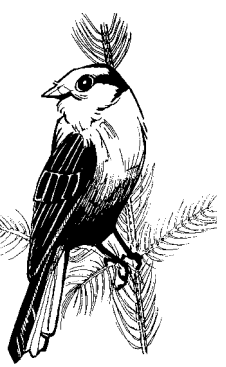


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## CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

# COVID-19 vaccination a 'go' for kids

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook/Orr Editor

REGIONAL- COVID vaccinations for children ages 5-11 with the Pfizer vaccine can commence immediately after Centers for Disease Control Director Rochelle Walensky gave final approval to the recommendation

### Approval comes as current case surge continues

on Tuesday, and Gov. Tim Walz says Minnesota is ready to get started. Touting a network of more than 1,100 pharmacies, health care systems, clinics, local public health and tribal health agencies, school clinics, and



state-run community clinics already experienced in delivering

vaccinations, Walz proclaimed the state's readiness to deliver in a press release. "The state is prepared for this critical moment in the battle against COVID-19," Walz said. "Our goal is to ensure that the vaccine is widely, equitably,

and efficiently available to all children ages 5-11. I encourage parents to get their children vaccinated when the shots are ready." Walz said the state will partner with school districts and charter schools to host vaccination clinics in school buildings. A  
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This spooky spectacular on Eighth Street in Ely is a must-see every Halloween. Timberjay staff photos



Sawyer Suihkonen, of Tower, dressed up as Minnie Mouse for Halloween and sang the "Mickey Mouse" song for anyone who would listen.



Frankie the dog waits for a treat in Cook.



Northeast Range students held a Halloween parade last Friday afternoon.

## PUBLIC SERVICE

# Ely native takes the legal reins at U.S. Interior Department

### Ties to community remain strong for Robert Anderson

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook/Orr Editor

ELY- He's been on the job at the U.S. Department of the Interior since day one of the Biden administration, working remotely until moving to Washington, D.C., about a month ago. Yet recently confirmed Solicitor Robert "Bob" Anderson is proof you can take a man out of Ely, but you can't take Ely out of the man. "We're going to actually go to Ely for Thanksgiving," Anderson said during a Tuesday interview with the *Timberjay*.



Robert Anderson

Anderson's job as the top legal expert at Interior and supervisor of 430 attorneys working for the department in Washington, D.C., and in 16 regional offices across the country is the most recent chapter in a story that began in Ely and along the shores of Burntside Lake.

"When school ended, at the end of the year we moved out of our house in Ely and would go out to our resort, called Echo Trail Lodge, that my Indian grandparents, John Anderson Sr. and Mary Anderson, started in 1936. They had been working at Burntside Lodge and saved up some money, and my grandfather had gotten

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## MENTAL HEALTH

# Suicide rates in region exceptionally high

### Stigma makes it a tough issue to address, say county officials

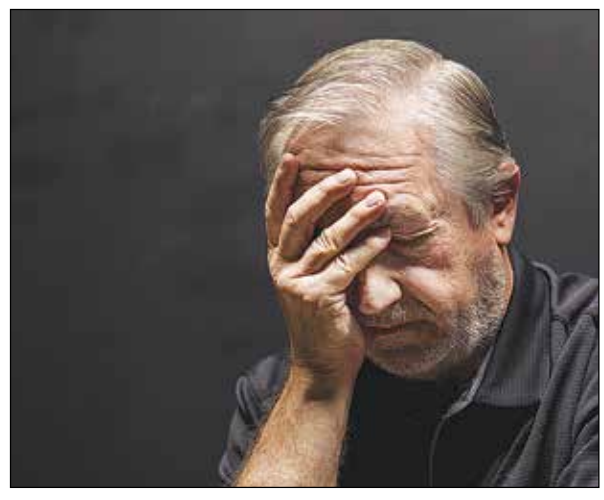
by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— Suicide is a tough issue to talk about— and that has complicated the work of public health officials in northern St. Louis County who are trying to address the

problem in the region. The deaths of two men to suicide just this year in Tower has highlighted a fact that is driving concern across the public health sector— exceptionally high numbers of males in far northern Minnesota take their own lives each year.

Rates of suicide have been rising slowly but steadily across the U.S. since 2000, a trend that is, in part, responsible for an overall decline in average life expectancy in the U.S., particularly for men over the past

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## Community notices

### Early deadline for next Timberjay

TOWER- The deadline for advertisements and articles for the Nov. 12 issue of the *Timberjay* will be Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 10 a.m. Veterans Day is on Thursday, so we are unable to mail our paper on our regular day. The paper, a special Veterans Day edition, will be mailed on Wednesday and then delivered, as usual, on Friday.

### Ruby's Pantry food distribution

COOK- The next Ruby's Pantry will be a drive-through food distribution at the old Cook School parking lot on Thursday, Nov. 11 from 4:30 - 6 p.m. Please give a \$20 cash donation at the door. Ruby's Pantry is sponsored by St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Alango.

### Craft and bake sale on Nov. 6 supports Embarrass Region Fair

EMBARRASS- A handcraft and bake sale will be held on Saturday, Nov. 6 at the Embarrass Timber Hall from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. sponsored by the Embarrass Region Fair Association, in conjunction with the November Pancake Breakfast.

Breakfast includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, choice of ham or sausage links, juice, and a bottomless cup of coffee the first Saturday of each month through May at Timber Hall. Adults \$6, children (6-10 years) \$3, and under 5 years eat free. Breakfast is held from 8 to 11 a.m.

Proceeds from both breakfast and the sale go to support the Embarrass Region Fair.

### Northern Lights Music Festival documentary will premiere Nov. 14

AURORA- Northern Lights Music Festival's latest season will be featured in an hour-long documentary by WDSE, the PBS channel in Duluth. Titled "Iron Opera" by its creative team, Mike Scholtz and Marius Anderson, the film will air on television on Thursday, Dec. 2 and it will premiere in Aurora at Mesabi East School on Sunday, Nov. 14 at 4 p.m.

International artists and Iron Rangers are all featured, so you're likely to see familiar faces. Join NLMF in viewing the film and meeting the filmmakers and the WDSE producers at a reception immediately following the show on Nov. 14. Admission is free.

### Arrowhead Library System library card design contest

MT. IRON- Calling all artists! Arrowhead Library System (ALS) is holding an art contest for a new library card. Adults ages 18 and older who live in Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, Lake of the Woods, and St. Louis counties may participate in the contest. Entries will be accepted until Nov. 24. The winner will be selected by ALS staff and notified by Dec. 5. Notification will also be posted on the ALS website and Facebook page by Dec. 5.

To participate in the contest, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/2021ALSLibCardDesignContest>. Completed forms may be turned in to any ALS member public library or sent via mail to Arrowhead Library System, Attn. M. Stanford, 5528 Emerald Avenue, Mt. Iron, MN 55768. Only one submission per person, please.

### Several free online mental health courses available

REGIONAL- NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness) has set up a wide variety of free online mental health classes for February and March. They include classes such as Eating Disorders, Hope for Recovery, Transitions, Ending the Silence, Understanding Early Episode Psychosis for Families, In Our Own Voice, Family to Family, Creating Caring Communities, a suicide prevention class called QPR - Question, Persuade and Refer, a special QPR class for Agricultural Communities and many more.

The classes are designed for family members and caregivers, persons living with a mental illness, service providers, and the general public. Find a complete listing of these classes and how to join in by going to [namimn.org](http://namimn.org) and clicking on "Classes" or go straight to <https://namimn.org/education-public-awareness/classes/scheduled/>.

### Region faces serious blood shortage; plan to donate today

REGIONAL- Amid the ongoing challenges of recruiting blood donors during the COVID-19 pandemic, local nonprofit Memorial Blood Centers (MBC) is facing a shortage of blood and platelet donations.

Appointments can be made online at [MBC.ORG](http://MBC.ORG) or by calling 1-888-GIVE-BLD (888-448-3253).

## COLLABORATIVE ART

# "Wings Mural" installed in Cook

COOK- You will find a cool new weatherized mural and photo opportunity in Cook near the Cook Library on River Street. The Wings Project was sponsored by Northwoods Friends of the Arts with its "Let's Soar - A Cool and Creative Summer Art Camp" during the summer of 2018. Teachers and students from three different schools and five communities, Orr, Cook, Tower and Bois Forte Vermilion and Nett Lake reservations, created this winged mural.

The teachers were Lyn Reed, MA (retired ISD 2142 North Woods art teacher); Susan Anderson, BS (Babbitt and Tower art teacher); Jo Holen, BS (first grade Tower teacher) and assisted by Kris Musto, MA (MCAD) on July 24 and 25, 2018, at the Cook Community Center.

This collaborative project with young people from grades three to 12 combined their individual efforts to create this collaborative finale. The Art Campers learned blending, shading and tinting of colors to design individual feathers and created individualized designs on each feather. The feathers were then combined to create the two large wings fastened to plywood. This original Wings Mural was carefully shared for a few weeks at a time in participating communities.

The children learned to share ideas and be empowered by words and thoughts that were added to individual feathers. While standing in front of the mural having their photo taken, they shared what made them feel happy, as if they could soar.

The project collaborators were Northwoods Friends of the Arts; the City of Cook; the art teachers;



The community came together to create this display. submitted photo

assistant high school art student mentors from different areas; Aurelia DeNasha, LaCroix Ranger District of Superior National Forest; Art Dale, volunteer coordinator and retired minister; and Fortune Bay and Big Woods Bus Transit (providing transportation for students!).

The following young artists created the feathers for the wings:

Chloe Adkisson, Emily Alt, Aleah Bangs, Sophie Bangs, Jazmin Buchholz, Gabyl Buchholz, LeRoy Brook-Swan, Shenze Chavez, Grant Chittum, Lila Chosa, Roseblossom Chosa, Carol Connor, Orion Dagen, Lauren Dargontina, Abby Dargontina, Wyatt Devine, Jesse Anne Drift, Kayla Drift, Aleesia Geshick, Kailani Geshick, Charlie Holmes, Jessi Isham, Rueben Isham, Arlene Norman King, Owen Koivisto, Brittan

Koskela, Ella Kruse, Evelyn Kruse, Haley Leinonen, Alexia Lightfeather, Abby Norman, Trenton Roybal, Evelyn Thiel, Rylee Vaughn, Dallas Villebrun and Ariana Vines.

The Wings Mural was such a success the team began to knock about some ideas of preserving this fragile paper and wood mural. It took some time and determined effort to produce and install the weatherized mural.

Gary Whitenack, Lauren Nelson and Ron Maki were the three instrumental NWFA members who worked together to figure out how to preserve the mural with epoxy paint and complete the installation. Permission was granted by the Cook City Council to install the mural in the park. Tim Lilya, Cook Maintenance, was the consultant and assistant in making contacts for

permission from Gopher Power. Bill Gruska dug the post holes with equipment donated by Erik Burkhardt from the Cook Building Center. Gary, Lauren and Ron designed the outdoor epoxied (and now light reflective) mural and completed the installation.

The NWFA board of directors is so thankful to the NWFA and community teachers and members who worked so hard to accomplish the Wings Mural. NWFA is now celebrating its eleventh year in service to the region of Cook. The website is [nwfamn.org](http://nwfamn.org) and the email address is [nwfamn.org@gmail.com](mailto:nwfamn.org@gmail.com). The gallery is located at 210 S River St. and is open in winter on Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## NORTH SLC 4-H

# 4-H'ers present their best in Minnesota 4-H State Dog Show

REGIONAL- Two 4-H youth from North St. Louis County participated in the Minnesota 4-H State Dog show, Sept. 25-26. In total, 260 youth and 310 dogs from across the state participated in this annual event, held at the 4-H Building on the Minnesota State Fairgrounds.

Over the two-day event, 4-H'ers demonstrate their skills and knowledge in agility, obedience, showmanship, and rally, competing against other youth in their age group and experience level.

Youth members of the Minnesota 4-H Dog Project learn to train and build a trusting relationship with their pet. Topics of study include canine behavior, breed characteristics, diseases, ethics, grooming, health, nutrition, responsible breeding, service dogs, therapy dogs, dog-related careers, and the wide array of dog sports.

"Youth learn so much responsibility from training their dog and competing in the 4-H State Dog Show,"



Andrea Herbranson and her dogs Mocha and Lily won several awards at the 4-H State Dog Show. submitted photo

said Kim Lambert, one of the many caring adults who volunteer with the 4-H Dog Project statewide. "These kids work all year long, building strong partnerships with their dogs. If they don't work carefully with their dogs, the dogs won't work for them. The responsibility kids learn here, they can use forever."

The following youth were members of the North St. Louis County delegation:

Weston Gustafson of Embarrass won a blue ribbon in Agility, Elementary and a blue in Rally, Novice.

Andrea Herbranson of Mt. Iron won blue in Agility, Senior, Reserve Champion; red in Agility, Advanced; red in Agility, Jumpers 3; blue in Obedience, Graduate Novice; red in Obedience, Pre Open; blue in Obedience, Brace, Champion; blue in Showmanship, Open, 1st Award of Excellence; and blue in Rally, Advanced, Reserve Champion.

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## BREITUNG TOWNSHIP

# New Breitung Police Chief Reing now on the job

by STEPHANIE UKKOLA  
Staff Writer

**BREITUNG TWP-** The township's new police chief, Daniel Reing, started his new job on Monday, Nov. 1.

Reing, pronounced "ring", is no stranger to the area. He grew up in Cook and served as a part-time Breitung police officer from 2015-2018. He said he's looking forward to spending more time here, seeing old friends, and building rapport in the community. Reing is familiar with many of the families and youth in Tower-Soudan through teaching and coaching football at North Woods High School. He serves as head coach for junior high and assistant coach for varsity.

Reing said he believes in community policing. "[Community policing]

is not just about being a uniform or sitting in a squad, it's about getting to know people on and off duty, visiting with people on the street and stopping into businesses. It's being an active presence, educating and making people feel safe," he said.

Reing's first few weeks will be spent primarily doing training, paperwork, and getting acquainted with the position.

Reing may additionally be limited in his first few weeks because he might not have access to a squad car. At the Oct. 28 Breitung Town Board meeting, the board voted to extend a contract with the Ely Police Department to make use of the township's squad car. The agreement was set to expire Oct. 31 but was extended at Ely's request because one of their squads

was in for repairs after an accident. The Breitung board originally approved the contract on July 22. The city of Ely hasn't had the need for the township's squad yet.

St. Louis County Sheriff's Officers will still be contracted for patrols on random days in the first half of November while Reing gets settled in.

Clerk Dianna Sundahl said she is working with the city of Tower on revisions to the police contract. The city of Tower will review it at their next meeting.

## Other news

In other news, the board:

► Heard that Soudan resident Tony Zavodnik fixed the township's siren. Though it is in working order, it still needs to be installed. Township

Chairman Tim Tomsich said that the installation costs would be included in the IRRR Culture and Tourism Grant. The siren historically whistled twice a day, at noon and 9 p.m., but has been silent for several years now.

► Heard that the police department fund had an excess after being closed for most of the year. The board approved a motion to move \$50,000 to the road and bridge and \$25,000 to projects.

► Reviewed preliminary costs and potential grant funds for fiscal year 2022 construction projects. The projects included: \$469,000 for First Ave./Stuntz Bay Rd., \$125,000 for Poplar St. water/sewer, \$200,000 for Main St. sewer (from Poplar St. to Center St.), \$100,000 for Main St. and Spring

St. rebuild and blacktopping, \$100,000 for Church St. sewer, and \$40,000 for drinking water meter upgrades. The projects total \$1,034,000 and are funded by the DNR, IRRR, CBDG, and the township.

► Heard the 4th St. sewer project is going as planned and the water and sewer pipes are now better insulated. Part of Center St., by the Soudan Store and Vermilion Park Inn, will be dug up next for sewer repairs. Maintenance director Tom Gorsma said that the area wouldn't be blacktopped until spring and would remain gravel over the winter. The work on South St. will be completed in November and December, "as long as there isn't five feet of snow," said Gorsma.

► Heard that the U.S. Census counted 530 people



Chief Daniel Reing  
photo by S. Ukkola

and 569 housing units in Soudan in 2020.

► Approved a payment to JPJ Engineering for \$101,100 for work completed.

► Passed a resolution to accept donated funds, including \$40 from residents Paul and Judy Pishler.

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## CITY OF ELY

# Ely's wastewater facility bids comes in under budget

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

## Mayor invites Elon Musk to support Twin Metals

**ELY** – Bids for the multi-million-dollar wastewater treatment facility project for the city of Ely came in under estimates "by a considerable margin" last week, and city council members here approved the low bid for the upgrade Tuesday night.

Construction will start

next spring, according to Clerk-Treasurer Harold Langowski.

"We had very good news," he said, in reporting on the project bids.

The Ely Utility Commission recommended awarding the bid to Rice Lake Construction Group for \$6,656,000. The project

was estimated to cost as much as \$9.5 million by the project engineer.

Langowski said the city of Ely's wastewater treatment plant must be in compliance with new federal mercury discharge rules by March 2023.

Two other companies also bid on the project.

Magney Construction Co., of Chanhassen, submitted a base bid of \$7,320,955, and Lakehead Constructors, Inc., of Superior, Wis., submitted a base bid of \$8,206,355.

Council member Albert Forsman said, "We were very fortunate to have three very competitive

bids that all came in under budget. It was refreshing to see that this time. Fortunately, the contractors were hungry on this one and sharpened their pencils."

Langowski noted that funding for the project will mostly be provided through the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority's

Clean Water Revolving Fund, established under the federal Clean Water Act and state law to make funds available for point source and nonpoint source water pollution control projects.

"A point source implementation grant will help

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## Editorial

### Schools and masks

The GOP is using misinformation to keep the public enraged

If you walk into a local restaurant and start berating the hostess, waiter, or bartender, any self-respecting employer is going to send you right back out the door. Most employers recognize that they have an obligation to ensure that their staff is treated respectfully—and they take that obligation seriously.

That applies, as well, to the Ely School Board, which has taken steps to ensure that its own staff isn't subject to the kind of abuse, including personal attacks, that school officials experienced in recent meetings over the school district's decision to require mask wearing, at least while the delta variant of COVID-19 continues to spread rapidly in our region.

The public certainly has a right to speak its mind, but the school board has a right to expect that such debate will be carried on with some semblance of dignity and respect for its employees. After some mask opponents demonstrated they were unable to control themselves, the school board took steps to bring the public forum portion of their meetings back under some level of control.

To be clear, the school board has no obligation, we repeat—no obligation—under either the Constitution or state or federal law, to even offer public input during their meetings. Laudably, most school boards, including Ely's, continue to offer that opportunity, despite the abuse that has been heaped on school officials across the country over their efforts to protect public health. And the steps taken by the Ely school board aren't that unusual. Other area school districts have had similar limitations on public comments in effect for years.

Requiring kids to wear masks in school is such a minor matter, that it's easy to recognize that this really isn't about masks at all for many of the critics of the requirement. Just as Republican operatives used false claims of death panels and creeping socialism to organize the so-called Tea Party ahead of the 2010 midterms, the same forces are using false claims about public health to enrage and organize their potential supporters yet again. This mini uprising against school officials is simply political strategy, being fed through misinformation peddled across right-wing media and the internet, as part of an organized effort to whip up GOP supporters ahead of next year's midterms.

These aren't matters of principle. This is about politics. The Republican Party opted to politicize a global pandemic, using misinformation and paranoia to fuel opposition to every element of the public health response—from social distancing, to mask-wearing, to vaccines. Rather than providing leadership at a critical time, far too many GOP politicians, including Eighth District Congressman Pete Stauber, were happy to play along with the outrage, even as many went out and quietly got their shots in private. Not exactly profiles in political courage.

The outrage over the alleged teaching of critical race theory in our K-12 schools is just more of the same. Right-wing commentators whip up a frenzy, which is bolstered as their fictions are spread through social media, and pretty soon legions of the misled show up at school board meetings to rage at the injustice of it all. Many of those involved likely don't even recognize the degree to which they are being intentionally manipulated by those who benefit from the Republicans' perennial support of wealthy, corporate interests.

These same forces are now distorting the directive by U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland, asking the FBI to assist local law enforcement in addressing the rise of harassment and threats of violence against school board members across the country. In a recent press statement, Rep. Stauber expressed his “increasing concern over the Biden Administration's intent to paint parents who express concerns at school board meetings as domestic terrorists.”

That's nonsense and Stauber knows it. No one in the administration has used terms like that, at all, or has made any effort to prevent parents from voicing their concerns at school board meetings. The law enforcement response involves actual threats of criminal violence against school board members. We could certainly turn the tables and ask why the Congressman supports violence against public officials?

It isn't just school board members, after all. The GOP's fiction surrounding the 2020 election and claims of fraud, has prompted threats against election officials around the country as well. The GOP is playing with fire here. Some people are, eventually, going to get burned.



## Letters from Readers

### Good reasons behind Biden administration decision

The Biden Administration has many good reasons to resume the required study (nixed by Trump) on the economic viability and environmental risks of Twin Metals' proposed copper mine near the Boundary Waters. They include:

►Twin Metals claims this is the “world's largest” undeveloped deposit. But it contains very low-grade ore. It's copper concentration (0.58 percent) falls below the average of operating mines (whose deposits range up to 6 percent). There's no bonanza here. Even at its proposed peak production, Twin Metals would produce just 0.27 percent of the

global copper supply.

►Twin Metals claims this copper is critical for our green-energy future. But in the past 15 years, U.S. copper demand has dropped by half. Demand is so low that we export much of our recycled copper (mostly to China, where the copper from Twin Metals' Chilean parent company currently goes). Only a third of the copper used in the U.S. is from recycled sources. In Europe, it's nearly half. If the U.S. increased to just 50 percent, that alone would provide many times the copper that could be mined in Minnesota.

►Twin Metals claims this copper is needed to “combat the climate crisis.” But LOTS of rock would need to be mined and crushed for this poor ore body to

produce. That means Twin Metals will consume LOTS of electricity -- as much as the City of Duluth by one projection. That means LOTS of greenhouse gas emissions.

►Twin Metals claims this mine will “offer hundreds of jobs.” But new mines are increasingly automated. Some are now fully robotic with driverless trucks and equipment. In fact, that's the biggest trend in the industry. Twin Metals acknowledges it would take at least another 10 years to permit this mine. How many mining jobs will be around then in an industry banking on an automated future? And how many of our Ely High School graduates of 2032 will want to spend their careers thousands of feet underground?

**Paul Schurke**  
Ely

## COMMENTARY

### What it means to be an American

What does it mean to be an American? I suspect each of us would answer this question in our own way, depending on our experiences. But there are features of the American identity, certain qualities of what it means to be an American that many of us hold in common.



**LEE HAMILTON**

We believe the United States is a special country. We take pride in its strength, its history and its unity out of diversity. We share a belief in American exceptionalism.

If you ask most of us what it means to be an American, you won't get very far into the conversation without hearing the word opportunity. America is known as the land of opportunity, a place where you can fulfill your dreams and succeed through your own efforts. That's why, throughout history, we have been a nation of immigrants, a destination for people seeking a better life.

Our national anthem refers to the United States as the land of the free, and freedom is surely

at the top of the list of things that Americans value. An essential part of being an American is that we're free to live our lives as we wish. We don't like being told what to do. We treasure our independence, not surprising in a nation whose creation resulted from declaring our independence from England and fighting a war to win that independence.

We are not a tradition-bound country, but we do value our past. As the historian Gordon Wood said, our history is the source of our American-ness. The Declaration of Independence, our nation's founding creed, proclaims all are created equal and have a right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We cherish the freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution, including freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and the right to equal protection and due process of law.

While we treasure our rights as Americans, we understand that with those rights come responsibilities; these responsibilities are not numerous. We have a respon-

sibility to obey the law, pay taxes and respect the rights of others. We may be called to serve on juries. During wartime, Americans have been drafted to serve in the military. Many of us have taken an oath to “defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic.”

We believe we also have an obligation to improve our corner of the world. As Americans, we expect our government will protect us anywhere around the world. We qualify for certain benefits by virtue of being Americans: Social Security and Medicare to support us when we age, unemployment insurance and other programs when we need them.

As American citizens, voting is both a right and a responsibility for us. We have faith in our fellow citizens and in their efforts to achieve a more perfect union. This is especially true for Americans from groups that were long denied the right to vote.

A couple of years ago, Grinnell College asked in a nationwide poll what it means to be a “real American.” A small minority listed nativist qualities, like having been

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## Strict or loose, the Supreme Court is in danger

When you go to a small school, like I did, it's hard not to remember all of your teachers, but some were more memorable than others. Patricia Jackson, my American government teacher in my senior year at Marion High School, certainly was one of the



**DAVID COLBURN**

and challenging teacher, one of the best I ever had, and she tried to make learning about government fun. I knew her as a booming alto in our church choir before I ever had her as a teacher, and

music was one of things she occasionally incorporated into her teaching, including this little ditty:

“Burger, Brennan, Stewart and White, One, SC, two, LC, three, four moderite. Marshall, Blackmun, Powell and Rehnquist, First three and Stevens like Chief Justice.”

Few people can probably rattle off the names of the U.S. Supreme Court justices serving in the spring of 1976, but I can,

thanks to Pat. And not only can I name them, I can tell you what their philosophies were for making judicial decisions about Constitutional cases.

In its most basic form, “SC” stood for strict constructionist, a viewpoint that the Constitution should be understood and interpreted by adhering to the literal text in which it was written and the presumed intent of the Framers. Loose constructionist, “LC,” represented a judicial philos-

ophy which embraced all of the core principles and values embodied in the Constitution and sought to apply those in the context of the present day and current needs. And “moderite” was Pat's way of making moderate fit the rhyme.

In essence, strict to loose, with moderate in the middle, represents a continuum of how much the Constitution and the nation's laws are subject to interpretation and extrapolation.

What's notable here is the complete lack of any mention of politics and political parties, which is completely appropriate when considering the role of the Supreme Court as a check and balance against Congress and/or the President wielding their powers in ways contrary to the Constitution. Congress was of particular concern to many of the Framers. Ideally, a court of

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us reach our mercury discharge limit," Langowski said.

In the original application for \$9.5 million, as much as 83 percent of that was eligible for the grant, according to Langowski.

"Obviously, with our bid coming in well under that, the grant will be recalculated, but it will still be a significant portion of this project," he said.

The city is also applying for Community Development Block Grant funding for the waste water facility project. That federal HUD funding requires State Historic Preservation

Office approval, Langowski said.

"We are also going to submit (a funding request) to Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation once we get our total project costs put together," he said.

Part of the state PFA funding will also involve a low-interest loan to the city.

"We retired some debt service for the existing plant in 2020, and we will be taking on this debt, which is good timing," Langowski said.

He noted that city water customers will not see additional rate increases to specifically pay for this

mandated facility upgrade.

The council also approved the EUC recommendation to pay AE2S (Advanced Engineering and Environmental Services) \$19,331.55 for the engineering and bid work on the project.

**Twin Metal support**

Mayor Roger Skraba looked to clarify his position with the council in sending letters on the city's behalf in seeking support of the Twin Metals Minnesota sulfide mining project proposal.

"I don't know where my role is in asking for per-

mission from the council. I feel comfortable in asking you," he said. "I want to send a letter to Elon Musk inviting him to our community. Look what we have here, and if you are interested in helping us. You are going to need some batteries here in the near future, and we have some minerals for your batteries."

Council member Jerome Debeltz suggested developing a form letter for all the city council members to sign and send out.

Council member Heidi Omerza, with support from Angela Campbell, made the

motion to support Skraba's letter-writing campaign. The council unanimously approved.

**Other business**

In other business, the council:

► Hired Zachary Ward for the Ely Police Department patrolman position, pending background and psychological checks.

► Hired firefighter Brian Trout to the Ely Fire Department. The council also approved the resignation of firefighter Kael Richards, who is moving out of the city.

► Approved a contract with Premier Pyrotechnics for \$15,000 for the 2022 Fourth of July fireworks display.

► Rejected an amendment request for the U.S. Forest Service Ely Airport lease adding a clause ensuring adequate COVID-19 safety protocols, and will address any changes and amendments when the lease is renewed.

► Scheduled a city zoning map ordinance public hearing for 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov 15.

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as a thank you for excellent work done by maintenance workers Tom Gorsma and Keith Mattila and \$7,500 from Bois Forte for fire response services.

► Approved the purchase of a small beginner skating rink, pending a

Streetscapes grant from IRRR. The rink cost is estimated at \$2,253.

► Heard that the Tower Area Trails Committee is working on establishing parking lots near trail heads, restroom access, signage and long-term maintenance

plans.

► Received a thank you from Northwoods Partners for the board's donation of \$200.

► Heard from Gorsma that the delivery of the township's new dump truck has been pushed

back to December. Gorsma said that there have been inquiries from people who would like to purchase the old dump truck.

► Heard from Gorsma that 7,000 ft. of sewer line had been checked with a camera and cleaned. He

said no major issues were observed.

► Learned from Gorsma that the township's grader broke down last month and is being repaired.

► Passed a resolution designating the town hall

as voting place.

► Set a special meeting for Wednesday, Nov. 10 at noon. The next regular meeting is Thursday, Dec. 2 at noon.

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non-elected judges would not be beholden to a particular party in power at any given time but would ensure that laws enacted were in harmony with what the Constitution prescribed.

That ideal was essentially compromised from the start, as Supreme Court justices were to be nominated by a party-affiliated President and confirmed by a party-affiliated Senate. Still, throughout the large part of American history, the Court was viewed as being largely above the political fray, basing its decisions not on party platforms, but upon reasoned consideration of law, precedent, and the Constitution. That there was political fallout from decisions was attributed more often to political parties reacting in the aftermath of a decision rather than asserting that a decision itself was political in nature. Judicial ideology and partisan preferences aren't the same thing.

That distinction has largely vanished in the public's view of the Court today. Polling has shown that at best only a third

of Americans have "more than some confidence" in the Supreme Court, and the belief that it is largely driven by partisan politics has become more widespread.

Yet the Court's overall record in any given term might well suggest the opposite. Take a review of the 2012 term of the Supreme Court that I found in the Stanford Law Review. If decisions are being driven by partisan politics, then one would expect each justice to fall in line with the President who appointed them. That alignment happened in only seven percent of the cases decided that term. More than half of the cases decided that term were unanimous decisions.

Why the disconnect? Because, as the Stanford Law Review also insightfully pointed out, in high profile cases, "political rhetoric from the President and Congress drowns out the Court." The Court issues written decisions and dissents from its chambers. Politicians battle for spots in front of cameras and

microphones to vent their opinions to a vast digital news landscape with more partisan-driven "news" organizations than ever before.

Big media is most certainly complicit in the politicization of the Court. It's nearly impossible to read an article these days without the writer pointing out the Democrat or Republican who appointed the judge. I can't recall a single article about any of 60-plus failed lawsuits filed by Donald Trump and his minions to protest the election that didn't specify that political connection.

But politicians deserve the majority of the credit for undermining the public's faith in the Court, and in recent years that blame falls more squarely on the Republicans than Democrats.

When Barack Obama nominated Merrick Garland to the Supreme Court in 2016 with ten months remaining in his presidency, Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell pronounced the nomination dead on

arrival. As Obama was in his last year as President, McConnell argued, the position should be held vacant until after the next election so that the new President could make the choice.

Fast forward to 2020. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg died in mid-September, and eight days later Donald Trump nominated Amy Coney Barrett to take her place, only four months, not ten, from the end of his term. Did McConnell and other Republicans apply the same standard to Trump that they applied to Obama, insisting that the seat should remain vacant until after the election? Absolutely not. Only four months away from the end of Trump's term, McConnell and the Republicans rammed the nomination through, and in October, Barrett became the first justice in 150 years to be confirmed without a single vote from the Senate minority party. In neither instance was principle involved, only perceived political gain.

Trump's actions in the months following the

2020 election victory of Joe Biden have also actively undermined the integrity of the court system that consistently has ruled against his unfounded claims of widespread voter fraud. Trump has been crying voter fraud since before he was elected, yet no court, and not even his hand-selected voter fraud commission, has provided any proof whatsoever of the widespread problem he claims. No court, including the Supreme Court, has found merit in any of the post-election lawsuits filed by Trump, but that's a failing of the courts, not Trump, according to Trump. And to the detriment of the country, a huge number of his supporters agree.

It's likely the Supreme Court will soon deliberate the fate of Roe vs. Wade, the landmark 1973 decision that determined a woman has a Constitutional right

to an abortion. From a judicial perspective, Roe vs. Wade represents a loose constructionist decision – the fundamental right for a woman to have an abortion is not explicitly stated in the Constitution but is reasonably protected through the Due Process Clause of the 14th Amendment, subject to certain limitations. A new case considered by the justices could overturn that decision if a majority determines a strict constructionist interpretation should apply.

Whatever the rationale, and whatever the outcome, the aftermath will be wholly driven by politics, and another plank will be pulled from the floor of an institution intended to stand against political power grabs instead of being consumed by them. It's yet another frightening example of the peril our Constitutional republic faces in this day and age.

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born in this country or practicing a certain religion. But an overwhelming majority said real Americans treat people equally, take responsibility for our actions and accept people of different racial and religious backgrounds.

In other words, our values define us as Americans, not where we

were born or what we look like. Those values make us stronger than the forces that

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## TOWER

# New Tower City Clerk ready to learn

by JODI SUMMIT

Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER- Michael Schultz has been on the job as Tower's new city clerk-treasurer for a little over a week, and mostly what he has learned so far is that he still has a lot to learn.

"I've gotten an immense amount of information over the last week," he said. "I am soaking it all in."

Schultz said he knew, coming in, that it was going to take some time to learn all the new systems in place at city hall. But he noted he is a quick learner and that the support he is getting from city hall staff, including the former clerk, and city council members has been very important.

Schultz and his family, including his wife Allycia and daughters Brielle and Evelyn, moved to Tower a little over three years ago. Brielle is a fourth-grader at Marquette School in Virginia, and Evelyn is about to turn three. Michael left a management job in the Twin Cities to work at the Minnesota Revenue Department in Ely.

"I took a step down to work for the state," he said, but that was a choice their family made so they could live up north.

The opportunity to work as city clerk-treasurer brings him back to a job with the types of challenge he feels he can excel at.

"To me, this job is right up my alley," he



said. "I thrive on being challenged, instead of monotony. I remain calm under pressure and think things through."

Schultz grew up in Britt. "I've been coming to Tower for the Fourth of July parade since I was a kid," he said, "and we would camp at Hoodoo Point."

His parents eventually moved to Tower,

which made the decision to locate in Tower an easy one.

"This location is great," he said. "We love being in a small town and getting to know everybody. We can walk to the park. And most things we need are right here."

## Three Embarrass supervisor candidates interviewed; decision to be made at Nov. 10 meeting

EMBARRASS- The Embarrass Town Board is still short a supervisor after no decision was made on an appointee at the Oct. 27 special meeting. Three candidates, Alyssa Hammond, Roland

Fowler and Jack LaMar, were interviewed by current Supervisors Bernie Mettler and Gene Wright. The questions asked had previously been distributed in written form and ranged from knowl-

edge of township government, to concerns about the levy amount, to priorities and planning for the future.

A decision will be made at the next regular board meeting

on Wednesday, Nov. 10. The appointee will serve out the one-year remainder of the term and the seat will again be open in the November 2022 election.

## Trespasser now banned from Tower Car Wash

by JODI SUMMIT

Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER- Tower Car Wash owner Tom Anderson finally got the answer to what had become a persistent issue. Someone had moved the sawhorse that said "CLOSED" to the front of the automatic car wash entrance door on multiple occasions, making customers assume the car wash was closed. Anderson used this sign in the past to alert customers occasionally when the car wash was actually closed because of needed repairs, but lately, the sawhorse had been regu-

larly dragged out, blocking cars from entering the car wash bay.

"I got seven calls on Sunday morning," Anderson said, "asking me why the car wash was closed. That's seven customers I lost."

Increasingly frustrated by the loss of business, and the impact on his business's reputation, Anderson finally got some answers after viewing surveillance camera footage from a nearby business. The video clearly showed a Tower resident, whom Anderson recognized, walking in front of the building and moving the sawhorse with the closed sign in front of the door, and then

walking away.

After consulting with the St. Louis County Sheriff's office, Anderson has sent a letter to the person involved, notifying them that if they are seen in or around the premises in the future, the sheriff or state police will be notified and can arrest them for trespassing.

Anderson has also had issues with vandalism and theft in the self-serve car wash bay this summer, and said he is looking into further security measures at the car wash, as well as moving to a credit-card only system, to eliminate any cash on the premises. The car wash will also be

moving to a membership system, which will enable extended hours. Every member will have their own code to enter the car wash, and then will pay with a credit card.

"It will be like a gym membership," Anderson said, "with a one-time membership fee. Then I can track who is there and make sure it is always left in good condition."

In the meantime, Anderson said, if you drive up to the car wash and there is a closed sign, please give him a call at 218-235-9151 and he can let you know if it truly is closed.

### Monday

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

Tower City Council- 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 8

### Tuesday

Tower Area Food Shelf- Open on the third Tuesday of every month from 2:30-5:00 p.m. Located in the back of the Timberjay building on Main Street. Next food shelf day is Nov. 16.

Greenwood Town Board- 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 9

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- Special meeting at 12 noon on Nov. 10

### Thursday

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

Tower/Soudan Community Bible Study- Thursdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m. at the Tower Elementary School cafeteria. All are welcome. Call 218-984-3402 for more info.

Vermilion Country School Board- Meetings posted online at [vermilioncountry.org](http://vermilioncountry.org).

## Vendors needed for Tower Holiday Craft Show set for Saturday, Dec. 4

TOWER- The Tower Holiday Craft Show is tentatively being planned for Saturday, Dec. 4 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Tower Civic Center. About half of the available tables have been spoken for, so please let us know as soon as possible if you want to participate. 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 Friends of Vermilion Country School, PO Box 636, Tower, MN 55790 or can be dropped off at the Timberjay office in Tower. For more information, call Jodi Summit at 218-753-2950.

## Red Hat Belles to meet Nov. 11

TOWER- The Northern Red Hat Belles will meet Thursday, Nov. 11 at 11:30 a.m. at the Benchwarmer's Grille. Following lunch, the group will go the Nelmark Museum in Embarrass. Please RSVP to Kathy, at 218-753-2530, by Nov. 8. All old and new members, and guests, are welcome to attend.

## Tower-Soudan Singers preparing for caroling

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Area Singers are rehearsing on Monday evenings starting at 5:30 p.m. at St. James Presbyterian Church. The group plans to carol on Monday, Dec. 6 at the Breitung Community Hall in Soudan, and Monday, Dec. 13 at Sulu's in Tower.

## COMMUNITY GIVING

# Time to start thinking about Operation Santa

Donations needed by Dec. 16: toys, gift cards, clothing, and cash welcome

TOWER- We know it is early, but the pandemic is once again bringing challenges to this year's Operation Santa toy drive. We are expecting to at least match last year's tally of 195 children. We are also hoping to be able to do our shopping online if possible, so early donations are especially appreciated.

Operation Santa is a local fundraiser which purchases Christmas gifts (toys, gift cards, and warm winter items) for children whose families use the Tower Food Shelf. Last year's total of 195 children was a new record, and thanks to everyone's generosity, we had gifts for all!

Take advantage of the great deals, many of which are being offered right now, to bring some joy into a child's life. Supply chain issues are expected to cause shortages of toys this holiday season, so it is best to shop early.

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

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

Lake Country Power's Operation RoundUp® program has once again made

a very generous donation to the Tower Soudan Civic Club to help cover the cost of purchasing warm items for the children.

We are looking at donations of toys, games, art supplies, and sporting equipment for children, and gift cards to either Target or Walmart for our teenagers (\$10 or \$15). Stocking stuffer type gifts and holiday candy are also appreciated. We are always in need of gifts for infants and babies (must be labeled as safe for children under three). Gift ideas for children include games, action figures, building toys, dolls with accessories, craft sets, art supplies (including crayons and markers), sporting goods (basketballs, footballs, playground balls, sleds), puzzles, cars and trucks, and science kits. Please don't worry about picking out the right gift; I promise there will be a child on our list who will love whatever you pick out!

If you purchase a toy that uses batteries, please also send a spare set! Donations of batteries (especially AA and AAA) are appreciated.

We also accept gently-used holiday decorations and gifts for the adults who use the food shelf. We do assemble gift bags for the senior citizens who use the food shelf, so small gifts for them are appreciated also, such as boxes of Christmas candy, candles, puzzles and puzzle books, holiday scented lotions and soaps, holiday décor, and warm socks.

Donations can be dropped off at the



Timberjay in Tower, and will be distributed at the food shelf on Dec. 21. Families who use the Tower Food Shelf and have not yet signed up, can sign up at the food shelf on Nov. 16 or call Jodi at the Timberjay at 218-753-2950, or email [editor@timberjay.com](mailto:editor@timberjay.com).

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BRIDGE WORK



The Highway 21 bridge project between Ely and Babbitt continued this week. A one-lane drive-around access at the construction site is controlled by a traffic light for one-way traffic, avoiding a long detour. The Minnesota Department of Transportation project should wrap up this year. photo by K. Vandervort

Ely Women Who Care benefits Vets on the Lake

ELY - Veterans on the Lake Resort was selected as the latest 100+ Ely Women Who Care group recipient. An awards ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 6, at Veterans on the Lake Resort, 161 Fernberg Rd. The purpose of 100+ Ely Women Who Care is to foster philanthropy and community by donating as a group to a local non-profit. By contributing a significant amount at one time, charities are able to provide programs and services that otherwise might not be possible. This was the tenth 100+ Ely Women Who Care event, the first nine of which have raised nearly \$64,000.

OUR COMMUNITY

Ely Young Life celebrates 'Banquet in the Bleachers'

ELY - Nearly 100 people gathered together recently at Veterans Memorial Field on a sunny autumn afternoon for Ely Young Life's 2021 Banquet in the Bleachers - A Time to Build.

"An enthusiastic group of high schoolers with red pom-poms greeted friends, neighbors, and classmates as they entered the stadium," said Ely Area Young Life area office administrator Kris Bercher. "There was a time of socializing, of people getting together and sharing after months without many of those opportunities," she said. "There was popcorn and hot chocolate and samples from Young Life's Annual Apple Fundraiser. Soft music and a warm breeze wafted through the stands."

But then that music changed, and the energy cranked up as the crowd was ushered into the stands where they were met by none other than Bob the Builder and Tim Allen from Home Improvement. "Bob and Tim, locally known as Young Life teacher staff Max Gantt and student staff Riley Bishop, were there to give attendees a little taste of the silliness and controlled chaos that Ely's youth experience at Young Life Camp, commonly referred to by campers as the best week of their lives," Bercher said.

Young Life, an international non-denominational ministry, has been active in Ely for more than 20



From left, Grace Sundell, Sidney Marshall and Grace LaTourell greeted Young Life Banquet guests as they entered Veteran's Memorial Field.



Tim Allen (Max Gantt), left, and Bob the Builder (Riley Bishop) opened the banquet with a comical skit. photos by Annie Brenny

years. "Through camp, large events called Club and small groups known as Campaigners, adults have forged relationships with kids, helping them grow in their faith and letting them know that they are loved," she said.

The Banquet event is the annual fall Ely Young Life gathering and fundraiser. "It is a time to come

together with our supporters and local community to celebrate all that God has done. It is a chance to learn more about what Young Life is and it's the community's chance to get involved in our vibrant and exciting group," she said.

"Our evening was filled with celebrity cameos, silliness, student testimonies, guest speakers, and

foot-stomping fun. After not being able to gather in person for our 2020 Banquet, it felt good to sit in the baseball stands among friends in the glorious sun while 'banqueting' on delicious Chicago style popcorn," Bercher said.

"The heart of Young Life is relationships and we got a lot of practice being creative during the pandemic to continue to actively connect with kids. Elyites got to learn how last year Young Life's volunteer adult and teen Leaders used Zoom to gather for Club, stayed in touch with kids via social media, and moved activities outside in order to stay connected with kids' lives during one of the hardest years in memory," she said.

Fifty youth and leaders went to camp last summer, and 22 kids are headed to

camp in the next few weeks, she added.

Approximately 25 kids are attending high school Club and about 20 middle schoolers attend Wyldlife Club every other week. "Meanwhile, 25 kids are involved in our four different Campaigner small groups," Bercher said. "Sixty percent of Ely high school and middle school students attend or have attended at least one Young Life event during their school career. Ely Young Life boasts the highest participation numbers percentage-wise of all the YL groups in our Minnesota/Dakotas region."

Want to get involved? Email [elymnyounglife@gmail.com](mailto:elymnyounglife@gmail.com). To make a financial donation to Ely Young Life, visit their website at [ely.younglife.org](http://ely.younglife.org).

Breathing Out

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Support groups

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SUNDAY NIGHT AA - at St. Anthony's Catholic Church is cancelled.

ELY WOMEN'S OPEN

AA - Every Monday at noon at Ledgerock Church, 1515 E. Camp St., Ely.

BABBITT AA - 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Woodland Presbyterian Church

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High school winter sports meetings set

ELY - Memorial High School winter sports students and parents are invited to a meeting next week to get ready for the upcoming season.

The session is set for Tuesday, Nov. 9, starting at 6 p.m., in the high school gymnasium, according to Athletic Director Tom Coombe.

The meeting is open to parents and all students who plan to participate this season in hockey, boys basketball, girls basketball and dance.

Ely's Nordic skiing teams will have a separate meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 10 at Hidden Valley.

Coaches will address their players with information about first practices, and registration forms will be available to pick up and complete.

Those unable to attend are urged to get in contact with their respective coach to get early-season information.

For more details, contact athletic director Tom Coombe at 235-1025 or [Tcoombe@ely.k12.mn.us](mailto:Tcoombe@ely.k12.mn.us).



The Northeast Range High School girls swim team had a "fun meet" last Thursday at Mesabi East called the Pumpkin Quad. "The normal events were part of the meet with some fun events, like a cannonball contest," said head coach Cheri Debeltz. "In the 200 Freestyle Relay each of the girls swam wearing a T-shirt and had to then pass the T-shirt to the next swimmer before they got in the pool." For the 400 Freestyle Relay, teams were all mixed up with other swimmers from all the other teams. No scores were kept. submitted photo



# Cook council lends support to vehicle charging stations

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook-Orr Editor

COOK- Future electric vehicle owners motoring through Cook got a symbolic vote of support from Cook City Council members when council member Elizabeth Storm raised the issue of charging stations at last week's council meeting.

"I was approached by a citizen who does not live in the city," Storm began. "However, he said he had been to a conference,

and there were a number of other people from our area at the conference, and they were talking about charging stations for electric vehicles, and would the city support that? Not that we would buy them or do any maintenance on them, but would that be okay?"

Storm said a charging station would likely cater primarily to tourists or people passing through Cook.

"Somebody, not the city, would have to take this on as a project,"

Storm said. "Maybe some of the resorts would purchase their own charging station."

Storm indicated that the citizen she talked to said something regarding a charging station could be happening next year. A charging station could entice electric motorists to stop in Cook.

"It could be put on websites that there is a charging station for public use," she said.

Mayor Harold Johnston and council member Jodi Bixby both asked

for clarification about the work involved and any cost the city might incur, and Storm assured them neither would be necessary.

"We're just supporting the idea," she said.

Additional discussion focused on issues of pricing, ownership, and regulation, but in the end council members agreed they would support the idea of having a charging station in town.

In other business, the council:

► Heard a report from

Storm that the cemetery board plans to install permanent road signs naming the lanes at the cemetery so visitors can more easily find gravesites they are looking for. The board is also looking into options for a columbarium, a structure with many small niches for cremated remains. Columbariums in nearby towns have become popular, and more and more people are choosing to be cremated, Storm said.

► Approved an agreement with Hibbing

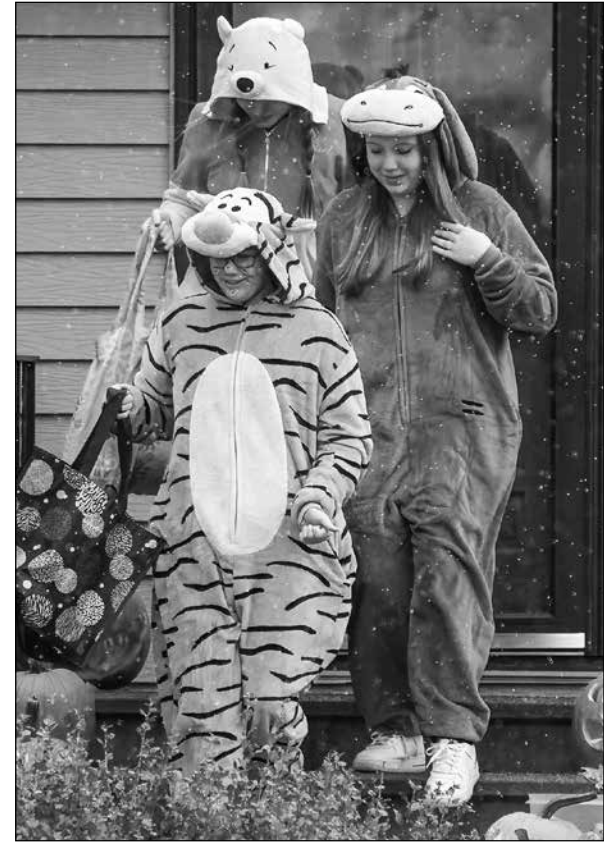
Community College for qualified students in their Emergency Medical Technician Program to ride along on Cook Ambulance calls. Students will be observers only.

► Approved mutual aid agreements for the Cook fire department.

► Appointed Ellen Little to the deputy clerk/treasurer position.

► Appointed Jeremy Miller as full-time lead clerk at Last Chance Liquor to fill an open position.

## SPOOKY SUNDAY



Sharp, chilly winds and snow flurries didn't deter trick-or-treaters from their Halloween rounds on Sunday. Left, a trio of Pooh characters head off to another house. Above, Ryley Spindler poses with the Cook Lions Club lion. Right, Lions Club member Jody Refsdal and her handsome beau pass out candy at the Cook Community Center drive thru.

photos by D. Colburn



## NORTH WOODS SCHOOL

# School's new pre-K teacher introduced

by JOHN VUKMANICH  
North Woods Principal

FIELD TWP- This week I interviewed another new teacher and local legend, Gena Flank. Gena began teaching last year as a long-term substitute and has since begun her first permanent job this year at North Woods, and we are happy to have her!

**Where are you originally from and where did you go to high school and college?**

I am from Cook and went to school in Cook and at North Woods. I went to college at SCSU and earned my bachelor's degree there.

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

Mrs. Christiansen, FACS teacher. She was like my second mom. Mr. Black, too. He always

took care of me. Mr. Joel Anderson was my favorite teacher to joke with. We had a really good relationship. Mrs. Sandberg, too. I had so many



Gena Flank

teachers while in high school that I work with now!

**What characteristics did these teachers have that were important to you?**

They were caring, empathetic, loving.

They believed in me and pushed me to be better and do better. They held me accountable.

**What do you teach at North Woods?**

Pre-K and Learning Readiness. My kids are 4-5 years old.

**Why did you choose teaching as a profession?**

I always wanted to be a teacher. I played teacher as a kid all the time. I love the work, the organization. I was a Teacher Assistant as a 12th grader, so I was able to see school firsthand. I love the innocence of the kids and I'm hoping to have a role in guiding them.

**What are your hobbies?**

Anything outdoors. Snowmobiles, ATV, hunting, fishing, etc.

**What is something you like about North Woods?**

The community-feel. You know everybody.

**What is a professional goal for you?**

To be my best. Don't fail.

**What is something you love about northern MN?**

The outdoors, the changes of the seasons.

**What is a piece of advice you'd give your students?**

Keep pushing yourself to be better.

**Do you have a favorite saying or expression?**

No, I don't really. Let me think about that.

**What do you hope your students remember you for?**

That I was somebody they could trust.

Thank you, Ms. Flank, for the great things you do with our littlest students.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Church hosts Veterans Day meal

COOK- Trinity Lutheran Church in Cook will host a Veterans Day luncheon on Thursday, Nov. 11 from 11 a.m. -1 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.

All area veterans and their family members, as well as surviving spouses of veterans, are welcome to attend this free lasagna lunch recognizing the service and dedication our veterans.

Questions can be directed to the church office at 666-5965. Trinity is located off Highway 53 in Cook at 213 2nd St. SE. Handicapped parking is available in both the north and south parking lots.

### Book club to meet again on Nov. 9

COOK- Readers and Rappers, a Cook area book club, will meet again on Tuesday, Nov. 9 at 1

p.m. at a new location, the Cook Community Center at 510 Gopher Drive. The book to be discussed this month is "The Seed Keeper" by Diane Wilson. The moderator will be Ellie Larmouth.

"The Seed Keeper" by Minnesota author, Diane Wilson, is a beautifully-written story of a Dakota family's struggle to preserve their way of life through one woman's struggle for belonging and community. The author is a Mdewakanton descendant enrolled on the Rosebud Reservation who lives in Shafer.

### Community Thanksgiving dinner canceled

COOK- Due to COVID concerns, St. Mary's Catholic Church will not be hosting the Community Thanksgiving dinner this year.

# NWFA gallery retrospective features Larson watercolors

COOK- Lois Larson has certain reputations. Since elementary school in Cook the scenario was: "Need a poster or an illustration? Oh Lois will do it!" She has spent a lifetime sharing her talents. Not only does she paint lovely, often mystical paintings at home and on her deck, Lois served as the librarian for a fledgling Cook City Library for 32 years. So many people got to know her as she served the community.

So proficient at painting, she taught weekly painting classes for the Cook School community education program and NWFA Gallery. She shared the fun and fascination of watercolor, for example, in 2017 when she taught a weekly watercolor painting class for six weeks.

Lois grew up in Cook with her sister, Zoe King, and brothers John and



Lois Larson

Wally Refsdal. After high school she attended Virginia Junior College (now Mesabi Range Community and Technical College) obtaining a business degree. Her first business occupation was as bookkeeper for WHLB Radio Station in Virginia, where she had a great time rooming and socializing with other young women until she married Alan Larson, who grew up in Beatty Township. Lois has two grown children, Kit Sayeh

and Scott Larson, and three grandchildren.

Northwoods Friends of the Arts has gathered and borrowed the works of Larson from her friends and acquaintances for its November exhibit, "Paint, Water and Paper: Lois

Larson, A Retrospective," a show featuring works from her whole career. Honor this iconic artist beginning Thursday, Nov. 4 until Nov. 27 at the NWFA Gallery at 210 S River St. Open hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on

Thursdays and Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please visit the gallery in Cook to view the life work of this gifted watercolorist.

For more information about NWFA, visit [www.nwfamn.org](http://www.nwfamn.org).

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## ENERGY COSTS

## Minnesota Power requests 18-percent hike in electric rates

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— The price of electricity could soon be on the rise for some North Country residents. On Monday, Minnesota Power filed a request with the state's Public Utilities Commission that seeks an 18-percent increase in electric rates for its retail customers, including residential and businesses.

The company is proposing to raise rates to increase its operating revenue by \$108 million annually.

According to a company statement, the higher rates are necessary to cover the cost of its transition to non-carbon-based forms of power production as well as to make up for the reduction in electrical demand in recent years,

as many customers adopt energy-saving technologies.

Minnesota Power serves customers in Tower-Soudan and along portions of Lake Vermilion's Pike Bay, in addition to much of the Mesabi Iron Range. The proposed rate increase, if approved by the MPUC, would not immediately impact the rates to municipally owned electric grids, such as Ely's. Those rates are set through separate contracts negotiated between the parties.

"The energy industry of the 2020s looks far different than it did five years ago as our customer's expectations for clean energy and high-value service are increasing," said Bethany Owen, president and CEO of ALLETE, Minnesota Power's parent company.

Minnesota Power, through its Energy Forward program, has made considerable progress in its transition away from carbon-based fuels for electrical production. Currently, just over half of the company's electrical power comes from wind, solar and hydro, and the company has committed to increase that to 70 percent by 2030. The company expects to phase out all coal-produced power by 2035 and to reach a 100-percent, carbon-free power supply by 2050.

That transition to alternative sources of power has increased the company's operating costs, at least in the short run. "In terms of renewables, one of the greatest benefits is that when the renewable resource is available, like when the sun is shining or the wind is blowing, the

cost of energy can be lower than traditional resources," notes Minnesota Power spokesperson Amy Rutledge. "However, customers require energy 24/7 and we need to maintain and invest in an energy system that can reliably deliver energy to customers at all times," she added.

At the same time, Minnesota Power says that its customers are buying less power than in the past, and that also affects the bottom line for a company that makes its money from the electricity it generates.

"Minnesota Power customers have exceeded the state energy conservation goals every year for the last decade, reducing energy consumption and total energy bills for households and businesses," notes the company in a statement issued this week.

## A lengthy process

As a regulated utility, Minnesota Power will need approval of the MPUC before it can implement its rate increase on a permanent basis, and that hasn't always been an easy process for the company. Previous requests to raise rates were modified by the MPUC in recent years following considerable opposition from consumer groups and the state's Department of Commerce. The rate increase process will include evaluation from state agencies along with public hearings.

The company has requested that the MPUC approve a 14 percent increase on an interim basis, beginning in January. The MPUC has the authority to approve the increase on an interim basis and the increase would remain in effect until a final decision

is made. If the rate eventually adopted is lower, the company would refund any difference, with interest.

According to the company, a typical residential customer, with a monthly usage of 701 kilowatt-hours would see an increase on their power bill of about \$15 a month. A small business customer with a monthly usage of 2,581 kilowatt-hours would see an increase of about \$55 per month.

The company says it is working to help keep power affordable for low-income customers, through a discount program for those who qualify. "If the rate request is approved, usage-qualified low-income customers will continue to have some of the lowest average bills in the state due to special discounts included in the company's rate design transition," according to the company.

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World War I bonus money that Congress provided. I think it was \$2,000. They took that and put it as a down payment and borrowed the rest from some lawyer in Chicago who really liked my grandparents. My grandfather would take him fishing all the time and he was kind of a presence around the family. My dad was about 11 years old at the time, and he had a sister and two other brothers, and together the family ran the resort."

John Anderson Sr. died in 1955, but his wife Mary, Bob's father, John A. Anderson, and the rest of the family kept right on going with Echo Trail Lodge, and summers as Bob described them definitely weren't lonely at the lake.

"My dad and my Uncle Jim did the lion's share of the work since I was around in the 60s and 70s," Anderson said. "I had an unnamed Bill Anderson, he had his wife, Caroline, and 11 kids, and they all lived on the property in a house up on the hill. And I had four older brothers. I had another three cousins on another side of the family from my aunt. So, altogether there were 21 grandchildren that were out there living and wow, it was a wild scene. We're out playing in the woods, swimming, everybody was athletic, we're all into sports and I think there was 18 boys and three girls. You know, we just lived the life, going to the public schools in Ely and spending the summer at the lake and winter in town. It was a pretty idyllic upbringing."

Talking with Anderson, it's clear that family has been central in his life, beginning with his parents, John and Eleanor. John passed away in 2006, and Eleanor in 2018. The couple met when they were both students at Ely Junior College and married in 1947.

"I miss them a lot," Anderson said. "They did a really good job with us, bringing us up and getting us on the right path."

"Us" includes Anderson's brothers, John, Mark, Rick, and Dan.

"John was ten years older than I am. He was my high school hockey coach, my high school tennis coach, and my eighth-grade math teacher. That was his first job, teaching eighth grade, when he came back to Ely. He taught there his whole career."

Mark was the brother who inspired Bob to consider the law as a profession.

"My brother Mark passed away, sadly, two

years ago," Anderson said. "He was the lawyer. He was in private practice in St. Paul and he was the Band's lawyer at Bois Forte. He was a tribal attorney for probably 25-30 years and represented a lot of tribes in the upper Midwest. I moved away after I went to college, and I always joked that I had to move away because my brother had taken up all the air in the room for representing tribes."

Brother Rick has lived in Ely his entire life, and he and Bob own cabins right next to each other.

"He's a great hunter and fisherman," Anderson said. "Last year we went up to Nett (Lake) and did some ricing. He's always fishing and he's always making something and working on a project. We spend a lot of time together."

Dan is the brother Bob is closest to in age.

"He has worked for the education department at the Fond du Lac tribe for probably 35 years," he said. "I guess you would say that everybody's done pretty well for themselves. My parents were real happy about that."

It's also clear from his descriptions of family history, past and present, and from his career path that Anderson has a deep and abiding connection to his Native heritage and membership in the Bois Forte Band.

"In the 1960s, it wasn't very popular to be a Native American," he said. "There were times when tribes were not even acknowledged by the federal government. It was a strange time to grow up. Now you see Bois Forte owns the WELY radio station and they're big economic players in the region. And I've been working here at DOI with a Native American Secretary of the Interior, Deb Haaland, and the President is planning a big White House conference on tribal nations coming up on Nov. 15."

## Path to Interior

Anderson followed through on that inspiration from his brother Mark, graduating from the University of Minnesota with a law degree. His first job after college, with the Native American Rights Fund, took him away from Minnesota, and Ely has been home from afar ever since.

Much of Anderson's career has been spent in the world of academia, directing the University of Washington's Native American Law Center for 20 years and also teaching fall semesters at Harvard Law School while remaining on the faculty at Washington.

But Anderson is no stranger to government, either. From 2011 to 2013, Anderson participated in a five-person committee that reviewed the federal government's management of \$4 billion in Native American trust funds and suggested reforms to the program. He was associate Interior Solicitor for Native American affairs and a counselor to the Interior Secretary during former President Bill Clinton's administration. He also advised Obama's transition team in 2008 and 2009.

In the fall of 2020, Anderson once again was looking at a transition back to government service.

"One advantage that I had coming into the administration was that I was the co-lead for the transition team for the Biden campaign," he said. "So, I had been doing interviews since about a year ago, at this time, we started getting ready before the election in case Biden won, doing outreach to different groups that have business before the department."

## At Interior

When he started with the administration in January, Anderson performed all the duties of the Solicitor as Principal Deputy Solicitor until he was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on Sept. 29.

Anderson described the scope of his duties at Interior.

"I'm the general counsel to the Department of the Interior," he said. "I oversee all legal affairs of the department, and I'm the person who's entitled to state what the legal position of the Department of the Interior is on all matters under our jurisdiction. And there's a lot of jurisdiction. Thirty percent of the land in the country is under our authority, plus the entire outer continental shelf, which is where oil and gas drilling takes place."

Anderson has five political deputies to help oversee the affairs of the department.

"To some extent, my office runs itself, because I've got very competent career managers and great career lawyers," he said.

One of the first orders of business under Anderson's leadership was to initiate a review of legal positions issued under the previous administration.

"At the end of the Trump era, one of the reasons why I wanted to come in was to sort of undo some of the damage that we as Democrats thought had been done by the Trump administration," Anderson said. "So, we spent a significant amount of time reviewing our legal position in cases, and in some instances have changed the position of the government."

The work is challenging and gratifying, but it's certainly different from university life.

"I don't get to do as much hardcore legal work as I love to do," Anderson said. "I've been a law professor and really enjoyed studying the law and writing papers and articles and books. But now I'm more of a generalist, overseeing all of these different cases, making decisions about strategy in terms of our legal position, advising Secretary Haaland about complicated matters and making recommenda-

tions to her."

Anderson couldn't comment on issues that are involved in ongoing litigation, such as the proposed Twin Metals copper-nickel mine, but he did share the approach the department uses in dealing with hot-button issues.

"What we do on all of these decisions is we do outreach, we talk to both sides of a matter," he said. "If we're going to change their position and go to litigation, we talk to the parties to the case."

"We do take care to talk to people who we know are going to be opposed to what we're going to do, because we want everyone's voice to be heard," he continued. "We want to talk to those who are against it and understand why. Sometimes, those are difficult conversations, and it's not a lot of fun when somebody gets angry or is yelling or something like that, but from a good government perspective that's what we ought to do. We don't just govern the Democrats that voted for Joe Biden, we represent the entire country, so we want everybody's point of view."

When the needed input has been collected from relevant parties, the discussion turns back inside the department to discuss what's in the interest of the different groups, how the matter should be approached, and what the effects of a decision will be, Anderson said, and a recommendation is developed for the Secretary of Interior, who makes the ultimate decision.

## In D.C.

COVID precautions still prevail in Washington,

D.C., but Anderson moved there a month ago from his home in Seattle to be more accessible to Secretary Haaland.

"I kind of felt like I did when I had to leave the resort in the fall and go back to school," Anderson said. "I go into the office every day now, but it's only me and my executive assistant. It's nice to be able to walk down the hall and talk to the chief of staff or the Deputy Secretary or the Secretary as opposed to talking over a video conference."

Anderson's wife, Marilyn Heiman, a conservation and energy policy consultant, chose not to move to D.C., he said.

"She worked for the Department of the Interior back in the Clinton administration when I did, so that's where we really met. We both had lived in Alaska for a while. It's an odd thing, but we have a place in Anchorage, Alaska, that we're renting, where my wife is, and we have a place out here. We figured we'll split our time between Ely and Alaska at some point, but she didn't want to move out here."

Also in the juggling for time together is the Anderson's daughter, Sydney, a Brown University graduate who works for the Louisiana Department of Education.

"It's weird to be in a situation where you're kind of back to rambling around like I used to when I was in my 20s," Anderson said. "It's kind of fun."

And there's always Thanksgiving, always the cabin, always summer and fishing and family and friends and more in Ely.

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SUPPORTING THE ARTS

# Ely High School presents 'Beauty and the Beast'

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY - The annual Ely Memorial High School Musical returns for 2021 after a two-year COVID hiatus. "Beauty and The Beast" runs next weekend at Vermilion Community College Fine Arts Theatre.

Opening night is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 12 with a 7 p.m. performance. Performances continue Saturday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 14, at 1 p.m.

"This year's musical is a tale as old as time," said Director Sarah Mason. "In 1994, Beauty and the Beast opened at the Palace Theatre, becoming Disney's first Broadway musical. In its over 25-year history, the show has played all over the world, transcending language and culture."

From professional productions to community theatres to high school auditoriums, Beauty and the Beast has become a timeless classic for performers and audiences of all ages.



Members of the cast of "Beauty and the Beast, from left, Gracie Pointer as Babette, Gabe Mann as Lumiere, Sidney Marshall as Belle, and Matt Janeksela as Cogsworth, rehearse at the Vermilion Community College Fine Arts Theatre. photo by K. Vandervort

It tells the story of an arrogant young prince and his castle's servants after they fall under the spell of an enchantress, who turns

him into the hideous Beast until he learns to love and be loved in return.

Belle, the female lead, is played by senior Sidney

Marshall.

"Her character is a spirited, headstrong village girl who enters the Beast's castle after he imprisons

her father, Maurice, played by sophomore Esther Anderson," Mason said. "Senior Bryce Fairchild plays the part of the Beast,

a reclusive soul who finds himself with the help of Belle."

The story's antagonist, Gaston, is played by senior Jon Hakala.

"Gaston is a vain hunter who vies for Belle's hand in marriage and is determined not to let anyone else win her heart. He is assisted by his hilarious sidekick, LeFou, who is played by sophomore Gavin Marshall," she said.

Playing the role of Lumiere, the candelabra, is Gabe Mann. Feather duster Babette is played by Gracie Pointer, Cogsworth the Clock is kept in time by Matt Janeksela, Mrs. Potts the teapot is Juliet Stouffer, and her son Chip is Mattie Lindsay.

"Making up the rest of our cast of about 30 are many other excited students from both the middle and high school," Mason said.

"This show is sure to be entertaining for all ages. After years away from the stage, these kids are thrilled to be back performing for their community," she added.

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survey of schools indicated 80 percent are interested in providing vaccination clinics.

Minnesota Department of Health Community Coordinators also will host immunization clinics for children and families.

However, St. Louis County Public Health Director Amy Westbrook on Tuesday encouraged parents to look first to their primary health care providers.

"We want kids and adults to seek vaccine through their health care systems," Westbrook said. "We know that health care systems are really stretched right now and we don't want to overrun them, but we certainly want people to have their health care homes."

The county health department also offers at least two vaccine clinics a week on the Iron Range and in Duluth, Westbrook said. Now that vaccinations for younger children have been approved, Westbrook said the schedule will be adapted to allow for good accessibility and availability for working families and young children.

### Who will get it

The new authorization adds about 500,000 Minnesota school-agers to the vaccine-eligible population, but as with vaccinations in other age groups, the unknown is just how many will actually get vaccinated.

Recent polling suggests getting 5-11-year-olds vaccinated against COVID will be an uphill battle. A relatively consistent finding across multiple surveys is that about one in three parents say they will definitely not get their child vaccinated. Some find that up to another third of parents plan to take a "wait and see" approach and delay vaccinating their children. The most optimistic finding was a Gallup poll indicating that 55 percent of parents plan to get their children vaccinated, a number Gallup says has remained constant for months.

The Gallup poll also reported that Republicans, parents who are unvaccinated themselves, and parents without a college degree were particularly likely to resist vaccinating their child, including after-school and Saturday

clinics.

There's no word about a possible incentive program for 5-11-year-olds yet, but the response to the state's "Kids Deserve a Shot" program for ages 12-17 that offers \$200 gift cards and a chance in a drawing for \$100,000 state college scholarships has been mixed at best.

Last week the governor's office reported that first dose vaccinations among 12 to 17-year-olds were up nearly 40 percent in just one week since the launch of the program. Digging into the raw numbers, that represented an increase of only 600 students statewide over the prior week when there was no incentive program and represents two-tenths of one percent of the 262,000 who have received a first dose.

In St. Louis County, as of latest data Tuesday, 48 percent of those 12 to 18 years old have received at least one shot of vaccine.

"Reflecting on our current rates compared to pre-incentive months, they don't appear to have increased significantly," Westbrook said.

Meanwhile, the state

sweetened the incentive pot for 12-17-year-olds on Tuesday by adding "Minnesota Experience" drawings to the program. While \$200 gift cards are available only to those who are newly vaccinated since the start of the program, all fully vaccinated youth are eligible to enter drawings for various prizes largely oriented toward professional and college sports. There's also a North Country incentive in the mix, a Sunday dogsled day trip for four in Ely offered by Wintergreen Dogsled Lodge. More information about the "Kids Deserve a Shot" program can be found online at <https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/vaccine-rewards/kids-deserve-a-shot/>.

### Schools

New data is now being provided for schools with more than five COVID cases during two-week reporting periods, that appear on the state's affected schools list, including 26 schools in St. Louis County. ISD 2142 stopped disclosing individual school case numbers in September beyond the standard notifications to parents and staff. While numbers fewer than five in a reporting period are not revealed, North Woods Secondary School had between 15 and 28 cases in the month of September, with no additional reports for the first two weeks of October.

ISD 2142's Cherry School, at Iron Junction, had the highest case totals among all St. Louis County schools listed. From Sept. 5 through Oct. 16, between 30 and 47 cases were reported in the elementary wing, and an additional 25 to 38 cases in secondary grades. The outbreak was at its highest the last two weeks of September, with only 5 to 9 cases each in elementary and secondary sections the first two weeks

in October.

The district's three other schools haven't had more than five cases in two-week period and haven't been on the state's list. Likewise, Ely ISD 696 has avoided inclusion on the list. Ely, which announces new cases on its Facebook page to keep patrons and the public informed, reported one new case on Monday and two on Tuesday, bring the school year total to 12.

Westbrook reinforced the message that vaccinations provide the best protection against getting COVID, and in lessening the severity of the disease and the chances of hospitalization or death in the event of a breakthrough case. While cases among children have been fewer and less severe than in adults, the latest wave driven by the Delta variant of the virus has brought with it increased concern for the welfare of children.

"We do see pediatric (hospital) admissions," Westbrook said. "It's less than five percent of our total hospital admissions overall in the county, but early in the pandemic, it was probably less than one percent of our hospital admissions. So, we do see severe illness in adolescents and younger age people. The virus, as long as it has a population to cycle through, we're going to continue to see community transmission go through our communities and kids, a population that spends a lot of time together and playing together."

### Persistent surge

Health officials were hopeful that a recent decline in COVID case numbers statewide and in the county signaled the beginning of the end of the pandemic's fourth wave in the state, but the numbers have risen again, and a Mayo Clinic projection suggest there won't be a decline until later this month.

From a peak on Oct. 5, new cases in St. Louis County started dropping, but the trend reversed on Oct. 19 after hitting a seven-day average of 88.1 the day before. Nine days later, on Oct. 28, the average stood at 96.6, with 120 new cases reported that day.

Hospitalizations of COVID patients requiring ICU beds has declined slightly, but overall availability of ICU beds remains tight in northeast Minnesota, with only seven beds available on Tuesday. Non-ICU hospital beds are also close to capacity in the region, with only 59 of 685 beds available.

"October was our third highest number of hospitalizations since the pandemic started," Westbrook said. "They really have been in a tenuous situation. Staffing is certainly affecting their capacity, as is the issue of people who delayed preventive care due to COVID, and COVID needs. Those are the three big factors that are impacting hospital capacity, and long-term care staffing, too."

The situational bottleneck caused by a shortage of long-term care facility placement for COVID patients who are ready to leave the hospital but still need extended institutional care has become severe. In the Twin Cities area, Benedictine St. Gertrude's in Shakopee has become the state's first alternative care site to relieve the hospital capacity crisis by accepting 30 transitional patients from area hospitals, staffed by the COVID-19 Emergency Staffing Pool and temporary nursing assistants from the Minnesota National Guard.

"This is an all-hands-on-deck moment for our hospitals," Gov. Walz said.

### Local data

Westbrook said she would characterize the COVID case situation in northern St. Louis County as level to slightly declining, and data for the North Country zip codes monitored by the Timberjay support that. New weekly cases were reported in all six zips, the highest number in Cook with 12. Ely had seven new cases, Embarrass had five, Tower, three, Orr, two, and Soudan, one.

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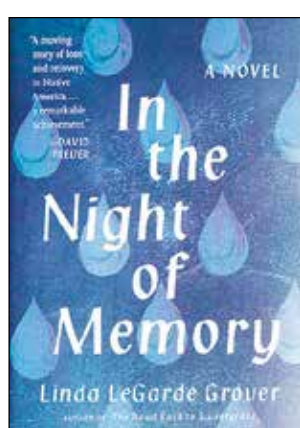
MINNESOTA MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN'S TASK FORCE

# Ely Justice Project highlights Linda LaGarde Grover novel

ELY – As part of the Native American Justice Project, “Awareness... Then Change,” the local groups working on the collaboration are encouraging the community to participate in One Community, One Read.

The effort, sponsored by The American Association of University Women-Ely Branch in collaboration with Ely EMPOWER, included the recent presentation by Minnesota State Senator Mary Kunesh on the Minnesota Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women’s Task Force.

As the project continues, community members are encouraged to read the novel, “In the Night of Memory,” by Linda LeGarde Grover, then participate in one or more of the scheduled events related to the book.



“In the Night of Memory’ is a moving story of loss and recovery in Native American communities,” said Linda Sutton, chair of the AAUW Public Policy committee. “Fiction can be a powerful tool to help understand issues in our communities today. There are few who are more expert than Linda LeGarde Grover when it comes to exploring the effect of centuries of injustice in our

Native American communities.”

A reading and book signing is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 21, from 1-3 p.m. at Piragis Northwoods Co. The award-winning author will also introduce her new book of essays, “Gichigami Hearts,” in which she interweaves family and Ojibwe history with stories from Misaabekong (the place of the giants) on Lake Superior.

On Monday, Nov. 22, a community writing workshop with Grover will be held at the Ely Folk School. The workshop runs from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and will include a light meal. The workshop, “Writing from a Sense of Time and Place,” is an interactive writing workshop. Participants will begin a creative writing project in the form of essay,

poetry, fiction or memoir (or a combination of any of these). The concepts of time and place will be examined from diverse individual and community worldviews. At the end of the workshop, some participants may have a completed piece, some may have the foundation for work that may be developed further. Registration for the event is through the Ely Folk School website.

Grover will also provide workshops in several area schools, sponsored by Story Portage, the Ely Indian Education Program and the Brunfelt-Sainio Fund.

One Community, One Read will wrap up with a reading and presentation at Tuesday Group at noon on Nov. 23, followed by a discussion of “In the Night of Memory” for those in the audience who wish to

stay after Grover’s presentation.

Copies of “In the Night of Memory” and many of her other published works are available at Piragis Northwoods Co. and the Ely Public Library.

Linda LeGarde Grover, professor emerita of American Indian Studies at UMD, is a member of the Bois Forte Band of Ojibwe and author of fiction, poetry, research articles, newspaper columns and essays. She is a recipient of the UMD Albert Tezla Teaching and Research Award for her work in integrating her research into her courses and of the UMD College of Liberal Arts Lifetime Achievement Award. Linda’s book publications include The Dance Boots, The Road Back to Sweetgrass, The Sky Watched: Poems of Ojibwe Lives, and Onigamiising:

Seasons of an Ojibwe Year.

“Our intent in the Native Justice project is to bring awareness into our Ely community so that we can be better allies to our Native American neighbors,” Sutton said. “The goals of the justice project are to increase understanding, honor the heritage of the area, and to set the stage for supporting policy and social action to reduce the risks for and support the resilience of Native American women and children.”

Additional local activities will be scheduled in 2022 and specific details of those will be made available soon. Following the first six months of activities, EMPOWER and AAUW will evaluate the project and determine next steps for continued awareness and action to promote equity, according

## SUICIDE...Continued from page 1

several years.

A total of 830 Minnesotans took their own life in 2019, which makes suicide the eighth-leading cause of death in the state. Those statewide statistics mask differences between the Twin Cities area, where the incidence of suicide is comparatively low, and places like St. Louis County, where suicide rates are more than 50 percent above both the state and national average.

According to data from the state medical examiner’s office, which was obtained by the Timberjay through a public records request, the suicide rate in St. Louis County has averaged 22.4 deaths per 100,000 population from 2016-2020. That’s well above the state and national rate, which has averaged around 14 per 100,000 in recent years.

Among men, however, the suicide rate is much higher, averaging 36.02 per 100,000 population in St. Louis County over the past five years. That puts it well above the suicide rate of 22.4 for men nationally. Women in the county also take their own lives at a higher rate than elsewhere, averaging 9.4 per 100,000 population over the past five years. Nationally, the suicide rate among women is just over six per 100,000.

While the county data is alarming, it actually masks an even greater problem in the far northern portions of the Arrowhead. According to data compiled by St. Louis County for a 2019 suicide prevention grant, the suicide rate for men tops 53 per 100,000 in two legislative districts in the region, 3A and 6B, which represent the border country— from Koochiching to Cook counties— and the East Range.

While the reasons behind these numbers are complex, county officials who spoke to the Timberjay agree that the reluctance of many people to discuss suicide, and the related issue of mental health, makes it harder to address the problem.

“I do think a big part of it is stigma,” said Kelly Sather, a supervisor with St. Louis County Health and Human Services. She said the culture of the region emphasizes self-reliance, which can make people reluctant to seek help when they’re facing challenges in their lives. “We don’t share our business with other people. That’s so built into who we are, and it takes a lot of energy to change that,” said Sather.

Add to that the isolation that frequently comes from rural living, and it can make it difficult to even know when someone is hurting. Sather noted that the same factors play into the high rate of suicide among farmers. “I feel like it’s a very similar mindset,” she said.

According to Sather, virtually everyone experiences mental health struggles from time to time, and that being open about those feelings can help. “What we need is to have honest conversations,” she said.

Public health educator Jana Blomberg agrees, and she’s now overseeing a major grant designed to help reduce stigma and provide space for honest conversations around mental health and suicide. It’s part of a four-year project, known as Thrive Range, that first received funding in late 2019. The program was interrupted shortly after its launch due to the outbreak of COVID-19, which focused county health officials on the pandemic. But with progress on the pandemic front, it’s reopened the conversation on how to address suicide in the region. Blomberg said the program has undergone some restructuring after a contractor originally hired to implement the program opted out. “We’re in the process of re-strategizing,” said Blomberg. The county is now working with the Wilder Foundation to update data on suicide in the county. “That’s helping us re-evaluate where to put the remaining [grant] funds,” said Blomberg. The current grant funding goes through the end of 2023.

“Right now, we’re honing-in on youth and school prevention education and outreach,” said Blomberg, who noted that the county recently hired a full-time staff person to focus on suicide.

The program also maintains a website, at [www.thriversange.org](http://www.thriversange.org), with links to a wide range of mental health resources, a suicide prevention hotline and tips for helping loved ones in crisis.

Medical providers in the region are also taking notice of suicide as a public health challenge facing the region. It’s now not uncommon for doctors or nurses to ask patients if they have had thoughts of suicide. In the past, some might have frowned upon such questions. “Some people still have that idea that if you ask about it, you’re planting that thought in their minds,” said Sather. “But that’s not

the case.”

The up-front approach runs counter to some of the former views on handling suicide and mental health, but county officials are working to change the way the topic is discussed. “We know that for some people, it’s really hard to hear... hard to talk about,” said Blomberg. “People are reluctant to ask for help when they’re hurting. They’re worried about what other people will think. That’s probably the biggest thing we hear.”

Yet the stigma around mental health isn’t the only factor that’s made suicide a difficult topic to address in the region. A chronic shortage of psychologists, counselors, and other mental health providers has further complicated the issue.

Blomberg said one of the few pluses from the COVID era is the increased use of tele-health services, a development which has made it at least somewhat easier for rural residents

to talk to a mental health provider face-to-face, even if it isn’t in person. Those conversations are critical, according to Sather. “People sharing their stories and their mental health struggles can really help,” she said.

### Has COVID-19 impacted rates of suicide?

Surprisingly, COVID appears to have had at least one other effect on suicide— it’s led to a reduction in the number of people taking their own lives in Minnesota. After posting a record 830 suicides in 2019, 723 Minnesotans took their own life last year, a drop of almost 13 percent. Health officials are quick to note that they still don’t know whether the decline was a statistical fluke or if it had an actual connection to the pandemic, and the life changes that it prompted for many Minnesotans.

“We are not yet sure

what impacts the COVID-19 pandemic had on this trend, but it is clear that we must continue to support people and communities to address the causes of suicide,” said Minnesota Commissioner of Health Jan Malcolm.


Although suicides declined in Minnesota in 2020, deaths related to alcohol and drug overdose increased at the same time. All three causes of death, which are often referred to as “deaths of despair,” have been increasing since 2000, particularly among white males without a college degree.


A much-cited 2015 Princeton study determined that vanishing jobs for lower-skilled workers, disintegrating family structures, and other social stresses created the conditions for drug abuse, alcohol abuse, and suicide. The researchers, Anne Case and Angus Deaton, a Nobel laureate in economics, compared the breakdown in eco-

nom status and family structures that hit white families beginning in the 2000s to the same trends that led to the disintegration of so many black men and their families in the 1970s and 80s.

Getting to the heart of the despair that has driven these changes is key, according to public health officials. “We need to create an environment where people can talk about mental health,” said Sather. “To have problems doesn’t mean that you have a mental illness. We have to be able to speak openly about our mental health struggles. We all have them.”

*Editor’s Note: The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To speak with a certified listener, anytime, any day, call 1-800-273-8255.*





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If you have been exposed to an individual who tests positive, the recommendations change slightly:

- If you are fully vaccinated – get tested 3-5 days after the exposure.
- If you are not fully vaccinated – get tested immediately, and if that test is negative, get tested again in 3-5 days.

**Q: What does it mean to be fully vaccinated?**  
**A:** You are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after the last dose in your series. Anyone who got the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine would be considered fully vaccinated two weeks after your second dose. If you received the Johnson & Johnson, full vaccination is two weeks after the single dose.

**Q: How do I know if I have been exposed?**  
**A:** If you have recently been in close contact with an individual that tests positive for COVID-19, you may have been exposed, which means that you were within 6 feet of that individual for 15 minutes or more.

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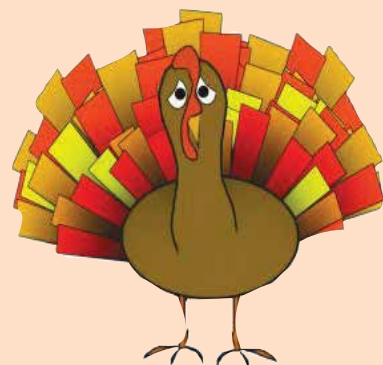
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## CROSS-COUNTRY

# Two local girls top the field at sectionals

Two Ely girls headed to state; brother and sister from Orr area head to state as well



by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

**CLOQUET**— Three area girls and one boy are headed to the state cross-country tournament as individuals after impressive finishes in the Section 7A sectional competition held here on Oct. 28.

On the girls side, freshman Addy Burckhardt, of Orr, topped an 88-runner field, with a time of 19:54.8. She was just 2.9 seconds ahead of Ely's astonishing seventh-grade runner, Molly

Brophy, who finished in second place with a time of 19:57.7.

Ely junior Zoe Devine will also join the state competition after finishing sixth, with a time of 20:19.4. Other Top 40 Ely finishers included Phoebe Helms, who finished 28th with a time of 22:03.5.

Burckhardt, who runs with a combined South Ridge team, helped the Panthers finish in second place in the team competition, qualifying the girls team for the state tourney. She had

**Left: North Woods freshman Addy Burckhardt is all smiles after topping the girls field at sectionals last Thursday.**

**Right: Ely seventh-grader Molly Brophy finished just behind Burckhardt to take second place overall. Both girls will compete at the state tournament this Saturday.**

photos courtesy of The Pine Knot

help from Evelyn Brodeen, also of Orr, who finished in seventh,

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## VOLLEYBALL

# Wolves roll into semi-finals

Top-seeded Ely bests MI-B and Nashwauk-Keewatin along the way

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

**ELY**— The Timberwolves cruised through the first two rounds of the Section 7A volleyball playoffs this past week, as the team continued to show the skills that earned them top seed in the run-up to the state tourney. They were set to face off against South Ridge on Wednesday night in Hibbing as the *Timberjay* went to press. The winner of that game will head to the section championship on Saturday.

The Wolves earned their semi-final berth against the Panthers after routing Nashwauk-Keewatin in straight sets this past Friday, 25-19, 25-16, and 25-15.

"We had a slower start to the match tonight, but we made great progress as the sets went

**Right: Ely junior Rachel Coughlin sets the ball during a volley against Nashwauk-Keewatin last Friday.**

photo by J. Greeney



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# Second-seeded 'Hawks head to semis

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

**BABBITT**— The Nighthawks, powered by senior Hannah Reichensperger, were set to face off against Barnum Wednesday night in the Section 7A semi-finals as the *Timberjay* went to press.

The second-seeded 'Hawks, now 17-9 on the season, earned their semi-final berth after downing Chisholm in straight

sets, 25-19, 25-23, and 25-20, in the quarterfinal round last Friday. The 'Hawks benefitted from strong defense, as the team's four starters combined for a whopping 45 digs. That set the stage for the 'Hawks "kill machine" combination of freshman setter Maizy Sundblad, who posted 29 assists, and Reichensperger who tallied 24 kills to lead all scorers on the night.

Senior Erin Backe added

four kills and 16 digs on the night, while fellow senior Natalie Nelmark posted three kills and six digs. Reichensperger added 13 digs to her stats total.

The 'Hawks advance in the playoffs started off a bit rockier than expected in their opening contest last Wednesday, Oct. 27, against Deer River. The Warriors surprised Northeast Range in the opening set to win 25-19. The 'Hawks struggled at times in the second set as well,

but rallied to win 25-22, which took the air out of the Warriors' sails. The 'Hawks cruised the rest of the way, polishing off the final two sets, 25-10, 25-13.

It was another huge night for Reichensperger, who posted 27 kills and 17 digs, to lead the way. Nelmark added six kills and six digs in addition to five set assists. Sundblad added ten digs to her 29 set assists.

## SWIMMING

# NER swimmers top Bluestreaks at home meet

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

**BABBITT**— The Nighthawks swim team used the friendly confines of their home pool last week to beat Chisholm, 59-34, in a dual meet.

"All the girls had some really great races. They are all gaining confidence and experience with every race they swim," said Nighthawks Head Coach Cheri Debeltz. "We are getting ready now for our section meet on Nov. 11 and 13."

Both the varsity and junior varsity teams won their competitions for the second time this year against the Bluestreaks.

Junior Lily Tedrick continued her late-season surge with first-place finishes in the 200 individual medley (2:31.31) and the 100 butterfly (1:09.79).

Sophomore Morgan McClelland added to the Nighthawks' win with first-place finishes in the 200 freestyle (2:21.39) and 500 freestyle (6:38.89). Kelly Thompson won the 100 freestyle in 1:03.77, narrowly edging Anna Larson (1:04.33). Via Debeltz posted a win in the 100 breaststroke (1:32.97).

The NER 200 freestyle relay team of Tedrick, McClelland, Thompson and Larson finished in 1:55.50 for a first-place finish, just edging Chisholm. The same relay team crushed the competition in the 400 freestyle relay, finishing in 4:12.66, 12 seconds ahead of the Chisholm team.

## FOOTBALL

# Bombers' blitz takes down Grizzlies

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook-Orr Editor

**FIELD TWP**- The Barnum Bombers came to North Woods School on Saturday and unleashed a devastating second-half aerial assault that brought a stunning 48-26 end to the Grizzlies' football season.

North Woods led 26-12 midway through the third quarter and looked to have the game well in hand with the offense clicking and a defense that hadn't allowed more than 14 points in a game since mid-September.

But a rare T.J. Chiabotti fumble recovered by Barnum at their own 30 appeared to pump up the Bombers and deflate the Grizzlies all in one moment. Taking advantage of a Grizzlies sec-



**Left: After Jared Chiabotti receives a sideline pass, three Barnum defenders rush to tackle him. Chiabotti escaped them all for a touchdown. It wouldn't be enough, however, as the Bombers mounted a stunning second-half comeback to beat North Woods 48-26.**

photo by D. Colburn

ondary hampered by an injury to starter Davis Kleppe, Bomber quarterback Hayden Charboneau

brought Barnum charging back with five touchdown drives in less than 15 minutes, four of them

ending with touchdown passes. J.J. Stevens was on the receiving end of 16,

21, and 35-yard scoring

after their opening drive

ended with a one-yard T.J. Chiabotti touchdown run.

"It was just like the wind took a turn for the worse there in the middle of that third quarter and we just couldn't dig ourselves back out, couldn't muster the might to win the football game," Grizzlies Head Coach Joel Anderson said. "They found the open guys and they made us pay for it."

Overall, Charboneau, only a sophomore, threw for six touchdowns on 18-of-28 passing for 237 total yards.

Anderson noted that even though his defensive linemen got into the Barnum backfield, they couldn't get pressure on Charboneau because he took snaps from the shotgun and got rid of the ball

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SULFIDE MINING

# Rom hails BWCAW protections at Tuesday Group

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY – “This is a very exciting time for all of us who love the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness,” Becky Rom, the national chairperson for the Campaign to Save the Boundary Waters, said at a recent Tuesday Group presentation.

Her comments came in the immediate aftermath of the Biden administration’s recent move to protect the BWCAW by prohibiting the issuance of any new mineral leases on 225,378 acres of the Superior National Forest.

The two-year freeze is in place while the U.S. Forest Service studies the impacts of a 20-year mineral withdrawal. Twin Metals officials vowed to appeal the decision.

In addition, the state of Minnesota is also moving forward to protect the wilderness ecosystem “from the greatest threat that it has ever faced,” that of sulfide-ore copper mining in the headwaters of the BWCAW and the Voyageurs National Park, Rom added.

She walked the mostly friendly crowd through the steps of protecting the wilderness that have occurred in the last couple of weeks.

“This creates a tremendous opportunity for you, the people, to be involved in protecting the wilderness,” Rom said.

The Biden administration acted in response to broad concerns about potential impacts of mining on the wilderness area’s watershed, fish and wildlife, tribal trust and treaty rights, and the nearly \$100 million annual local

recreation economy.

The Forest Service filed its application for a mineral withdrawal with the Department of the Interior earlier this month, but the application wasn’t official until the Bureau of Land Management, which oversees federal mineral leasing, had given its approval last week.

The decision effectively restarts a process that was aborted by the Trump administration in 2018. The Obama administration had initiated the withdrawal process in late 2016, but the Trump administration canceled the two-year study just prior to its completion and refused to release any of the results of the analysis, despite calls to do so by members of Congress and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

The Campaign to Save the Boundary Waters is focused on protecting and preserving the 4.3 million acre Quetico-Superior ecosystem that consists of the Superior National Forest, including the 1.1-million-acre BWCAW, Quetico Provincial Park and Voyageurs National Park.

She highlighted the risks to the wilderness areas around the Ely area if sulfide mining were to be allowed.

“When we set out organizing the Campaign, which now has over 400 businesses, conservation groups and hunting and fishing groups, we agreed that this was just the wrong place for sulfide-ore copper mining,” Rom said. “We united around a goal, a permanent ban on sulfide-ore copper mining in the watershed of the Boundary Waters.”

She outlined the organization’s four-part strategy:

► Federal administrative mineral withdrawal for 20 years on federal lands and minerals in the BWCAW watershed, including the canceling of two Twin Metals leases.

► Federal legislation to permanently ban mining on federal lands in the BWCAW watershed.

► State administrative process to amend Minnesota’s nonferrous mining regulations and ban mining in the BWCA watershed.

► State legislation to permanently ban mining on state lands in the BWCAW watershed and prohibit issuance of mining permits.

“We set out through science and involvement of people like you to convince the Forest Service that the headwaters of the Boundary Waters was the wrong place (for this mining),” she said. “Over the last nine years, being involved with this, there really is no other place in America than is more wrong than this place. We have a water-based ecosystem. It has the cleanest water in America. It is the backbone of our regional economy.”

The latest decision allows the Biden administration to complete the study and make a final withdrawal determination within the remaining three-plus years of its current term of office.

The Forest Service report and recommendation goes back to the Interior Department, where a decision is made. “We hope that the Interior Secretary recognizes that the two existing leases are unlawful,” she added.

Meanwhile, the Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness

sued the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and challenged the nonferrous mining rules in Minnesota.

“The rules are fundamentally flawed,” Rom said. “Under the rules, the Boundary Waters is a place where no mining should occur, consistent with a 1976 state law that prohibits mining in the Boundary Waters, but allows mining in the upstream half of the Rainy River watershed.”

In 2020, the organization filed a lawsuit under Section 10 of the Minnesota Environmental Rights Act. “That section states that anyone can challenge a state policy or law or regulation claiming that it is inadequate to protect the natural resources from pollution and impairment,” she said. “We took the science and made our case that says mining in the Rainy River headwaters fails to protect the Boundary Waters. The DNR agreed with our argument that we established our prima facie case.”

Twin Metals intervened with appeals at least three times. “We’re still fighting one of those appeals,” Rom added. “The court, on Sept. 13, ordered this matter be remanded to the DNR.”

Based on the Sept. 13 order by the judge, the DNR had three weeks to establish its review process order. On Oct. 4, the order was issued and will look at two questions: Should nonferrous mining be banned, and are the nonferrous mining rules adequate to protect the Boundary Waters, according to Rom.

A mining supporter at the presentation argued that mining is necessary in the Boundary Waters watershed “or else we will have to import the minerals needed for green energy, mainly from China, who could cut us off on a whim.”

“If there is a national emergency, according to the 1978 BWCA Wilderness Act, the president could allow mining in the Boundary Waters according to Section 11,” the supporter noted.

Rom noted that the minerals Twin Metals proposes to mine are “low grade” deposits. “They have a pittance of minerals. It is an irrelevant source of critical minerals for America’s green economy,” she said.

Rom used cobalt as an example of a critical mineral needed by the United States to grow its green economy. Twin Metals, according to the company, could supply 1.5 percent of the U.S. need. The Biden administration is looking at a secure supply chain of critical minerals, including Canada, Australia, Norway and other traditional allies. “Just one mine in Australia has enough cobalt to supply the entire U.S. needs for cobalt for 270 years. So, we could destroy the Boundary Waters for 1.5 percent of our cobalt, or get our cobalt from Australia.”

Rom added that the mined Twin Metals materials, which would rumble through downtown Ely at the rate of at least 100 big trucks every day, would eventually make it to China for processing. “Then they are sold on the world market, so we would still be buying our minerals from China,” Rom said.

A 30-day public comment period starts on Nov. 9 for the state case. The federal case 90-day public comment period started Oct. 21 and expires on Jan. 20.

“You lucky people have a federal process for commenting and a state process, too,” Rom said. “You now have an opportunity to protect the place you love after all these years.”

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quickly. The Bombers also kept the Grizzlies off balance with their running game, with Moors, Richardson, and Charboneau combining for 240 yards on the ground.

Barnum’s turnaround took the shine off what had been an impressive comeback by the Grizzlies after trailing 12-0 in the first quarter.

Starting at their own 21 after Barnum’s second score and with less than a minute left in the quarter, Grizzlies senior running back T.J. Chiabotti did what he’s done all season, taking the ball around the right side of the line and cutting between defenders for a 79-yard touchdown. The

Grizzlies then recovered an onside kick, but officials nullified the play after determining North Woods had touched the ball before it had traveled the required ten yards.

Undaunted, the Grizzlies forced a punt and took over on offense at the North Woods 27. Their march down the field to the Barnum 23 included two successful fourth-down conversions. Then quarterback Ty Fabish found Jared Chiabotti open on a sideline pass at the 20, and Chiabotti did the rest, shaking off a tackler and eluding two more on his way to the end zone. T.J. Chiabotti’s conversion run put North Woods ahead 14-12.

Five plays later, the Grizzlies were in business again after T.J. Chiabotti recovered a Barnum fumble at the North Woods 49. Facing third-and-10 at the Barnum 27, Fabish dropped back and lofted a pass downfield to T.J. Chiabotti, who pulled it down and ran for the score that gave North Woods a 20-12 halftime lead.

“Our guys were a little flat there in the first quarter, but none of them panicked,” Anderson said. “We really started to relax and just play our football there in the second quarter, and we started it off again in the third quarter. The frustrating part as a coach was that the momentum

shifted when we were still up 14 and we couldn’t seem to recover.”

The devastating loss overshadowed another huge rushing day for T.J. Chiabotti, the state’s regular season rushing leader, who had his fourth game going over 300 yards. He gained 312 yards and scored two touchdowns in 37 attempts, in addition to catching three passes for 54 yards and a touchdown.

Fabish completed just six of his 13 passes, but two of those completions went for touchdowns.

The effectiveness of Barnum’s offense could be seen in the Grizzlies’ tackling statistics, where the vast majority of take-

downs were by linebackers and defensive backs. T.J. Chiabotti had seven unassisted tackles, and Olin Nelson, Jake Panichi, and Jonah Burnett each had three.

There’s little tougher for a coach than saying goodbye to his seniors on such a sour note, and while Anderson is only in his second season as head coach, he’s been working with this particular group for a long time.

“They’re part of the reason I wanted to become a head coach,” Anderson said. “I knew what I was getting into. I knew the group I had. They’re a great group of individuals who are destined to do

great things, not only in our building the rest of this year, but in every endeavor they choose to go into beyond this. They’re just a lot of fun to be around and nothing but a joy to coach.”

The Grizzlies ended their season with a record of 7-3, and the departing seniors will leave some holes to fill, a task Anderson is looking forward to.

“We’ve got a lot of guys coming back with playing experience, and we’re super excited about that,” he said. “We’ll see some familiar faces, possibly in some new roles, next year. It’s about making sure we put our top 11 guys out there to compete and try to win a football game every

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on,” said Ely Head Coach Megan Wognum.

Senior Kellen Thomas had a huge night for the Wolves, posting 14 kills, three blocked shots, four digs and three aces. Junior Rachel Coughlin added six kills, 15 digs, and four

blocks to the mix, while her sister Kate posted seven kills, and 11 digs. Senior setter Katrina Seliskar posted 38 assists and three digs while senior Raven Sainio added six kills and two digs. Junior Madeline Kallberg added three kills

while senior Charly Flom added two kills and four digs.

“I am so proud of how hard these girls continue to work this season,” said Wognum.

It was much the same story last Wednesday night,

Oct. 27, as the Wolves cruised to a straight set victory against Mt. Iron-Buhl, 25-14, 25-11, and 25-15.

“The girls showed up to play tonight and I am so proud,” said Wognum after the contest. Rachel

Coughlin led the way offensively for Ely, posting 11 kills along with 12 digs. Thomas was right behind, with ten kills along with six digs, three blocks and three aces. Seliskar had a big night serving, posting seven aces along with her

35 set assists and four digs. Kate Coughlin added six kills and seven digs, while Kallberg added eight kills and two digs.

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with a time of 20:21.7, as well as Tatum Barto, also from the North Woods attendance area, who finished 21st with a time of 21:46.8.

Ely girls finished third in the team competition out of 12 teams from around the region, narrowly missing their own trip to state. Just the top two teams qualify for the state cross-country meet, set for Saturday, Nov. 6, at St. Olaf College in Northfield.

On the boys side, South Ridge’s Alex Burckhardt, also of Orr, finished in tenth place in a field of 101 runners, with a time of 17:42.2. The top six runners

not affiliated with one of the top two teams also go to state as individuals, and with four of the runners ahead of Burckhardt affiliated with the team winners GNK and Esko, he just made the cut for the state competition.

Ely freshman Jake Cochran was the top boys finisher for the Timberwolves, coming in 15th with a time of 18:02.9. Freshman Caid Chittum finished 21st, with a time of 18:22.0. Other Top 40 Ely finishers included junior Ben Cavalier (28th-18:45.8), senior Gabe Pointer (36th-19:01.6), and freshman Silas Solum (37th-19:03.9).



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## Obituaries and Death Notices

**James J. Quigley III**

James J. Quigley III, 85, of San Diego, Calif., passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2021. A memorial service is being planned for later this year.

Jim was born on April 17, 1936, in Philadelphia, Pa. He graduated from Ely High School in 1954. He then graduated from the University of Minnesota with degrees in Mechanical and Industrial Engineering. He later received a Master's degree in Mathematics from St. Mary's College in Winona. He worked for Westinghouse, IBM and Hewlett Packard. Jim and family spent many summers at their cabin on One Pine Lake. Canoe trips were always a part of their annual traditions.

Jim is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Taylor Quigley; children, James

IV (wife, Judy), John (wife, Lori), Ann Graham (husband, Bill), Kathleen Tanaka (husband, Don) and Suzanne Wilson (husband, Riley); and grandchildren, Dakota, Joshua, Montana, Leyna, Keynan, Matthew, Makaela, Grace, Caden, Jenna, Alyssa and Riley.

He was preceded in death by his father, James J. Quigley Jr.; mother, Helen Wilson; and stepfather, Frank Wilson (former music teacher at Ely High School).

**Dwayne L. Katzenberger**

Dwayne "Dewey" Louis Katzenberger, 59, of Cook, passed away on Monday, Oct. 25, 2021. A memorial service was held on Saturday, Oct. 30 at Mlaker Funeral Home in Cook.

Dewey was born on

June 9, 1962, in Hagerstown, Md., to Martin and Mae (Morris) Katzenberger. Dewey attended grade school at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Hagerstown, where he also served as an altar boy. The family moved back to Cook, where Dewey graduated from Cook High School in 1981. Soon after, Dewey joined the Marines. He was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps and later joined the U.S. Army where he honorably served his country in Iraq and Kuwait, earning many service medals, badges and ribbons. In 2007, Dewey was injured while serving and retired shortly thereafter.

Dewey enjoyed hunting with his sister and fishing with family. He loved hanging out and spending time with family and friends. He was always joking and laughing. His family lovingly remembers him as a great guy; he was kind, loving, lighthearted, and just a joy to be around.

Dewey is survived by his sons, Kyle Katzenberger, John Katzenberger and Ben Minick; brother, Glen Katzenberger; sisters, Sharon (William) Stodard and Dona (George) Aune; grandkids, Jayson Katzenberger, Ethan Katzenberger, Tia Katzenberger and Bella

Tweeten; nieces and nephews, James A. Stodard, Theresa Elizabeth Stodard, Byron Martin Miller, Veronica Katzenberger, Todd Katzenberger, Irene Katzenberger, Duna Katzenberger, Dee Ann (Brian) Hill, Shanda Anderson, Danielle Drozdek and Kaylin Rankila (Pat Russell); great-niece, Ziva Russell; and numerous other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Joseph Katzenberger; mother of his children and soulmate, Ann Whiteside Katzenberger; and great-niece, Peptynn Russell.

**Janice A. Bagwell**

Janice Ann Stepan Bagwell, 83, of Eastland, Texas, passed peacefully from this life on Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2021, at her home. A Holy Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, Nov. 3 at St. Rita's Catholic Church in Ranger,

Texas. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery in Ranger. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family, please address them to her daughter, Kelley Bagwell Everett, 1014 Darcy St., Galveston, TX 76554. Arrangements were under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home of Eastland.

Jan was born on June 3, 1938, to Anton Stepan and Ann Pauline Bobence in Soudan. She was a graduate of Tower-Soudan High School and McConnell Airline School. She worked for Continental Airlines in Chicago, where she met her love, Gerald Bagwell. They married in Irving, Texas, in 1962 and had one daughter, Kelley, in 1963. They settled in Euless, Texas, until 1972, then spent the next ten years in Lubbock, Texas. In 1982, they moved to Eastland, where Jan was employed and retired from Eastland National Bank where she was a bank teller and mainly worked the drive-through. Her line was often long, as people waited for her cheerful greeting and beautiful smile. Her outgoing, upbeat personality would make your day. She never met a stranger.

Jan was proud of her Slavic heritage and loved her polka music. Her beauty was obvious from

the outside, but her inner beauty is what made Jan special. She was a selfless, loving wife, mother and friend. Jan was a member of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church. She will be missed by many.

Jan is survived by her daughter, Kelley Bagwell Everett and husband, Dell, of Galveston, Texas; brother, Tony Stepan and wife, Cindy, of Killeen, Texas; one grandchild, Kaelin Adell Everett; cousins, nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald.

Jan's final words to all are, "Have fun and play polka!"

**Frank J. Akins**

Frank J. Akins, 86, formerly of Ely, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021, at Vermilion Senior Living in Tower. A Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 5 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely with visitation being held one half hour prior to the service at the church. Family arrangements have been entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

**Charles E. Lindquist**

Charles E. Lindquist, 80, of Babbitt, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2021, at Ely Bloomenson Community Hospital. A funeral service will be held in Iowa in 2022. Arrangements are with Landmark Funeral Home in Virginia.

He is survived by a stepdaughter, Karan Appelquist of Babbitt.

**Earl K. Sanders**

Earl K. Sanders, 82, of Embarrass, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021. A celebration of life was held on Tuesday, Nov. 2 at Hope Lutheran Church in Embarrass with Pastor Brian Birk officiating. A private family burial will be at a later date at the Embarrass Cemetery. Arrangements are with Landmark Funeral Home in Virginia.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Wells Sanders; sons, Alan and Steven (Amber); daughter, Aimee (John) Anderson; grandchildren, Amanda, Harley, Jessica, Michelle, Britney, Ash, Coltan and Erin; great-grandson, Mekiyah; and by other family members.

**James Markovich**

James "Jimmy" Markovich, 77, originally of Ely, passed away from complications due to COVID-19 on Monday, Nov. 1, 2021, at Knapp Medical Center in Weslaco, Texas, with his wife and children by his side. A celebration of life will be held in Hill City in the spring.

He is survived by his wife, Nanci Gowell Blanchard; children, Bill (Stephanie LeDuc) Markovich of Grand Forks, N.D., and Candy (Mario) Costa of Toronto, Ontario, Canada; stepchildren, Greg (Lisa) Blanchard of Hill City, Mark Blanchard of Farmington and Matt (Julie) Blanchard of Ramsey; siblings, Patti (Dennis) Gowell of Ely and Susie (Dean) McCauley of Ocala, Fla.; sisters-in-law, Pat (Larry) Fillbrandt of Bovey, Susie (John) Mueller of Backus and Yvonne Gowell of Wenatchee, Wash.; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and special friends; and beloved dogs, Sophie and Abby.



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## WARMING WEATHER

### Warmest March-October on record in border country

Last week's rain fell only in western parts of the North Country; eastern areas remain in extreme drought

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— This past October in the North Country was the warmest in more than a half a century, and part of a pattern of record-setting heat that set in on the region beginning last March.

"February was the last time we had a month with below-normal temperatures," said Kenny

Blumenfeld with the state climatology office. "We're really on a run of warm weather."

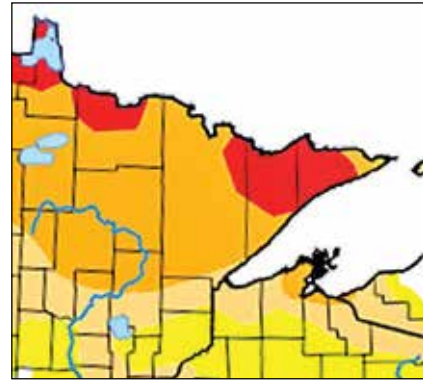
While October wasn't the warmest on record, it was the fifth warmest at International Falls, which has among the longest periods of record in the region. Summer-like temperatures in the first half of the month were tempered a bit by more seasonable weather in the final two weeks, notes Blumenfeld.

Even so, the border city finished the month at an average temperature of 49.3 degrees, or 8.2 degrees above normal. "That's a large anomaly," noted Blumenfeld. International Falls also shattered its previous record for the latest freezing temperature, going all the way to Oct. 17 before the thermometer dipped below 32 degrees. That was nine days past the previous record, said Blumenfeld.

**Right: The latest U.S. Drought Monitor map shows portions of the region still in extreme drought (red), while much of the rest of the area is classified as in severe drought (orange).**

Yet the March-October span of weather in the North Country has been even more

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## 2021 FIREARMS DEER SEASON

# The hunt begins

A deer herd below goal should challenge hunters for Saturday's opener

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— Most hunters will be looking for antlers when they head to their stands for the start of the firearms deer season on Saturday. Despite last year's mild winter, the lingering effects of a series of average-to-severe winters have left deer populations under goal in most locations in northern St. Louis and Lake counties—and that means the Department of Natural Resources has issued fewer antlerless permits than in some recent years.

At the same time, the DNR is following the direction offered by hunters over the past year as the DNR updated its deer management plan. Most hunters say they want to see more deer, and the DNR can only achieve that goal by reducing the hunter harvest, at least in the short term.

The fallout is being seen across the board. Even in Permit Area 177, which typically has the region's highest deer numbers, the DNR issued just 600 antlerless permits, while it issued just 150 doe tags in adjacent PA 176. Meanwhile, hunters in PAs 130, 132, 118, and 119 will have to content themselves with bucks only. Only PA 117, located in the heart of the Boundary Waters, will allow hunters to shoot either sex this year with a standard license. But that's only because the area is managed almost exclusively for moose, and few deer hunters opt to hunt there due to the extremely

limited population of whitetails.

The good news is that the relatively late opener means that hunters should hit their stands during the "chasing phase," of the rut, according to just-retired DNR Tower area wildlife manager Tom Rusch. "Bucks should be on their feet, creating excellent deer activity through the first week of the season," said Rusch. Breeding activity generally peaks in mid-November when the rut transitions into the reproductive phase and deer movement typically slows.

While hunters will face challenges this year, Rusch said they can improve their odds by taking the time to scout ahead of the season and adjusting their hunting locations to match changing conditions. "Deer are not evenly distributed across the permit areas," noted Rusch. "Experience has shown that mobile, stand-hunters who move as the forest changes, will find the most success."

And, as always, notes Rusch, hunters can improve their odds by putting in as much time as possible in the stand. Hunters rarely get their deer eating lunch or napping back at the shack, after all.

Time of day also matters. The opener will coincide this year with the new moon, which should limit deer activity somewhat overnight. That means bucks should be most active at the first crack of dawn and in the late afternoon or evening. But that doesn't mean hunters

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## Planning ahead can make for a more successful deer hunt

REGIONAL— As 400,000 hunters prepare for deer hunting this weekend, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reminds them to plan ahead for the 2021 hunting season.

"A safe and enjoyable hunt starts with good preparation. To assist hunters with that preparation, we've put a wealth of general and area-specific information on our website," said DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen. "We hope these tools contribute to a safe and successful deer season with family and friends."

A successful hunt requires planning no matter which deer

permit area hunters are in. All you need is your DPA number to use the online make-a-plan tool, which provides a comprehensive list of information hunters need to consider before heading to deer camp.

► Buy a license. It starts with deciding which deer permit area you will be hunting in so you can buy the appropriate license.

► Know the regulations. Read up on the regulations for your deer permit area, including how to register deer and how harvested deer must be handled and transport-

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## TRADITIONS



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

## Outdoors briefly

### Deer hunters asked to report wildlife sightings

REGIONAL— Minnesota deer hunters can use an online questionnaire to report wildlife they see during each hunt. Data from the observation survey will provide a helpful comparison to the Department of Natural Resources' population estimates for various species.

Using a mobile device or desktop computer, hunters enter information on the DNR website about wildlife they see each day of hunting, including deer, turkeys, bear, fisher and other species. They'll also be able to report specific information about any deer they harvest, including antler size. Hunters are encouraged to fill out a report after each hunt even if they don't see any deer that day. The questionnaire will be available until Jan. 15, 2022.



REFLECTIONS OF FALL



**Outdoors briefly**

**Temporary OHV rules take effect with deer opener**

REGIONAL — Recreational use of off-highway vehicles will be restricted in some areas where hunters may use rifles during the firearms deer hunting season, according to the Department of Natural Resources.

Vehicles affected by the restrictions include all-terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles and registered off-road vehicles such as four-wheel drive trucks that are not being used in conjunction with deer hunting by a licensed deer hunter.

The restrictions apply to designated OHV recreational riding trails on state land. These include grant-in-aid trails and state forest trails and access routes, but not state forest roads.

Licensed deer hunters may still use these routes in conjunction with their hunting activity:

- Before legal shooting time.
- From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- After legal shooting hours.

Effective dates of the recreational riding restrictions are Nov. 6–21 for the northeastern Minnesota 100 Series deer season.

**Prepare tree stands for a safe deer opener**

REGIONAL — Tree stand-related accidents are the leading cause of injuries among hunters. Firearms deer hunters, please make sure all of your tree stand equipment is in good working order and ready for another season. Check the stand itself, as well as your safety harness and haul line. Also, it's never a bad idea to practice

getting into and out of your stand a few times so you aren't rusty on opening day.

**DNR to hold land sale in December**

REGIONAL — The Department of Natural Resources has state lands for sale in Anoka, Carlton, Itasca, Pine, St. Louis, and Wadena counties. The 10 parcels for sale include recreational and lakeshore properties as well as a 7.7-acre property with commercial development potential in the city of Cloquet.

The DNR sells land at public auction in accordance with state statutes. This December's online auction is in partnership with MinnBid, the Minnesota Department of Administration's Surplus Services online auction website. Bidding on properties requires registering for an account on the MinnBid website. Properties will be available for online bidding Wednesday, Dec. 1, through Wednesday, Dec. 15.

"The DNR is fortunate to once again partner with the Department of Administration for our online land auction," said Andrea Johnson, land sale coordinator for the DNR. "The option for full online participation creates an accessible and efficient way for the public to bid on state land."

Interested bidders can visit [mndnr.gov/land-sale](http://mndnr.gov/land-sale) to obtain property data sheets, terms and conditions of sale, and instructions for participating in the MinnBid system. Call 651-259-5432, 888-646-6367 or email [min.landsale@state.mn.us](mailto:min.landsale@state.mn.us) with questions about a specific property.

People interested in public land sales can subscribe to receive emails about the land sale and future public land auctions.

**LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST**

from NOAA weather

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YTD Total 15.57				YTD Total 18.88				YTD Total 17.96				YTD Total 19.93				YTD Total 21.48			

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remarkable, notes Blumenfeld. The average temperature at the Falls during that eight-month stretch was 54.3 degrees, a full degree above the previous record for that same period. While March and April were mild, the heat really kicked in starting in May. "That's when things really went off the charts," said Blumenfeld. The summer heat wave fueled by a whopping 17 days above 90 degrees in the border city.

The summer likely would have been even hotter, notes Blumenfeld, but weeks of high-level smoke from wildfires across North America, helped moderate the daytime highs.

Does the mild stretch of weather, particularly in October, portend more of the same this winter? Blumenfeld said there's typically little to no correlation between October weather and conditions that follow come winter. Last year

was a good example, as a cold and snowy October was followed by an exceptionally mild winter, with relatively little snow.

Blumenfeld said November weather is generally a better predictor of the winter to come — and if that's the case, there's reason to expect another mild winter. While November started off seasonably, a substantial warm-up is forecast for the weekend, with temperatures running 8-10 degrees above average. The 6-10 day outlook shows a high probability of above-normal temperatures, a trend that continues into the 8-14 day outlook. Current extended forecasts call for little chance of any significant snow through the first half of the month.

**Drought continues**

While temperatures have run well above normal for months, precipitation continues to run well

below normal, particularly east of Hwy. 53. While substantial rains in the western part of St. Louis, and much of Koochiching and Itasca counties, last week eased drought conditions there, those rains diminished sharply to the east. A portion of northeastern St. Louis County, around the Ely area, and most of Lake and Cook counties remain in extreme drought, according to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor map. "When it comes to precipitation, the consistent loser has been northern Lake County, bordering parts of St. Louis and most of Cook County," said Blumenfeld.

The remainder of St. Louis County is still classified as in severe drought, but that could be modified when the latest drought map is posted Thursday morning.

**HUNTING...Continued from page 4B**

should ignore the midday hours, which can often be productive during the peak of the chasing phase.

It appears that the weather won't pose much of a challenge to hunters. There's little sign of snow in the forecast and temperatures are forecast to be well above normal, with highs in the low-to-mid and lows in the upper 30s.

Hunters can legally shoot from a half hour before sunrise to a half

hour after sunset each day during the 16-day season. The sun will rise at 8:01 a.m. on opener and will set at 5:45 p.m. Just don't forget to adjust your clocks overnight on Saturday, as daylight savings ends at the stroke of midnight. That puts Sunday's sunrise at 7:03 a.m. and sunset at 4:43 p.m.

**Longer term looks favorable**

This past winter was one of the mildest in years and that's translated

into decent fawn production in some parts of the area. That won't help hunters this year, but it promises a decent crop of spike and forkhorn bucks in 2022. "Fawn production is always greater in 176, 177 and 178 because of the availability of agricultural fields and earlier spring green-up following tough winters," said Rusch. Those areas could be among the first to see an increase in the number of antlerless tags, perhaps beginning as early as 2022.

**PLAN...Continued from page 4B**

ed in certain areas to help prevent the spread of disease.

- Be safe. Practice the four tenets of firearms safety, know how to set up and use the tree stand

safely, wear a safety harness, and wear blaze clothing.

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# County covers \$59,000 Orr bog walk shortfall

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook-Orr Editor

ORR - The St. Louis County Board, on Tuesday, unanimously approved a request from the city of Orr to cover almost \$59,000 in outstanding expenses related to construction of the new Orr Bog Walk, which was completed this past summer.

The city received large grants for the project from the Department of Natural Resources and Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board. The city also contributed \$10,000 of its own funds, leaving \$392,350 to spend on rebuilding the signature attraction, built in 1993.

But skyrocketing lumber prices earlier this year pushed the construction costs well above engineer's estimates. The lowest bid of \$421,360, from Pember Companies, had council members immediately discussing how they might make up the \$29,000 difference. The council decided to go ahead and accept the bid while continuing to explore a combination of cost-cutting measures and seeking additional funding. Demolition of the old walk began in late spring, and the new bog walk was opened to the public in late June.

What Orr city officials overlooked in those February discussions, however, was that nearly \$30,000 of the monies received from DNR and IRRRB were already allocated for engineering costs, not for actual construction, Orr City Clerk/Treasurer Cheri Carter said. That left the city with about \$362,000 for construction, almost \$60,000 short of the bid



they accepted from Pember. Carter made the plea for additional funding help from the county in an Oct. 6 letter to Commissioner Paul McDonald. "The council recognized the economic importance of the Bog Walk in attracting visitors to our area and accepted the low bid from Pember Companies in the amount of \$421,360," Carter wrote. "It is a unique, popular attraction for local residents and visitors to the area. The City of Orr estimates 26,000+ people use the Bog Walk annually." "The Bog Walk is a vital economic and environmental asset not only to the city of Orr, but to surrounding communities as well," Carter continued. "We request assistance from St. Louis County in the amount of \$58,943 to offset unanticipated construction costs. Without these additional funds, it will create a financial hardship to the citizens of Orr through increased taxes and decreased services." Carter also noted that in addition to Orr's limited tax base, the city is also considered to be in an economically

depressed region. Tuesday's county board meeting was held at Brevator Town Hall, near Cloquet, and was not live-streamed as are meetings in their regular Duluth chambers. In a written communication provided in the board packet, County Administrator Kevin Gray noted that the county had the authority and sufficient money in the Economic Development Fund to approve the request. County Communications Director Dana Kazel confirmed for the *Timberjay* via email during the meeting that commissioners unanimously approved the request. Carter was clearly gratified by the board's action. "I'm glad the county realized what a great regional asset this is," she said. While the Bog Walk opened in June, additional work to apply a permanent seal coating was delayed until after summer tourist traffic dropped off, Carter said, and the city is still awaiting final invoicing from Pember.

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Harold R Langowski , City Clerk/Treasurer 11/19

## King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Landed
  - 5 Gearwheel tooth
  - 8 Slightly
  - 12 Sultry Horne
  - 13 "— you serious?"
  - 14 Barn roof spinner
  - 15 Strict disciplinarian
  - 17 Noble Italian family
  - 18 Swift
  - 19 Sculpted trunks
  - 21 Old Olds
  - 22 Doctor Zhivago
  - 23 Wye follower
  - 26 Moreover
  - 28 On edge
  - 31 Sciences' partner
  - 33 Observe
  - 35 Campus VIP
  - 36 "Hogwash!"
  - 38 Finale
  - 40 Water tester
  - 41 Love god
  - 43 Inherited
  - 45 Painter's motion
  - 47 Reduces
  - 51 Nashville's st.
  - 52 Instrument in a Dixieland band

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- DOWN**
- 1 Charitable gift
  - 2 Bound
  - 3 Concerning
  - 4 Spud
  - 5 Big gorges
  - 6 Mine yield
  - 7 Oil tycoon J.
  - 8 Declared
  - 9 Baby's bed
  - 10 Division word
  - 11 Casual tops
  - 16 Notion
  - 20 Ump's call
  - 23 Hit with a ray gun
  - 24 Triage ctrs.
  - 25 System for linking computers
  - 27 Ruby of films
  - 29 — Paulo, Brazil
  - 30 Away from
  - 32 Island wraps
  - 34 Queen's domain
  - 37 Stir-fry pan
  - 39 Entryway
  - 42 Factions
  - 44 Packing string
  - 46 Far (Pref.)
  - 48 Author Bagnold
  - 49 Tear
  - 50 Remain
  - 53 Torched
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Christopher Suihkonen, Town Clerk

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by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

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by Japheth Light

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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## Super Crossword

## CELEBRITY DOINGS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Costco rival
  - 9 Machine arranging sheets
  - 17 "That's icky!"
  - 20 Short, amusing tale
  - 21 Made a rustling sound
  - 22 Debate side
  - 23 "Beverly Hills 90210" actress competing in a bee?
  - 25 Capitol Hill VIP
  - 26 Suffix with propyl
  - 27 Fish eggs
  - 28 Beate bride of 1969
  - 29 "Pea"
  - 30 "V for Vendetta" star doing wickerwork?
  - 38 Later time of life
  - 41 Kind of PC screen
  - 42 Most reserved
  - 43 "Lullaby of Birdland" composer clipping rams?
  - 50 Actress — Dawn Chong
  - 51 Yarn coils
  - 52 Ontario border lake
  - 53 The "E" of QED
  - 55 Manhattan sch.
  - 56 Bridal gown material
  - 58 Hindu sage
  - 63 "Charlotte's Web" star using fireplace bellows?
  - 68 Tarzan, e.g.
  - 70 Was inactive
  - 71 Minnesota port
  - 72 "A Brief History of Time" author peddling goods?
  - 79 Transparent kitchen wrap
  - 80 Actor Haim or Feldman
  - 81 Fair-hiring inits.
  - 82 Batting avg., e.g.
  - 85 Rocket org.
  - 86 See 109-Across
  - 89 Lead-in to mo or pitch
  - 90 "Paracelsus" poet making toast?
  - 96 Dazed state
  - 98 Atty.'s gp.
  - 99 Epic poem by Virgil
  - 100 "Tom Jones" novelist catching pop flies?
  - 107 Nothing but
  - 108 Week unit
  - 109 With 86-Across, "You bet!"
  - 110 Discontinuity
  - 113 Actress Gasteyer
  - 114 "Family Huddle" co-author rowing?
  - 122 Kindled
  - 123 Legendary lost island
  - 124 Employees' clip-ons
  - 125 Milwaukee-to-Miami dir.
  - 126 Soda jerk's workplace
  - 127 Locale of Iraq and Israel
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Fill fully
  - 2 In a while
  - 3 Nothing but
  - 4 — film
  - 5 Successors of LPs
  - 6 Cut (off)
  - 7 In — surgery
  - 8 Less than
  - 9 15-season CBS show
  - 10 Have
  - 11 Sawmill sight
  - 12 In need of a refill of
  - 13 See 49-Down
  - 14 Pound
  - 15 20-volume ref. work
  - 16 Tpk., e.g.
  - 17 High hairdo
  - 18 Welcomes
  - 19 Sincere
  - 24 Director Ang
  - 29 — terrier
  - 30 Laugh sound
  - 31 Trendy Aussie boots
  - 32 Techie type
  - 33 "Oh, woe!"
  - 34 Pre-TiVo device
  - 35 Cruel Amin
  - 36 Court legend
  - 37 That gal
  - 38 Shrek, e.g.
  - 39 Name in jets
  - 40 "The Sound of Music" refrain starter
  - 44 Shipped out
  - 45 "Hey there"
  - 46 Ample, in dialect
  - 47 — pot (nasal cavity rinses)
  - 48 Big smile
  - 49 With 13-Down, do some
  - 54 Florida city
  - 56 Serpentine
  - 57 Debate side
  - 58 Ugly remark
  - 59 Cardiff locale
  - 60 Not-to-be missed thing
  - 61 Gathered
  - 62 "Sorta"
  - 64 Madeline of "First Family"
  - 65 Single bill
  - 66 "... even — speak"
  - 67 Rx safety org.
  - 68 Burro
  - 69 Sch. org.
  - 73 Va. neighbor
  - 74 Emcee
  - 75 Sheik, e.g.
  - 76 Frau's "no"
  - 77 Former Spice Girl Halliwell
  - 78 Frayed
  - 83 Jai follower
  - 84 Sondheim's Sweeney
  - 85 Brand of spongy toys
  - 86 Goose's kin
  - 87 The same, in French
  - 88 Brand of luxury Swiss watches
  - 90 Be behind schedule
  - 91 Grand Ole —
  - 92 Male tyke
  - 93 "Cool!" '90s-style
  - 94 Honshu sash
  - 95 ICU staffers
  - 96 Sandbanks
  - 97 Nadal's sport
  - 101 Rustic verse
  - 102 Bother badly
  - 103 City northwest of Grenoble
  - 104 OB- — (med. specialist)
  - 105 West African nation
  - 106 Tangential remark
  - 110 Ardently fond
  - 111 Son of Hera
  - 112 Furtive "Hey there!"
  - 114 Dawber of "Mork & Mindy"
  - 115 Platonic "H"
  - 116 Utmost
  - 117 "O Sole —"
  - 118 Deadly cobra
  - 119 Rockets' org.
  - 120 Long-snouted fish
  - 121 Poem variety

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LENA ARE VANE  
MARTINET ESTE  
SPEEDY TORSOS  
REO YURI  
ZEE AND TENSE  
ARTS SEE DEAN  
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STROKE LOWERS  
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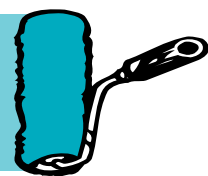
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