until the time they need to tear up the tar,” Novak told the council. “It potentially could go to spring. We don’t know what’s going to be on the construction schedule of the contractor at the trailhead site.” See...ELY pg. 10



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# COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

## Piatigorsky Foundation sponsors concerts in Cook on Oct. 27 & 28

COOK- Again this year, extraordinarily talented musicians from the Piatigorsky Foundation will be showing off and engaging folks with concert and music history in Cook, on Sunday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 210 1st Ave. NE. The performing artists are pianist Nicholas Shaneyfelt and tenor Kelly W. Burns. This is a freewill offering opportunity sponsored by Northwoods Friends of the Arts.

Shaneyfelt and Burns will also perform a free concert for students and parents at North Woods School on Monday, Oct. 28 at 1:30 p.m.

NWFA is honored and thankful to welcome these musicians and the Piatigorsky Foundation once again to Cook. Operating support is made possible in part by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Arrowhead Regional Arts Council, thanks to legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage funds. NWFA is also thankful for contributions made for these concerts by the Cook Timberwolves Snowmobile Club and the Cook Lions Club.

## Child singers needed for December holiday concert in Ely; rehearsals on Wednesdays at Grace Lutheran

REGIONAL- The Ely Area (Babbitt and Tower included) Christmas Choir Cantata includes a piece for child singers age 11 and under. If your child would be interested and excited to sing and perform in front of a large audience, half-hour rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. beginning Oct. 30 at Grace Lutheran Church, 301 E Conan St. in Ely. The performance will be on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. No church affiliation is necessary.

Adult singers rehearse from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and additional adult voices are welcome to join through Oct. 30. Free licensed daycare is provided on site for singers with children. Come and spread the joy of the Christmas season. Call Patti at 218-929-3214 with questions.

## Greenwood to host roundtable on telephone and internet issues

GREENWOOD TWP- The Greenwood Town Board is hosting a public roundtable meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 5:30 p.m. at the Greenwood Town Hall. Residents are asked to come to talk about current telephone and internet issues, as well as discuss possibilities for the future. Various service providers have been invited to take part in the meeting, and there will be a question and answer period. Call the township office at 218-753-2231 with any questions.

## Food distribution to take place at Ruby's Pantry on Saturday, Oct. 26

BABBITT- Ruby's Pantry food distribution will be held at the Babbitt Municipal Center on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 10-11:30 a.m. with registration beginning at 9 a.m. A \$20 cash donation buys an abundance of food, so be sure to bring two large boxes or baskets. All are welcome. There are no income or residency guidelines. This event is sponsored by St. Pius X Catholic Church. Volunteers are always welcome.

## Vermilion Dream Quilters to meet at St. Martin's on Thursday, Nov. 6

TOWER- The Vermilion Dream Quilters will be meeting on Thursday, Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Martin's Catholic Church social hall in Tower. The program will feature two challenges, which are both due at the November meeting for those wishing to participate. The first is the Un-Finished Objects, or UFO, challenge, and the second is the Brown Bag challenge, Make a Ditty Bag. Please bring your item for the second challenge in an undecorated bag for a blind exchange. We look forward to seeing everyone's show and tell!

## ARTS IN COOK

# NWFA to display work by Ely artist

Opening reception for Cecilia Rolando's exhibit on Nov. 1

COOK- Northwoods Friends of the Arts will be displaying work by Ely artist Cecilia Rolando from Nov. 1-22. An opening reception for the public will be held on Friday, Nov. 1 from 5-7 p.m. at the NWFA gallery in Cook.

Rolando works in various media, including watercolor, acrylics, fabric, glass, metal, and beadwork. She currently exhibits work at the Art and Soul Gallery and has a one-person show at the Front Porch Café. She has had a weekly spot in the *Ely Timberjay* for over a decade, where she writes and illustrates a haiku. She is a member of the Ely Watercolor Club, the Ely Music and Drama Club, and Cook's show-sponsoring artists co-op.

NWFA's goal is to fulfill the dreams and passions of artists throughout the region as a non-profit



membership organization. For more information, visit us on Facebook or at [www.nwfamn.org](http://www.nwfamn.org) or send an

email to [nwfamn.org@gmail.com](mailto:nwfamn.org@gmail.com).

## MAJOR LEAGUE EATING

# 3rd annual World Indian Taco-Eating Championship set for Nov. 2 at Fortune Bay

VERMILION RESERVATION- On Saturday, Nov. 2, the number-three-ranked competitive eater in the world, Geoffrey Esper, and other top-ranked eaters will gather in Tower to seek the title of Indian Taco-Eating Champion of the World at the third-annual Fortune Bay World Indian Taco-Eating Championship, hosted by Major League Eating (MLE). This competition will take place at 5 p.m. in the Woodlands Ballroom.

Competitors will have eight minutes to eat as many Fortune Bay Indian Tacos as they can. At last year's championship, Geoffrey Esper ate a record-setting 30.5 tacos in eight minutes. He will face fierce competition from up to 15 top-ranked competitive eaters, including Miki Sudo, Matthew Raible, and Gideon Oji.

Major League Eating (MLE), the world governing body of all stomach-centric sports, conducts more



Last year's winner Geoffrey Esper will be returning to defend his world championship title. file photo

than 80 events annually. The competitive eating community consists of more than 8,000 veteran and rookie

athletes. For more information, visit [www.majorleagueeating.com](http://www.majorleagueeating.com).

## Comment period extended on county's vacation home rental rules

REGIONAL- The St. Louis County Planning Commission has extended the public comment period on proposed changes to the county's zoning ordinance to allow for short-term vacation home rentals. Following a public hearing on Oct. 10, some new language was proposed regarding standards that allow short-term rentals in areas zoned for residential use. The new deadline to comment is Dec. 10. The ordinance amendments, with the proposed changes highlighted, are available online at [stlouiscountymn.gov](http://stlouiscountymn.gov).

The proposed revisions to St. Louis County Zoning Ordinance 62 would allow for short term rental of properties through the issuance of permits. The goal is to ensure minimal disruption to neighbors

and the environment by setting requirements for septic, parking and posting of rules, while also requiring appropriate licensing to ensure a safe experience for guests.

With the continued growth in popularity of vacation rental options like Airbnb and VRBO, St. Louis County has been working to ensure these short-term rentals are managed in the best possible way for the property owners, neighbors and visitors. Public input received during development of the County's Comprehensive Land Use Plan strongly supported this review to improve the regulation of short-term rentals. A number of St. Louis County services play a role in the short-term rental market, including property classification and assess-

ment, land use administration, and on-site sewage treatment compliance.

Anyone wishing to provide comment on the proposed changes can email Planning Manager Jenny Bourbonais at [bourbonaisj@stlouiscountymn.gov](mailto:bourbonaisj@stlouiscountymn.gov) or by mail to Planning and Community Development Department, Northland Office Center, 201 South 3rd Avenue West, Virginia, MN 55792. The Planning Commission will consider all comments as well as any public testimony at its Dec. 12, 2019, meeting.

The zoning ordinance and proposed changes apply to any areas where St. Louis County is the zoning authority.

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ELY SCHOOLS

# More up and down in standardized test scores

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY – High school student test scores in Ely rose slightly in math, reading, and science, according to results from the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments, or MCAs, while scores in the middle school declined across the board. Elementary students showed improvements in reading scores.

Megan Anderson, Ely’s grades 6-12 principal, reported the results of the statewide exam to Ely school board members Monday night.

“As to why and how we have the scores that we do, is hard with just a small number of kids,” Anderson said. “When you have just 32 students taking the test, each student represents three percent of our overall score. In a larger school, you could have each student representing a percentage of just one point.

It is hard to navigate where the true growths were.”

With the varying number of students tested from year to year, an accurate measure may not be attainable, said school board chair Ray Marsnik. As reported by the *Star Tribune*, math scores across the state continue to decline. “Last year, just 55 percent of students statewide met the MCA standards, and this is a slide of six percentage points in just one decade,” he said.

He noted that new state Education Commissioner Mary Cathryn Ricker is looking to teachers for answers to improve the test scores “This is a statewide problem, I want to emphasize that,” Marsnik said.

He noted that Minnesota typically ranks first nationwide in American College Test (ACT) scores. “We were number one again last year in this college readiness measure,” Marsnik said. “Nationwide, the number of students who reach benchmarks

in math and English has been dropping over the last several years, and math [ACT] scores have hit the lowest level in 20 years.”

Marsnik added, “This is just my opinion, but a lot of the problems started when we took the education decisions out of the hands of educators and put them in the hands of politicians. I look at these MCA scores, and to me they don’t mean much. There is a lot more to a student’s progression in education than just this one test.”

**Teacher contract**

School board member Rochelle Sjoberg reported on the ongoing contract renewal negotiations with the Ely Education Association. She told her fellow board members that she has emphasized the district’s budget reserves, the district’s direction, “and the fact that we have this large (building) project coming into light.”

Sjoberg added, “I’m not entirely pleased with how far (negotiations) have gone this year or how well they have moved. I think there appears to be a little bit of expectation at some levels that our large account balance needs to be spent solely on wages and benefits. I want to relay that it has been a little difficult. I would like to be a little further along than we are.”

Sjoberg emphasized her respect for the school staff, but added: “I think our wages and benefits are very good packages.”

Board member Heidi Mann offered her own thoughts.

“There was a lot given the last time around. There are a lot of other things that are needed as well. We have to have money for facilities, like [gym ceiling] plaster and whatever might come up.”

Sjoberg noted, “I for one can’t see spending our account balances down to zero.”

Marsnik said the goal of the district is to be viable and financially sound. “Having money in the bank makes us financially sound,” he said.

**Other business**

In other action, the board:

- Approved the senior class trip to Washington, D.C., for March 26-30, 2020.
- Adopted a resolution establishing combined polling places for school district elections not held on the day of a statewide election.
- Approved the hiring of Megan Devine as assistant cross country coach for the 2019-2020 school year at a full stipend of \$1,980.
- Approved the renewal of positions for the 2019 fall musical including James Lah, director, Sarah Mason, musical director, Molly Olson, choreography, Ruth Lah, costumer,

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FOREIGN POLICY

# Noted diplomats weigh in on Middle East topics

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

TOWER — Recently-retired Norwegian ambassador Rolf Hansen provided a historical look at the ongoing conflicts in the Middle East during a presentation at the Tower Civic Center on Oct. 14. Former U.S. diplomat Tom Hanson, who currently serves as diplomat-in-residence at the Alworth Center at the University of Minnesota-Duluth, joined Hansen in their wide-ranging discussion. The two were hosted by longtime friends Orlyn and Marit Kringstad, of Tower.

The topic was a timely one, with the latest upheaval in Syria and ongoing efforts to end the now nearly two-decades-long war in Afghanistan, and about 50 Tower and Ely area residents turned out to hear the discussion.

Hansen served as the Norwegian ambassador to Syria from 2008 until 2013, when Norway removed its embassy staff due to security concerns stemming from the ongoing civil war. He later became ambassador to Saudi Arabia, where he served from 2014-2017.

Hansen said Norway has focused its diplomatic efforts on bringing warring factions together in hopes of reaching accommodations for the various interests— a task that has proven difficult in recent years.

From the U.S. perspective, Tom Hanson said the U.S. has increasingly sought, since the end of the Iraq War, to disengage from the Middle East. He said the U.S. experience in Iraq raised questions about the ability of the U.S. to positively influence events in the region, noting that a recent U.S. Army-commissioned

history of the Iraq War found that Iran was the primary victor of the American incursion there.

With the Middle East seemingly intractable, Hansen said U.S. officials have increasingly turned their attention to Asia, in hopes of addressing the rise of China. “Obama’s pivot was to Asia,” said Hanson, who has talked in Tower before about the challenges that China poses as both a political and economic model. “Current thinking is that China is the real issue and

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Former U.S. diplomat Tom Hanson (left) talks with Andy Urban, of Eagles Nest, following the presentation at the Tower Civic Center earlier this month.

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# OPINION

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The First Amendment of the United States Constitution

## Editorial

### Let the sun shine in

Democrats should open up the impeachment process to the public

It's time for Democrats in the U.S. House to open the doors and let the public see the evidence they're gathering in their ongoing impeachment inquiry into President Donald Trump.

Despite the attempts by the Trump White House to obstruct the investigation, a growing list of both current and former U.S. diplomats and intelligence officials have now defied the White House and testified before the House Intelligence Committee, led by Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif.

The substance of that testimony is astonishing. As longtime U.S. diplomat William Taylor testified on Tuesday, President Trump and his political allies clearly conditioned U.S. military aid on the willingness of Ukraine's new president to publicly announce investigations into Joe and Hunter Biden and a widely debunked conspiracy theory that dates back to the 2016 campaign. That's consistent with the words of President Trump's own interim chief of staff, Mick Mulvaney, who admitted late last week that the aid was conditioned on Ukraine's willingness to investigate President Trump's political opponents. In other words, according to Mulvaney, exactly the quid pro quo that the president and his backers have sought to deny. While Mulvaney later tried to walk it back, after his comments ignited a firestorm, his initial admission was problematic in the Trump White House only because it was true.

The evidence is increasingly indisputable, which is why Republicans are focusing their political attacks on a process they claim is unfair. They can no longer defend the president's actions based on substance because they all know that President Trump abused the power of his office by attempting to extort a foreign leader for his own personal political gain. This is, without a doubt, the most clearly impeachable act ever committed by an American president, at least to the public's knowledge.

Why such important testimony is happening behind closed doors is a mystery. While the U.S. Constitution leaves the procedure of impeachment entirely to Congress, there is

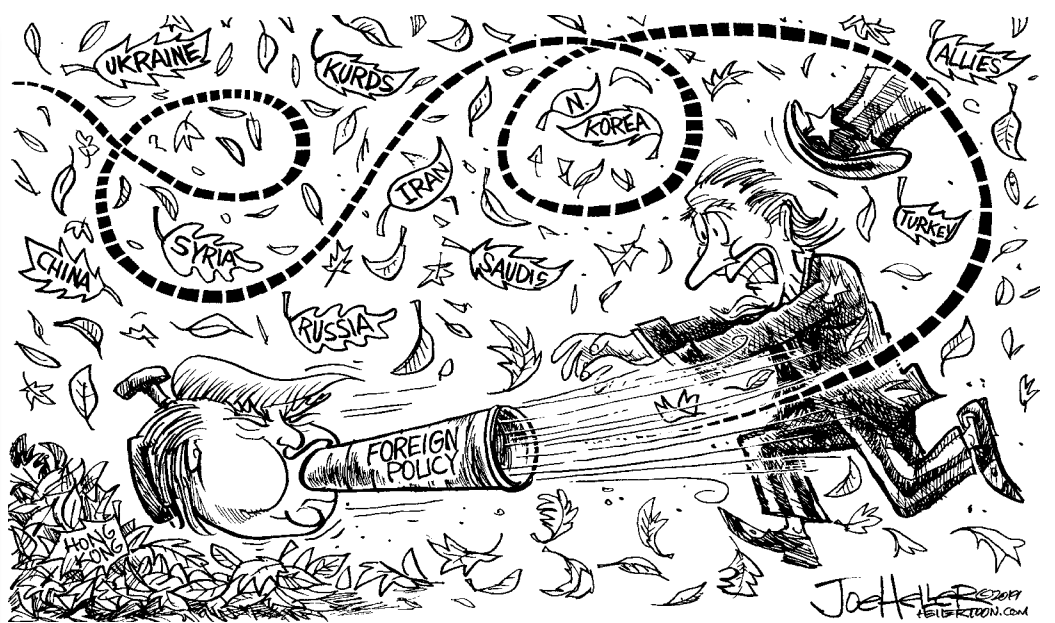
valuable history that suggests that the public is best served by an open and transparent process. The Watergate hearings, in particular, were instrumental in laying the groundwork for the resignation of President Nixon. Back then, the American people watched the Watergate hearings with high interest and the shocking revelations that came almost daily exposed the extent of corruption that had undermined the Nixon White House. Those hearings informed the American public and, in the process, generated the national consensus that it was time for Nixon to go.

And that is what is necessary with President Trump. We believe history will eventually judge the corruption of the Trump White House to be far worse on many fronts than we experienced during Nixon's era, but unless and until there is a broad consensus on the fact that Donald Trump is unfit for the nation's highest office, efforts to remove him will fail.

While GOP complaints about secrecy in the ongoing inquiry are politically motivated, that does not mean that they are illegitimate. All Americans, including Republicans, deserve to hear about the actions and conversations at the heart of these allegations.

For now, the Democrats' closed-door policy is giving Republicans a key talking point in their efforts to head off impeachment. So is the decision by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to hold off on a vote to open an impeachment inquiry. Historically, that has been the opening act of any impeachment process and Democrats should lay down that marker and get on with it.

In the end, it comes down to transparency. When national security requires that discussions happen behind closed doors, that's understandable. In the current circumstance, however, our national security depends on exposing the facts publicly so the American people, and the members of Congress who represent them, can make an informed decision on the president's actions. When it comes to government, sunshine is, invariably, the best disinfectant.



## Letters from Readers

### Lack of hunting lands may be behind decline in interest

Regarding last week's story on the decline in small game hunting, the reasons are not hard to figure out. Just look. We have nowhere to hunt in the Tower-Soudan area – three state parks within about ten miles. Much of the other land now is also privately owned. As young boys and girls, we could hunt in many places. Please tell me and many others where I can go hunt partridge and rabbits, etc.

I remember as a young boy it seemed like we had the Skala Rd., now called Sherman Rd., to ourselves. Every so often we would meet someone. And boy did we have fun back then and a lot of game to eat. Those days are long gone.

**Leonard Stefanich**  
**Soudan**

### Rep. Stauber made my husband's day

Last March, my husband and I were trying to decide what to do for our 49th anniversary. We figured it out when we saw that Congressman Pete Stauber was going to be at the Mt. Iron Community Center. My husband was very weak, but he insisted we had to meet Stauber, shake his hand, and talk to him.

It took all his strength to get settled in, but we got really close. When Stauber asked if anyone had any questions, I raised my hand. We had been having trouble getting new hearing aids for my husband. Two months went by before they called us to tell us they had lost his file. My question was: why did it take two months for them to call us? Stauber said he would have someone talk to me. Not five minutes later, there was a man by my side. I gave him all the information.

Stauber is for the people. He had time for anyone who wanted to talk to him. We saw Stauber on March 30, and my husband passed away on April 17. It meant so much to him to be able to talk with Stauber, shake his hand, and even get a picture taken with him. My

husband showed that picture to everyone.

What Stauber didn't know was that meeting him was my husband's last big wish before he went to be with the Lord. I wrote to Stauber to tell him this. Stauber remembered us and that we were celebrating our anniversary. He said he didn't realize how much meeting him meant to my husband.

I was very depressed over my husband's passing. Stauber's response made my day. He is one of us. What you see is what you get.

**Peggy Goodwin**  
**Aurora**

### Changes needed to improve democracy

Democracy would be strengthened if members of Congress had term limits and the Electoral College was eliminated. The implementation of term limits would increase the percentage of voters and increase the number of Congressional candidates vying for office. The basis for a democracy is healthy discussion of the issues and the widespread reporting of the issues. When there is an increase in political activities at the national level, there is a corresponding stimulation and increase interest in state, county and local political offices.

Many people do not vote because the incumbent, with a traditional advantage of incumbency, often may not have serious competition or may even be unopposed for reelection and hence is likely to be re-elected.

Under term limits, new candidates have an opportunity to run for office when a Congressional member's term has ended. The new entry increases the number of people involved in the political process. Citizens' participation and understanding of government are key to a stable and informed democracy.

Implementation of term limits would provide for a "grandfather clause" enabling the current Congressional members to remain in office until they retire or are voted out of office.

Another Constitutional change should be the elimina-

tion of the Electoral College. It supposedly reflects the will of majority votes in each state. However, some states do not require the electoral vote to represent the popular vote winner in their state.

The exclusion and non-recognition of a state's minority vote from the presidential election process is a result of the Electoral College acting as an intermediary in national elections. In those states that appear to traditionally favor one party getting the majority vote, the opposing candidates tend to minimize or avoid campaigning there.

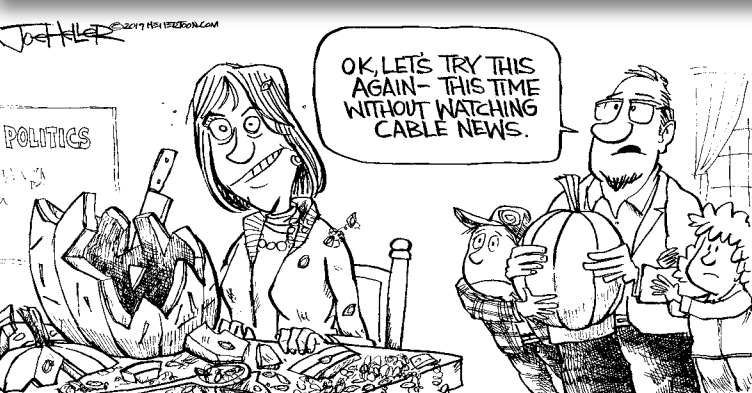
This is an unfortunate occurrence in American politics because voters tend not to vote when the state's outcome is traditional and predictable. The opposing vote does not have any value. However, with the elimination of the Electoral College, a state's minority vote might be significant when it was combined with votes from other states. Therefore, candidates would campaign in all states because they might be able to pick up 10 percent or 25 percent of the state's vote. Under these circumstances every vote would count. Just as important, the voters would hear both sides of issues from all the candidates, stimulate dialogue on local issues, and galvanize local candidates to run for office.

Currently, the Electoral College unfairly gives citizens in less populated states as much as four times the voting power as those in the largest states.

In addition, a candidate can become President even though the opponent got a greater number of popular votes. This occurrence has happened twice out of the last five elections. This distortion undermines our democracy because everybody's vote should be counted equally and credited to their national candidate regardless of the state where they live.

The issues of term limits and elimination of the Electoral College are definitely not new, but maybe now is time to examine the merits of proposed changes and seek a Constitutional amendment to rectify these deficiencies in our democratic election process.

**Gerry Snyder**  
**Ely**



## Remembering and appreciating the big sister who raised me

As I've grown older, I've come to realize the importance of sisters. Every year, at this time when the earliest hint of blinding sunlight pierces the eastern horizon, and frost glitters on tufts of dried



thistle and cattail down, I back, making comforting noises

remember my final days with mine. This morning, John is still sleeping after a night out with friends. I've got my first cup of coffee and slice of toast, along with a book of short stories. A few short phrases and that glistening frost dips my well of stored memories. "Queenie had to be the one who would guide her back to bed. Queenie would curl against her

like a puppy lapping milk, and Bet would not remember anything in the morning." Suddenly, those words were not about Queenie and Bet. The narrator was talking about me. I was Bet. Queenie was my big sister, Karen, curling up beside me providing comforting balm for one of my bouts with childhood nightmares.

With six years on me, she was always there to lead the way, pull the wagon, correct my penmanship, show me how to iron wrinkles from hankies

until I could prove proficient enough to tackle starched white blouses and pleated navy skirts, the ones we wore to school. Her job was to anticipate every one of our widowed mother's whims and expectations to guide and protect us from her volatile emotional soup of grief, loneliness, worry, and frustration that fermented just under the surface. Karen could be bossy when circumstances or an inadvertent transgression called for it. She was the warning system for what would come if we didn't have our

chores done when Mom walked in the door!

Having given herself over to God at a very early age, her every move seemed guided by her dream of someday entering the convent where her life as a Catholic nun would be guided by three important vows, "poverty, chastity and obedience." At twelve, without her choosing, she began the practice of "obedience." With my father's death, she inherited the role of keeping

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# Letters from Readers

## New regulations ahead for vacation rentals

On Oct. 10, I attended my second St. Louis County sponsored meeting on new proposed regulations for people who rent property for vacations as a form of income. I personally agree the regulation is much needed—especially for health and safety. However, as a property owner I do have concern with the new regulation that reads “The St. Louis County Planning and Community Development Director may impose additional standards or conditions that will reduce impacts of the proposed use on neighboring properties. Said standards or conditions include, but are not limited to, fences, vegetative screening along property lines or shoreline, and quiet hours.” I brought my concern up at the Oct. 10 meeting that this is a system set up for bias. If one person was capable of having the sole control over another

man’s property, why even have a planning and zoning board to begin with? Why can’t one person just handle it? At minimum, this should be an issue for the planning and zoning board to decide, not one person. They tried to reassure me that there would be a process to overturn the decision, but that is not the same. By putting the burden on the county department to show that the majority of the planning and zoning board would be willing to make a mandatory cost and change of personal property to appease a neighbor, and possibly remove the right to rent would have to be a pretty substantial reason. It leaves the question, why are resorts and hotels not subject to the same controls, or any other property for that matter? I can say from experience I was the bad neighbor next door, who rented my house and disrupted the neighbors. I have been in my house 19 years and I love my neighbors. This did

not happen because I did not care. Most reservations are made a year in advance, so when you know something needs to be corrected, it can take some time to get through your prior commitments. Through two-plus years of renting and learning, I had a great summer and so did my immediate neighbors. But it took years to realize and develop a system that worked for me and had less of an impact on the community. As a small business owner and longtime problem-solver I realized that education is missing in the rental process. People who have no experience are understandably eager to make a few bucks in this worldwide trend. Over the past few years, I have helped many people develop their own rentals, so through this experience I believe the county’s first step should be to make people get educated on the impacts they can have in this process. The county department cited

three key factors that lead them to the new proposed regulations:

- Health and Safety
- Resorts and Hotels
- Impact on the Neighbors

I agree with the three key factors, however I believe a person’s basic rights to buy, sell or rent should also be a key factor. I also believe that the economic impact on the community is another key factor that should absolutely be considered. Cook County did a study that found that more than \$15 million was spent in their county in 2014 on vacation home rentals. I think everyone can agree that the Iron Range is in desperate need of the revenue the rentals are bringing in. Many families have rented their property in an effort to just keep it, or used it to subsidize a property that could not sell. Land sales have increased due to this new way to vacation. Education on the impacts and a complaint system can help give communities an immediate

voice while holding the property owner accountable to produce a win-win for everyone involved. From what I understand from the meeting, about half of the current property owners with short-term rentals will probably be required to rezone, which could cause an overwhelming backlog of the system. The public at the meeting made it clear that the meeting was not advertised well and was at 11 a.m. on a Thursday when most people work. The next tentative public meeting is slated for December. I understand, respect and see all the sides to this complicated subject. It is a very emotional topic when you are dealing with a person’s basic rights, money, and the quality of life for others. I hope the county does take into consideration an educational program that can help bridge the gap. I have forwarded my thoughts to the County Commissioners. **Christine Schlotec Britt**

## SISTER...Continued from page 4

the house and caring for her siblings while our mother worked. Obedience was the easiest of those three vows to understand, and unquestionably the most useful. “Keeping the house” became paramount to keeping the peace. At a young age, Karen learned to work very hard and thus became a “peace-maker”. In the process, she also became an expert taskmaster. Like our mother, she never allowed “no” for an answer. Like Mom, when she said “Jump”, we said “How high?” Setting perfection as the standard became a hallmark of Karen’s character and personality. At her funeral, a colleague recalled her favorite motto, “To get something done, ‘trying’ is not an option! There is no ‘maybe’, or ‘I can’t’. So let’s just strike that from our vocabulary!”

Karen never entered the convent, but my brother and I always agreed that she should have. She never married and chose not to have children of her own, stating, “There are already lots of kids in this world needing my love.” Although she earned a degree to teach High School English and did so for some years in her South Tucson barrio neighborhood, she finally admitted that “adolescent surly” just wasn’t her game. Maybe she’d had plenty of that raising her sibs. After leaving teaching, she began waiting tables in a Tucson steak house. It was during that time that she joined RESULTS, a volunteer citizen’s lobby dedicated to ending hunger and poverty. She devoted every free minute to her new mission with passion and persistence. When

people recognized the powerhouse beneath her sweet, somewhat introverted persona, RESULTS hired her to serve as a full-time community organizer. Karen was more than ready to help change the world and it was here that she invested precious energy in her final few years. My sister always struggled to pay her bills. She made other people’s needs her priority before the bill collector’s. Her life was one of voluntary simplicity, fulfilling an unspoken vow of “poverty”. She was loved by her neighbors, always there to help prepare their children for kindergarten, teaching language and writing skills at her kitchen table. And she was really good at it! I know, because I was one of her first students, seated amidst a row of dolls in the unfinished garage that

served as her makeshift classroom. In 1958, there was no expectation for “kindergarten readiness” but I was more than prepared! In April of 1997, Karen was diagnosed with a rare form of multiple myeloma and given the prognosis of two months of life. Despite some symptoms, at 50 my sister appeared very much in the prime of her life, living full throttle, dedicated to what mattered most to her. She was happy and still full of plans! Defying the medical predictions, we shared five amazing months together here in Minnesota’s peaceful northwoods. Her colleagues visited one by one to figure out how best to pass her vision and hard work on to those standing by to take up her baton. She continued those efforts until the day she was no

longer physically or mentally able. On this chilly late October morning, her presence still dwells strongly within me. It was on a day just like this that we took one of our last walks down the driveway, discussing important tasks still on her list, exploring some lingering questions about the shared events of our lives. It was on that walk that she stopped me. She announced abruptly, “Kathy, this is just what I’ve prayed for!” I asked what she meant. “I prayed that I would die before you.” I was stunned into silence! A surge of pain mingled with a tinge of anger and then utter confusion, unable to grasp then what was she trying to tell me. But I think I’m getting closer. Karen’s experience of losing our father was seared into

her entire being. She was never allowed to forget the pain of grief as I had been. Perhaps she prayed to protect me. Or, maybe she just knew she couldn’t bear that kind of pain again. My “big sister” loved me like a mother, and then some. She didn’t just teach me how to read and write. She taught me how to survive. And she was really good at it! Karen died the morning of All Saints Day, Nov. 1, 1997, free and finally able to rest. *(Passage from “Queenie” excerpted from a collection of stories by Alice Monro entitled Hateship, Friendship, Courtship, Loveship, Marriage, copyright 2001.)*

## DIPLOMATS...Continued from page 3

China’s tech expertise is seen as a major threat. They are moving ahead of us in quantum [computing], and AI, and it’s a challenge to our system, our economy and governance. They are currently outperforming us.” The Trump administration’s focus is less clear, but Hansen said he had appeared, at least initially, to signal a refocus on the Middle East, while addressing the challenges posed by China as primarily a matter of trade imbalance. “Trump’s first foreign trip was to Saudi Arabia and he remains close to Israel,” he said. Trump had also focused attention early in his administration on the defeat of ISIS, although many foreign policy observers, including Trump’s first defense secretary, Gen. James Mattis, believe his latest decision to disengage from the Syrian conflict

will lead to a resurgence in the radical Islamic organization. Hansen said western powers, particularly Britain and France, may have helped create the chaos in Syria by encouraging opposition forces to act against Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, without providing them an effective means to do so. He said the Obama administration had been more circumspect, and perhaps more constructive, in its approach to Syria. **History lesson** Ambassador Hansen offered a history lesson on efforts to solve the ongoing conflicts in the Middle East, particularly the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. He noted that the Oslo Accords had created a framework for a two-state solution but that the push behind that initiative was blunted when a radical right-wing Israeli citizen assassinated then-Israeli prime minister Yitzhak

Rabin. “That was the turning point, which came in late 1995,” said Hansen. Since then, conservative forces have largely dominated Israeli politics and have been increasingly unwilling to negotiate with Palestinians towards a long-term settlement. He said current leaders are “really about kicking the can down the road and trying to avoid difficult issues while just staying in power.” Hansen said he still believes a two-state solution is the only viable option for settling the decades-long dispute at the heart of Middle Eastern conflict. Hansen also touched on the other major source of conflict in the region—the religious competition between Iran, which is seen as the leader of the of the region’s Shia Muslims, and Sunni-led Saudi Arabia. Hansen said Saudi Arabia had been more open and

culturally liberal in the 1950s and 60s, but grew increasingly conservative culturally in response to the Iranian revolution, which brought religious conservatives to power in that country. Hansen noted that the new Saudi crown prince Mohammed bin Salman hopes to modernize and diversify the Saudi economy, and restore a semblance of cultural freedom, while still retaining a tight grip on political opposition. “A terrible example was the assassination of journalist Jamal Kashoggi,” said Hansen. “That was testimony to the limits of freedom in that country. It’s still a very repressive state.” Hansen said he’s not optimistic about the prospects for the Middle East over the next few decades. “There’s little prospect for democracy or democratic values,” he said. “I think women in Saudi Arabia

are the primary reason for optimism there. They are well educated. More now attend universities than men.” Hansen, in response to a question, said he believes that Trump’s decision to abandon the Iran nuclear deal will prove to be a mistake. “It was not a perfect agreement, but at least it put the brakes on developing an Iranian nuclear program. And Iran did largely comply.” He said the multi-nation agreement helped to move Iran into a more normalized relationship with

other countries, which brought benefits to all involved.

## SCHOOLS...Continued from page 3

Bonnie Starkman, accompanist, and Peter Kess, set tech.

- Hired Robert Castellano as a substitute teacher.
- Accepted the resignation of Kristi Johnson from the paraprofessional position effective Oct. 16, 2019.

- Accepted a quote of \$4,353 from Gartner Temperature Controls for boiler maintenance.
- Changed the regular November 2019 board meeting to Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 6 p.m., due to the Veterans Day holiday.
- Agreed to enter into a cooperative agreement

with the Krekelberg Home School for boys and girls basketball, boys and girls track, and baseball for the 2019-2020 season.

- Approved a request to hang a banner in the ice arena recognizing the Pee Wee youth hockey team that advanced to the state tournament last season.

- Approved the 2019-2020 Q-Comp budget on a 5-1 vote with James Pointer voting no.
- Approved the new district superintendent job description.



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TOWER-BREITUNG WASTEWATER BOARD

# Testing underway at water treatment plant

by JODI SUMMIT  
Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER-SOUDAN- John Thom, a water specialist from SEH Engineering, had a lot to keep his eyes on as he ran what appeared to be a complicated set-up to determine the best way to provide secondary water treatment at the Tower-Breitung Water Treatment Plant.

The secondary treatment system is needed to deal with two ongoing water quality and safety issues: the presence of organic matter in the water supply and the chemical byproducts of the disinfectants used to treat that organic matter. Testing has confirmed that surface water seeps into the system's wells, which are adjacent to the East Two River wetlands, as well as other wetlands. Monthly water testing has also shown the water, in some months, to have higher than allowed levels of disinfectant byproducts, due to the high level of organics in the untreated water. In addition, a special two-year state groundwater study found bacteria, viruses, and protozoa in samples of untreated water.

Thom explained how the portable testing lab was running multiple days of testing using four different combinations of substrates (sands and activated carbon compounds) to see which was able to absorb more of the problematic organics (naturally-occurring

carbon-based compounds) from the water. Once the best substrate is determined, there will be additional testing to tease out the exact proportions needed to result in the best water quality.

A second, ozone-based treatment system is also being considered. According to Thom, the system is more expensive up front, but essentially costs the same to run over the 20-year life of the filtration system.

"Ozone is a rather simple process," he said, "and it is much more efficient than it was in the past."

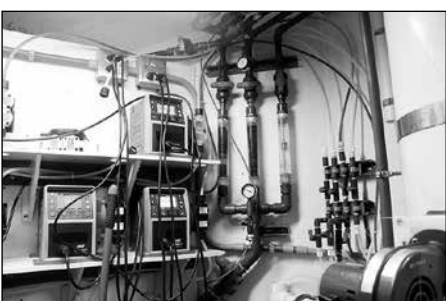
Ozone has the advantage of not requiring other chemicals, and it will also remove iron and manganese in addition to removing the organics.

"We are finding it is often the best tool to use," he said.

The ozone testing will be completed in November. A recommendation for the secondary treatment system will be made once all the testing data is analyzed and cost estimates are made. The Tower-Breitung Wastewater Board is seeking state bonding funds for this project, which is estimated to cost \$3 million. The project is currently ranked as the fourth most essential water treatment request in the state. Thom said in past funding cycles, projects ranked this high usually receive state bonding funds.



**John Thom worked inside the water testing trailer.** photo by J. Summit



## Busy times for staff

In addition to temporarily running the water filtration plant manually due to lightning damage, plant operator Matt Tichel had to respond to a sewer line break on a forced main line in Soudan. The break was reported on Saturday, Oct. 5 by a resident who noticed water bubbling up on the paved trail between Soudan and McKinley Park.

Tichel called in two pump trucks, which started hauling

wastewater from the lift station to the pond while the line was being repaired. Tichel estimated the loss at about 25,000 gallons and noted that there was no smell to the water leaking out.

"We didn't lose too much," said Tichel. "We've been running with high flows due to all the rain, so the sewage was pretty diluted."

The leak was contained within four hours, and the system was back online by early evening. The line break was caused by a large rock, about a cubic foot in size, which was underneath the pipe.

"It was rubbing on the

bottom of the pipe," Tichel said. "It created a two-inch hole."

Tichel also said the wastewater board is looking at replacing the remaining 20-foot long ductile iron pipe that had previously been used on the lines that go through the forced main sections under the manholes. When they were put in, it wasn't possible to use the sturdier PVC pipe that is being used for the rest of the sewer line system.

"Back in the 1980s," he said, "they couldn't plumb the plastic into the manhole. But now we can."

Tichel said they replace the metal pipe with PVC whenever they do repairs but still have about two dozen to replace.

In other water plant news, the new electronic control system for the water filtration plant has been ordered. The board expects to receive the final drawings for approval any day. Once approval is granted, the board then expects it will be four weeks until the new electronic panels are delivered. Until then, Tichel and his staff will continue manning the water plant during the day to manually run the filtration system.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

## New time for Tower-Soudan Area Singers rehearsal

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Area Singers will begin rehearsal at 5:30 p.m. starting on Monday, Oct. 28. Please note the change in time. The group meets on Monday evenings, in preparation for their holiday concert on Sunday, Dec. 15.

## St. Paul's Chili Feed on Nov. 5

SOUDAN- St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Soudan is holding their annual Election Day Chili Feed and Craft Sale on Tuesday, Nov. 5 from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Cost is \$7 for chili, bread, beverage, and dessert. Take-outs are available by calling 218-753-5341.

## Vacancy on TEDA board

TOWER- There is an opening on the Tower Economic Development

Authority (TEDA). The board generally meets monthly at Tower City Hall. Any area resident with business experience who is interested in this volunteer position should send a letter of interest to: Steve Peterson, President, TEDA, c/o Tower City Hall, PO Box 576, Tower, MN 55790.

## Sellers Auction set for Saturday, Oct. 26 in Tower

TOWER- Sellers Auction, of Superior, Wis., will be holding a live auction at the Tower Civic Center on Saturday, Oct. 26 starting at 11 a.m. The auction is being sponsored by UBetcha Antiques and Uniques of Tower, and the event will feature handpicked items from the dealers and vendors who work with the shop.

Items will be available to view Friday evening, said Ubetcha owner Victoria Meloche, and then again prior to the auction start on Saturday.



**Tower Farmers Market board members presented a \$350 check to the Tower Area Food Shelf earlier this month. The check represents shared proceeds from BLT Night and the annual basket raffle. The Sharing the Harvest basket, filled with items donated by market vendors, was won this year by Virgil Saari of Pike Township. Pictured (from left): Janna Goerd, Marge McPeak, Mickey White and Kay Hanson.** photo by J. Summit

"There will be hundreds of items auctioned off," she said, "Antiques, collectibles, and fine junk, including some box lots."

Meloche is hoping that live auction action will attract both buyers and also those just interested in watching. Buyers will register and receive

their auction number prior to the auction start.

"This is something that has been missing on the Range," she said. "If it goes well, we will look at doing consignment auctions."

Meloche said they will be posting updates on items to be offered at the auction on the Ubet-

cha Antiques facebook page.

## Movie to be shown at St. Martin's on Oct. 27

TOWER- On Sunday, Oct. 27, St. Martin's Catholic Church will be showing the movie "Unplanned," at 2 p.m. in the Social Hall. All are invited, at no charge.

"Unplanned" is the true story of Abby Johnson. Abby just wanted to help women. She believed in a women's right to choose, and as one of the youngest Planned Parenthood directors in the nation, she was involved in upward of 22,000 abortions...Until the day she saw something that changed everything, which led Abby to become one of the most ardent pro-life advocates in America.

## Get your tickets now for TSAA Fall Auction on Thursday, Nov. 7

TOWER- Tickets are now available for the Tower-Soudan Athletic Association Fall Auction on Thursday, Nov. 7 at the Wilderness at Fortune Bay. Tickets are \$25, and must be paid in advance. Payment can be dropped off at the Timberjay office in Tower, or mailed to TSAA, c/o The Timberjay, PO Box 636, Tower, MN 55790.

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

All the funds raised go to youth activities in Tower-Soudan. This is the group's only fundraiser each year, so please consider helping out this important community event.

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

TOWER- Area children are invited to trick-or-treat on Main Street after school on Thursday, Oct. 31 starting at 3 p.m. Participating businesses will have signs on their doors welcoming children.

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

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

TOWER- Area children and their families are invited to the Community Halloween Party sponsored by the Tower Fire Department. The party will be held on Thursday, Oct. 31 from 4-6 p.m. at the Tower Civic Center. The event is free and all area families are welcome.

## Vermilion Senior Living hosting Halloween Party

TOWER- Vermilion Senior Living invites everyone to a Halloween Party on Thursday, Oct. 31 from 3 – 4:30 p.m. Come and enjoy fun activities and games including face painting, poke a pumpkin, and more! All ages are welcome to attend this free event. Halloween candy, snacks and punch provided. Make sure to wear a costume to

## HALLOWEEN FUN



celebrate with our lovely residents.

## Spooky Halloween lunch at VCS on Thursday, Oct. 31

TOWER- The public is invited to a not-to-be-missed Halloween lunch at Vermilion Country School, served from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. All ages are invited. Cost is \$5.75 or \$4 for seniors in the AEOA dining program.

**Reservations are appreciated by calling 218-753-1246, ext. 1003.**

Costumes are encouraged. The menu will include Things (meatballs); Toxic Taters (Mashed Potatoes); Venom Sauce (Gravy); Boiled Hairless Caterpillars (Green Beans); Crusty Critters (Bread); Desserts including Monster Hairballs, Eyeballs, Tentacle Chunks, Graveyard Worms, and Frogs; and drink of Magical Bats Blood Potion.

## BREITUNG POLICE DEPARTMENT

### September 2019

Calls: 279  
Citations/Formal charges: 3  
Monthly mileage: 1,818 (Tahoe with 936, Explorer with 882)



### September Police Report

**Breitung Police Chief Dan Nylund**

Zero Deaths (TZD) shifts.

**Training:** Chief Nylund attended Glock Armor training.

**Community:** Chief Nylund and Officer Jim Battin took part in Big Truck Night in Soudan.

**How long will you be haunted by that ticket?** Sgt. Troy Christianson of the Minnesota

State Patrol says, “A written warning does not go on your driving record, but it is recorded in our computer system. Citations (tickets) for speed, according to the Driver and Vehicle Services, generally stay on one’s record for five years, and for serious speeds, 10 years.” Christianson

also explained that the costs of speeding violations vary by county, but typically are at least \$120 for traveling 10 mph over the speed limit. Motorists stopped at 20 mph over the speed limit face double the fine, and those ticketing traveling more than 100 mph can lose their license for six months.

**Citations/formal charges/arrests:** 2 theft (issuance of dishonored checks), and 1 traffic-passing on the right when prohibited.

## THE NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM MS. VERA MILION



### Dear Hearts,

Hilda and I were almost convinced that the chilly mornings were some sort of meteorological mistake, a slip up of nature, a big boo-boo!

Darn, darn, darn, not the EXACT words I used when I opened the door to let out the puppies.

I screamed just a bit and leaned against the door jamb like Ruth looking for Naomi. There wasn’t just a TOUCH of frost upon the pumpkins, there were little drifts of white stuff.

Maybe rime frost, but still its presence bespoke the impending seasonal change to WINTER!!!

Snowmobiles screaming through the night, icy highways, slip-

pery steps, broken ankles, legs, pelvises, and sinus drainage. I know you’re out THERE, waiting, expecting, anticipating, longing for sub—zero temperatures, noses red from frostbite, and everything else that makes for a Northland winter.

I have hated snow since my youth. Like Markus Zusak, I have NEVER felt that, “A snowball in the face is surely the perfect beginning to a lasting friendship.”

Nor does William Blake’s line that “In seed time learn, in harvest teach, in winter enjoy.”

My mantra, “I get through winter knowing that if it the cold gets too much to bear, there are cheap flights to Hawaii, Florida, Arizona.”

However, when I check out my bank accounts, I barely have enough money to order my plants for spring.

Well, I would have had enough money to travel, but I happened upon a great bulb sale—I MEAN REALLY GOOD! The expectation

of MASSES of daffodils, crocuses, Siberian iris makes me warm all over!!!

I do have some vacation money left over that will satisfy my horticultural hungers come spring! I must control my other animal urges...a 92-inch TV, a new Royal typewriter or maybe even a computer...however they work.

Or one of those handheld things that EVERYONE stares at so intently and that keeps them from talking and making eye contact. I can’t understand people sitting round other people talking to people who aren’t there.

Oh well, I am old.... don’t even care that my television is black and white and that I don’t have cable.

I have received a Christmas card!

No Nativity scene, no shepherds talking to angels, no Kings on camels...just a huge dollar sign on the front! When you open the card there is this passage...“As Shakespeare said, tis better to give than receive.

A donation of \$500 has been given in your name to improve navigation in the Suez Canal. Your name will be engraved on the “Save the Suez” plaques in Al-Kap, Ismailin and Port Said.”

In the long run, it may be a good bargain when you consider all those youth groups coming to the door selling everything from Advent wreaths for groups such as “Zealots United for Zombie Relief in Zimbabwe,” etc., etc., etc.

I leave you with an early quote regarding the coming season:

Pindar: “Every gift which is given, even though it be small, is in reality great, if it is given with affection.”

But nothing says Merry Christmas like a Neiman-Marcus ribbon!

Ta-ta loves,  
**Ms. Vera Milion**

P.S. I know this is early, but I wanted to have my say when Christmas was a gleam on the horizon.

## 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 are 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 Meals on Wheels, or for more information, please call AEOA Senior Nutrition at 218-735-6899.

### Week of Oct. 28

Monday: Chicken Alfredo, Bread Stick  
Tuesday: Chili in a Bread Bowl  
Wednesday: Lasagna, Dinner Roll  
Thursday: Halloween Dinner! Eat if you dare!  
Friday: Pizza

## Week of Oct. 28

### Monday

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

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

Tower City Council- 5"30 p.m. on Oct. 29 at City Hall.

### Tuesday

Tower Area Food Shelf- Open on the third Tuesday of every month from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Located in the back of the Timberjay building on Main Street. Next food shelf day is Nov. 19.

Greenwood Fire Dept.- Meetings on the first (business meeting) and third (drill) Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

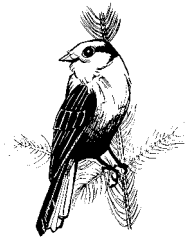
### Wednesday

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

Breitung Town Board- 12 noon on Oct. 23. Meeting location TBA.

### Thursday

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



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Tuesday Noon-6 pm  
Wednesday Noon-6 pm  
Thursday Noon-6 pm  
Friday Noon-5 pm  
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Support groups

**AA - Alcoholics Anonymous**  
**AA - 7 p.m.** Mondays,  
and 7:30 p.m.  
**Wednesdays, First**  
**Lutheran Church,**  
**915 E. Camp St., Ely**  
**WOMEN’S AA - Noon**  
**Mondays, St. Anthony**  
**Church basement, Ely**  
**BABBITT AA - 7 p.m.**  
**Tuesdays, Woodland**  
**Presbyterian Church.**  
**AL-ANON - Sundays**  
**8-9 p.m. at St. Anthony’s**  
**Catholic Church in Ely.**  
For persons who encounter  
alcoholism in a  
relative or friend.  
**BABBITT AL-ANON**  
- Thursdays, 7 p.m. at  
Woodland Presbyterian  
Church.  
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12-step support group,  
noon Fridays, St.  
Anthony’s Catholic  
Church, Ely.  
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Third Wednesday each  
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Call 365-3359, 827-3232,  
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**Tuesday Group**  
ELY - The upcoming  
Tuesday Group  
schedule is listed below.  
All talks are at 12 noon  
on Tuesday at the Grand  
Ely Lodge.  
**Oct. 29 -** Krista  
Harrington from the  
International Wolf  
Center  
**Game night**  
ELY - Smear tour-  
naments are held the first  
and third Mondays, and  
cribbage tournaments  
are held the second and  
fourth Mondays at the  
Ely Senior Center, 27 S  
1st Ave E, starting at 6  
p.m. There is a \$5 entry  
fee, plus 25 cents per set.  
**Ely Free Clinic**  
ELY - The Ely  
Community Health  
Center is open every  
Thursday evening from  
5:30-7 p.m. in the AFU  
Building, 111 S 4th  
Ave. E.  
For more infor-  
mation, call 218-365-  
5678, or visit their  
website, www.elycom-  
munityhealth.org.

**Breathing Out**  
by Cecilia Rolando © 2019



most lovely fall  
moving slowly to winter  
the creeping darkness

SUPPORTING THE ARTS

**Gardner Trust awards arts grants**



**The Ely Winter Festival was awarded \$2,920 from the Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust to support the Snow Sculpture Symposium that will take place Feb. 6-16, 2020, at Whiteside Park.** submitted photo

ELY - The board of the Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust approved \$16,340 in grants to local artists, art organizations, and fine arts events this fall.

“The Gardner Humanities Trust was happy to see a few new grant projects proposed this fall,” said Keiko Williams, executive director for the Trust. “The board is especially excited about author William Durbin coming to work with classes at Ely schools. Heather Cavalier did an excellent job writing the grant application which included a lot of community impact for our students.”

Individual artist grants are awarded for unique, short-term opportunities that will impact an artist’s career.

► Anne Stewart was awarded \$850 toward videographer work that is a necessary part of a play script she is working on. The video work will be done by Ely High School graduate Simon Stouffer who will work with Anne to complete the work for future script readings and final production of her play.

► Shaun Chosa was awarded \$1,000 to produce and promote a new multi-media art show. Shaun plans to incorporate recycled material into some of his new works and will have a public presentation about his art sometime next year.

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 Ely Folk School was awarded \$3,000 in support of their Ely Dance Series that will present four community dances over the next year. The dance series hope to strengthen our community by celebrating the culture and life of people living on the Iron Range.

► True Stories from the Edge was awarded \$600 to help support two storytelling events in 2020. The grant will help pay for advertising, space rental and printing costs.

► The Ely ArtWalk was awarded \$1,000 to support their eleven-day winter art show to be held Feb. 6-16, 2020. Local artists will showcase their work in collaboration with Ely retail stores.

► The Ely Winter Festival was awarded \$2,920 to support the Snow Sculpture Symposium that will take place Feb. 6-16, 2020, at Whiteside Park.

► Friends of Gail was awarded \$3,000 to help produce the play ‘The Quiltmaker’s Gift’ in Ely’s Historic State Theater, Jan. 24-26, 2020. The musical play is based on the award-winning children’s book illustrated by Ely’s Gail deMarken.


► The Mesabi Symphony Orchestra was awarded \$3,270 to help support a concert series “Brilliance & Inspiration” in the Vermilion Community College Fine Arts Theater on Feb. 22, 2020. The orchestra will also do music outreach in the Ely Public Schools.

► Ely Public Schools/ISD 696 was awarded \$700 to support two-days of writing workshops with author William Durbin. Mr. Durbin will also work with a VCC writing class and there will be a public event during his visit in Ely.

The Trust did not receive any applications for youth grants for the fall grant round, Williams said.

The 2019 Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust board members are: Laura Moberly, Becky Zientek, Cade Thibodeaux, Beth Ohlhauser, Andrea Strom, Jill Swanson, Andy Messerschmidt and Angela Campbell.

Any questions about the grant programs, the Trust, or ways to support the arts in Ely can be directed to Williams at 218-365-2639 or at info@gardnertrust.org.



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ELY MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL



**Ely senior Bryce Longwell and his parents, above, were honored last week with other senior football team members before the Timberwolves’ last home game of the season. The were victorious over Lake of the Woods. The team huddled before the game to get fired up.**

photos by K. Vandervort





OUR COMMUNITY



# Burning rubber fills the air in Ely

## Third annual Jake Forsman competition draws hundreds

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY - Dozens of classic cars and community members gathered on Chapman Street here on Saturday for the Third Annual Jake Forsman Car Show and Burnout Competition.

The event raises funds for scholarships for students who are going into trade schools. The scholarship program is named after Jake Forsman who died several years ago in a car accident. His father, Al, organized the event in his son’s honor and emphasized the fundraiser is to build awareness for young men and women to enter the trades.

“Every one of us here has a purpose, a calling, a way that we were meant to contribute to society,” Al Forsman said. “Everyone should have a career that helps us feel our value through our efforts. This event also shows that Ely is more than just canoes and hiking.”

Forsman said he was very pleased with the turnout and thanked the classic car owners for keeping their cars out so close to winter. “The message and the money raised will go to the blue collar workers of the future,” he said.

Best Burnout honors went to Bryan Seliskar, Ely, in his 1995 Chevrolet C1500 WT. The Runner-Up Burnout award went to John Davich, Duluth, in his 1929 Ford Model A. There were 12 morning burnout entries and 14 afternoon burnouts.

Official winning results out of 90 car show entries include:

Original 1950-1959-Tom and Shirley Zaitz, Hibbing, 1955 Ford F100

Original 1960-1969-Louis “Bosko” Kotzian, Ely, 1962 Chevrolet Corvette

Original 1970-1979-Ken Ross, Britt, 1970 Plymouth Barracuda

Original 1980-1989 - Matt Anderson, Hibbing, 1986 Buick Grand National



**A young car fan, above, points to his favorite automobile at the Jake Forsman Car Show and Burnout Competition on Saturday. Al Forsman, top, burns the rubber off the tires of his 1975 Chevrolet Monza 2+2.** photos by K., Vandervort



Original 1990-1999-Ron Vine, Hibbing, 1999 Ford Lightning

Original 2000-Up-Hank Buczynski, Virginia, 2011 Chevrolet Camaro 2SSRS

Modified Pre-1935-Mike D. Forsman, Ely, 1927 Chevrolet Capital AA

Modified 1935-1949-Rick Myrum, Pengilly, 1935 Chevrolet Pickup

Modified 1950-1959-Brad Sader, Babbitt, 1956 Chevrolet 210

Modified 1960-1969-Darwin Salo, Babbitt, 1965 Chevrolet Chevelle Malibu SS

Modified 1970-1979- Lisa R. Vermeulen, Duluth, 1970

Chevrolet Chevelle Pro Tour Modified 1980-1989-Al Kratz, Ely, 1984 Chevrolet C10

Modified 1990-1999-Bryan Seliskar-Ely, 1996 Chevrolet C1500 WT

Modified 2000-Up-Rick Holland, Hibbing, 2011 Ford Mustang

Best Chevy - John Samuelson, Eveleth, 1967 Chevrolet 396 Chevelle

Best Mopar - Dick Roch, Ely, 1973 Dodge Challenger

Best Ford -Dave Vesel, Ely, 1951 Ford F1 Pickup

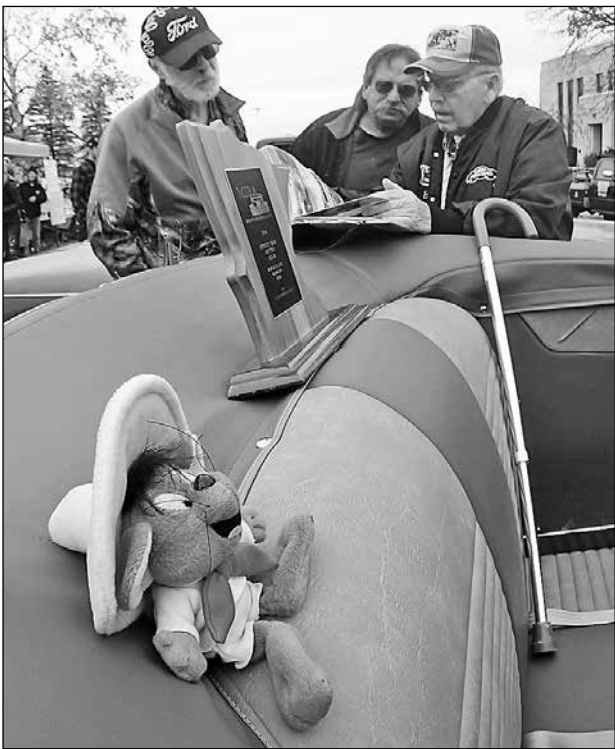
Best Brand X - Mark Stalboerger, Babbitt, 2001 Bourget Ruck American

Best H-Body - John Curtis, Duluth, 1978 Chevrolet Monza Wagon

Longest Haul - Richard Johnson, Hazlet, NJ, 1968 Dodge Dart GTS

Fan Favorite - Ron Popesh, Tower, 1973 Ford Mustang Mach 1

Best In Show - Ray Maruska, Duluth, 1956 Lincoln Continental Mark II



**Clockwise from above left, “Speedy Gonzales” mascot in a show car; Chapman street in front of City Hall is mostly repaved following the burnout competition; a stark reminder of the dangers of reckless driving.**

### News In Brief

#### Take a Haunted Hayride

ELY - Join the Ely Watercolor Association for a Halloween Haunted Hayride thru the woods at Silver Rapids Lodge on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 25-26, beginning at 6 p.m.

Family-friendly rides will be available from 6-8 p.m. Ride at your own risk from 8-11 p.m.

Admission is just \$5 and free hot chocolate will be available.

#### Happy Days to host Halloween party

ELY - Happy Days Preschool is hosting a Halloween Costume Contest on Friday, Nov. 1 at the Grand Ely Lodge. The fundraising event, for children pre-K through fifth grade, will be held from 5-8 p.m.

Happy Days, a private, self-funded preschool for children three to five years of age, is celebrating its 50th anniversary in December.

“Part of the success of the preschool depends on the contributions from local businesses and sponsors who generously donate various educational items and monetary donations,” said board member Zoe Lampman.

Costume contest judging will begin at 7 p.m. During the contest, there will be door prizes with carnival-style games, such as “Witch-Hat Ring Toss,” Feed the Ghost,” “Monster Grab,” “Pick-a-Duck,” and more.

Crafting activities will also be available to include rock painting, pumpkin decorating, and make a monster. The best deal for game participation will be \$5 for 10 tickets.

All proceeds will benefit Happy Days Preschool, which strives to provide quality and hands-on education for its students. “Come on out and enjoy this fun family event,” Lampman said.

#### Free flu shots available in Ely

ELY – Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital is providing free flu shots again this year. Community flu shot clinics, held at a variety of locations, continue through the middle of November.

New this year, according to EBCH officials, high-dose vaccinations will be available for patients 65 and older with the presentation of a Medicare insurance card. These vaccinations will still be provided at no cost to the patient. Limited supplies available.

The flu shot clinic schedule includes:

**ELY-BLOOMENSON HOSPITAL**

►Wednesday, Oct. 30 - 2-6 p.m.

►Thursday, Nov. 7 – 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

**PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**

►Tuesday, Nov. 12 - 3:30-7 p.m. at Washington Elementary School

►Thursday, Nov. 14 -3:30 - 7 p.m. at Ely Memorial High School

#### ‘Keep Warm’ project at VCC

ELY – The 6th annual “Keep Warm” program at Vermilion Community College is under way and in need of community help. “Keep Warm” provides boots, coats, gloves, hats and other items to VCC students unprepared for the winter months here in Ely.

This year, eight Ely-area churches are helping in collecting coats and financial assistance to purchase items, including Grace Lutheran Church, LedgeRock Community Church, First Presbyterian Church, Ely Gospel Tabernacle Church, United Methodist Church, St. Anthony’s Catholic Church, Oasis International Church, and St. Mary’s Episcopal Church.

Distributions at VCC are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays thru Thursday, Nov. 21.

## Yesterday’s news, this week

from the archives of

### THE ELY MINER

Courtesy of the Ely-Winton Historical Society

**October 24, 1919**

#### Legion Post 248 organized

Sergeant McCarthy of Duluth was here Monday evening and assisted the local boys in preliminary steps toward organizing Post No. 248 of the American Legion. Sixty-two men signed the roster and an investigating committee was named to look things over.

A committee on by-laws was also named and it is the intention to merge the organization of the World’s War Veterans into the Legion at a later meeting and the by-laws altered to fit this change. A committee on membership was also named and it will be the duty of this committee to try and get all returned soldiers and sailors to join.

A name will be chosen at a later meeting after the investigating committee makes its report on the names already enrolled. A committee was also named to arrange for a dance celebration on Armistice Night, Nov. 11.

Officers were chosen: president, O.C. Torvund; vice president, Arthur Knutson; secretary, John G. Kotchevar; treasurer, J.E. Johnson.

Sergeant McCarthy also brought up the “victory” buttons for the service men and the handsome little badges are being worn by a large number of the returned heroes.

The American Legion is a strictly American organization and bids fair to be of immense service to the land. “America for Americans” is their motto and the members will no doubt see to it that several things un-American will get the “blooie” sign before long. We congratulate the boys on their organization.



COOK LIBRARY

# Budding graphic artists get some lessons at the library

by E. M. SCHULTZ  
Staff Writer

COOK - At least a dozen children and a handful of adults turned out for the Create Your Own Comic Character workshop at the Cook Public Library on Thursday, Oct. 10. The event was part of the Legacy programming offered by the Arrowhead Library System, which is funded, in part, by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. The workshop was led by Minnesota children's author Trisha Speed Shaskan and Minnesota children's author and illustrator Stephen Shaskan, who both brought a delightful presence to the event.

The dynamic duo began the class by explaining how to create a character using basic shapes. The attendees then created a group character, one piece at a time. The result was a 10-year old boy named George Lexington who had a trapezoid-shaped body, horse hooves for feet, a mohawk, and a round head with cat eyes, dog ears, and a triangle nose.

Once George was drawn, the class moved on to answering some basic, and random, questions about him. According to Trisha, this was the writing version of a character

sketch. She explained that the more you know about your character, the better. The group decided he played hockey, was afraid of books and cheese, and his favorite food was lemon meringue pie.

After creating the group character, attendees were given a chance to create their own, individual characters. The group then moved on to drawing their characters from different points of view and adding emanata, which is all of the stuff that emanates from a character's head, such as exclamation points and question marks, before moving on to the final step of inking the characters.

Trisha and Stephen offered demonstrations for each step and clear instructions on how to create the characters. They also provided a handful of tools that attendees could utilize if they chose, and spent a good amount of time walking around to offer pointers and admire individuals' characters. The workshop was one of many the couple has given throughout the region. It lasted two hours and was free to the public.



**Top: Workshop leaders Trisha Speed Shaskan and Stephen Shaskan work with the participants, who ranged in age from elementary school to adults.**

**Above right: George Lexington was one of the comic creations the students imagined and drew at the class.**

**Left: Participants worked on their comic characters.**

Photos by R. Schultz



## Cook-Orr Calendar

### Neighborhood Crime Watch meeting to be held on Wednesday, Oct. 30

ORR- Residents in the Orr area are invited to attend a meeting with representatives of the St. Louis County Sheriff's Department to discuss forming a Neighborhood Crime Watch. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 6 p.m. at the Orr Community Center. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

### Harvest Fest at Cook Covenant Church on Oct. 27

COOK- To celebrate the fall season, abundant harvests at family farms, and the most life-changing harvest of all - the winning of precious souls - the Evangelical Covenant Church of Cook will hold its annual Harvest Festival program on Sunday, Oct. 27 at 4 p.m. Come be inspired and meet Cook Covenant's new leaders. The celebration will close with a Thanksgiving-style dinner for all who attend. Freewill offerings gladly accepted.

### Fiber Arts Tea at Cook Library on Tuesday, Oct. 29

COOK- Everyone is invited to see the many fiber arts pieces on display at the library during the

Fiber Arts Tea on Tuesday, Oct. 29 beginning at 5 p.m. Food and hot beverages will be served.

Buy your raffle tickets for the hand-appliqued wool mat currently on display. Tickets cost \$1 and are available at the library. The raffle is sponsored by Friends of the Cook Public Library. Raffle drawing will take place on Nov. 1.

Remember to check out fiber art-themed books during the month of October for your chance to win a prize. The library thanks all the fiber artists who brought items to display throughout the month.



### Scan for Keeps at the Cook Public Library, Nov. 5-7

COOK- Do you have photos or documents you'd like to preserve in digital format? Bring your documents, letters, photos, slides, or negatives to the Cook Public Library during regular hours on Nov. 5-7. The library will have professional scanning equipment provided by Minutex and the Minnesota Digital Library that the public can use.

All scanned items will be converted to a

digital format, so please bring your own USB flash drive in order to save them. Scanning is free but the number of items may be limited depending on time. To pre-register for one-hour time slots, please call 218-666-2210.

If you have old photos of Cook and would be willing to share them, please contact the library.

This program is made possible by the Arrowhead Library System.

### Rosemaling class with Linda Freeman Oct. 29

COOK- Linda Freeman will be leading a class on Tuesday, Oct. 29 at Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery at 6 p.m. titled Rosemaling: Focus on Stroke. The gallery is located on 210 S River St. next to Dream Weaver Salon/Spa.

Linda Freeman is a Cook artist who is called Pastor Linda at the Covenant Church. Linda was one of the original volunteers who created NWFA Gallery in 2010. She also recently organized the Art for Fun class at the Covenant Church in Cook.

Pre-register for this class by calling Alberta at 218-666-2153. The fee for the class is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. The annual membership fee for NWFA is \$25. Registrations will also be taken by mail or at NWFA Gallery.

## Make A Cool and Creative "Viking"



COOK- Registration is required for this cool needle-felting class at Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery in Cook on Wednesday, Nov. 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The creative class will be taught by Susan Archbold (from the Range Print Shop and General Store) at NWFA Gallery at 210 S River St., next to Dream Weaver Salon.

The "Viking" kit costs \$20 paid to the instructor (at the time of the class). The class requires pre-registration which costs \$10 for NWFA members and \$20 for non-members. NWFA membership is \$25 per year. Call Alberta Whitenack at 218-666-2153. You may also register for the class at the gallery.

Find more information at [www.nwfamn.org](http://www.nwfamn.org) or write to [nwfamn.org@gmail.com](mailto:nwfamn.org@gmail.com).

### Cook Seniors to meet on Nov. 6

COOK- The Cook Senior Citizens will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 1 p.m. in the senior citizens room at the Pioneer Apartments (use the front entry) at 131 5th St. SE.

The meeting will include news about the group, plans for having card games, and other activities. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. The group is not just for seniors!

### Woodcarving group meets Thursdays

COOK- The NWFA woodcarving group will meet on Thursdays at

the gallery from 6 to 8 p.m. Dates are Oct. 24; Nov. 7, 21; Dec. 5, 12, and 19. The curious and carving beginners of all ages are encouraged to attend and share this learning experience together. Call Howard Hilshorst for more information at 218-741-7941.

### Open Studio Art at NWFA Gallery on Saturdays

COOK- On Saturdays, artists meet at Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery in Cook to enjoy working on their art from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. All artists and would-be artists are welcome to share the time and space on Saturdays.

### Winter Writers Group meets on Nov. 16

COOK- The Winter Writer's Group meets on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 1 - 3 p.m. at the NWFA Gallery. The group is led by volunteer educator Dr. Ellie Larmouth. All interested persons will enjoy this group meeting once a month, on the second Saturday, except for November, when it is on the third Saturday.

# Read It HERE



NORTH WOODS SCHOOL

North Woods school forest trail getting lots of use



North Woods Elementary students enjoying the school forest on a sunny fall day. Teachers are hoping to use the trail year-round.



JOHN VUKMANICH

Four years ago when I arrived at North Woods, I was very excited to learn that through the cooperation of Field Township and our school district, North Woods had school forest land set aside right next to the school. How lucky we are! Many schools in the forest areas of Minnesota have land dedicated for school forests, but not all of them have the land walking-distance from the school itself.

Former North Woods science teacher Rick Pierce had taken on a lead role in working on the development of the school forest. The initial plan involved applying for a MN DNR Trail System Grant in order to secure funding for the construction of an extensive trail system, complete with lighting, parking, and a privy. Even though Mr. Pierce, with the input of our committee, worked hard to develop a plan and submit an application for this, in the end the DNR did not award us the grant. So,

Family Fun Night on Thursday

Thursday, Oct. 24 is Family Fun Night at North Woods sponsored by North Star Credit Union. Any interested adults who would like to hike the trail may meet in front of the school’s main door #3 at 4 p.m. for a hike with me. Wear boots, as we need to walk through a couple low spots.

it was back to the drawing board. Through the course of the last few years, we were able to secure some grant funds to assist with this process. Using some other smaller grants, a wooden bridge was constructed and outfitted with solar lighting. The Conservation Corps worked on the construction of the bridge.

We still did not have a trail built. Student access to the forest was

difficult. Just this year, through a grant opportunity awarded by the local DNR Forestry, along with contributions from Field Township and the school district, we were able to finally get a trail cut through the woods. North Woods School now has a 1.8-mile trail that allows classes to use the forest for all sorts of outdoor education experiences. Classes of students have been busy

hiking, examining trees and bugs, researching animal sign, practicing compass orienteering, and other outdoor activities.

This is just the start. Our plan in moving forward is to work at securing additional funding to improve the existing trail. We will be working as a team along with local DNR Forestry, USFS, Field Township, IRRRB, and any other partners we are able to connect with. We would like to get gravel and fill to level the trail in order to improve accessibility. We will install trail markers. Signs will be erected in specific locations to help explain topography,

tree growth, plant types, the remains of a beaver pond, and a creek. Culverts and lumber will be needed for a couple wet crossings. Students will need boots, safety vests, snowshoes, compasses, clipboards, and tools to experience the forest safely year-round. Our Indian Education Department will be working on cultural programming to tie in Native American traditions. Old-growth timber may be harvested in small pockets to promote a more diverse for-

est. All of this will eventually give North Woods students an outdoor education experience that is second to none.

Thank you to Mr. Pierce for your enthusiasm and hard work on this project. Thanks to the USFS, Steve Horndt with the local DNR Forestry, Keith Aho/Field Township, and the teacher team at North Woods for your help as we move forward.

Go Grizzlies!  
Principal John

NWFA Curious and Creative Winter Classes

COOK- The Northwoods Friends of the Arts’ Curious and Creative winter classes are still in development. Some classes may require registration. The NWFA’s annual membership fee is \$25. For more info, visit nwfamn.org or email nwfamn.org@gmail.com. These are the classes we are offering so far:

► Linda Freeman will be hosting Rosemaling: Focus on Stroke at the NWFA Gallery on Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 6 p.m. To pre-register for this class, please call Alberta at 666-2153. The class is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members.

► Vickie Lange will be teaching Beginning Knitting on Saturday, Nov. 9 at the NWFA Gallery from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Learn and practice how to cast on, knit stitch, purl stitch, and bind off. Be sure

to bring size 8 knitting needles and a skein of 4 ply yarn. Class size is limited to five, so register early by calling Vickie at 507-412-1117.

► Susan Archbold will be hosting Create a Cool Needle-Felted Viking at the NWFA Gallery on Wednesday, Nov. 13 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. You will need to purchase a kit for this class for \$20. To pre-register, please call Alberta at 666-2153. The class fee is \$10 for NWFA members and \$20 for non-members.

► Lyn Reed will be teaching Lino Print on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 1-3 p.m. Learn how to design, carve and print. Materials will be supplied by the NWFA. Class size is limited to ten, so be sure to save your spot by calling Alberta at 666-2153.

► Kris Musto will be hosting Contour Drawing on Monday, Nov.

26 at the NWFA Gallery from 6-8 p.m. You will learn drawing techniques in a non-judgmental place where you can flex your drawing muscles, play, and develop confidence. See some world-renowned drawings and learn new exercises to spark your inspiration. No drawing experience is necessary and all levels are welcome. To register, please call Alberta at 666-2153.

► Kris Musto will be hosting Clay Play on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at the NWFA Gallery from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Create a small, polymer clay turtle or critter that can be worn as a necklace or a pin. All materials will be supplied by NWFA. Class size is limited to 10, so be sure to reserve your place by calling Alberta at 666-2153.

Sellers Auction set for Saturday, Oct. 26 in Tower

TOWER- Sellers Auction, of Superior, Wis., will be holding a live auction at the Tower Civic Center on Saturday, Oct. 26 starting at 11 a.m. The auction is being sponsored by UBetcha Antiques and Uniques of Tower, and the event will feature handpicked items from the dealers and vendors who work with the shop.

Items will be available to view Friday evening, said Ubetcha owner Victoria Meloche, and then again prior to the auction start on Saturday. “There will be hundreds of items auctioned off,” she said, “Antiques, collectibles, and fine junk, including some box lots.”

Meloche is hoping that live auction action will attract both buyers and also those just interested in watching. Buyers will register and receive their auction number pri-

or to the auction start.

“This is something that has been missing on the Range,” she said. “If it goes well, we will look at doing consignment auctions.”

Meloche said they will be posting updates on items to be offered at the auction on the Ubetcha Antiques facebook page.

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7 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Tower Civic Center. Tables are \$20 each (limit two 8-ft. tables per vendor) and must be reserved and paid for in advance. Checks can be made out to Friends of VCS and mailed to Vermilion

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## Immanuel Lutheran hosting program on hospice services on Sunday, Nov. 3

TOWER - There will be a presentation and conversation about hospice at Immanuel Lutheran Church at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 3. Everyone should experience the peace of mind that comes with being prepared when facing the end of life. For individuals and their loved ones, no care decisions are more profound than those made at that time. Understanding what services are available in our local area and information to guide us will be presented by Essentia Health, Caring Edge, and the Virgie Hegg Foundation.

## Out of the Shadows: Halloween and Us at Mesabi Unitarian

VIRGINIA- Rev. Suzanne Wasilczuk will be presenting “Out of the Shadows: Halloween and Us,” a not particularly comprehensive look at the Unitarian Universalists’ thoughts on Halloween. The service will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 27 at the Mesabi Unitarian Church in Virginia.

## Indoor Walking at Timber Hall begins Monday, Nov. 4 from 7:30 - 9 a.m.

EMBARRASS- All are welcome to attend indoor walking at Timber Hall in Embarrass on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 7:30-9 a.m.

## Finnish Americans and Friends to honor Oiva Ylonen on Nov. 5

HIBBING- Finnish Americans and Friends will be holding a tribute on Tuesday, Nov. 5 in honor of long-time member Oiva Ylonen, who recently passed away. Rodney Ikola will deliver David Kess’ presentation “Getting Along (or Not),” a reflection of our ancestors’ experiences as they arrived in the early part of the last century. The presentation begins at 2 p.m. at the Grace Lutheran Church in Hibbing. Coffee an’ to follow. All are invited to attend.

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TOWER- Senior Bingo will be held in Tower on Monday, Nov. 4 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. In case of inclement weather school closure in Tower, bingo will be cancelled. Questions, call Jodi Summit at 218-753-2950.

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## VERMILION COUNTRY SCHOOL



## VCS hosts mini-bioblitz

With the help of some amazing volunteers, Vermilion Country School students took to the woods surrounding the school on an Environmental Education Wednesday earlier this month to survey, name, and record all the plants they could find. Along the way, a group of students led by retired Forest Service Biologist Mary Shedd picked a basket full of golden yellow Chanterelles, a gourmet edible mushroom. Shedd returned to the school a few days later, with a pan of the sauteed mushrooms for the students to taste. Some were impressed, but others not so much! Pictured are Talyn Hedin (left), Danny Anderson (below), and Gage Monsrud (below left). photos by M. Shedd



## LAKE COUNTRY POWER

# Operation Round Up® gives more than \$44,000 to community programs

REGIONAL- Through the contributions of Lake Country Power’s participating members, the Operation Round Up® Trust Board recently approved \$44,580 in assistance to local community programs during its quarterly meeting.

The cooperative’s Trust Board reviewed and considered 51 grant applications and distributed funds to 43 projects and programs this past quarter. Since the program’s inception in October 2004, more than \$2.3 million has been distributed to community-based projects and programs.

All funds generated through Operation Round Up® are set aside in a trust fund. A voluntary Trust Board of nine co-op members administers the trust. Of the funds collected through the program, 100 percent is distributed to charitable organizations through an application and selection process. The Trust

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The most recent recipients in our area include Cook Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Orr Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Quilters, Faith United Lutheran Church, Faith Lutheran Quilters, Bethel Lutheran Church Women, Loon Country Quilters, Vermilion Community College, Cherry High School, Happy Days Preschool, Tower-Soudan Civic Club, Camp Chicagami, Jacobson Community Foundation, The Quiltmaker’s Gift Production Co., Boy Scout Troop 116, Story Portage, Friends of Wirtanen Pioneer Farm, Vermilion Range Amateur Radio Club, Home Visitor Program (two projects), New Beginnings Pregnancy Care Center, Project Care Free Clinic, ElderCircle, Mesabi Symphony Orchestra, Vermilion Dream Quilters and Old

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## It’s time for MinnesotaCare members to renew their health care coverage

REGIONAL- The Department of Human Services (DHS) has mailed MinnesotaCare renewal forms to more than 54,000 households throughout the state. Members must verify their continued eligibility for the health care program and should complete their annual renewal form by Dec. 15 to ensure coverage into the

new year.

After members return the renewal form, DHS will notify them by mail if their coverage is renewed, if they need to provide additional information, or if they are no longer eligible for the program.

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Medical Assistance but whose annual incomes are at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, which states that a family of three may have income up to \$42,660 per year. MinnesotaCare pays for a variety of services, including doctor visits, prescriptions, and hospital stays. Members pay no more than \$80 per person

per month in premiums and have very low out-of-pocket costs.

Answers to frequently asked questions are available at [mn.gov/dhs/health-care/renewal](http://mn.gov/dhs/health-care/renewal). DHS has added temporary staff to handle calls to the MinnesotaCare help line, which is available Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at 800-657-3672 or 651-297-3862. Members should wait two weeks after returning their renewal form before calling DHS to find out the status of their renewal.

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CITY OF TOWER

# Tower hopes survey will re-qualify city for CDBG

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

TOWER—An undercount of low- and moderate-income families from the 2010 census could mean higher rates for utility customers here, and city officials are hopeful that a new survey will better document the extent of the community’s need.

City officials are hoping to apply for \$350,000 from St. Louis County’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to help pay a portion of the estimated \$3.1 million cost of installing a secondary drinking water treatment plant and a new water main to serve the city.

As it stands today, however, neither the city of Tower nor the Tower-Breitung Wastewater Board qualify for the funding, which is earmarked for communities with at least 48.78 percent of their households considered low- or moderate-income.

Tower has historically met that target, but poor participation during the 2010 census, particularly among lower-income households, eliminated Tower from CDBG eligibility. While Soudan does qualify for the CDBG program based on income, the joint wastewater district, which includes households from both Tower and Soudan, falls short. The 2010 census

showed Tower with a low- or moderate-income population of just 34.68 percent, well below the roughly 52-percent mark for the city from the 2000 census. The 2010 figures appear wildly out of step with school census data as well. The current free and reduced lunch count at the Tower Elementary is 88.5 percent, while the grades 7-12 Vermilion County charter school is at 77 percent.

While the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development does not accept school census data for CDBG eligibility, the numbers do highlight the disconnect between the 2010 census data and the actual

percentage of low- and moderate-income families in the community.

City officials are hoping that a new survey will provide a more accurate count, but it depends on the willingness of city residents to participate in a new survey, which includes questions about household size and household income. The answers are anonymous and the surveys will not be connected to actual names or addresses, but only numbered public utility accounts. Only federal officials from HUD will review the surveys and compile data based on the results.

The survey is expected to be on the city council’s agenda on Monday, when

the council will likely decide how to proceed. The survey could be distributed by mail or taken door-to-door by volunteers.

Tower’s grant writer, Nancy Larson, said local participation will be critical to restoring Tower’s eligibility for this valuable source of community funding. “In the end, participating should help save utility users some money,” Larson said.

While the city is likely to obtain funds for the water project from the state’s Public Facilities Authority, those funds generally come in the form of a loan, which users have to repay over time. The CDBG funds come in the form of grants, which can help to reduce

the amount of loan funds required for the project.

Assuming the city council approves conducting a new survey, it could go out quite soon. The CDBG application is due Dec. 1, and city officials are hoping to have the survey completed by then.

Tower isn’t the first area community to lose CDBG qualification as a result of poor response to the 2010 census. Larson said other Iron Range communities experienced a similar lack of response but used supplemental surveys to better document their actual household incomes and requalified for CDBG in the process.

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she tried charging a fee for the Fun Night the first year she took over as the local coordinator and participation fell from the typical 30-35 kids to just five. Graf is currently working to find a way around the five-dollar minimum fee requirement, particularly for the Family Fun Night.

“I feel like I’m letting the community down if I can’t make this work,” she said.

Graf said classes that charge fees are typically cancelled due to low or no participation. Right now, the only fee-based classes that attract much interest are senior driver’s safety courses and occasional estate planning classes. Craft classes for kids have been popular, but Graf worries attendance will vanish once higher fees are required. In the past, many kids were able to take the craft classes for free if they were enrolled in the after-school enrichment program, but now they’ll have to pay fees that are likely going to be prohibitive.

Community education programs at other schools in the district have charged minimum fees all along. Yet, many of the families whose children attend the Tower-Soudan School are low and moderate income, which makes even a small fee unaffordable.

Community Education Director Denise Parson explained that all components of the community education program are funded by the district’s community education levy and the participation fees the schools manage to collect.

“When Community Education expenditures exceed revenue received,



Jim “Chimpy” Tuominen, above, teaches an after-school community education unicycle class at Tower-Soudan Elementary School. At right, Chimpy serves up hot pizza in the Soudan skate rink warming shack. Food for the weekly skating parties is donated by businesses and individuals. file photos

the district’s general fund makes up the difference,” Parson stated in an emailed response to questions. “It is not in the District’s best interest to make up the difference for over-spending in the community education fund. So, the expenditures need to equal revenue received in the fund.”

Tight funding for the program in Tower-Soudan is part of the issue, since the community receives substantially less funding than other school attendance areas in the district. In the most recently completed school year, Tower-Soudan’s community education budget totaled \$28,408. That’s well below the next closest school, North Woods, which received \$41,495 last year, and it’s barely a third of the \$74,894 budgeted for South Ridge.

Graf said that’s just not enough to cover the coordinator’s and enrichment

teachers’ salaries, let alone the offered programs.

Former T-S community education coordinator Nancy Larson said prior administrations had tried to keep Tower-Soudan’s funding more or less equal with other attendance areas, but she said it appears that’s now changed based on the conversion of the Tower School to an elementary facility only. “We may be only half a school, by no choice of our own,” she said, “but we’re still a full community.”

And when it comes to community education, Tower-Soudan is one of the few programs in the district that operates year-round, in order to give summer residents an opportunity to take part in some of the offered events and classes. Larson

notes that those summer residents pay a substantial portion of the school district’s levy, particularly the cost of repaying the 2009 bond measure and restructuring under which the district closed Tower-Soudan’s middle and high school. “You could argue that we’re subsidizing all the other schools,” said Larson.

Some other popular programs, like Chimpy’s weekend skating parties, won’t be run through community education, which means they can still be offered at no charge. They can still be listed in the community education bulletin that comes out three times a year, under a listing for “community happenings.”

Larson, who first eliminated some of the fees when she served as coordinator, notes that



community education is one of the few things that brings people together in a positive way. It provides the framework for a successful school, which leads to successful students who want to remain a part of the community in which they grew up. If community ed. is important to you, the

Tower-Soudan program is currently seeking one volunteer to attend a Nov. 7 advisory council meeting. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, call Leone Graf at 218-343-3744.

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ST. LOUIS COUNTY

Board of Commissioners to consider investing in Entrepreneur Fund

by E. M. SCHULTZ  
Staff Writer

COOK — The St. Louis County Board heard from Entrepreneur Fund (EF) CEO Shawn Wellnitz during their meeting held at the new county government center here on Tuesday. The county is considering awarding up to \$200,000 from the county's economic development fund toward the EF's current capital campaign.

Wellnitz informed the board of the EF's intention to raise \$2.5 million, which he said the organization could leverage into \$25 million. This money would then be put back into local, small businesses, he said. Several board members spoke out in support of the EF, including Commissioner Beth Olson, who thanked Wellnitz for the work they did on the Lincoln Park area in her district.

Not everyone was in support of funding the EF, however. Commissioner Keith Nelson raised several questions and concerns, including complaints he's heard from business owners regarding the interest rates charged by the EF. Wellnitz stated that they do charge an interest rate that is about one percent higher than those of area banks.

Nelson also mentioned his concern over where the funding would be going, stating that some of the clients who receive money from the EF are against the very industries, such as mining and timber, that help support the economic development fund.

"Why am I investing in this," he said, "if ultimately we're going to see loans go out to companies that are fighting our industries?"

Wellnitz assured the board that the EF does not concern itself with politics and that any funding that came from the board would not go to anyone making a political statement.

County Administrator Kevin Gray spoke out in support of the EF, stating they seemed to check all the boxes the board was looking at. He believed this would be a one-time ask because "they're almost too successful." He also mentioned that the board would like to have key supporters locked down by the end of the year, which would include the EF should the board choose to move forward with the funding.

"The power reach of those dollars is what appealed to us with this fund," Gray said, referring to why he and a handful of other commissioners had previously chosen to speak with the EF.

The EF began 30 years ago in Virginia and is now headquartered in Duluth with offices in Eveleth, Hibbing, Grand Rapids, and Little Falls. It has contributed to the success of many businesses throughout the region, including Taste of Ely in Ely and Art Unlimited in Angora. They also played a part in the purchasing of the Montana Cafe in Cook.

In other business, the board:

- Heard from Director of Safety and Risk Management Joseph Austin regarding the county's risk-based strategy for workplace violence prevention and response. Over the past few years, there has been an increase in incidents in the county, mainly consisting of threats of violence. The county has been working on this standardized program for the past twenty years and has been recognized as having the best management practices in the state.
- Heard from Director of Government Relations John Ongaro regarding 2020 legislative priorities. He stated that this is a bonding year, so bonding issues should be the main focus. This affects several county projects, such as NERCC and the Mental Health Crisis Center, as well as the transportation industry, which hopes to see a more robust policy. Other issues that will hopefully be addressed during this legislation period include securing funding for the Local Road Wetland Replacement Program, securing aid to help local governments fulfill their PERA obligations, and increasing funding for the corrections reform.

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Ely received \$1.3 million in state bonding to construct the initial section of roadway, utility extensions and the parking area for the trailhead facility. The first phase of the project began in late summer and construction will continue as long as feasible this fall.

Parking areas and access roads for vehicles utilizing the trailhead will eventually be built. The trailhead will serve the Prospectors Loop for ATVs, Mesabi Trail for bikers, and the Taconite Trail for snowmobilers.

That's the first phase of a long-discussed plan to redevelop the city's west end and will include clearing dense woods to make way for a path to connect Fifth Avenue W. to Pattison Street, altering traffic flow around the Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital.

The city's existing



The Highway 169 entrance to the city of Ely is visually changing as acres of woods are being cleared this fall to make way for a new trailhead and visitors center complex, displacing the city's recycle center. photo by K. Vandervort

drop-off site for brush and mulch will be eliminated once the recycling center location is moved to the other end of town. City officials have indicated no brush drop-off site will be available in town. Consideration for eventually offering curbside brush pick-up is ongoing, however, no plan is in place at this time.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Ely Subway store owner looking to sell as she eyes retirement

ELY – The Subway franchise here went up for sale last week, according to owner Vicki Hill, who posted the news on the "What's Up Ely" Facebook page.

"The reasons are that in all likelihood my husband is retiring at the end of this year," she wrote. "It would be nice to share this next chapter of our life together. I also am developing arthritis in my fingers making my job more painful."

She added, "Just so everyone knows, I will continue to operate the Subway until a new owner takes over. This could take years."

She said sales are thriving at the fast-food franchise, up from last year by as much as eight percent. "Having Shopko close has not affected us," Hill said.

Small-town living seems to like gossip, Hill said, and before any rumors fly, she wanted to inform the community. Before she bought the franchise, the local Subway was for sale for four years. "It will probably take a long time for the right person to walk through the door and want to own and operate the Subway," she said.

The Grand Marais Subway store just sold after two years on the market, she added. "I am under a lease agreement with corporate to keep the store open," Hill noted. "I am prepared to continue to work for years. I'm just getting the word out now. I have to start sometime."

If interested, visit Hill at the store. "There is paperwork to start the process with the development agent in St. Paul," she said.

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In Brief

Eveleth man hurt in ATV accident

ORR – An Eveleth man was airlifted to Duluth on Saturday, Oct. 19, after suffering injuries in an ATV crash near here. Kelly Klander was traveling southeast on County Rd. 180, about ten miles northeast of Orr, when he lost control of his ATV and was thrown from the vehicle.

The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office, along with Orr First Responders and the Orr Ambulance responded just after 6 p.m. They Orr Ambulance transported Klander Cook Hospital, where he was later airlifted to St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth for non-life-threatening injuries.



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Harbin, a St. Louis County mine inspector who visited the site, the smaller pit measured approximately eight by 11 feet across, with a depth of about 12 feet.

But the second hole, located nearby, was larger across, measuring 12 by 17 feet. “And we still don’t know how deep it is,” said Harbin. “It maxed out our tape measure at 100-plus feet.”

Water has risen in both pits, coming within 10 feet of the surface in the shallower pit and about 18 feet from the surface in the deeper pit.

A large nearby waste rock pile shows the operation removed a considerable amount of material, enough to convince geologists that the shaft also includes one or more drifts (or horizontal tunnels) most likely dug towards the north to gain access to an iron ore formation shown on geology maps of the island that date back to that era.

While such small-scale mining operations were hardly unusual in the region in the 1890s, NRR geologist Dean Peterson said this one is interesting because there appears to be no records of the operation. “There is no record at all that we could find,” he said.

Peterson said it’s always fascinating to discover the exploration work that went on in the region during the early days of mining here. “History is a big part of geology. Seeing what the old timers did is pretty amazing.”

Some sheet metal remains found at the site

suggest the miners may have used a steam-boiler to operate a drill. Wayne Dahl said it appears the boiler was about twice the size of a pot-bellied stove. He said he recalls, years ago, seeing a large number of snuff jars at the site as well, suggesting that the miners worked at the site for a considerable amount of time.

Dahl said nearby residents have known about the two pits for many years but didn’t realize that the one was actually a mine shaft. He said the pits had long been a kind of death trap for animals, including deer, and he remembers seeing and smelling rotting carcasses in the water in the pits. “Sometimes you could locate the pits by

just following your nose,” he said.

The shallower pit does have the remains of an old snow fence that someone erected around it at some point, but the mine shaft itself appears to have never had any kind of protection.

Dahl said he is considering building a lake cabin on adjacent property and he now worries that the pits could prove a hazard for grandkids who might visit and explore in the nearby woods. He said the old mine shaft is only about 300 feet from his potential cabin site.

It’s that concern that prompted Dahl to contact county officials.

Now, county land officials are developing a plan to address the hazard.

For now, the county has erected warning tape and notices around the pit and the shaft and they hope to have a permanent fix completed before ice-up. “Our primary interest is to safeguard the public,” said Harbin.

An initial plan to foam the entrance appears to have been rejected due to a high price tag. Now, said Harbin, the county is looking at having a loader barged to the island, in order to refill both the pit and the shaft with the waste rock remaining at the site. He estimates the cost at about \$14,500.

Harbin said county officials recognized that the site could have some historical significance, which is why they alerted

the two geologists. “We wanted to do our due diligence,” said Harbin. County officials originally suspected the mine could date back to the Vermilion gold rush era, in the late 1860s, but the geologists said it’s more likely the miners were looking to exploit the iron ore vein that runs through that portion of the island.

“It’s very intriguing,” said geologist Peterson. “And the size of the waste rock pile is pretty big.”

Peterson said the waste rock pile was exciting for a geologist to explore. “There were some very interesting rocks in there,” he said. “A lot of greenstone, schist, and iron formation. It was similar to what we see around

Soudan. And there was some very rich jasper.”

Peterson said an interesting piece of local history is likely to be lost when the holes are refilled. “But then no one really knew about it,” he added.

Harbin said county officials do occasionally get reports of unusual holes in the ground, which usually turn out to be shallow test pits or some kind of natural subsidence. “We don’t run across things like this very often,” he said.

Addressing the hazard falls to St. Louis County because of the land’s tax-forfeit status. Were the land privately owned, the cost of mitigation would have likely fallen to the landowner.

## In Brief

### Woman, 34, injured in ATV accident

ORR— A 34-year-old Grand Rapids woman suffered injuries while riding her ATV northwest of Orr. Ashley Brubaker was traveling with a group of seven riders near Keyes Road on Saturday, Oct. 19, when she swerved to avoid a fallen object and was thrown from her ATV.

The St. Louis County Sheriff’s Office, along with Kabetogama First Responders and the Orr Ambulance, responded to the scene at about 4:30 p.m and transported Brubaker to the Cook Hospital. She was later transported to the Essentia Health-St. Mary’s Medical Center in Duluth for non-life-threatening injuries.

### Tower man hurt in two-car crash

TOWER – A Tower area man suffered injuries in a two-vehicle crash Monday morning on Hwy. 169, just south of Hwy. 1. Matthew Affias, of Duluth, was traveling north when he crossed over the centerline and struck the other vehicle, driven by James Podpeskar, of Tower. Podpeskar’s vehicle rolled over and ended up in the ditch on the northbound side of the highway.

The St. Louis County Sheriff’s Office and Tower EMS responded to the scene at 6:38 a.m. and transported Podpeskar to Essentia in Virginia for non-life-threatening injuries. Affias did not suffer any injuries.

Both drivers were reportedly wearing their seatbelts.

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music and theater productions in downtown Ely,” said Board Chair David Wigdahl.

He presented an essential wish list for contribution opportunities to make Ely’s movie and theater dreams come true:

➤Two donations of \$50,000 will purchase a 4K projector and screen.

➤Four donations of \$10,000 will buy the theater’s audio system.

➤Four donations of \$5,000 will provide a stage lighting system.

➤30 donations of \$1,000 will purchase a projector for the second screening room.

“Donations in any amount are sought and welcome for there are other equipment needs as well,” Wigdahl said. “We can almost smell the popcorn!”

The board plans to invite the public to an open house from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day and plans to begin showing movies in the coming months. “We will host our inaugural theater production, ‘The Quiltmaker’s Gift,’ with the proposed stage lighting system, starting Jan. 24,” he said.

“All this depends on movie, theater and music lovers, both individuals and organizations, stepping up with funding for the screen, projector, audio and lighting equipment,” Wigdahl added. “Members of the board will reach out to people and groups who the board hopes will help in the



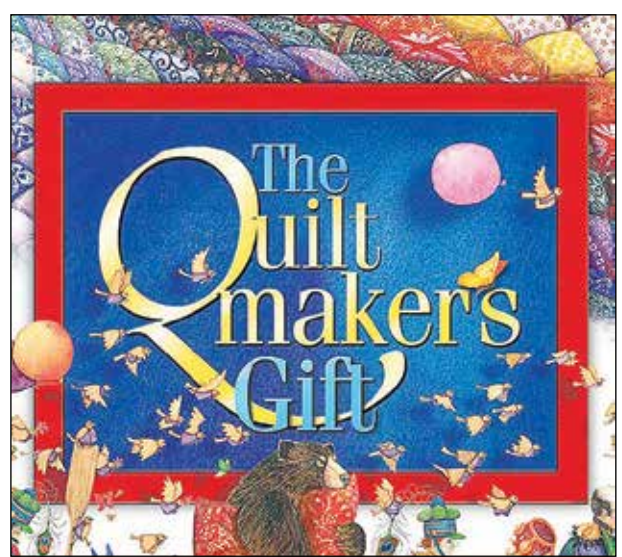
next weeks. To paraphrase Humphrey Bogart, ‘In all the theaters in all the towns in the world, we hope you walk into ours.’”

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ible contributions, contact Board Chair David Wigdahl at [dwigdahl@gmail.com](mailto:dwigdahl@gmail.com) or 218-235-6300 or P.O. Box 34, Ely, MN 55731.



The Ely State Theater as it looked in 2014 before renovations were started by Alley A Realty. file photo



## The Quiltmaker’s Gift

Musical to be presented in January at Ely’s State Theater

ELY - As the first live theatrical presentation in Ely’s newly renovated State Theater, Jeff Brumbeau’s book, brilliantly illustrated by Ely’s own Gail de Marcken, comes to life with book by Alan J. Prewitt and music by Craig Bohmler.

Laurie Kess directs, Irene Hartfield is musical director. Three performances are planned on Jan. 24-26, 2020, Friday night and Saturday and Sunday matinees.

More details on auditions and ticket sales will be coming soon.

The lighted marquee of Ely’s Historic State Theater on Sheridan Street have been shining every night since 2016. Renovations by Alley A Realty have been in process for five years. submitted photo



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## SECTION 7A FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

### Raptors end season for North Woods

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

FIELD TWP— The Grizzlies went up against undefeated Carlton-Wrenshall in the opening

round of the Section 7A football tournament here on Tuesday and refused to go quietly. In the end, however, the Raptors proved tough to contain as they toppled North Woods 33-18.

The 3-5 Grizzlies enjoyed home field advantage because the Raptors had played a nine-man schedule this season, which reduced their seeding in the playoffs.

But the Raptors proved up to the task of playing at the 11-man level as they racked up over 300 yards rushing. Despite that, North Woods kept it close, and trailed just 20-18 as late as the fourth quarter.

The Grizzlies struggled offensively in the first half and trailed 20-6 at the break. But a strong second half rushing performance by

sophomore running back TJ Chiabotti helped North Woods claw their way back. Chiabotti, who again gained more than 100 yards rushing on the night, posted back-to-back touchdowns in the second half to close the gap to two points.

But the Raptors still had some flight left, and they

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Left: North Woods' running back TJ Chiabotti takes up the right side during Tuesday night's game with Carlton-Wrenshall.

photos by C. Stone

## SECTION 7A VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

### Grizzlies advance in L-BF sweep

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

FIELD TWP— The Grizzlies may have faced Littlefork-Big Falls in the opening round of the Section 7A volleyball playoffs on Monday, but it was a potential rematch with the Cherry Tigers that helped focus their efforts as they swept the Vikings in straight sets, 25-18, 25-17, and 25-6.

"They really wanted to face Cherry again and they knew they had to win to make that happen," said North Woods Head Coach Kandi Olson. The Grizzlies lost to the Tigers, in Cherry, in a hard-fought contest last month, and have been pining for a rematch ever since. "The girls feel like they've grown as players and as a team since they last played Cherry and they are interested in seeing how we matchup with them now," said Olson.

They were set to have their chance on Wednesday evening after the *Timberjay's* weekly deadline. Watch for a report on that game online at timberjay.com.

In Monday's action, Grizzlies senior Coley Olson dominated at the net, tallying 17 kills and six digs, along with two ace serves. Fellow senior Karlyn Pierce added eight kills and two aces, while classmate Kayla Tschida posted six kills and five ace serves.

Sophomore setter Morgan Burnett added 34 assists and seven ace serves, while freshman Hannah Kinsey added seven kills.

Team was set to face Cherry in much-anticipated rematch



Sophomore Morgan Burnett (middle) and freshman Hannah Kinsey team up for a block attempt during Tuesday's playoff tilt with Littlefork-Big Falls.

photos by C. Stone



Left: Student fans celebrate a good night for the Grizz. Above: Neiva Smith and Olivia Niska cheer the win.

## FOOTBALL

### T-Wolves finish regular season with a home win

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY — A big first half helped the Timberwolves improve to 2-6 as they closed out the regular season here with a 32-16 win over Lake of the Woods. It was a fitting conclusion on a cold and drizzly Parents Night that included a pre-game

recognition of the team's seniors, who were playing in the final home game of their football careers.

Ely racked up a 24-point lead by halftime and that helped them hang on as the Bears showed life in the second half.

Ely quarterback Bryce Longwell connected with Mason Davis on a five-yard

Right: Ely senior quarterback Bryce Longwell looks to pass while being defended by sophomore Eddie Prijatel.

photo by K. Vandervort

touchdown pass in the first quarter to open the scoring. Tjae Banks scored his first

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## SWIMMING

### 'Hawks edged by 'Streaks

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

CHISHOLM — Nighthawks swimmers claimed first place in eight of 11 events here on Tuesday, but the Bluestreaks dominated the second and third-place finishes to edge the 'Hawks in points overall, 48-46.

The 'Hawks dominated in the relay events, claiming two firsts and a second-place finish. Senior Brooke Pasmick, eighth-grader Abby Koivisto, sophomore Aili Bee, and freshman

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### Grizzlies rout Chisholm in regular season finale

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

CHISHOLM — North Woods sophomore TJ Chiabotti ran away with the football here last Wednesday as he racked up 218 yards rushing and four touchdowns to lead the Grizzlies to a 26-8 win over

the Bluestreaks. The victory improved the Grizzlies record to 3-5 and secured their home field berth in the first round of the Section 7 football playoffs this past Tuesday.

Chiabotti's big numbers on Friday provided fresh momentum after junior quarterback Zach Cheney was injured in the first

quarter. "We came out strong and scored on our first drive," said Grizzlies Head Coach John Jirik. "On our second drive, Zach Cheney was injured and we played flat for most of the half."

It turns out that Cheney's injury was season-ending as he did not play in Tuesday's opening round of the playoffs,

during which Carlton-Wrenshall topped the Grizzlies 33-18 (see story above).

Sophomore quarterback Ty Fabish came in for Cheney on Wednesday and connected with Jared Chiabotti with just 20 seconds left in the half. That set

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touchdown of the night with a 29-yard run in the second quarter, and quickly followed that up with a one-yard run to give the Timberwolves an 18-0 lead.

“There was a feeling early in the game, when Lake of the Woods was stacking the box, that we could spring some big plays,” said Coach Cory Lassi. “We had a great screen pass play where Mason hit Jason Kerntz on a 55-yard catch and run and we took a good lead into the locker room at the half.”

Lake of the Woods came out in the third quarter with a comeback on their minds and scored 16 unanswered points to trim Ely’s margin to eight points.

“The momentum definitely shifted,” Lassi said. “I told our guys that somebody had to step up to lead us to a win, and (junior defensive

tackle) Lance Anderson threw the team on his back for the rest of the game. He really upped his game like I knew he could.” Anderson tallied 11 tackles for the night, including five in the Bears’ backfield, forcing losses.

Meanwhile, Kerntz scored on a 42-yard run late in the game, and Longwell ran in the conversion to halt the Bears’ momentum.

Kerntz had 14 carries for 72 yards, two receptions for 61 yards, and rushing and receiving touchdowns. Banks had 41 yards on nine carries. Longwell and Davis each threw a touchdown pass.

**Right: Ely running back Jason Kerntz maneuvers through heavy traffic during the Wolves’ regular season finale with Lake of the Woods.**

photos by K. Vandervort



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added two more touchdowns in the final stanza to pad their final margin.

Full game stats were not available as of press time.

The loss ended the Grizzlies’ first season

in 11-man competition and, despite the loss, North Woods Head Coach John Jirik said he was pleased with the team’s progress. “Although we only won three games, I thought our team per-

formed well moving to an 11-man schedule with a much smaller lineup this season,” he said. “Our six seniors led the way and helped us navigate the change. They were a talented and fun group of

young men.”

The Grizzlies will return next season with much of their offensive power intact. Quarterback Zach Cheney will be a senior next year, while Chiabotti, the Grizzlies’

standout running back, will return as a junior. “We went into the season with the mindset of building an 11-man team with mostly new varsity players,” said Jirik. “After one year of experience, our players

will be familiar with our sets and the other teams’ schemes. The start of the next season should go smoother with the experience we gained this year.”

## WOLVES...Continued from page 1B

to score from 12 yards out. A two-point conversion boosted their margin to 30-0.

In the ensuing drive, Ely running back Jason Kerntz picked up a first down, but the drive stalled

and Cherry blocked the ensuing punt. Two plays later Tigers running back Austin Michaels ran it in from 19 yards out. Caple’s two-point conversion gave Cherry a 38-0 lead. The Tigers picked up another

score in the fourth quarter for the 44-0 win.

“We couldn’t generate a lot of offense,” said Coach Cory Lassi. “Cherry stacked the box and blitzed one or two players and they were getting penetration

throughout the game.”

Kerntz had 40 yards on 12 carries for the night, and Mason Davis had one pass completion for four yards.

“At times, we were looking good on defense,

but that didn’t hold up,” he said. Lane Anderson had 14 tackles and Adam Williamson added nine more for the night.

“We had a lot of young players this season, but as they played in more games,

they gained valuable experience,” Lassi said. “I was quite pleased with how many of our young players really grew in their positions this season.”

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Morgan McClelland took first in the 400-yard relay, with a time of 4:20.59. Koivisto and McClelland joined freshman Lily Tedrick and classmate Cedar Ohlhauser for a first in the 160-yard relay with a time of 1:28.48, edging

out Chisholm’s top team by just 0.17 of a second.

The story flipped in the 160-yard medley relay, as Pasmick, Ohlhauser, Tedrick, and Koivisto took second with a time of 1:40.44, just 0.17 seconds off the top-finishing pace.

Both Pasmick and Tedrick claimed first-place individual finishes in two events. Pasmick took first in the 60-yard freestyle, with a time of 33:07, and in the 100-yard backstroke, with a time of 1:08.23.

Tedrick took first in

the 160-yard medley, with a time of 1:59.82, and in the 100-yard fly, with a time of 1:12.76.

Koivisto added an individual first in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 1:02.14, while McClelland crushed the competition

in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 6:38.42. That beat Chisholm’s top finisher by nearly 20 seconds. McClelland also took second in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:29.07.

The ‘Hawks are set to

compete in the Pumpkin Triangular meet next Tuesday at Mesabi East High School in Aurora.

## FOOTBALL...Continued from page 1B

up TJ Chiabotti’s second touchdown of the evening on the following play.

That left the Grizzlies up 12-0 at the break.

“We controlled the

tempo in the second half and were able to hold Chisholm to 100 yards on offense,” said Jirik. Chisholm did manage to put eight points on the

board in the third quarter to avoid the shutout. Chiabotti added two more rushing touchdowns in the second half, to lift the Grizzlies to their final

margin.

While Chiabotti led the Grizzlies on offense, senior Nathan Crain contributed, racking up 42 yards rushing on 12

carries. Fabish completed two of six passes for 28 yards.

Crain also had a good day on defense, leading with six tackles and four

assists. Sophomore Jake Panichi notched four tackles and two assists.



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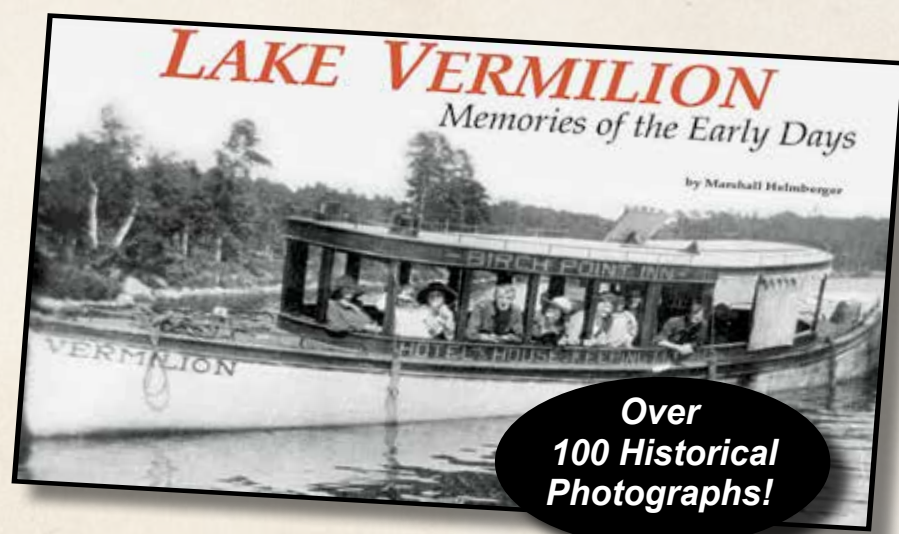
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# BREITUNG TOWNSHIP

## Move-in date delayed for new Breitung Town Hall

by E. M. SCHULTZ  
Staff Writer

SOUDAN - The move-in date for the new town hall has been pushed back once again. The town board here discussed what was left to accomplish at a meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 23. They had hoped to be in the new building by Oct. 25, but due to a handful of still uncompleted projects, the actual move will more likely be sometime the following week.

The board said they are waiting on the gas line installation. Once the gas is taken care of, a plumber will come in to connect and start the heaters and furnaces. Then, the air compressors need to be put in for the air conditioning units. Additionally, the office and bathroom doors have not yet arrived, and there is some electrical work that still needs to be finished.

An open house will take place later this fall, once all the work is completed.

The board also discussed the status of the boulder issue on Puncher Point Road. The boulders, which were too close to the edge of the narrow gravel road, have been moved, but they

are still in a spot where they pose a safety hazard. The township previously sent a blight letter to the owner of the property but has yet to receive a signature of receipt. Board members discussed their options for moving forward, including potentially pursuing legal action to plat out a new road. This would require moving power lines, acquiring what is currently private property, or providing easements to the owners, and vacating Mattson Drive. As one board member put, this is “not a cheap venture unless you know a good, cheap lawyer.”

Another option would be to move the road to the top of the hill, which would require lengthening the driveways of the current properties. This would also turn those properties into lakeshore real estate, which would result in a spike in property taxes for the owners. For now, the board voted to serve the owner of the problem property with another copy of the blight letter and a notice that the township would be removing the boulders, along with the sawhorses, cones, and other items. Once the job is done, the township will send a bill for their

services to the property owner.

The Tower Ambulance subsidy was on the agenda once again, but no action was taken. The board had previously tabled the subsidy, pending more information. According to one member, Tower’s new clerk/treasurer, Victoria Ranua, plans to approach the Tower City Council with a new plan. Ranua believes it would be easier to get a one-year commitment from the townships, rather than the proposed three-year agreement. The township would pay a twenty-five percent increase in 2020 should they accept the new terms. If the city council accepts Ranua’s plan, she will send letters to each of the involved townships. The subsidy will be discussed further when they receive more information from the city.

For those who purchased vintage post office box plates, a date has been set for picking them up. They will be available in the community room on Thursday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Money from the sale of these will go toward paying the cost to purchase the old mailbox plates, as well as new tables and chairs for the community

room. Additional numbers will be available for sale at this time. One resident, Amy Sundeen, has also pledged to donate money for tables, tablecloths, and chairs in honor of her late husband.

### Other business

In other business, the board:

- Heard from the maintenance department. Work is being done to prepare hydrants for the winter. They will not be doing any flushing this year.
- Approved payment to ARI for \$134,615 for the town hall rehab project. According to Lenci Construction, the project is ninety-six percent done.
- Narrowed down Maintenance Department Supervisor applicants from seven to four. The final applicants are Keith Mattila, James Molner, Tom Gorsma, and Tim Lilya. Interviews will take place in the evenings on Nov. 5, 6, and 7.
- Approved a third loan request to Frandsen for \$175,000. This money will go toward bills from the town hall rehab project.
- Heard from the Wastewater Department regarding a bonding bill, as well as repairs to the

water plant. A meeting will be held to discuss the bonding bill on Monday, Oct. 28 at City Hall in Tower.

- Passed a motion to set the 2020 rates for McKinley Park at November’s meeting.
- Approved a citizen request for an adjusted price on a vacant lot. The lot was listed at \$3,300, but because it is a non-conforming lot, the board agreed to sell it for \$2,500. The citizen plans to build a garage on the lot.
- Heard from the recreation committee regarding the potential use of \$800 donated from Hockey Day to install two or three new speakers in the warming shack, as well as the need to remove and replace the backstop heading.
- Denied the offer of a county grant for a boat-cleaning system to help with the prevention of invasive species.
- The next board meeting will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at noon, hopefully in the new building.

## NASA visionary from Duluth and Velcro innovator from Chisholm among those being honored during Alworth Memorial Fund’s 70th anniversary celebration in Duluth

DULUTH- More than 5,100 northern Minnesota students aren’t the only ones who have benefitted from scholarships awarded over the past 70 years by the Marshall H. and Nellie Alworth Memorial Fund. All of us have had our lives improved by the advancements many of those students went on to make during their careers.

Four of the earliest such recipients of Alworth Scholarships – a NASA visionary, a medical leader from Duluth, a farsighted educator from Hibbing, and a Velcro innovator from Chisholm – will be honored during a 70th anniversary celebration on Thursday, Oct. 24, at the Kitchi Gammi Club.

Educators will be honored as well. The invitation-only event will be attended by northern Minnesota high school teachers and counselors who focus on science and math, the two pur-

suits for which more than \$52 million in Alworth Scholarships have been awarded since 1949.

“The purpose of this milestone anniversary celebration is to thank the dedicated educators who help steer students into these important fields,” said Patty Salo Downs, Executive Director of the Alworth Memorial Fund. “It’s often a word of encouragement that an educator may not even recall that ends up spurring a lifetime of exploration and difference-making. The Alworth Memorial Fund is pleased to help play a role in this.”

The anniversary luncheon’s keynote speaker will be Jim Spornick, a 1978 Duluth East grad who also graduated from the University of North Dakota. This Alworth scholar became one of the country’s most accomplished space engineers, working on 184 missions that launched spacecraft to the moon, sun,

four planets and more. In 2012, he received the Distinguished Public Service Medal from NASA.

Lifetime Achievement Awards will be presented to three other Alworth Scholarship recipients:

Alve Erickson, PhD, is a 1947 graduate of Chisholm High School (and one of the first Alworth Scholarship recipients, now 90) who taught physics and engineering at MIT. He, along with several colleagues, started an engineering institute in Kanpur, India, where he lived for nearly four years. Erickson later created a new design for Velcro that continues to help protect soldiers and military vehicles.

June Hendrickson, MS Mathematics Education, graduated from Hibbing High School, UMD and the University of Minnesota, then remained in Hibbing as a teacher, school

board member and leader for 61 years. She created the Hibbing Academic and Talented (HAT) program, was named Minnesota Teacher of the Year, and also was named one of the top 100 people who most influenced Hibbing in the 20th century.

Bill Jacott, MD, graduated from Duluth Central in 1956, then from the University of Minnesota Med School. During his career he participated on the committee that developed the UMD Med School, was U of MN vice president of health services and helped found UCare Minnesota. He was also a Minnesota delegate to the American Medical Association and served 33 years on the Alworth Memorial Fund Board of Directors.

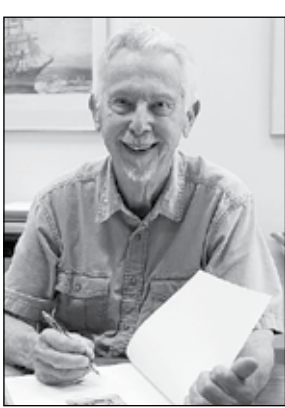
“Our region has many smart, dedicated students who someday will make many contributions regionally and nationally,” said

Eric Norberg, President of the Alworth Memorial Fund Board of Directors. “The generosity of Marshall H. and Nellie Alworth continues to provide higher educational opportunities for many students who otherwise may not be able to further their education.”

Two current Alworth Scholarship recipients will also speak during the luncheon: Gabriella Lott, a 2018 Duluth East graduate and sophomore at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, where she’s focusing on chemistry pre-med; and Alex Schmies, a 2014 graduate of Hermantown High School and a 2019 graduate of the University of Minnesota, from which he earned a degree in physics, with an emphasis on climate science.

Additional information about the Marshall H. and Nellie Alworth Memorial Fund is at [www.AlworthScholarship.org](http://www.AlworthScholarship.org).

## Obituaries and Death Notices



### Marvin Lamppa

Marvin Lamppa, 86, of Duluth, formerly of Babbitt, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019, in the Solvay Hospice House in Duluth. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 28 at Atkins-Northland Funeral Home, 801 14th St. in Duluth. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Cloquet and a time of lunch and fellowship will follow in the Fireside Room of the funeral home.

Marvin was born on Feb. 14, 1933, in Embarrass, to William and Helen (Sipola) Lamppa. He married Carolyn Card on April 9, 1981, in Las Vegas, Nev.

Marvin received his undergraduate degree from the University of Minnesota-Duluth and his graduate degree from the

University of Minnesota. He taught history in Iron Range schools and community colleges for many years. He also developed and taught a course in the history of Minnesota’s mining districts for Bemidji State University before becoming director of the Iron Range Interpretative Program in 1977. During his time as director, he served as a member of the State Historical Records Advisory Board and was instrumental in bringing about the Iron Range History Center, a state-of-the-art archives and research facility in Chisholm, known as Minnesota Discovery Center today.

His master’s thesis, *Ghost Towns and Locations of the Vermilion and East Mesabi Mining Districts*, was the launching of a passion for historical preservation of the Iron Range. He established the first Iron Range history course for the Aurora-Hoyt Lakes High School, which is still in use today. Marvin’s unique way of storytelling captured his audience and inspired them to pursue their own passions. Marvin is known as the writer and host of an epic twelve-hour documentary series for PBS/WDSE-WRPT, Iron Country, which pre-

miered in 2000. In 2004, he received the Northeast Minnesota Book Award for a companion book, *Minnesota’s Iron Country*, Rich Ores, Rich Lives.

Marvin Lamppa will be remembered as a legendary teacher, mentor, coach, author, public speaker and storyteller. He will be deeply missed by family, relatives and friends.

Marvin is survived by his wife, Carolyn Lamppa; son, Robert (Anne) Lamppa of Ashland, Mass.; daughter, Pamela Lamppa of Webster, Mass.; stepdaughter, Amanda Teague of Duluth; stepson, Allen Teague of Priest River, Idaho; brother, William Lamppa of Virginia; grandchildren, Christopher Serrilla, Justin Teague, John Lamppa, Thomas Lamppa and Sarah Serrilla; and four beautiful great-grandchildren, Molly, James, Clark and Julianne.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Carol Koska.

### Helen Marconett

Helen Marconett, 97, of Virginia, has died. In her last two years she was at Waterview Woods in Eveleth and in the hands of the caring staff there. There will be no memorial

service, according to her wishes. Family services are provided by Bauman-Cron, a Bauman Family Funeral Home in Virginia.

Helen was born on March 21, 1922, to Sigurd and Hilma (Hendrickson) Copperud. She grew up in Virginia and graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1939 and Virginia Junior College in 1941. She continued her education, leaving Virginia for Baltimore, Md., enrolling in and graduating from the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing in 1944. Helen married Bert Marconett in Monroe, La., on Sept. 23, 1944. After WWII, Helen worked as an RN in the Virginia Hospital. While living in Minneapolis she had various volunteer positions, helping the disabled throughout her life. In her later years, she tutored students who were attending Mesabi Range College in Virginia.

Helen was known for her chocolate chip cookies, cinnamon bread, and hot fudge sundaes. She was an avid bridge player and Minnesota Twins fan until her mid-90’s, and loved all types of card games. One of her favorite pastimes was reading books, fiction and non-fiction alike. She also loved to travel, both in the U.S. and interna-

tionally, and enjoyed her time at the cabin on Breezy Point-Lake Vermilion. Helen was a member of Hope Presbyterian Church in Virginia.

Helen is survived by her son, David (Patti) of Albuquerque, N.M.; daughter, Jean (Roger Borowick) Marconett of Rochester; granddaughter, Kate (Keenan) Jackson of Albuquerque, N.M.; two great-grandchildren, Jonesy and Grant Jackson; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Her memory will be cherished by many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bert in 1992; parents; sister, Anne; and brothers, Roy and Bruce.

### Melvin Luhta

Melvin Luhta, 88, of Embarrass, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019, at Carefree Assisted Living in Babbitt. Family arrangements have been entrusted

to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

### Marion Saranpaa

Marion Saranpaa, 94, of Embarrass, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 17, 2019, at Waterview Shore Assisted Living in Two Harbors. Arrangements are pending with Range Funeral Home in Virginia.

### Curtis Harris

Curtis A. Harris, 77, of Virginia, formerly of Babbitt and Ely, died on Saturday, Oct. 12, 2019, at the Boundary Waters Care Center in Ely. A private family service was held. Family services were provided by Bauman-Cron, a Bauman Family Funeral Home in Virginia.

He is survived by his wife, Janice Couillard Harris; son, Eugene Harris of Hibbing; daughter, Vicki Harris of Aurora; sister, Sandy (John) Hodgkins; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

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## HUNTING

### Generally good reports on ruffed grouse season



by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL — It appears that a dry summer helped boost northeastern Minnesota’s ruffed grouse population, and those few hunters who are taking to the woods this fall are reaping the rewards. With the leaves now down, hunter success has improved in much of the area. That’s according to area conservation officers

who’ve been out checking area hunters. “When I’m out in the field, I flush grouse on a fairly regular basis,” said Tower area conservation officer Marc Hopkins. “I’m seeing birds, but very few hunters.” Ely area conservation officers echo that, reporting a “pretty solid number of birds,” but very little hunting activity, which appears to be part of a con-

tinuing trend toward fewer small game hunters. Tower Area DNR Wildlife manager Tom Rusch said he’s heard mixed reports, although he said he suspects many of those who aren’t having success are probably spending too much time in the pickup, hunting area roads. “Hunters who are getting out in the brush, who are working at it, especially with dogs, are seeing

birds,” he said. “They’re out there to be had.” Evidence of higher grouse numbers isn’t just anecdotal. The longstanding and well-documented annual national grouse and woodcock hunt sponsored by the Ruffed Grouse Society (RGS) provides a snapshot of bird numbers. Based each year out of Grand Rapids, the hunters

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## LUNKERS

### Vermilion angler lands new state record muskie

Giant fish has special meaning to Iowa man who had just lost a close friend

LAKE VERMILION — An Iowa angler has set Minnesota’s new state catch-and-release record for muskie, with a fish he caught here back in August. Corey Kitzmann, of Davenport, was fishing on his own when he hooked what he called a “true giant,” measuring in at 57-1/4 inches. That topped the old record, a 56-7/8-inch fish caught on Pelican Lake in Otter Tail County in 2016. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources certified Kitzmann’s new record on Oct. 11. It was a remarkable day for Kitzmann for more reasons than one. Kitzmann said he was alone at his family’s cabin on Lake Vermilion on Aug. 6, tying a new bucktail musky lure, when he received a phone call than stunned him — one of his best friends had just passed away from a medical condition at age 40. With no one to share his grief, Kitzmann went fishing. “I worked my way through my favorite milk run of spots

with my newly tied bucktail, thinking about all the ways my buddy had impacted my life and the memories we had shared together,” Kitzmann said. “I’m not sure there is a better place in the entire world to reflect

“It wasn’t until the fish made its way to the side of the boat that I realized I had a true giant.”

Corey Kitzmann

on life than in a boat on Lake Vermilion.” After a couple hours with no action, he pulled up to one of his favorite spots that had been hot earlier in the week, fishing with his bucktail and 80-pound line.



Corey Kitzmann, of Davenport, Iowa, hoists the new state catch-and-release record muskie, which he caught earlier this summer. The DNR recently certified the fish as the new state record. photo courtesy MNDNR

“When I set the hook, I knew immediately that I had a nice fish on. It wasn’t until the fish made its way to the side of the boat that I realized I had a true giant,” he said. The fish made a couple of trips around the boat, under the trolling motor, and even gave a jump or two. Kitzmann grabbed his net and managed to make a successful scoop to net the fish and haul it into the boat. A nearby boater and his family had been watching the fight unfold and Kitzmann waved his arms asking for help. A man pulled up, jumped in his boat and was able to take photos and assist with the release. After a few photos,

Kitzmann got the fish back in the water, supported its belly and watched the fish swim out of sight. He described what followed as two hours of floating aimlessly across the lake making phone calls to family and friends, including his dad who had gotten him into muskie fishing when he was 8 years old. “As the phone calls winded down I couldn’t help but think that one of my best friends, Brian Cronkleton, was looking down on me that day — Aug. 6, 2019, is a day that I’ll certainly never forget,” Kitzmann said. The DNR announces new state records in news releases, on social media and on the DNR website.

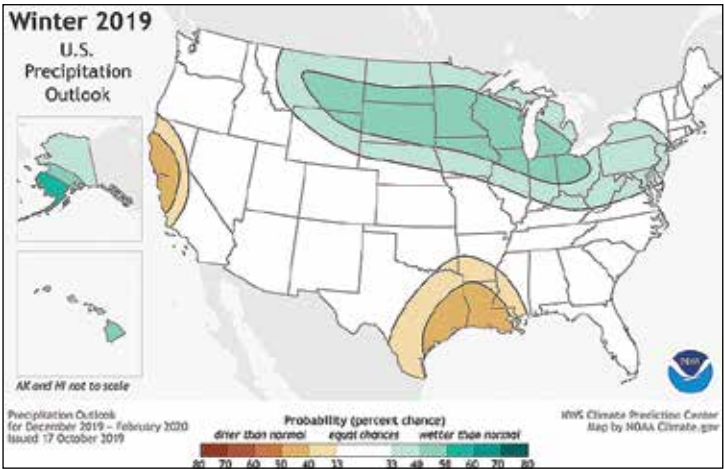
## WEATHER

### Upcoming winter may be snowier than usual

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL — The National Climate Prediction is out with its forecast for the upcoming winter and it looks like it could be a snowy one here in northern Minnesota. While much of the country is expected to see milder temperatures than usual for winter, that’s not the case in Minnesota and the rest of the Upper Midwest, where forecasters say there’s no clear trend in terms of temperatures this winter. Even average temperatures in northern Minnesota are plenty cold for snow throughout the winter season. While long-range fore-

casters don’t see any trend on temperatures this winter in Minnesota, they do expect Minnesota to see more precipitation, which should be good news for folks who like to play in the white stuff. The national winter forecast shows a fairly strong trend for more precipitation cutting across all of Minnesota and much of the rest of the Upper Midwest, although the strongest likelihood for higher precipitation runs across central and southern Minnesota. A prediction for wetter-than-average conditions would be consistent with the weather pattern that has been in place for much of Minnesota for the past several months. While temperatures in the



region have been running somewhat warmer than average since Sept. 1, the area is expected to see a rather noticeable chill set in after milder weather on Saturday. High temperatures

next week are forecast to range from the low-to-mid-30s, with overnight lows in the low-to-mid-20s. Cloudy skies, but no significant precipitation, are expected.

## RESEARCH

### Test results: Ruffed grouse can survive West Nile virus infection

REGIONAL — Test results are in from the first year of a multi-state study on West Nile virus in ruffed grouse in Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin — and they show that while the virus is present in Minnesota and neighboring states, exposed grouse can survive. In 273 samples from grouse that hunters harvested in Minnesota during 2018, 34 samples (12.5 percent) had antibodies consistent with West Nile virus exposure. Those results were confirmed in ten of the Minnesota samples, while results suggested likely West Nile exposure in the other 24 samples. The tests did not find the presence of the virus in any of the ruffed grouse hearts, meaning the birds were not sick when harvested. In Wisconsin, West Nile virus exposure was detected in 29 percent of ruffed grouse blood samples and two grouse had virus present in their hearts. In Michigan, West Nile virus exposure was detected in 13 percent of ruffed grouse blood samples, with four having virus present in their hearts. “The study tells us that some birds that have been exposed to West Nile virus are surviving — both juvenile and adults — and they are not sick when harvested in the fall,” said Charlotte Roy, grouse project leader with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. “But this study does not tell us about birds that may have died from the disease over the summer.” The DNR had asked grouse hunters to collect two types of samples to help determine if the birds were exposed to the virus: a blood sample to determine if the grouse had developed an immune response to the virus, and the heart to look for traces of viral genetic material. As in humans, ruffed grouse can build up antibodies in an immune response to viruses they encounter. Even when the body fights off an illness, these antibodies are left behind in the blood. **Hunter participation** Hunters who submitted samples in 2018 will be mailed a letter this fall notifying them of the test results of the birds they submitted. Sample collection is continuing during the 2019 grouse hunting season. Sample collection kits have been available for pickup at DNR area wildlife offices within the ruffed grouse range since Labor Day on a first-come first-served basis. Due to strong interest by hunters, many offices are already out of kits, so hunters should call ahead before stopping.



FIRST DEER



Eleven year-old Jordan Rice, of Tower, was hunting with his grandfather Ken Hinkel, of Soudan, during the special MEA youth hunt this past weekend when he bagged his first deer, a 143-pound doe.

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Outdoors briefly

Planning a hunt? DNR maps can help

REGIONAL—Online maps from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources can help in planning a hunt. Hunters can use the maps to find public land, plan routes to and from a hunting

location, or get a better sense of terrain and habitat features. The DNR maps page lists maps that include permit areas for deer, bear and turkey hunting. You'll also find maps of chronic wasting disease zones, hunter walking trails, ruffed grouse management areas, and wildlife management areas.

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who turn out for the event do a good job of documenting their hunting success, which is one solid indicator of the grouse population. The RGS held their hunt Oct. 10 and 11 and reported a 17-percent increase in the grouse harvest over last year. Strong reproduction appears to have made the difference. The RGS hunters age and sex the birds they take each year and the 2019 "recruitment ratio" (the number of immature birds divided by the number of mature females in the harvest) was 7.67 for grouse. That's more than double the 2.72 recruitment ratio from last year, and a 78-percent increase over the prior five-year average from 2014–2018.

RGS hunters took an average of 5.8 birds during the two-day hunt, although woodcock made up

a majority of those birds.

Ben Jones, CEO of the Ruffed Grouse Society, notes that the annual hunt, held for the first time in 1982, now provides a valuable assessment of population trends for both ruffed grouse and woodcock. "Each year, the data collected gives us a chance to better understand these two important game birds. The indication of improved grouse recruitment this year is welcome news, though poor recruitment in recent years is a still a topic of concern that warrants further consideration," Jones said. The national hunt has also played an important role in monitoring ruffed grouse populations for West Nile Virus (WNV), notes Jones. Hunters this year submitted samples from 47 of the 112 grouse harvested during

the two-day hunt, more than three times as many samples as were collected during a pilot effort last year. WNV surveillance in the region is currently being coordinated among agencies in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan.

The testing laboratory recently provided 2018 results to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, but public release is pending final reports from all cooperating states.

Meanwhile, with two weekends remaining before deer season, and with mild and dry weather forecast for this weekend, hunters might want to take advantage of the healthy grouse population to spend a little time in the woods. You just might come home with supper.



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There will be a Hearing regarding Blight Compliance for 106 E Harvey St. on October 29, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Ely City Hall Council Chambers.

Harold R Langowski, , City Clerk/Treasurer


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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 707  
NETT LAKE, STATE OF MINNESOTA**


NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the general election has been called and will be held in and for the Independent School District No. 707 (Nett Lake), State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, the 5th day of November 2019, for the purpose of electing one school board member to fill vacancy of term expiring the first Monday in January 2021. The ballot shall provide as follows:

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Vote for One**

 Shane Drift

 Edward C. Villebrun

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Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the polling place designated above for the precinct in which he or she resides. The polls for said election will open at 8:00 o'clock a.m. and will close at 8:00 o'clock p.m. on the date of said election.  
A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the polling place on Election Day.

Dated: September 9, 2019

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD  
Malita Spears  
School District Clerk

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PARAPROFESSIONAL**  
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ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM

Create a custom leather bracelet at local libraries



Ely Community Health announces free fluoride varnish treatments

ELY- We would like to update everyone about our new fluoride varnish dental clinics. These clinics are open the second and fourth Monday evenings at the Ely Community Health Center from 5:40 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The next date is Oct. 28. These treatments are applied at no cost to the patient and should be repeated every three to six months.

If you have any concerns about what this treatment consists of, we have addressed some of your basic

MT IRON - The Arrowhead Public Library System is pleased to present the custom leather bracelet workshop series with Minnesota artist Jen Anfinson. This hands-on workshop will provide an introduction to leatherwork in jewelry making. Create something unique while learning about leather tools and techniques. All materials will be provided.

The 90-minute program is free for adults and teens ages 13 and up. Workshops will take place at the Cook Public Library on Friday,

Oct. 25 at 4 p.m., the Babbitt Public Library on Thursday, Oct. 31 at 1 p.m., and the Ely Public Library on Monday, Nov. 4 at 1 p.m.

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

questions.

► What is fluoride? Fluoride is a naturally-occurring mineral that has been shown to reduce the risk of cavities for people of all ages. It is also very effective in reducing tooth sensitivity due to gum recession and loss of enamel.

► What is fluoride varnish? Fluoride varnish is similar to the fluoride gel that is applied during your cleaning visit using special trays. In contrast, fluoride varnish will stay on

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**Super Crossword**

**Answers**

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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ORR AA meets Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Orr.

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AA OPEN MEETING- Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Woodland Presbyterian Church, Acacia Blvd. and Central Drive in Babbitt.

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### ACROSS

- 1 Guru's practice
- 5 Pre- — (supplant)
- 9 Neighbor of Georgia
- 16 PC pic file
- 19 Bedouin, e.g.
- 20 Actor Max or Max Jr.
- 21 Situated at the bottom, as of the skull
- 22 Primo pitcher
- 23 Prisms, e.g.
- 25 Causing to go mad
- 26 Drink with crumpets
- 27 Region largely in southwest Poland
- 29 Big name in shapewear
- 30 Seating tiers
- 31 Bandit-seeking band
- 34 Future tense of “is”
- 36 Business agt.
- 37 “I smell —!”
- 38 Objecting to
- 39 Car-towing gp.
- 40 Kind of eclipse
- 42 Calm-inducing drug
- 44 Stop nursing gradually
- 45 Actress Dana of “Invasion of the Body Snatchers”
- 47 Cilantro
- 49 Concept
- 51 Witty remark
- 53 Covetous types
- 54 Act furtively
- 55 Custodial tool
- 56 University URL ending
- 57 “Nana” actress Anna
- 58 Bull features
- 59 Wood cutter
- 60 Oscar-winning title role for Meryl Streep
- 62 Sandy stuff
- 66 Load to bear
- 67 Encl. to facilitate a reply
- 68 — Lingus
- 69 Med. nation
- 70 Second baseman Robinson —
- 71 Phnom —
- 72 Wearing old, torn clothes
- 74 911 VIP
- 75 Like old, worn clothes
- 76 “Criminy!”
- 78 Winner's hand gesture
- 79 The, to Fritz
- 80 Hogs' homes
- 81 Car tank insert
- 84 Like stars
- 86 Vacation destination
- 87 Takes out of a needle, as a filament
- 89 Cornhusk-wrapped dish
- 91 Year, in Italy
- 92 Sea god of Greek myth
- 93 Old-time anesthetic
- 95 Thanksgiving side dish
- 96 Not far from Chrysler line
- 98 Ga. hours
- 100 Big game venues
- 102 In a strange way
- 103 “— it my way”
- 104 Hauls (away)
- 106 Changed the label of
- 108 Millennia on end
- 109 Dewlap locales
- 111 Versatile
- 115 Fr. holy woman

### DOWN

- 1 Bark shrilly
- 2 Gold, to Pedro
- 3 Lassie
- 4 Flock
- 5 Luxury
- 6 Cleared a path (for)
- 7 Pugilist from Xerxes' empire?
- 8 Ski course
- 9 “Scandal” network
- 10 Perfect-game pitcher Don
- 11 Kin of PDQ
- 12 Superman's evil “mirror image”
- 13 Flaring dress
- 14 Bit of advice from a British crown dependency native?
- 15 Neighbor of Chile: Abbr.
- 16 Big name in sports drinks
- 17 Cold zero-calorie drink
- 18 Ones eating lavish meals
- 24 Go quickly
- 28 Woody of film
- 30 Really coming down (like it's doing in this puzzle?)
- 31 Hocking site
- 32 Private chat
- 33 Not operated nationally, as a lottery
- 35 Volleyball player on Prime Minister U Nu's team?
- 39 Barley bristle
- 41 Misbehave
- 43 Cover with concrete
- 46 Overdrink
- 48 Says no to
- 50 Says yes to
- 52 Bouquet
- 55 The folks
- 61 Research facility on Mount Everest?
- 63 Doled (out)
- 64 Not outer
- 65 Film with Buzz Lightyear
- 67 Traditional grub of Bangkok?
- 68 Gets old
- 73 Salt's “Stop!”
- 74 Hard, yellow cheese
- 75 Mao — -tung
- 77 Sage mentor
- 81 Most crud-filled
- 82 Entertaining brief tale
- 83 Exerted great effort
- 85 Less typical
- 86 Sleep-stage acronym
- 88 Michigan city
- 90 Mississippi River explorer
- 94 Go quickly
- 99 Artist Andrea del —
- 101 “Swell!”
- 102 Not 'neath
- 105 Mexican nosh
- 107 Gray of R&B
- 109 Blasting aid
- 110 Cairo-to-Nairobi dir.
- 112 Mentalist Geller
- 113 — “King” Cole
- 114 Henna, e.g.

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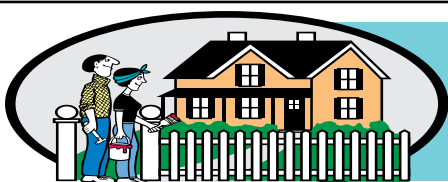
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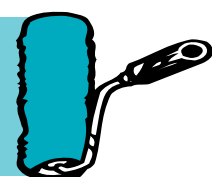
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