

**Inside:** COVID on the uptick?... See /3 Election returns by township... See /9 Enter the Turkey Giveaway...See /10 Section Volleyball Champs... See /1B

the IMBERIAY Serving the communities of northern St. Louis County since 1989 **VOL. 33, ISSUE 44** November 11, 2022

#### STATE SENATE

## Hauschild's win tips Senate control to the DFL

by DAVID COLBURN Cook-Orr Editor

**REGIONAL- About 750** North Country voters reshaped the future of Minnesota state government on Tuesday, representing the winning margin for District 3 Senate DFL candidate Grant Hauschild that gave the DFL control of both houses of the legislature.

As the outcomes for the



Republicans, Grant Hauschild statewide media zeroed in on the race between Hermantown council member Hauschild and Babbitt

state's 66

other Senate

contests crys-

talized into

a 33-33 split

between the

DFL and

Mayor Andrea Zupancich as the contest that would determine if the Republicans retained control of the Senate or not. The drama wasn't settled until about 5:30 a.m. Wednesday when 18 outstanding Itasca County precincts finally reported their vote totals.

Hauschild beat Zupancich 21,717 to 20,975, a razor-thin margin of 50.82 percent to 49.08 percent.

Once the polls closed, a strong performance by Zupancich in early-reporting Koochiching County contributed to her early evening lead. But as the night wore on and more returns came in, Hauschild gradually made-up ground and took the lead. Hauschild scored a huge win in Cook County with 67.5 percent of the vote and held a 52.7 to 47.2 edge over Zupancich in Lake County.

The margin was narrower still in St. Louis County, with Hauschild besting Zupancich 13,685-12,872, 51.5 percent to 48.4 percent, but the late 1,220-813 boost Zupancich received from Itasca County wasn't enough to overcome Hauschild's lead.

**\$1**<sup>50</sup>

See...SENATE pg. 9

**Right: A voter** makes his way into the Herbert R. Lamppa **Civic Center** in Tower on Tuesday, one of thousands who turned out across the region for the 2022 mid-term general election.

Lower right: If it's Election Day, it's time for chili in Breitung Township, a longtime tradition at St. Paul's Lutheran. **Pictured are** (I-r) Joan Dostert, Susie Precht, Gail Melting, and Cindy Pettinelli.



#### **ELECTION 2022**

#### A LIFE IN POLITICS



### Longtime lawmaker **Doug Johnson** dies at 80

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER Managing Editor

REGIONAL- An Iron Range political legend died Monday at the Cook Hospital after a brief illness. Doug "Dougie" Johnson had been ailing for the past two years, according to his wife Deneese, but when he contracted an illness about a month ago, he just couldn't shake it. "He kept getting weaker and weaker," said Deneese. Johnson, who was born Aug. 17, 1942, was 80 years-old. While he came to hold considerable power in Minnesota, Johnson came from humble beginnings in Cook. His rise began in the 1960s, when he was elected mayor of his hometown when he was just 23 yearsold. He later ran successfully for the Legislature, serving in the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1971-1976. Voters advanced him to the state Senate four years later and it was there he developed his reputation as a shrewd political strategist with a populist flair. Johnson was named chair of the powerful Senate Tax Committee in 1980, a coveted position from which he was able to bring substantial tax benefits to Iron Range residents and communities. Among his major accomplishments was passage of a new Taconite Production Tax formulae, which has directed an average of approximately \$100 million to communities, schools, and counties in northeastern Minnesota, as well as the Doug Johnson Economic Protection

Walz re-elected; DFL retakes control of state Senate; Iron Range remains blue for now

#### by MARSHALL HELMBERGER Managing Editor

REGIONAL- The 2022 mid-terms were supposed to feature the comeback of the GOP, but that's not how the voting played out in Minnesota and many other parts of the country on Tuesday.

Minnesota's DFL Gov. Tim Walz cruised to a comfortable seven-point win over

Republican challenger Scott Jensen, and he did so with the help of voters in St. Louis County, who backed Walz by a nearly 20-point margin. DFL Secretary of State Steve Simon won by an even bigger ten-point margin over Kim Crockett, a Republican election denier. Meanwhile, DFL attorney general Keith

See...RACE pg. 9



#### ST. LOUIS COUNTY SHERIFF

## Ramsay wins sheriff's race comfortably

Tops current Undersheriff Lukovsky 50-40 percent; Walsh write-in falls short

Ramsay

#### by DAVID COLBURN Cook-Orr Editor

**REGIONAL-** Former Duluth Police Chief Gordon Ramsay won the St. Louis County Sheriff's race on Tuesday by handily winning Duluth and narrowly edging current undersheriff Jason



victory by **Gordon Ramsay** capturing a countywide total of 42,741 votes, or 49.8 percent, to 34,538 votes for Lukovsky, or 40.3 percent.

Duluth was expected to go to native son Ramsay, who served as police chief there for a decade before taking a similar position in Wichita, Kan. in 2016. Ramsay won all but

one of the city's 33 precincts while piling up a 6,500-vote advantage over Lukovsky, 19,874-13,338.

That advantage grew when Ramsay outpolled Lukovsky outside of Duluth as well. While the race in the wider county

See....SHERIFF pg. 9

See...JOHNSON pg. 11

**Contact The Timberjay** 

218-753-2950 editor@timberjay.com



#### **NEW FALL FASHIONS IN STOCK Visit our Piragis Upstairs Bookstore** "Where Great Books Find You" You'll find it all at Piragis Northwoods Company 105 N Central Ave. 218 - 365 - 6745 boundarywaterscatalog.com piragis.com

## Community notices

#### 2022 Festival of Trees runs Wednesday, Nov.16 through Sunday, Nov. 20

VIRGINIA - The Laurentian Chamber of Commerce kicks off the Festival of Trees with "Business After Hours" from 4-7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov.16, hosted by Iron Trail Motors. More information on this event can be found at https://business. laurentianchamber.org/events.

On Thursday, Nov. 17 and Friday, Nov.18 the Virginia Community Foundation is holding Designer Handbag Bingo. This sold-out event will be an evening of fun for those who purchased tickets in advance.

ReVive Virginia has an afternoon of family fun planned for Saturday, Nov. 19. Family activities are scheduled from 2-5 p.m. at the Elk's Lodge and will include bingo, face painting, and more. Lunch will be available for purchase. Mr. Ed's Farm will be at Veterans Park with the animals and kids of all ages will enjoy wagon rides with Due North Haflingers in Downtown Virginia. More information can be found at www.VirginiaMN.us/ReVive. Also on Saturday is the Twilight Holiday Parade which starts at 5:15 p.m. on Chestnut Street. Fireworks follow at 6:15 p.m. on the shores of Silver Lake. Live music starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Lyric Center with Steve Solkela and Horse Fzce at 7 p.m.

Santa will be stopping by Sunday's pancake breakfast on Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. -1 p.m. This event is sponsored by Essentia Health's Virginia Regional Foundation and Shannon Gunderson's piano students will provide music. The cost for the pancake Breakfast is \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids, and free for those 5 and under.

Family holiday photos by Cathy Kishel will be available at the Sunday Pancake Breakfast for \$15. Sign up in advance to guarantee an appointment by calling 218-749-2253. Silent auction and raffle items will be available for viewing anytime the Elks Lodge is open. All bids and raffle tickets must be placed by 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20 and picked up by 4 p.m. at the Elks Lodge on Sunday. All details on this community-based event can be found at www. virginiafestivaloftrees.com. Most events will take place at the Virginia Elks Lodge (220 N. 5th Ave. W) except where noted above.

#### Application period for \$20,000 Alworth Scholarships now open

DULUTH - The annual application period for northern Minnesota high school seniors hoping to be awarded \$20,000 Alworth Scholarships began Nov. 1 and runs through Jan. 15, 2023.

To be considered, current high school seniors (including those who are homeschooled) must have an interest in pursuing a bachelor's degree in studies related to mathematics, science, research and medical fields. Applicants must also reside in one of these northern Minnesota counties: Aitkin, Beltrami, Carlton, Cass, Cook, Crow Wing, Lake, Itasca, Koochiching and St Louis.

Application forms and full eligibility criteria, including the types of majors for which Alworth funds are provided, may be found at www.alworthscholarship.org.

"Our region has many academically talented young people who are perfect candidates to receive \$20,000 Alworth Scholarships," said Patty Salo Downs, Executive Director of Duluth's Marshall H. and Nellie Alworth Memorial Fund. "We make the application process straightforward to encourage widespread interest, and we also host online sessions to give students and their parents tips on how to apply Online sessions start Nov. 21 to assist students and families with the application process. The Alworth Foundation is partnering with the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation for three live, online sessions to cover application best practices:

#### SHOP LOCAL Ely Folk School makes holiday shopping an event

by RACHEL BROPHY Staff Writer

ELY - On Saturday, Oct. 15, the Ely Folk School (EFS) in collaboration with the Northern Lakes Arts Association (NLAA) hosted its first Maker's Market & Mixer. The event will continue on the third Saturday of each month through March.

According to NLAA Managing Director, Ian Lah, the event is an effort to continue the feel of the summer farmers' market. Lah said that earlier in the summer he and EFS Program Director, Lucy Soderstrom started brainstorming to answer the question, "What does our community need?" As they considered this question, the idea of the Maker's Market & Mixer began to take shape. "As we all know," Lah explained, "the dead of winter can be isolating," thus the monthly event held through winter's coldest months is an effort to thwart that isolation. Lah pointed out that the event not only helps local artists and makers by providing an opportunity to showcase and sell their wares, it also creates a fun place to gather. The market portion of the event runs from 2-4 p.m. and is followed by the mixer portion of the event that features food, drinks and live music.

The inaugural market and mixer featured live music from Finn Hill. Artists on hand for the first market of the season included, Cecilia Rolando of C Rolando Design, Jill and Brian Seigel of Mystic Sparrow, and



Jill Seigel of Mystic Sparrow has return customer Kristin Anthony take a whiff of the newest smokeless smudge spray.

John Kopp checks out a necklace from C Rolando design.

Heather Magee of Five Pines Candle Co. Lah said that he anticipates more local artists and makers participating as they're able to replenish their inventory after a busy summer and fall festival season.

This event is free and open to the public. Free will donations are appreciated. The Makers' Market & Mixer is made possible by grants from the Arrowhead Regional Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

## HOUSING Tucker Nelson joins North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity's team

VIRGINIA— North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity (NSLCH-FH) has hired Tucker Nelson as the organization's Community Engagement coordinator. His primary responsibilities will include community awareness and communication, volunteer recruitment and coordination, and fundraising support. Nelson began his new position Nov.1, after two years as editor of Hometown Focus newspaper.

"I felt called to apply for this job because it was an opportunity to express my Christian faith and my passion for connecting with local communities," Nelson said. "I have witnessed the benefits of how Habitat for Humanity successfully works with my neighbors to build affordable homes, and helping to further that mission will be incredibly rewarding." As part of his orientation, Nelson attended the North St. Louis County Housing Summit, where government leaders, employers, and nonprofit representatives discussed challenges and success stories related to housing in the region. The following day, Nelson put on a toolbelt and joined Habitat volunteers to raise trusses and apply sheathing at Lynnette Nowak's new home in Hibbing.

"We are excited to have Tucker Nelson's expertise on our team," said Na-than Thompson, North St. Louis County Habitat's executive director. "His passion to serve our community, excellent communication and organizational skills and his

knack for connecting with people will be a great asset to our organization. Although his official position is called 'Community Engagement Coordinator,' Tucker will be a great 'Friend Raiser' for the organization, helping to fulfill our mission of bringing people together to build homes, communities, and hope." Tucker Nelson grew up in Eveleth and lives in Virginia with his wife and stepson. After studying history at the University of Minnesota Duluth, he became the Virginia Area Historical Society's museum director in 2019.

**IOCAL** 

**Participating Locations** 

Minnesota Discovery Center,

Casey Drug, Cherry Greenhouse,

Jim's Sports Club Bar & Grill,

Healthy Vibes, Tom & Jerry's Bar,

Keyboard Liquor, Mary's Lake

Street Floral, Rupp Furniture &

Carpet, Norton Shield Permit, &

Valentini's Supper Club.



New Community Engagement Coordinator Tucker Nelson

SAVE THE DATE

November 19th

HOLIDAY CHAMBER EXPO &

**ARTISAN MARKET!** 

JOIN US Sat., Nov. 19th from 10am-

4pm at the Holiday Chamber Expo &

Artisan Market at the Minnesota Discovery Center & downtown

Chisholm! Those who donate a non-

perishable food item(s) or make \$5

cash donation to MDC's Education

Fund get free admission to the Artisan

Market at MDC! Visit participating

locations & collect stamps for a

chance to win 1 of 5 Chisholm

Chamber cash prizes!

Brought to you by:

He has been a contributing writer to Hometown Focus since 2009 and was previously a staff writer and editorial assistant. Nelson has served on the boards of Mesabi Musical Theatre, the Eveleth Heron their need for housing and their willingness to partner in the building of homes. Habitat partners must also demonstrate their ability to pay Habitat's interest-free mortgage. Community support provides volunteer labor to build homes and staff committees. Individuals, businesses, churches. nonprofits, foundations, and government sources all contribute funding for building materials. Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope. To learn more, volunteer, or donate, visit www.nslchfh.org.

Monday, Nov. 21 – 7-7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12 - Noon - 12:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9 – 7 – 7:30 p.m.

People are invited to participate in as many sessions as they wish, each 30 minutes in length, by sending an email to alworth@alworthscholarship. org to obtain the Zoom meeting information. Those selected to receive Alworth Scholarships will be notified in Spring 2023.

itage Society, the Virginia Community Foundation, and Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

#### **About NSLCHFH**

North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity has been working to build simple, decent, and affordable homes since 1995. The organization has served over 100 families in 15 Iron Range area communities. Individuals are selected based



#### SERIOUS SITUATION

## Ely long-term care facility battling COVID outbreak

#### by DAVID COLBURN Cook-Orr Editor

ELY-Boundary Waters Care Center has been hit with a significant COVID outbreak affecting both patients and staff over the past two weeks.

BWCC Executive Director Adam Masloski confirmed for the *Timberjay* on Monday that 12 residents and 11 staff members have contracted COVID-19 since the first case was identified on Oct. 27. Only one resident has required hospitalization, consistent with the overall milder COVID symptoms of the multiple Omicron variants that are circulating in Minnesota.

Masloski said the facility is following all Centers for Disease Control and Minnesota Department of Health recommended guidelines to contain the outbreak, the first since 17 patients were diagnosed with COVID over a three-week period last May, according to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services data. Prior to that, only five cases of COVID among residents had been identified since weekly reporting to CMS began in May 2020.

Affected patients have been

quarantined and affected staff have been excluded from the facility, and others have been filling in to cover staff shortages, Masloski said.

"Despite the impact on our staffing levels due to some team members' positive COVID-19 tests, we continue to serve our residents' needs and preferences each day," he said. "Not only are our managers delivering personalized services in the meantime, but we have also leveraged the support of state agency staff. We all are working together to provide any unwell team member with the time and support needed to fully recover and return to BWCC once they meet the state and federal guidelines to return to work."

BWCC is following the recommended protocols for masking, personal protective equipment, and disinfection, while continuing to allow visitations to continue per CDC guidance.

"We continue to be committed to offering visitation that supports each resident's physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being, and quality of life," Masloski said. "Visitation is permitted at all times at BWCC—



Boundary Waters Care Center (BWCC) in Ely hit hard with latest outbreak.

even in the event of an outbreak. Visitors should know there are transmission risks associated with entering our community if we have any active COVID-19 cases."

However, precautions are taken to exclude visitors who have had a positive COVID test during the previous ten days, have been exposed to COVID-19, or who have shown signs of respiratory illness. "Our team at BWCC is always available to support residents and their loved ones in staying connected in alternative ways as necessary, such as by coordinating a virtual visit on their behalf," Masloski said.

The dominant BA.4 and BA.5 Omicron variants have been shown to be highly effective in evading the body's immune system, whether strengthened by COVID shots and boosters or through previous COVID infection, and that almost surely contributed to the BWCC outbreak.

Ninety-four percent of residents have been vaccinated against COVID-19 and threefourths of them have received the most recent bivalent booster shot, Masloski reported. Eightynine percent of staff have been vaccinated and 39 percent are fully up-to-date with shots and boosters, he added. Staff members who have religious or health exemptions from getting vaccinated are subject to increased screening, testing, and masking protocols.

Long-term care facilities were the first and hardest hit of any group at the outset of the COVID pandemic in 2020, and while all COVID indicators have dropped sharply since last January's Omicron peak, those 65 and over continue to bear the brunt of the COVID plateau that began in July. MDH data reveal that compared with those who are ages 50-64, those over 65 are four times more likely to be hospitalized and five times more likely to die from COVID. Current statewide case counts, while increasingly dismissed as a strong measure of COVID activity due to unreported at-home testing, still show case rates per 100,000 running at least twice as high for the 65-plus group compared to younger ones.

## Worry persists for COVID surge as new booster uptake lags

by DAVID COLBURN Cook-Orr Editor

REGIONAL- While COVID-19 has faded from the headlines the past few months, state health officials and others are still concerned a combination of factors could trigger another spike heading into winter.

In both 2020 and 2021, COVID cases spiked significantly in the fall and winter months, and January 2022 had the single largest spike of the entire pandemic, drive by the Omicron COVID variant. The January spike was relatively short-lived and plummeted dramatically, leading to the year's lowest COVID case levels statewide in the spring before rising again in July, driven primarily by two new Omicron variants, BA.4 and BA.5.

Since the public health

community has transitioned away from using case counts as a measure for COVID, due to the increase of unreported home testing, alternate measures of hospitalizations and death rates have declined only moderately since July, although the trend has been downward.

New bivalent vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna specifically targeting the BA.4 and BA.5 variants were approved in late August, giving health officials hope that Minnesota and the country could avoid another fall spike.

There's been no increase in COVID activity thus far this fall, but it would be far-fetched to attribute that to the new bivalent booster, as only a small percentage of people— 13 percent in Minnesota— have chosen to receive them.

Health officials acknowl-

edge that immunity from prior vaccinations and boosters wanes over time, meaning the possibility of another surge of COVID cases still looms.

"Cases have been on a steady, but elevated plateau for some time now and there continues to be plenty of virus circulating in our communities," Minnesota Department of Health State Epidemiologist Ruth Lynfield told the *Timberjay* last week. "So even though the course of COVID-19 in Minnesota has been challenging to predict, the potential for a surge as we head into peak respiratory disease season over the winter months is real."

Last week, Pfizer released the results of a small 76-person study showing that its bivalent booster increased antibody levels in people over 55 years old about four times more than the

**REAL ESTATE** 

prior non-targeted boosters. The company's report came on the heels of two small studies conducted by reputable independent labs at Harvard and Columbia Universities showing that the bivalent boosters did not provide a larger response in immunity compared to previous booster. While U.S. Food and Drug Administration official Peter Marks was quick to dismiss the Harvard and Columbia results because of their small sample sizes, he was equally quick to tout the results of the Pfizer study, which had nearly the same number of people in its treatment group as the other two combined. "Based on all the data we now have in hand, we have confidence in the bivalent COVID-19 vaccines and their ability to create better protection against COVID-19, including these currently circulating variants, than

the original vaccine would have," Marks said about the Pfizer research in remarks reported by CNBC.

However, all three studies demonstrated that the bivalent shots boosted immunity against BA.4 and BA.5, and getting boosted now is something Lynfield strongly supports. "We recommend that everyone 5 years of age and older who is eligible, receive one dose of the updated booster," she said. "The updated bivalent booster helps protect against the newer Omicron variants that are circulating and can help restore protection that decreased since previous vaccination. Since it provides broader protection against newer variants, we view it as a key tool in our toolbox for lessening the impact of a

See COVID....pg. 5



**Orr-\$69,900** Ash River lots in Bear Ridge on Ash River CIC. Each lot comes with shared community septic, shared water from central pumphouse & electric. These utilities already ran to each site. Ownership also gives you access to private docks on 155' of shared shoreline, a personal slip, gazebo near lake with grill and 1/10 share of all common areas.

**Orr-\$45,000** 6.97 acre hunting camp with rustic cabin off the Nett Lake Rd, adjoins state lands. **MLS#144365** 

Littlefork-\$165,000 120-acre hunting camp with 24x24 solar powered hunting cabin off Hwy 65 and near Littlefork, Koochiching Co. Gated drive into the property. Nice acreage with fields, food plots, trails and woods. MLS#144274

Vermilion River-\$124,900 13.9 wooded acres on the Vermilion River in Buyck. MLS#143091

Good luck to all the hunters, stay safe out there! from all of us at BIC Realty

R



"As measured by residential transaction sides."



## Looking To Buy Or Sell? Give Us A Call!

vermilionland.com info@vermilionland.com 1-866-753-8985 Cook • Tower • Virginia



WE NEED LISTINGS! Contact us for a free property valuation

218-666-5352 info@bicrealty.com bicrealty.com

**COOK** 3 BR, 2 BA, 3-stall detached garage. 200 ft Lake Vermilion shoreline in a quiet cove. **MLS#143882 \$624,000** 

MT. IRON/BUHL KINNEY 3 BR, 1 BA, 2-stall detached garage. Updated kitchen and BA. MLS#144270 \$80,000

WIRT 4-acre lot nearly all high ground w/ existing driveway in the rear of property. MLS#143621 \$27,9000

**ORR** 120 acres with 2,700 ft on the Little Fork River. Great hunting or recreation property. **MLS#143798 \$300,000** 





#### "CONGRESS SHALL MAKE NO LAW... ABRIDGING THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH, OR OF THE PRESS;"

The First Amendment of the United States Constitution

e-mail: editor@timberjay.com

## Editorial

## Is the Fed blowing it?

## With higher interest rates, the Fed may be fighting the wrong war

It's often said that generals prefer to fight the last war, which is another way of noting that we tend to address circumstances in the present based on how we responded to similar circumstances in the past.

That certainly appears to be happening with the Federal Reserve's current fight against inflation, which risks toppling the U.S. and global economy into recession to address inflationary pressures that look pretty mild by comparison to the 1970s and early '80s, when inflation topped out at 14 percent.

Many economic experts from across the political spectrum are starting to point out the obvious, namely that higher interest rates may not be the most effective approach to handling the current inflationary cycle. Now that the election season is over, it at least might be possible for policymakers and the public to start having a more intelligent discussion about the nature of our current inflation, and how to address it.

While higher interest rates can suppress some forms of demand (just ask a realtor these days), they have little impact on most routine consumer spending, so they can't really help address the rising cost of energy and food, which are the primary drivers of inflation right now.

At the same time, rising interest rates can actually make inflation worse, both directly and indirectly. If interest rates rise, the cost of housing goes up and that has a direct impact on prospective homebuyers or renters. If higher interest rates prompt an oil producer in Texas or North Dakota to shutter plans for a new round of drilling or fracking, or convince a manufacturer now isn't the time to start production of a product that's been in short supply, it could help to exacerbate the current supply shortages that are contributing to inflation. We know that the demand side remains robust, which is one reason that employment has remained strong even in the face of higher prices. This isn't the stagflation we experienced in the 1970s. The economy would be growing even faster today if we had more goods and services to sell and more workers available to hire. This really is a supply side issue, one that's been exacerbated by the effects of COVID, the war in Ukraine, and the effects of climate change. Water shortages are impacting both food production and food shipments, all around the world. It may well be that food prices

will never come back down because we can expect more and worsening climate related shocks for decades to come.

Higher interest rates won't make the rain fall or prompt a Russian pullback from Ukraine, and most certainly won't free up supply chain glitches. They will, however, send the stock market tanking and, eventually, will start throwing millions of lower-income Americans out of work.

There is a serious equity issue involved here. When the Fed pushes up interest rates, the impact falls hardest on those near the bottom of the economic ladder. They're the first to face layoffs when a recession hits and they're hit the hardest, by far, due to rising prices.

Those at the top might notice their paper losses in the stock market, but they're the ones who are most likely benefitting from the string of record corporate profits that have gone hand-in-hand with the current run of inflation.

If the Biden administration and Congress want to address inflation, they should tell the Fed to ease off the blunt instrument of higher interest rates and work the economic policy side by fixing the broken markets in this country. Industry consolidation, particularly in the food industry, is allowing companies to jack up prices simply because they can, without fear that a competitor will go after market share by undercutting them. When you shop at the supermarket, it may look like there are any number of different brands of chicken, or eggs, or cereal, but it's largely a mirage. Most of those brands are owned by a tiny handful of huge conglomerates, which control so much of the market that they can set prices wherever they like.

It's the same with big chain restaurants, which have been jacking up the price of burgers and burritos far beyond their own increases in production costs. Virtually all the big food companies have been posting record profits, and it's all coming out of the pockets of average consumers. We see exactly the same with the big oil companies, who have little interest in ramping up production when they recognize they can make more money by coasting on current capacity and keeping supplies tight. And all those profits are going straight to shareholders. As usual, the rich get richer.



## Letters from Readers

#### Let us honor all veterans who fight for freedom

OPINION

As we honor the veterans who have fought on the battlefields of war, let us also honor and remember those veterans who have fought on the battlefields of justice, equality and freedom. On December 2, 1859, John Brown was led to his execution. Louisa M. Alcott on that day christened him, "Saint John the Just." On that same day, Longfellow wrote: "This will be a great day in history; the date of a new revolution, quite as much needed as the old one. Even now as I write, they are leading Old John Brown to execution in Virginia for attempting to rescue slaves! This is sowing the wind to reap the whirlwind, which will come soon." On that day that John Brown was hanged in Charlestown, Virginia, Thoreau said; "Some eighteen hundred years ago Christ was crucified. This morning, Captain Brown was hanged. These are two ends of a chain which is not without its links. He is not Old John Brown any longer, he is an angel of light." With every drop of his honest blood John Brown hated slavery, and in his early life he resolved to lay his life on Freedom's altar in wiping out the affliction of slavery. Heneverfaltered, so God-like was his unconquerable soul that he dared to face the world alone. His great heart was set upon a higher objective, and a loftier ambition. His grand soul was illuminated by sublime ideals. A race of human beings, despised and dismissed, were in chains, and this malignant crime was destroying the heart of civilization. From the beginning of his career to its close John Brown had but one idea and one ideal, that was to destroy chattel slavery, and in that cause he sealed his devotion with his noble blood. Who shall be our modern day John Brown of wage slavery? The Grand Old Woman of the revolutionary movement was the appropriate title given to Mother Jones. From the time of the Pullman Strike on May 11 to July 20 in 1894, she first came into prominence. Four thousand factory workers walked out after their wages were cut, with thirty workers dying. This brave woman fought the battles of the oppressed with a heroism more exalted than ever sustained by a soldier upon the field of carnage. For many weary months she lived amid the most desolate regions of West Virginia, organizing the starving miners, sharing her meagre staples with their families, nursing the sick. She was a true minister of mercy. In the Colorado strikes Mother Jones was feared, as was no other, by the criminal corporations. She was as feared by them as she was loved by the sturdy miners she led again and again in the face of overwhelming odds. When her snowwhite crown of hair was seen, the despairing slaves took newfound courage and fought again with all their waning strength against the embattled foe. She had won her way into the hearts of the country's labor forces, and her name was revered at the altar of their humble firesides and will be forever lovingly remembered by their children and their children's children. Who shall be our modern day Mother Jones of justice? No man has ever written more personal letters, throbbing with the ascending song of life, clearly revealing the inner and spiritual processes of growth than Eugene Debs, whose acknowledged conscious kinship to the manifestations of the universe never ends. Whoever has brushed with his magnetism has never forgotten the experience. They became quickly conscious of standing in the presence of a fearless teacher for truth. Who shall be our modern day EugeneDebs, the fearless speaker of tellingtruthtothetyrannyofpower? Following the election of 2022, and the election of our new sought after hope, let's all endeavor to become veterans in bringing about the single most important quality needed to resist evil, the establishment of moral autonomy, that the corporate state has set out to destroy.

our town and its longtime intended use has been for cross-country skiing, hiking, hunter walking for grouse and deer, birdwatching, and some trapping. It is very scenic and has a varied geography to challenge different skill sets. Folks on foot use it all year long, and it is a great place to find peace and quiet and observe wildlife.

I have recently found out that our local ATV and snowmobile club has successfully lobbied the Laurentian Ranger District to allow summer ATV access to this trail. I have nothing personal against ATVs, but there are already hundreds of trails usable by snow machines and ATVs here in NE MN. This decision was made without any formal input from the public, only from the ATV club. I am the lone individual questioning the exclusive process in which this was done. Public comment, questions, and participation are part of the democratic process, but have been bypassed in this situation.

I have no doubt that the ATV trails club will "police" themselves as far as cleaning up trash, repairing erosion, avoiding careless campfires and preventing unsafe discharge of firearms (hopefully). However, when the general public becomes aware that machines are allowed on this trail system, they will follow suit and there will be general trafficking all year long. I have already encountered ATVs and snow machines messing up the winter groomed trails at various places along the routes and almost been run off the trails by speeding ATVs in the summer. There are no gates or barriers to prevent illegal machine access. Some spots on the trail are actually crossed by user-developed ATV and sled operators trails- it is easy to get confused. If you are a cross-country skier, have used the Bird Lake Trail System for any legal reason, or are a hiker concerned about machine access of a quiet trail system, please call 218-229-8800 and talk to the district ranger about your concerns. You can go also go online and leave a comment at the Laurentian Ranger District/ Superior National Forest website about the Bird Lake Trail System. Thank you.

Inflation may be overtaxing most of our wallets, but for those at the top, the cushion keeps getting cushier.

#### T.D. Duff Ely and Tonka Bay

#### Share your concerns about the Bird Lake trail system

I live in Hoyt Lakes and for 20 years have used several cross-country ski trails here on the Iron Range and elsewhere in northeastern Minnesota. The Bird Lake Trail System is the closest to

#### Mark Roalson Hoyt Lakes

## Hangin' In, Hangin' Out

As I write on this election night, I am aware of being in limbo, a feeling I have had for several days. As electioneering wound down, there was nothing more I could do except cross my fingers and pray, as I couldn'trespond to the multiple daily requests for dona-

tions from my empty coffers. And would my prayers be powerful enough against those who would pray for opposite outcomes? I



might as well put my faith in crossed fingers, but that makes it very difficult to type.

This limbo feels like a physical space, a round room, all white, with no doors or windows, for that's the point of limbo, isn't it? Not being able to get out or see ahead? It is an emptiness that is still full of words, along with the awareness of

the futility of all the thoughts swirling around. It is not a vacuum, for that would provide a pull, a sensation, which is not there. Just emptiness, providing room to wander around aimlessly.

So, I do crossword puzzles on my phone. It is a dangerous occupation, for it is very addicting, but it gives employment to all those words, remembered and forgotten, as well as a place for those that are just on the edge of being known, swirling around somewhere in my brain. Such activities are supposed to keep your brain healthy and alert, which I hope is true, because the preoccupation does not help get anything else done.

The electioneering has made me acutely aware of words. Bombarded with campaign literature, I wondered how much each word cost. The wordsmiths and marketers would aim for the balance between enough significant words without too much detail, which generally devolves into meaningless generalities that pretty much sound the same. The media ads are even more so... trying to choose the best few words to make a punch. How could we do it differently? What if the candidates saved the trees and contributed the money to their favorite charities, being allowed to broadcast one succinct true statement for every \$5,000, e.g., "David Democrat is in favor of universal health care and has contributed \$5,000 to cancer research." There would be an upper limit on statements and contributions, and the electorate would be saved from mind-numbing redundancy.

Maybe that's the worst of it: we get tired and bored and annoyed, when we ought to be excited about the privileges that we have as voting citizens. We get to choose whom we want to represent us, and we can actually ask them questions and challenge their answers. We have the leverage of our vote. If they're local, we can do that in the grocery store,

#### See HANGIN' ... pg. 5

#### **AREA ELECTIONS**

## Skraba wins House District 3A race by 15 votes

by DAVID COLBURN Cook-Orr Editor

**REGIONAL-Veteran** DFL state legislator Rob Ecklund's electoral fate likely hangs on the results of a probable recount, as Republican Roger Skraba of Ely edged the incumbent District 3A House representative by only 15 votes in Tuesday's general election.

After an undercount of votes from Morse

Township was corrected Tuesday morning, Skraba beat Ecklund 10,868 to 10.853, a scant seven hundredths of a percentage point, 49.98 to 49.91.

The tiny difference falls well within the range of a recount paid for by the state, and Ecklund has until 5 p.m. Thursday to request one.

But Skraba expressed confidence on Tuesday that his lead would hold

"It would have been nice to have more than a 15-vote lead," Skraba said. "We feel confident that all the votes are in. After the Morse anomaly got fixed, I don't see us losing. Rarely are numbers that far off."

In a curious twist, Skraba won in Ecklund's hometown of International Falls, while Ecklund beat Skraba in Ely.

"I don't get it," said Skraba, Ely's former mayor. "It's like we traded. I don't know if the people I represent don't like what I do or if they're changing from Republican to Democrat and the people in International Falls are changing from Democrat to Republican. It says something about the district --- it's not guaranteed blue or red."

Skraba won Koochiching County with 56.3 percent of the vote, while Ecklund took 69.5 percent of the vote in Cook County and 51.5 precent in Lake County. St. Louis and Itasca County voters gave Skraba the edge with 52.5 percent 57.9 percent, respectively.

Skraba said he had assistance from the House Republican Campaign Committee in plotting out an aggressive campaign

strategy that led to him putting over 25,000 miles on his car stumping for votes.

"I easily spent \$500 a week on fuel," Skraba said. "This district is so big.'

But Skraba noted that all the travel paid off.

"I think they decided I'm worth two years to see if I can prove myself," he said.

## Briggs, Marinaro win ISD 2142 seats in Cook and Tower

**REGIONAL**-Nathan Briggs won the open school board seat for the North Woods attendance area. Briggs received 92.7-percent of the votes, 889, with write-ins garnering 7.3-percent. Briggs is a newcomer to the board, and is replacing Dan Manick, who chose not to run for the seat. He ran unopposed.

Ron Marinaro won

the open Tower-Soudan attendance area seat with 67.4-percent of the vote. While he was the only name on the ballot, Greg Dostert, of Soudan, had mounted a write-in cam-

paign. Write-in votes took 369 votes (though the Secretary of State website does not break these out by name). Write-in votes for Dostert topped the ballot in Tower and Breitung, but

fell behind in Eagles Nest, Greenwood, and Kugler.

Marinaro, who until recently lived in Babbitt and was a coach at Northeast Range and served on Babbitt city

commissions, had recently moved to a home on the Vermilion Reservation.

#### **COVID...**Continued from page 3

potential surge."

But how those targeted boosters will fare against even newer, more infectious variants that have started to replace BA.4 and BA.5 in the variant pool causing COVID is largely unknown at this point. Since variants such as BQ.1, BQ 1.1, and XBB that are on the rise

are derivatives of previous variants, health official have speculated that the bivalent boosters should be at least somewhat effective against them as well.

A second concern for a possible surge in Minnesota is the comparatively low rates of vaccinations and boosters received by school-age

children. Less than half of those between the ages of five and 11 have been vaccinated, and only 1.2 percent are up-to-date with the bivalent booster. Booster uptake among students 12-17 is less than half of the overall state rate. Lynfield recommended that parents should have the new booster administered to their children. "While the risk to

children for severe infection with COVID is lower than it is for adults, some children can get very sick," Lynfield said. "Unlike other respiratory diseases for which we don't have vaccines, we do have vaccines for the currently circulating variants of COVID-19 and we have vaccines for flu. By getting vaccinated for COVID-19 and for flu, we can reduce the impact of respiratory disease this winter."

Health officials are also concerned that even a moderate rise in COVID cases paired with the normal rise in cases of the flu and other respiratory ailments at this time of year could create another critical health care shortage, as health care facilities across the state continue to have significant staffing shortages as a result of the pandemic.

#### **HANGIN'...**Continued from page 4

unfortunately for them. I give them all credit for their willingness.

A friend sent me these words from Nelson Mandela, (1918-2013), Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and first democratically-elected president of South Africa:

Twenty-eight years ago, South Africans lined up in the millions to vote in their first democratic election. The black majority, and righteous South Africans of all ethnic backgrounds, struggled for

generations for all to exercise this expression of citizenship in their homeland -- a right we in the United States take for granted at our peril.

"Iwaited over 70 years to cast my first vote. As the world held its breath, South Africans together made their mark to bring into being one of the truly remarkable events of this turbulent century. Once more, we affirmed a truism of human history: that the people are their own liberators. I voted not only

for myself alone but for many who took part in our struggle. If elt that each one of them held my hand that made the cross, helped me to fold the ballot paper and push it into the ballot box."

The past week also contained a conversation that cracked me open, and pedantic scolding came pouring out. As of Friday, a friend had not cast her ballot, nor was she aware of the deadlines. She had asked me for advice on the candidates I favored, but she had not asked why, and I was frustrated that she had given it no more thought than that. And I told her so. She said, "I'm just one of those people who don't feel that their vote counts." That didn't sound sincere to me. It sounded like an excuse to not give it any more thought. I thought she was just repeating what she heard someone else say, not even thoughtful to that extent.

I realized I was dumping my fears and angst about this election into my reaction, making my friend take responsibility for not only her own lack of attention, but for everyone else who was blithely going about their lives, not recognizing that their democracy and way of life were under siege. Perhaps that has always been true; all elections are certainly important, but the intransigence of those trying to overturn a valid election, destabilizing our electoral democracy, while effectively condoning the damage to property and lives, has been stunning.

How could anyone not be paying attention?

At times I envy their obliviousness. What would that be like to be free of these concerns, rather than always wondering what can be done? I do understand the lure of uninformed quietude. I also understand the demands of life that overwhelm, numbing the parts of our beings that allow thoughtful resilience. I get it. I just don't like it. I really need to meditate.

## A Newspaper That Isn't Afraid To Tell It Like It Is



### Week after week, the Timberjay brings...

top-notch reporting, hard-hitting editorials, local features, sports, and the area's best outdoors coverage to thousands of readers in northeastern Minnesota.

Over the past quarter century, the Timberjay has built a national reputation for the quality and tenacity of its investigative reporting.

"A journalistic honey badger" State Rep. John Lesch



### Subscribe Today By Phone or Online!



Tower 218.753.2950 www.timberjay.com

Box 636, Tower, MN 55790. Busi-

ness/Editorial Office at 414 Main St., PO Box 636, Tower, MN 55790. Call (218) 753-2950 to subscribe. E-mail address is editor@timberjay.com. Periodicals postage paid at Tower, Minnesota.

#### **POSTMASTER: Send address changes to** The Timberjay, PO Box 636, Tower, MN 55790.

This award-winning community newspaper published each week serves the communities of Tower/Soudan, Cook/Orr, and Ely.

- Publisher General Manager Cook/Orr Editor Office Manager Staff Writer Graphics/Ad Sales Ad Sales/Sports Jay Greeney
- Marshall Helmberger Jodi Summit David Colburn Michelle Toutloff Rachel Brophy Scarlet Lynn Stone

#### **Official Newspaper:**

City of Tower, Townships of Bearville, Eagles Nest, Embarrass, Kugler, Vermilion Lake, Field, Morcom, Leiding, Crane Lake, Kabetogama, Greenwood, ISD 707.

Member: Minnesota Newspaper Association, Lake Vermilion Resort Association, Lake Vermilion Area Chamber of Commerce, Ely Chamber of Commerce.

#### Subscriptions Available:

St. Louis County: \$45 year Elsewhere: \$59 year. We accept VISA/Mastercard/Discover/ AmEx. NOTE: Changes of address must be sent or called in to the Tower office. Out-of-state delivery may take 2-3 weeks. For prompt out-of-state delivery try the First Class Subscription: \$109 year or \$10 per month.

Read the entire paper on-line every week. On-line subscriptions cost \$29.95/year; details and payment at www.timberjay.com.

Moving? Questions about your subscription? Call the Tower office at (218) 753-2950.

#### Week of Nov. 14

#### Monday

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

Tower City Council- 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 14.

#### 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. 15.

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

#### Thursday

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

Vermilion Country School Board- Meetings posted online at vermilioncountry.org.

#### Holiday Craft Sale set for Dec. 3 in Tower

TOWER- Friends of Vermilion Country School will again sponsor the annual holiday craft sale on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Herb Lamppa Civic Center. Cost for an eight-foot table is \$25, and must be paid in advance. Setup is on the day of the sale starting at 7 a.m. Tables and chairs are provided. To reserve your spot, please email jsummit@vermilioncountry.org, or call Jodi at 218-753-2950. Please let us know if you require access to an electrical outlet. Payment can be dropped off at the Timberjay office or mailed to Friends of VCS, PO Box 636, Tower, MN 55790.

#### Lunch Bunch to meet Nov. 17

TOWER- The Lunch Bunch will meet for lunch at Good Ol'Days on Thursday, Nov. 17 at 12:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Kathy at

# COMMUNITY GIVING Time to start thinking about Operation Santa

TOWER- Donations have started to come in for this year's Operation Santa toy drive, but we still have a long way to go to reach our goal. We are expecting to at least match last year's tally of 225 children from more than 50 area families. 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 that purchases Christmas gifts (toys, gift cards, and warm winter items) for children whose families use the Tower Food Shelf. Last year's total of 225 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 for 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. 20. Families who use the Tower Food Shelf and have not yet signed up, can call Jodi at the Timberjay at 218-753-2950, or email editor@timberjay. com.

#### HOLIDAY SEASON TRADITIONS





## St. Martin's welcomes the holiday season in style

St. Martin's Catholic Church in Tower hosted its annual Christmas Bazaar, and if attendance was any indication, the community was more than ready to start celebrating the holidays. The community hall was full of vendors selling crafts and wares, church members selling holiday cookies, and folks visiting over caramel rolls or eating homemade soups. Clockwise from top left: Children shopped for family gifts in a special room open only to youngsters. Rosemary Donald and George Stefanich sold raffle tickets. Tony Zavodnik bought some treats for his grandson Oliver. Chloe and Lillian Jax of Ely created some Christmas decorations. Dana Chandler, of Minneaplis, showed one of the 28 poticas he had brought to sell. He learned how

to make this specialty from his

218-753-2530 by Monday, Nov. 14. The group welcomes everyone, including new and old members.

#### T-S Historical Society to meet on Nov. 16

SOUDAN- Tower-Soudan Historical Society will hold its regularly scheduled board meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 1:30 p.m., at Breitung Community Center in Soudan. The meeting is open to the public, and guests are welcome. Please come and show your support for TSHS.

#### Little Church to hold service on Nov. 20

VERMILION LAKE TWP- The Little Church of Vermilion Lake Township will hold a nondenominational church service on Sunday Nov. 20 at 4 p.m. Jon Salo will be officiating. Potluck and coffee an' will follow the service.

All are invited to attend, plus the group is always looking for people interested in keeping The Little Church preserved and maintained in our community. We have a men's group that meets every Thursday at 9 a.m. for coffee and conversation. The church is located on Co. Rd. 26/Wahlsten Rd. Any questions contact Len Hujanen at 218-749-2014.



grandmother, the late Margaret Lilya. photos by J. Summit





## **Residents approve new township road, ordinance changes**

by JODI SUMMIT Tower-Soudan Editor

SOUDAN- Residents quickly worked through an abbreviated agenda at the Special Town Meeting held on Nov. 3. The three town board members and clerk Dianna Sundsdahl were in attendance, along with a single township resident and Police Chief Dan Reing.

The meeting was convened to address one item that needed to be handled at a township annual meeting, normally held on the second Tuesday in March, not a regular town board meeting. That item, formally recognizing a portion of North Second Street as a township road, was quickly approved. The township has been maintaining that section of road between Highway 169 and St. Martin's Catholic Church, but that section of road within the boundaries of the township was never formally platted as a township road. This approval starts the process of formally recognizing the road. JPJ Engineering will now begin that process of creating a legal description of the road and getting the road legally recorded.

The town board put other items on the meeting agenda, to update both the parking and blight ordinances.

The existing parking ordinance prohibits parking on any township street between midnight and 8 a.m. from Oct. 15 to April 15 to facilitate snow removal. It also prohibits parking within 20 feet of any intersection or crosswalk, and within ten feet of a fire hydrant.

The changes to the parking ordinance include a section allowing the township to tow a vehicle violating the ordinance at the owner's expense, in the case of an emergency or need for immediate removal. The township police department has the authority to issue an order to tow. The changes also impose a citation fee of \$20, with an additional \$10 late fee, for any vehicles violating the parking ordinance.

The blight ordinance is more detailed and covers weeds, junk automobiles, exterior condition of structures, vacant structures, and storage of hazardous materials. The ordinance gives the enforcement officer the authority to inspect vacant structures and the exterior areas of a property, and with the permission of the owner to inspect the interior for the purposes of enforcing the ordinance. If permission to inspect the interior is not granted and there is probable cause to believe a violation exists, a search warrant may be obtained.

The changes adopted include more details on how the ordinance will be enforced, details of how a letter of violation can be appealed, how the letter must be served, and when a blight ordinance citation would be issued.

Violation of the ordinance is a petty misdemeanor. The updated ordinance also imposes a fee of \$30 for any citation issued, along with a \$10 late payment fee.

All township ordinances are available for viewing online at breitungtownship.org.

#### WE'VE GOT SPIRIT!



County Commissioner Paul McDonald speaks to the volleyball team: (from left) Izzy Schiltz, Sarah Visser, Hannah Penke, Madeline Perry, Audrey Thomas, Natasha Fulkrod, Aubree Gerlovich, Kate Coughlin, Rachel Coughlin, Lilli Rechichi, Madeline Kallberg, Clare Thomas, Brielle Lindland, Audrey Kallberg, Courtney Eilrich and band teacher Karl Kubiak in the back.

In the span of less than a week, Ely Timberwolves students have been excused from class for two pep rallies to send off fellow students to compete at State. The Ely Timberwolves Girls' cross country team along with individual qualifier, Caid Chittum, competed at the State cross country meet on Nov. 5.

The Ely Timberwolves volleyball team secured a trip to the state tournament beginning on Nov. 10 with their Section 7A Championship win over Floodwood.

#### In Brief

#### Tuesday Group schedule

ELY – The Tuesday Group community educational lunch gathering meets every Tuesday at the Grand Ely Lodge. Participants have an opportunity to order lunch. Forthose interested in being a host, or who have a speaker suggestion, contact Lacey Squier by email at ElyTuesdayGroup@ gmail.com or call her at 218-216-9141.

Upcoming Tuesday Group speakers:

Nov. 15: Helping Ely-Area Seniors Age in Place, Representatives from Northwoods Partners, EBCH, Essentia, ECHC, St. Anthonys Church and ARDC.

Nov. 22: Grassroots
 Crossroads, Sitting at the
 Yellow Light, Dani Pieratos.
 Nov. 29: End of the

► Nov. 29: End of the Road Film Festival, Jacob White & Lacey Squier.

#### Breathing Out by Cecilia Rolando © 2022



#### Libraries

Ely library Hours: Monday — Friday, 9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Closed on Saturday, Sunday, and holidays Phone: 218-365-5140

#### Babbitt library

	o a y
Monday	10 am-6 pm
Tuesday	10 am-6 pm
Wednesday	10 am-6 pm
Thursday	10 am-6 pm
Friday	10 am-6 pm
Phone: 218-82	27-3345

#### Support groups

AA - Alcoholics



Ely Science teacher Todd Hohenstein revs up the crowd at the Cross Country State send off. Seated from left: Kiarstin Eaton, Ava Skustad, Zoe Devine, Anna Dunn, Molly Brophy, Grace LaTourell, Claire Blauch and Caid Chittum.





Cross country team leaving to board the bus cheered on by friends and classmates.



On left: Fifth grade teacher, Kelly Noble shows she's still got it as she makes the opening serve in a teachers versus volleyball team exhibition match.

Above: Sixth-graders Henry Fetter (left) and Lennon Brecke are either really excited about the volleyball team going to state or getting out of class - it's anyone's guess.



Above: Students waved, cheered and held up signs as The Ely Timberwolves Section 7A champion volleyball team started their journey out of town headed for the state tournament.

Right: Logan Loe (holding the sign) with Ben Cavalier.

photos by R. Brophy



## www.timberjay.com / 218-753-2950

Anonymous **OPEN AA - 7:30** p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays, in-person, First Lutheran Church, 915 E. Camp St., Ely. SUNDAY NIGHT AA at St. Anthony's Catholic Church is canceled. **ELY WOMEN'S OPEN** AA - Every Monday at noon at Ledgerock Church, 1515 E. Camp St., Elv. BABBITT AA - 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Woodland Presbyterian Church. **AL-ANON** - Sundays 8-9 p.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely. For persons who encounter alcoholism in a relative or friend. **BABBITT AL-ANON -**Thursdays, 7 p.m., at Woodland Presbyterian. **CO-DEPENDENTS'** 12-step support group, 5:30 p.m. Thursdays, Wellbeing Development, 41 E Camp St. Ely. ADULT BASIC **EDUCATION GED** Study materials and pretest available. Call 218-365-3359, or 1-800-662-5711. CAREGIVER **SUPPORT GROUPS:** Babbitt: 3rd Monday of Month: 6-7:30 p.m. at Carefree Living. Ely: 4th Monday of Month: 10-11:30 a.m. at

Ely-Bloomenson Hospital. Conference Room B.

## Activities will improve and expand Cook Airport

#### by DAVID COLBURN Cook-Orr Editor

COOK- The Cook Airport is poised for a bright future, according to a report delivered by airport coordinator Doug McDuff at the Oct. 27 Cook City Council meeting.

McDuff appeared at the council meeting and a pre-meeting budget session armed with numerous reports and plenty of good news to share.

The most significant item was an update on the status of the new taxiway being built by KGM Contractors, which will facilitate the construction of 11 new hangars.

"They're out there again today, and they should get it all paved today," McDuff said. "Then they're going to work on

the edges and contour restoration and whatever, so that'll drag on for a little while longer."

Ten of the 11 lots to be served by the new taxiway are already allotted to applicants who have put down deposits, McDuff reported. An automated weather observation system currently occupying the final hangar lot will be moved in late 2023, and there are already three applicants for that space on a waiting list. That will nearly double the number of hangars at the airport, of which there are currently 13. Another proposed expansion would bring the total to 30.

Significant upgrades to the current facility began taking shape this past year with the construction of a new building to house the airport's snow remov-

al equipment, which was completed this summer, McDuff said.

Four smaller additional projects addressed maintenance, safety, and customer experience issues

► The original rubber roof on the Arrivals/Departures (A/D) building was replaced at a cost of \$9,960.

► The sidewalk and step from the ramp to the A/D building was replaced at a cost of \$7,850.

≻The lobby flooring in the A/D building was replaced at a cost of \$3,647.

► The halogen lighting at the fuel island was upgraded to LED lighting on a new pole as a cost of \$6.000.

The city's portion of the \$27,157 total bill was only \$6,789, as the balance was covered by a grant from the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Additionally, the electrical building, which houses all the equipment that regulates and controls runway lighting and the beacon, needed a roof replacement due to storm damage earlier in the year. Given the urgency of completing the repairs before winter, the job was completed in October using available airport funds, McDuff said.

Pilots who need to layover at the airport will find a bit more comfort in the A/D building after the reactivated Cook Area Friends of the Airport group agreed to fund a new sofa and recliner for the lobby. McDuff noted that the group was the first one in Minnesota to join

MnDOT's "Adopt-an-Airport" program in 2002. The lobby is also getting a fresh coat of paint and a flat screen TV, McDuff said.

#### **Courtesy car**

Thanks to the generosity of Jonathan Schmelz, one of the airport's hangar owners, incoming pilots now have a new option to get away from the airport and into town: a 2006 Jeep Grand Cherokee, white and emblazoned with the city of Cook logo and "airport courtesy car."

"This is a very standard amenity in aviation that by no means replaces a rental, but rather give a transient pilot guest to our community the means to come to town, eat, or drop or pick up a passenger within a few hours."

To facilitate the donation by Schmelz, the city

agreed to provide licensing, insurance and ongoing maintenance for the vehicle.

#### More in the works

McDuff also reviewed a number of additional items from the airport's capital improvement plan that he hopes to address in the near future:

► Finishing a 2020 crack seal project that was left unfinished due to a lack of material.

► Seal coating and striping all pavement.

► Replace the taxiway serving the current row of hangars.

► Adding a turnout/ turnaround at the northwest end of runway 31.

Siding replacement for the A/D building and more LED lighting upgrades are on McDuff's short list in 2023 if MnD-OT funding is available.

## HONORING VETERANS

## Veterans invited to North Woods

FIELD TWP- Cook and Orr area military veterans are invited to North Woods School on Veterans Day this Friday, Nov. 11 to share stories of their service with high school students at a small celebration in the school cafeteria from 9-10 a.m.

North Woods downsized the event from a

assembly-style larger recognition last year, and the event was so well-received that they decided to keep the new format.

"We found that veterans prefer a smaller more intimate celebration on Veteran's Day," said North Woods social studies teacher Jon Scherf. "Last year we invited veterans to

the school and they really seemed to enjoy the oneon-one conversations with students.

The casual event with refreshments will honor veterans and provide an opportunity for students to learn about their commitments and sacrifices on behalf of the country, Scherf said.

NWFA Exhibit

Army veteran Richard 'Ozzie' Lecieiewski is one of the featured members of the Cook VFW Honor Guard in an exhibition at the Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery in Cook. Honor Guard members are pictured receiving Quilts of Valor, along with biographies of six Vietnam-era veterans. The exhibit can be viewed during regular gallery hours through the end of November. photo by C. Stone

NORTH WOODS SCHOOL

## Students as diverse as the **North Country landscape**

by JOHN VUKMANICH North Woods Principal

FIELD TWP- In my last article, I spoke of the great reasons to live where we live. Now that deer season is upon us, again, I am reminded of the beauty of the outdoors, even though the deer seem more elusive than ever.

The boredom of sitting in an open ladder stand usually leads me to put my boots on the ground and start walking by about 10 a.m. Because I hunt on public land that is primarily walk-in access, the number of hunters in the area is somewhat limited, leaving miles and miles of open country to sneak through in pursuit of a deer. As I traverse the woods, I am awe-struck by the natural diversity of the region. The tree cover varies from old-growth pine forests in some areas to young aspen, with areas of huge hardwoods intermixed. Ash swamps are grassy and somewhat open, and I always feel like I am going to jump a nice buck out of the tall yellow grass that prevails in these areas. The lowland swamp areas are nearly impassable, covered in a thick mesh of alders and black spruce. On windy days such as Sunday of opener, I always feel like the deer are hiding from the wind in these locations, knowing that a hunter would almost have to step on them to get a shot. As I travel uphill, I encounter enormous oak trees, a rarity in northern Minnesota. The majestic oaks where I hunt are reaching the end of their life span and are beginning to fall prey to strong winds and rot. I can't help but think of all the firewood contained in a 200-year-old oak tree, and the impossibility of harvesting the tree due to its location.

and granite outcroppings are majestic, and I often wander along a timber-covered ridge wondering if it was man-made or glacial. Evidence of early logging operations is apparent in many locations with what looks like old logging trails and railroad beds that have since been covered up by nearly a hundred years of tree growth. Nature reclaims what was once solely its own.

Our school is as diverse as the tree cover and reers where academics may be secondary to other important skills. Our mission and biggest challenge is to meet the needs of this diverse student population in our little school. When a student leaves our building, I want all of them to feel that they were supported, valued, and taught the things they need to move forward.

A big shout out to our cross-country team, running as a co-op with the South Ridge Panthers, for their excellent showing at Sections and State. At the MSHSL Class "A" meet last weekend, Section 7A champion Evelyn Brodeen placed an impressive 16th of 158 runners. Alex Burckhardt placed 44th out of 160 runners. Just as noteworthy is that Alex and Evelyn were both named to the All-State Academic Team for their accomplishclassroom ments. Congratulations! In closing, please be kind to your local school staff, wherever you live. They work really hard to make school the best it can be for students from all walks of life. It's a tough job and they deserve a little kindness.



The ridges, ravines,

awesome topography of the forest. Our students, as indicated in my last article, come from wide and diverse backgrounds. The primary goal of our school is to provide this diverse student population with a well-rounded education.

Our Student Leadership Team is continuing the important work started last year of helping to create the best environment possible for all students. We are using student-voice as a component in how we improve what we do.

We also are working on strategies to assure that our students feel valued and heard. Our team is planning some upcoming events related to what could be called a "Kindness Campaign," and also a future meeting with students led by students. These ideas are meant to help our younger Grizzlies be the best they can be and to value education. We want to impress the importance of good character and decision-making. School is not always easy for everyone, and students do not always feel that everything they work on is relevant, but in some way, everything is relevant. It just depends on the lens one views it through.

Some of our students are pursuing career paths where academics are going to be the most important factor in their success. Many are looking at ca-

#### HONOR BAND

North Woods band members (from left) Annabelle Calavera, Susan Aderman, Amber Sopoci, Tori Mathys, Izzy Pascuzzi were selected to play with the UM-Duluth honor bands Nov. 4-5 in Duluth. Nominated by instrumental music instructor Paige Stanislawski, Sopoci was selected for the UMD Gold band, while the others played with the Maroon ensemble. The two-day event featured group rehearsals and instructional clinics and concluded with a Saturday afternoon concert. submitted photo

## Runners tops in academics

FIELD TWP- Two North Woods runners who participated in the Class A state cross country meet representing the South Ridge Panthers last Saturday have also excelled in the classroom and earned coveted state recognition.

Evelyn Brodeen, who

won the Section 7A girls title and placed 16th at state, and Alex Burckhardt, who finished 44th at the state meet, have both been designated Academic All-Staters, according to Panthers Head Coach Jeremy Polson. The Panthers boys

team as a whole earned

**County 77 Canister Site** 

2038 County Rd. 77

Winter Hours

Thurs, Sun: noon-5pm

**Environmental Services** 

1-800-450-9278

Office hours 8-4:30

Monday through Friday

www.stlouiscountymn.gov/recycle

St. Louis County

Department

the academic gold award with a 3.99 GPA. The girls team was also a gold award winner with a 3.90 GPA.



#### **Area Solid Waste Facility** ENVIR site hours SETTER WASTE SOLUTIO Ash River Trail Canister Site Kabetogama Lake Canister Site Sturgeon Canister Site 10150 Gamma Rd 8380 Hwy 73 Winter Hours Hours Wed: noon-4pm Sat: 8am-noon Sun: 8am-Noon

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

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

Sat: 8am-1pm

Tues thru Sat: 9am-3:30pm **Household Hazardous Waste Facilities** 5345 Regional Landfill Rd., Virginia 3994 Landfill Rd, Hibbing

Tue, Sat: 8am-1pm

INT LOUIS COUNTY

ERVIC

11391 Ash River Trail

Winter Hours

Sat: 12:30pm-4:30pm

**Orr Canister Site** 

4038 Hwy 53

Winter Hours

Tue, Thu: 9am-noon

Sat: 8am–noon

**Cook Transfer Station** 

2134 S. Beatty Rd.

Hours

Mon: 10am-6pm

Winter hours effective October 1st through April 14th

### 2022 General Election Returns, federal, state, and county by city and township

	IUIUI		UUU		ИСМІ	110, 19	suciai	, διαις	, anu (	bounty	hy on	iy anu		əmh	
District 3	Governor Attorney General					of State	Sen	ate 3	3A House   SLC Sheriff						
Precinct	Stauber	Schultz	Walz	Jensen	Ellison	Schultz	Simon	Crockett	Hauschild	Zupancich	Ecklund	Skraba	Ramsay	y Lukovsk	ky Walsh
Babbitt	510	260	289	422	301	466	314	448	282	<b>48</b> 7	310	461	374	237	108
Bearville	72	63	67	62	61	74	66	68	64	71	61	73	-	-	-
Beatty	155	137	141		117	172	149	142	143	148	143	144	121	84	55
Breitung	191	130	160	150	144	176	154	161	137	184	154	165	120	152	28
Cook	136	<b>9</b> 7	106	109	100	133	109	120	106	125	105	128	102	69	43
Crane Lake	54	17	19	<b>48</b>	18	52	18	52	18	53	25	46	15	45	4
Eagles Nest	89	94	101	78	93	90	100	82	<b>9</b> 7	87	98	83	79	64	24
Ely	906	789	820	789	831	841	862	804	811	<b>88</b> 7	868	829	928	429	159
Fall Lake	192	215	229	170	225	179	223	175	209	199	226	180	-	-	-
Field	111	65	76	95	76	97	78	<b>9</b> 7	73	103	77	99	73	59	35
Greenwood	321	268	277	295	263	324	284	304	271	316	273	313	272	216	57
Kabetogama	54	29	25	56	25	58	27	56	23	60	30	53	37	24	1
Kugler	50	50	44	53	47	54	50	50	<b>48</b>	53	51	50	52	32	11
Leiding	128	64	63	122	58	133	64	125	62	129	71	121	69	56	49
Linden Grove	44	17	19	38	21	38	20	40	22	39	20	39	23	19	17
Morse	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Orr	79	39	48	63	40	77	45	71	43	76	53	65	57	23	29
Owens	88	30	33	82	33	85	37	80	31	85	34	82	45	32	33
Portage	75	27	25	72	33	70	32	70	30	72	33	69	35	38	23
SE Koochiching	13	10	12	11	10	13	10	12	10	12	10	12	-	-	-
Stony River	49	45	47	49	47	49	49	<b>48</b>	49	47	48	<b>49</b>	NA	NA	NA
Tower	120	78	75	109	75	119	86	108	75	118	82	115	74	<b>8</b> 7	23
Verm. Lake	101	72	86	<b>8</b> 4	74	98	84	88	77	96	81	89	62	75	22
Waasa	71	<b>48</b>	51	59	50	68	54	64	47	70	52	66	59	31	20
Willow Valley	35	19	18	34	18	36	17	36	17	36	19	35	16	12	24
Winton	58	23	25	51	24	56	22	58	20	61	20	60	44	18	14
District 7A	0th Di	st Rep	Cov	ernor	Attorne	ey General	Sec. 0	f State	Sena	to 7	7B House		SLC Sheriff		ff
		· · ·				-									
Precinct	Stauber	Schultz		Jensen	Ellison	Schultz	Simon	Crockett		Farnsworth	Lislegard		Ramsay		ky Walsh
Alango	69	50	57	58	51	68	58	62	54	65	54	64	31	48	33
Angora	68	44	43	66	40	72	46	66	43	69		NA	46	40	19
Embarrass	221	101	111			212	114	205	105	214	127	193	102	97	109
Morcom	28	16	21		17	26	18	25	18	25	21	22	14	25	4
Pike	133	95	100	124	98	132	107	123	99	131	109	121	98	64	60
Sturgeon					I										

Unofficial results from the Minnesota Secretary of State

#### LOCAL RACES

# **Omerza tops Kess in Ely mayor's contest**

by JODI SUMMIT Tower-Soudan Editor

ELY-Heidi Omerza cruised to an easy victory, outpolling Paul Kess 962-623 in the race for the open Mayor's seat. Both were currently serving on the Ely City Council. The mayor's seat came up for grabs when current Mayor Roger Skraba decided to run for

the 3A legislative seat, against incumbent Rob Ecklund. As of Wednesday morning, Skraba was holding a razor-thin lead in that race which is expected to undergo a recount.

Omerza was the top vote-getter in the August primary, with 55.3-percent of the vote. Kess had come in second place, with 32.6 percent, and newcomer Mark Haarman received 12-percent of the vote. There were 741 votes cast in the primary, compared to 1,633 cast on Nov. 8.

As of 7 a.m. on Nov. 8, Ely had 2,299 registered voters.

There were three candidates for the three open Ely City Council seats, and all three earned seats. Incumbent Albert Forsman tallied 1,061 votes, Incumbent Angela Campbell 961, and Adam Bisbee came in third with 686 votes. There were 594 write-in votes cast.

Omerza told the Timberjay she is "thrilled, honored and humbled not only to be elected the mayor of Ely, but also the second female Mayor of Ely."

She follows in the footsteps of Ely Mayor Lolita Schnitzius.

"This was the first election that my daughter was able to vote so it has special meaning to me," she said."Now the work begins... Trailhead completion and the trifecta...childcare, housing, and workforce!"

## Zika tops Suihkonen in only contest race for Tower council

by JODI SUMMIT Tower-Soudan Editor

two-year seat on the council. Suihkonen had been appointed to the seat last fall to replace David Setterberg, who was promoted to

Josh Zika bested Tom Suihkonen fill a mayoral vacancy left by the four-year council seat with 168 Setterberg, who was seeking election as mayor on Tuesday, garnered 168 votes. Joe Morin was reelected to a

111 to 76, to claim an open resignation of Orlyn Kringstad. votes, while Robert Anderson,

with 136 votes.

There were 288 registered

TOWER- In the lone contested race for the Tower City Council, political newcomer

who was recently appointed to fill a vacancy left by the death of council member Sheldon Majerle, won the other open four-year seat voters as of 7 a.m. on Nov. 8

#### **RACE**...Continued from page 1 -

Ellison was locked in a much tighter race with Jim Schultz, although it appeared he would hang on by a margin of just over 20,000 votes.

Voters in St. Louis County backed Democrats in statewide races across the board, but that was primarily on the party's continuing strength in Duluth and on the Iron Range. While Republicans had talked about turning the Iron Range red, major cities in the area, including Hibbing, Virginia, Eveleth, and Ely, backed DFLers in statewide races nearly across the board, albeit by margins that pale in comparison to the DFL's glory days in the region.

North of the Range, however, the shift toward Republican support continued. With a few exceptions, rural townships across northern St. Louis County went for the GOP, in some cases by two-toone margins. Townships like Embarrass, Owens, Leiding, Crane Lake, and Babbitt went overwhelmingly for the GOP candidates in statewide races, while a few townships, notably Fall Lake, Eagles

#### Nest backed the DFL candidates (see full returns by precinct, page 9).

The biggest bright spot for the GOP came with Pete Stauber's re-election to Congress from the Eighth District, by a 57-43 percent margin, although that was solely on the strength of Stauber's support in more southerly parts of the district. In the Arrowhead, voters backed Stauber's DFL challenger Jen Schultz by substantial margins. She won St. Louis County by a 57-43 margin and took Cook County by a better-than two-to-one

margin. Schultz also edged Stauber in Lake County, 51-48 percent.

Perhaps the biggest surprise of the night in Minnesota was the apparent DFL takeover of the state Senate. That means Gov. Walz will have a DFL controlled Legislature to work with for the first time, an outcome that political observers in the state were not predicting. That surprising DFL upset appears to have hinged on DFLer Grant Hauschild's narrow win in Senate District 3, as he became the 34th member of the body, by defeating

Babbitt Mayor Andrea Zupancich.

"The most interesting thing in the new senate majority will be who they pick for their leader on Thursday," said retiring state Sen. Tom Bakk, of Cook, a former Senate majority leader himself. "They do not have a vote to spare so they will have to find a consensus leader. That is going to be hard."

The DFL, meanwhile, is expected to maintain control of the Minnesota House, which would leave the party back in full control of state government for the first time since the Dayton administration.





#### LOG HOME KITS selling for BALANCE OWED with FREE DELIVERY

Model #101, Carolina, \$40,840 Model #203, Georgia, \$49,500 Model #305, Biloxi, \$36,825 Model #403, Augusta, \$42,450

**BALANCE OWED \$17,000 BALANCE OWED \$19,950 BALANCE OWED \$14,500 BALANCE OWED \$16,500** 

Serious Inquiries only Call: 704 368-4528

#### **NEW HOMES:**

- Never been manufactured NO TIME LIMIT FOR DELIVERY
- Comes with complete building
- blueprints and Construction Manual
- Windows, Doors and Roofing not included

#### **Before Calling View House Plans at** www.americanloghomesandcabins.com

#### **SHERIFF**...Continued from page 1 –

was much closer, Ramsay picked up 22,867 votes to Lukovsky's 21,200.

A wild card in this race was the write-in bid of former candidate Chad Walsh, who was eliminated

in the August primary but continued to actively campaign for the job. Write-ins captured 9.9 percent of the ballots cast on Tuesday, 8,519 votes that for the most part surely went to Walsh

instead of the other two candidates. Write-ins were the winner in Embarrass Township.

Walsh won 66 county precincts in the August primary, and how those

precincts split on Tuesday was another indicator of Ramsay's countywide appeal. Ramsay won 49 of the precincts that formerly went to Walsh while Lukovsky picked up just 17.

#### **SENATE** Continued from page 1 –

The result puts Democrats in the driver's seat at the Legislature, which next year will decide how to spend a record-setting \$12.1 billion surplus.

But the party will have narrow governing majorities. In the House, unofficial results project a 70-64 majority, while in the Senate the DFL will have

just a one-vote edge. That means the DFL will have to keep together disparate ends of their political spectrum, which spans more conservative Democrats

in Greater Minnesota and parts of the metro suburbs seats to more progressive ones in the Twin Cities core. Minnpost contributed

to this story.

# Enter the Great Turkey Give-Away! Last Day to enter is Wed., Nov. 16

Enter to win each time you visit any of these businesses.



will be given away at each store.

## 42 chances to win!

Certificate for a FREE TURKEY will be given to each winner (up to \$25 in value).

# Catching a Turkey has never been so easy!

#### 

**ReMax** 4549 Hwy. 53, Orr • (218)757-3233

**Orr Municipal Liquor Store** 4521 Hwy. 53, Orr • (218)757-3935

Pelican Bay Foods Your handy grocery store on Hwy. 53

**Lumber Orr Hardware** Full-service hardware and lumber

#### TOWER/SOUDAN

Vermilion Park Inn 30 Center St, Soudan • (218)753-2333 Little Green Pantry 615 Main St, Tower • (218)290-8767 Sulu's Espresso Cafe 507 Main St, Tower • (218)753-5610 Rick's Relics 405 Main St, Tower • (218)410-5065

#### <u>ELY</u>

Potluck Kitchenware 101 E Chapman St, Ely • (218)235-6135 Zup's in Ely Open 7 days a week • (218)365-3188 Frandsen Bank & Trust-Ely 102 E Sheridan St, Ely • (218)365-6121 Wintergreen Northern Wear LLC 205 Sheridan St, Ely • (218)365-6602

#### **COOK**

Cook Hospital & Care Center

10 SE 5th St • (218)666-5945 **Park State Bank** 

Hwy 53 • (218)666-0393 McDonald's-Cook Hwy 53 • (218)666-0077 North Star Credit Union 24 S River St • (218)666-5940 Cook VFW Post 1757 • (218)666-0500 Waschke Family Chevrolet Sales & Service Cook Building Center

We're at your service **Zup's Grocery** (218)666-0205 **1st National Bank** 

Our specialty: money



Lamppa Manufacturing 9501 MN-135, Tower • (218)753-2330 **Embarrass Vermillion Federal Credit Union** 505 Main St • (218)753-4311 **Soudan Store** Open daily **Tower-Soudan Agency** Your Independent Agent **UBetcha Antiques & Uniques** 601 Main St, Tower • (218)753-3422 **Frandsen Bank-Tower** 415 Main St, Tower • (218)753-6100 **Zup's Tower Grocery** Open 7 days a week • (218)753-2725 **Benchwarmer's Grille** Stop by for great food & drinks • (218)753-7770 **Vermilion Fuel & Food** 

Open daily in Tower **D'Erick's** On & Off Sale Liquor • (218)753-4071

#### <u>BABBITT</u>

**Zup's Grocery** Shop for all your holiday needs • (218)827-3561 **Range Cenex-Babbitt** For all your gas & convenience item needs.

#### EMBARRASS

Embarrass Vermillion Federal Credit Union 4880 Co Hwy 21 • (218)984-3501 **Piragis** 105 N Central Ave, Ely • (218)365-6745

**Ely Auto Service** 1614 E Harvey St, Ely • (218)365-5994 *M-Fri:* 8 AM-5 PM

**Grand Ely Lodge** Come visit us at the Evergreen Restaurant (218)365-6565

**Ely Flower & Seed** Christmas trees, wreaths and poinsettias Feed for all your indoor and outdoor friends

**Ely Surplus** Quality goods, Affordable prices Hours: M-Sat: 9-5; Sun: Closed

Mealey's Gift & Sauna Shop When in Ely, Shop at Mealey's Hours: M-Sat: 10-5; Sun: Closed Merhar's Ace Hardware

Your local hardware headquarters **Range Cenex-Ely** For all your gas & convenience item needs.



## Visit These Fine Local Businesses For All Your Holiday Needs!

#### LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS

## Bixby, Brunner returned in Cook; Antikainen will be Orr's new mayor

REGIONAL—Incumbent Cook City Council members Jody Bixby and Kim Brunner won re-election to new four-year terms, fending off a challenge from political newcomer Ivette Reing. In the three-way race for two council seats, Bixby received 130 votes, Brunner had 110, and Reing tallied 98.

But there will be a new face on the council in January, as Liza Root narrowly beat out Dave Danz to serve out the final two years of the unexpired term of Karen Hollanitch, who resigned from the council earlier this year. Danz, a former council member, was appointed by Mayor Harold Johnston to fill the seat through the end of the year, but voters gave the nod to Root in the election by a slim two-vote margin, 79-77. A third candidate, Erin Danielson, received 57 votes.

Johnston ran unopposed for mayor and received 204 of the 218 votes cast.

The city of Orrelected Robert "Bob" Antikainen as its new mayor by a wide margin over former city employee Rocky Hoffman. Antikainen garnered 61 votes to Hoffman's 28, with write-ins collecting 20 ballots.

In the race to fill two city council positions, incumbent Bruce Black topped a field of six candidates with 53 votes. Also elected to the council was runner-up and newcomer Hannah Manick with 46 votes. The other candidates, in order of finish, were Joshua Gaskell, Jim Gray, Ericka Cote, and Sean Luce.

# Voters opt for experience in Ely school board race

#### by RACHEL BROPHY Staff Writer

ELY – In a school board race that included more than twice as many candidates as the 2020 election, experience mattered to voters as incumbents Rochelle Sjoberg and Tony Colarich landed two of the three available seats for a four-year term on the board with 22.2 percent and 18.14 percent of the vote respectively. The final four-year board seat went to newcomer Jennifer Westlund who received 17.47 percent of the votes and will take the seat filled by appointee Chad Davis after former board member Darren Visser moved out of ISD 696.

In the race for the one available two-year term, current Ely School Board Chair Ray Marsnik prevailed with 59.92 percent of the votes in keeping his seat against Anthony Bermel who came in with 38.73 percent of the vote.

#### EMERGENCY SERVICES

## Ambulance Commission OKs purchase of new rig

Greenwood continues to rankle other area representatives

#### by JODI SUMMIT Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER- The Tower Ambulance Commission gave the go-ahead to order a new ambulance to replace the aging 2013 GMC 4500 rig, that currently has 118,663 miles and is rated in less than fair condition. The purchase will need to be approved by the Tower City Council, and it will require the ambulance service or city take out a loan to cover the shortfall between the estimated amount in the ambulance subsidy account and the actual cost of the new ambulance. The service received a quote of \$233,736 back in 2021, but the cost has increased \$8,500 since then due to the rising cost of aluminum, to \$242,236. The rig will be purchased from Life Line Emergency Vehicles. It is similar to the 2019 Chevrolet Unit 2 purchased three years ago, but will be built on a Ford truck, and will not have quite all the interior "bells and whistles" found on unit 2 that the ambulance service personnel feel is not necessary. The new unit will have auto-load and air-ride, which make the transfer of patients in and out of the unit easier.

The ambulance subsidy account currently sits at \$149,196, but this amount is expected to increase to \$219,000 by the end of 2023, plus any additions due to the city's contribution for \$1.66 per mile for non-emergency transfer calls.

The vote to move ahead with ordering the new ambulance, which won't be ready for at least 12 months, was 5-1, with newly-appointed Greenwood alternate representative John Bassing voting against, at the commission's Nov.2 meeting. "We were promised a business plan for years," said Bassing, who complained that consultant Betsy Olivanti had developed one plan that showed a profit for the service, but then the city started working with the state's Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (EMSRB) and started looking at other ideas.

"You said you'd have a more robust plan," he told the ambulance commission. "Where is the business plan that will lead us to figure out how many ambulances you need in what time period, what type of ambulances, and how to cut the overhead."

Tower representative Kevin Norby said the department doesn't do enough transfers to justify purchasing a less costly type two rig (instead of the type three rigs currently in service). In addition, he noted, while some transfers do generate a profit for the service, others do not.

Ambulance Supervisor Dena Suihkonen agreed and said while that type of rig would cost less than half of what a type one rig costs, the department doesn't have enough staff to increase the number of transfer calls it takes. In addition, she said, that type of rig is not suitable to respond to many of their calls, which involve travel on rougher, rural roads, and that they don't have enough interior room for an EMT to actively care for a patient while on the road.

Operating the ambulance service with only one ambulance is not an option, Suihkonen said.

"If unit one [the 2013 unit] goes down and we only have one ambulance, are you willing to wait for us to call Virginia or Ely to respond if unit 2 is already out on a call?" she asked.

Ambulance services in Ely and Cook get a much larger number of transfer calls, but they staffing their transfer calls.

As of Oct. 30, the service had taken 54 non-emergency transfer calls. Most of these, Suihkonen said, were for local area patients who needed to be transported from the hospital back home, or from a local hospital to a different hospital. Transfers are only taken when there is enough staff to cover an emergency call during when one ambulance is out of the area doing a transfer. The service has responded to 377 emergency calls in this time period.

"Our main concern is having good solid units on the road," said Eagles Nest representative Larry McCray. "I'd hate to lose a life because we wouldn't finance a new ambulance."

Bassing also was the lone no vote on approving the new 2022-2023 ambulance subsidy agreement. Greenwood Township has yet to agree on making the \$15 per capita subsidy payment this year. All the other townships in the ambulance service area are making their payments and have also agreed to make double subsidy payments in 2023.

Bassing said the removal of the indemnity clause, added in 2021 at the insistence of Greenwood's attorney, was a problem.

"If someone on the Tower Ambulance does something wrong," Bassing said. "Greenwood wouldn't be sucked into any lawsuit."

Norby said the city's attorney said any indemnification clause should be mutual.

[in the agreement]," he said. "It should not have been in the contract ever. We are discussing it for no good reason."

McCray said this was an issue that Greenwood could negotiate one-on-one directly with Tower if they so desired.

Jeff Damm, who is the Bois Forte/Fortune Bay representative, agreed. "I don't understand what the problem is as far as liability," he said.

The ambulance commission has no authority at all over the operation of the service itself, which is run by the city of Tower.

#### **Future plans**

"In my personal opinion," said Bassing, "Greenwood is going down a different path. We want to reduce our response times and want a higher level of service."

Greenwood has commissioned a study that is looking at regional ambulance issues and possibilities for the future. Though Greenwood officials have repeatedly said they have no interest in running an ambulance service themselves.

"I don't anticipate any payments coming forward until we see the results of the study," said Bassing. The township is expecting to see the report by the end of the year, though Bassing told the commission the consulting firm had had "nothing but parochialism from the area."

Bassing reiterated criticism of the ambulance service dating back to the time it was under the direction of Steve Altenburg. "We've seen mismanage ment in this operation for some time," he said. "The ambulance garage isn't there. Where did that money go. Where is the business plan. We've had violation of the contract. It is November and the contract isn't signed yet. What kind of business is this?" Norby responded that the city is working in good faith on the issue.

"We are working to save people," he said.

"You can ride that flag up all you want," said Bassing.

"We are past that now," said McCray. "You may come up with some great ideas, but in the meantime, we are working on changing this business and doing something real to make a change here. We would love to have you on board for that."

Ambulance services throughout the area have been struggling to find staff and finding trained paramedics who can provide ALS-level service is even harder. The Tower Ambulance is providing on-call 24/7 staffing with its EMTs and EMRs.

Damm said the city of Buhl can't find any paramedics, and the private ambulance service they hired to cover their community has since left. Finding staff has also been more difficult during the pandemic, Damm said, because of the risks to ambulance personnel.

The Tower Ambulance Service has called for ALS/ paramedic support 56 times from Virginia and three times from Ely in the first 10 months of this year, on average once every five days.

Bassing also asked why he hadn't been invited to participate in the ad-hoc committee that is discussing future plans for the service.

"We did invite elected officials from Greenwood three times," said Norby, who also sits on the Tower City Council."You aren't on the town board. This is an ad-hoc committee formed by the city." The committee consists of elected officials from the townships in the ambulance service area who have chosen to participate. The ad-hoc committee has been discussing options for the future of the department, including the formation of a joint powers committee to oversee and run the department, so that the department would not be solely run by the city.

also are the first to be called on any transfers from their local hospital. The Cook Ambulance, she said, is looking at buying a type 1 rig, but they do enough transfers from the Cook Hospital to keep that rig in regular service. The Cook Ambulance is paying their personnel \$2 per loaded mile on transfer calls, but even with that reimbursement are having trouble "We would take responsibility for our employees," he said, "just not for the first responders or fire department members from other townships."

McCray reiterated that the ambulance commission's sole purpose is to help determine when to purchase new ambulances and what to do with the old ones.

"This had no place here

#### **JOHNSON**...Continued from page 1

Trust Fund, named for Johnson. He also modernized the state's Payment in Lieu of Taxes, or PILT, program, which aided northeastern Minnesota with its large percentage of state lands. He reconfigured the state's Local Government Aid formula in a way that brought millions in annual state funding to many Iron Range cities.

While Johnson frequently drew criticism from metro area legislators, both DFL and Republican, for using his position to benefit northeastern Minnesota, it was criticism that he wore as a badge of honor. And it earned him the overwhelming support of his constituents, who returned him year after year with huge margins.

Johnson had contracted polio as a child and always walked slowly, with the aid of leg braces, but it was a disability that he always managed to overcome through his tenacity and his remarkable personal charm. "Everyone talked about his cherub smile," said Sen. Tom Bakk this week in remembrance of his longtime friend and mentor. "Just looking at him, you had to like him. People trusted him and they trusted him to make important decisions."

His charm, combined with his strong support in northern Minnesota helped him compete against the heirs of four Minnesota dynasties when he ran for governor in 1998. In a five-way primary, he finished a strong third, ahead of both Mark Dayton and Ted Mondale. "It was the best thing we ever did," recalled Deneese, "but we both agreed we'd never do it again."

It was after his unsuccessful gubernatorial bid that Johnson began to think about life beyond the Legislature. That intensified after he was term-limited as head of the Tax Committee, and became head of the Senate Finance Committee, instead.

That opened up opportunity for Bakk, who went on to eventually replace his mentor.

"For me, I was probably the luckiest freshman who was ever elected," said Bakk. "I had arguably two of the most powerful legislators as mentors, with Doug in the Senate and Irv Anderson in the House. They really taught me how to navigate the process."

When Johnson retired, Bakk was well-positioned to replace him, and soon was tapped to lead the same Tax Committee from where Johnson was able to accomplish so much for the region.

#### Politics led to romance

Politics was Johnson's life, so it was perhaps no surprise that he met Deneese, his wife of 26 years, through their mutual political involvement.

"He was my state senator when I lived south of Biwabik, and got involved politically," said Deneese. When her first husband later died, she took a job at the Capitol, working as a committee administrator for the Legislature. "We went out for dinner one night, and that was it," recalled Deneese.

Doug retired from the Legislature in 2003, but he and Deneese began a political consultancy which they operated for more than a decade from their home on Lake Vermilion. Their consultancy was aided by Johnson's reputation for political smarts and his many personal connections with influential people across the state.

While the couple retired from professional consultancy about ten years ago, Doug continued to offer political advice to candidates he backed. "He was very engaged right up until three weeks ago. He never quit with politics," said Deneese, who acknowledges she's "just as crazy about politics" as he was. "He'd been helping Grant Hauschild."

#### A blue-collar Democrat

At a time when Iron Range politics has been trending increasingly toward the GOP, Johnson remained a stalwart DFLer, even as he often differed from his party on some issues. As a Minnesota Public Radio profile of Johnson mentioned during his 1998 gubernatorial bid, one political commentator had called Johnson the only pro-gun, pro-life, prohockey-puck" candidate in the DFL nomination fight. Johnson, who in his heyday could launch into a stemwinder of a stump speech at a moment's notice, often railed against Twin Cities liberals and environmentalists in defending the region's mining and logging industries.

He was very much a traditional DFLer, who backed industries that brought good, middle-class jobs to the region, while supporting plentiful funding for social services, particularly for the poor and elderly, public education, and infrastructure.

It's no coincidence that the St. Louis County Board voted unanimously in 2010 to rename County Rd. 77, which passed Johnson's Pike Bay residence, the "Senator Doug Johnson Highway."

Johnson's support for education was longstanding and was reflected as well in his choice of his non-legislative career as a guidance counselor at the Cook School, where he influenced the future goals of so many young people. He also used his influence to help bring new investments to college campuses and other public schools in northeastern Minnesota.

Despite his public renown, Deneese said Doug had requested a private ceremony for family, which will be held graveside at the Cook Cemetery. He'll be interred there, right next to his mother and father.

# VETERANS DAY 2022



#### The American Legion and these area businesses

www.va.gov salute our military veterans of all eras this November 11 - and every day. Thank you for serving America with honor, courage and commitment.

Legion.org

= AMERICAN

LEGION



**SPORTS** 

Serving northern St. Louis County since 1989

#### CROSS COUNTRY STATE MEET

## North Woods runner makes All-State

Brodeen finishes 16th, Burckhardt takes 44th

by DAVID COLBURN Cook-Orr Editor

NORTHFIELD- North Woods and Ely runners fared well at the Class A cross country championships on Saturday, Nov. 5 at St. Olaf College in Northfield.

The top individual performance among area runners was turned in by North Woods junior Evelyn Brodeen, running for the

See NORTH WOODS...pg. 2B



Evelyn Brodeen, in yellow jersey, runs near the front of the pack during last Saturday's state meet in Northfield.

# Ely runners make a solid showing at state meet

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER Managing Editor

NORTHFIELD – Ely cross-country runners found plenty of competition at last Saturday's state cross-country meet but managed a respectable showing among a field of hundreds of racers.

The Ely girls, who qualified for state as a team at last week's sectional competition, were led by eighth-grader Molly Brophy, who finished 54th with a time of 20:23. Senior Zoe Devine was right behind, finishing 64th with a time of 20:35.

For Devine, whose high school cross-country career came to an end last weekend, the state meet experience was a familiar one. She first qualified for state as an eighth grader, and later as a sophomore and as a junior, although her sophomore appearance at state was cut short by the COVID pandemic.

See RUNNERS...pg. 2B



# SECTION 7A VOLLEYBALL PLAYOFFS Section Champs I Ely tops Floodwood 3-1 for title; to face toughest test at state tourney

#### by DAVID COLBURN

Cook-Orr Editor

HERMANTOWN-An epic battle for the Section 7A volleyball championship at Hermantown High School on Saturday turned into a monumental rout as the Ely Timberwolves dominated the final two games and cashed in on a trip to the state tournament with a 3-1 victory over Floodwood.

The Polar Bears and Wolves were dead even at 4-4 in the third game, with Ely winning a hotly contested first set 25-22 and Floodwood roaring back to win the second 25-22.

With Ely's Lilli Rechichi serving at 4-4 in the third, the teams engaged in the longest and most exciting rally of the match, with blistering kills, impossible digs, and dives to the floor for incredible saves.

A huge kill shot by Ely's Hannah Penke ended the point, and effectively ended any hope Floodwood had of upsetting the undefeated Timberwolves. Ely flat out dominated Floodwood from there, putting together a crushing 16-2 run with stellar play at the net from Rachel Coughlin, Kate Couglin, Madeline Kallberg and Penke as they took the third

#### See SECTION TITLE ....pg. 2B





Top: Members of the Ely volleyball team express their joy after winning the Section 7A title.

Left: Hannah Penke raps a kill.

Above: Ely Head Coach Megan Wognum gets a hug from second-grader Kaelyn Puzel after the match.

Right: Courtney Eilrich goes low for a dig. all photos by D. Colburn



#### **SECTION TITLE...**Continued from page 1B

#### set 25-10.

The fourth set wasn't much better for the hapless Polar Bears, as Ely bolted to a 9-2 lead and kept pouring it on to win 25-13 and claim the championship.

This match had all the promise of being a scorcher in the first set with 11 ties and seven lead changes before Ely pulled ahead late on kills by Madeline Kallberg and Rechichi for the win. Floodwood responded with a 4-0 spurt to start the second set and never trailed in the 25-22 win.

Floodwood's Kenzie Kiminski was on fire the first two sets, hammering ten kills, and before the third set Ely Head Coach Megan Wognum knew she had to switch things up.



#### Your local source for news, music and entertainment!



91.7fm - Grand Rapids 90.5fm - Bemidji 89.9fm - Brainerd kaxe.org



that they couldn't finish their kills.'

The strategy worked to perfection as Ely's blockers turned back shot after shot the rest of the way. Kiminiski nearly disappeared in the final two sets, collecting just two more kills.

On the Timberwolves' side of the net, Penke again was the big gun, nailing kills down the line and in the corners for 18 winners.

"Hannah has the really cool ability to change our team dynamic," Wognum said. "She brings more than just skill. She brings passion, she brings endurance, she brings everything that we need as a team to pull together this year. She's going to be really good when she plays in college."

Penke wasn't the only member of the team with a big night. Senior Kate Coughlin notched nine kills and 23 digs, while her sister Rachel added ten kills, 18 digs, and seven blocks. Senior Madeline Kallberg added six kills, 25 assists, 13 digs, six blocks, and while Courtney Eilrich added 12 digs.

While the Wolves savored the win this weekend, Wognum already had the Wolves pointing toward the next big prize. "It's almost like we start a whole new season," she said. "I said that coming into the playoffs after our regular season was successful, and now we're moving into a new season which is the state tournament."

In the state tournament, the top five teams are seeded, while Ely and the other two teams were assigned their opponents by random draw.

Ely drew one of the toughest matchups for

#### Left: Ely fans cheer on the Wolves volleyball team last Saturday in Hermantown.

#### photo by D. Colburn

Thursday's opening round, defending Class A champion and second-seeded Mayer Lutheran. The Crusaders also won state championships in 2016 and 2017, and their 26-5 season record includes nine wins over Class AAA and Class AAAA teams. Ely was banking on its scrappy play, team chemistry, and its record as the only undefeated team remaining in Minnesota to pull off the upset."MayerLutheranhas a great reputation for being competitive. We have done our homework and we are going to make sure we play our best game yet," said Wognum.

The tournament was scheduled to end with the championship match set for Saturday. Check the Timberjay's Facebook page and timberjay.com for tournament updates, and a full tourney recap will be published in the Nov. 18 edition.

#### **NORTH WOODS...**Continued from page 1B showed great improvement

combined South Ridge Panthers team. Running on the same course as last year's state event, Brodeen catapulted from 44th to 16th place among the 159 qualifiers. The Polar League and Section 7A champion

clocked in with a time of 19 minutes, 30 seconds, 59 seconds faster than last year. As a top-25 finisher, Brodeen earned All-State honors.

North Woods sophomore Alex Burckhardt also

over last year, vaulting from 75th to 44th in the standings with a time of 17:07. Burckhardt shaved 41 seconds off his time from his previous state appearance. "Both exceeded expectations," said Panthers Head Coach Jeremy Polson. "They ran exactly how we wanted them to run and got the results we were looking for.'

**RUNNERS...**Continued from page 1B

Other Ely girls finishers in the race include junior Claire Blauch, 106th with a time of 21:39, freshman Elsa Ellerbroek, 126th with a time of 22:23, sophomore

Anna Dunn, 131st with a time of 22:27, junior Kirstin Eaton, 140th in 22:45 and



Pick Up

Mail

## **Back By Popular Demand!** Memories of the Early Days A fascinating look back at the early history of the Lake Vermilion area Written by Marshall Helmberger • Published by the Timberjay

senior Phoebe Helms, who sprained her ankle, at 144th with a time of 23:10.

In the boys' competition, Ely's sole participant, sophomore Caid Chittum finished in 100th place, with a time of 17:49.

As Devine and Helms both looked back on their high school running careers, they both gave high marks to longtime Ely cross country coach Jayne Dusich. "Jayne is such an amazing coach, and I have been so lucky to have her for all of my years of cross country," said Devine."She is a tough-loving coach who w not

262-3049

#### four aces. Meanwhile, Lilli Rechichi tallied six kills, nine digs, and four blocks,

	LAKE VERMILION	has helped me grow no only physically as an athlete
A Regional Favorite	Memories of the Early Days	but has helped me with my resilience, leadership, and confidence as well."
STOP IN TODAY OR CALL	by Marshall Helmberger	Helms agreed. "She motivated us to get to State
STOP IN TODAT OK CALL		this year, and we couldn' have done it without he
Inct \$7095		training and guidance." Both seniors say the
Just \$2995		plan to continue to run ever beyond high school. "Ever if it is not competitively
Don't miss your chance	VERMAJON	or on a college team, know I will continue to
to own Lake Vermilion's most	100 Historical	run and train and set goals for myself as that is what
definitive history!	Photographs!	running has shaped my life to be," said Devine.
Dick up book(s) at Timboriay office i	n Tower or have book(s) mailed, for \$39.95 each.	Helms, whose father has run competitively for
		years, including in mar athons, said she expects
<b>The Timberjay</b> P.O. Box 636, 414 Main St Tower, MN 55790 • 218-753-2950	ORDER FORM	to take up that mantle herself. "There's no bette feeling than the post-race
Tower, MN 55790 • 218-753-2950	Quantity of Books	or good run feel. I have always loved long-distance
Name		running, thanks to my Dad," she said.
Address		
	ZIP Code Tel.#	
Credit Card Information VISA MC I	DISCOVER	ં ્રેંગ્રેંગ્રેંગ્રે
	Exp. DateCVV	Ritchie 3
Billing address if different from above		Automatic
		Livestock Waterers and Parts
Book Total - Pick Up \$29.95 +	tax (\$32.16) Book Total - Mail \$39.95	HIBBING
Total charged to credit card \$	Paid by check \$ Check #	FEEDana

#### ST. LOUIS COUNTY SCHOOLS

## ISD 214 completes a light agenda at Oct. 25 meeting

by DAVID COLBURN Cook-Orr Editor

CHERRY – Meeting at the district's Cherry School on Oct. 25, the ISD 2142 School Board took action to give parents greater access to information about how their child's educational information is utilized by the district's electronic curriculum, testing, and assessment technology assets.

Under a newly revised "internet acceptable-use and safety policy" approved by the board, parents must be notified prior to the start of a school year what technology providers the district will be using for curriculum, testing, or assessment that have access to educational data and how that data is to be used. Parents also have the right to inspect any district contract with such providers.

ISD 2142 must also ensure in its contracts that educational data be restricted to only authorized employees or contractors of companies providing those services on a need-to-know basis. Shared data remains the sole property of ISD 2142.

The policy also restricts the district's ability to routinely access or monitor digital devices that are issued to students. Indi-

vidual use digital devices such as smartphones and tablets may not be used by preschoolers or Kindergarteners unless they are engaged with a teacher or other students.

In other business, the board: ➤ Held a second reading for proposed revisions to the district's school meals policy.

➤ Held a first reading for a proposed equal access to school facilities policy.

➤ Adopted a resolution supporting an application to the Minnesota State High School League Foundation for funding to offset extracurricular student activity fees in athletic and fine arts programs.

➤ Approved a sales contract with Gary Martinson, of Cook, for four lots in Arts Addition for \$10,900.

➤ Hired Kristi Sopoci for a combination Title 1 and Elementary Specialist position at North Woods.

➤ Hired Drayke Snidarich as a part-time paraprofessional at North Woods and Sheila Moravitz to a similar position at Northeast Range.

➤ Hired Patricia Hauta as a part-time ECFE teacher aide at North Woods.

➤ Hired Marissa Rose for the full-time Indigenous Support II position at North Woods.
➤ Hired Dan Squires as an assistant boys basketball coach at North Woods.

➤ Hired Courtney Field as a part-time Little Sprouts student aide at Northeast Range.

➤ Approved a request from Tower-Soudan Special Education Teacher Timothy Herring for unpaid leave for the remainder of the school year beginning Nov. 7. Herring must provide written notification of his intent to return to work in 2023-24 or intent to resign by Feb. 1, 2023.

#### **Obituaries and Death Notices**



**LeRoy C. Holmes** 

LeRoy Cecil Holmes, 88, of Soudan, died on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, at the Cardigan Ridge Senior Living in Little Canada. A memorial celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tower. Pastor Liz Cheney will officiate. Lunch will be provided after the service. A graveside service with full military honors will be held in Lakeview Cemetery in Tower sometime in the summer of 2023.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Alzheimer's Association are preferred, alz.org\donate. Family services are provided by Range Funeral Home of Virginia.

LeRoy was born on June 18, 1934, in Embarrass, the son of Oscar and Ida Sundeen. He grew up and attended school in Tower-Soudan, graduating from high school in 1952. He then worked as an apprentice electrician with Oliver Mining company for a year, and proceeded into the Air Force in May 1953; he was honorably discharged as a sergeant in April 1961. From there he went to pre-seminary study at both Gustavus and Augsburg, then attended NorthwesternLuther from 1961-1964. He was ordained at Gustavus Adolphus on June 6, 1964. Churches served in ministry were Embarrass-Pike Lutheran, Gethsemane Lutheran in Virginia, Mount Carmel in St. Paul and Trinity Parish in North Dakota, from 1964 to 1996. In addition, he served multiple congregations as interim from 1996-2010. His interests includ-

ed fishing, woodworking, hunting, camping; he was an active member of the Tower-Soudan Historical Society in retirement.

Leroy is survived by his daughters, Dori Holmes Skramsted (David), Karleen Wildes and Lisa Ledman (David); grandchildren, Jason Eggers (Lindsey), Joshua Eggers, Kristi Ledman, Justin Ledman, Alec Wildes and Matthew Wildes (Maggie); and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and wife, Katheen Dorian (Tuominen) Holmes.

#### Calvin D. Jokela

Calvin Donald Jokela, 74, of Babbitt, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, at the Ely Bloomenson Community Hospital. Family arrangements have been entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

#### **Helen C. Miller**



William F. Freeman William F. "Bill" Freeman, 77, died on Friday, Oct. 21, 2022, while in hospice care at the home of his son Steven Freeman in Lindstrom. A celebration of life will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10 at the Chisago Lakes Township Hall in Lindstrom. All who knew Bill are welcome. He will be remembered fondly for his wit, his singing voice, his love of northern Minnesota, and his ability to give everyone and everything a clever and affectionate nickname. Condolences and inquiries may be sent to Steve Freeman, 31661 Mildred Ave., Lindstrom, MN 55045 or freemo37@ gmail.com.

Bill was the only child of Theodore "Ted" Freeman of Whitesville, N.Y., and Marjorie "Peggy" Freeman of St. Paul. who met and were married while both served in the U.S. Coast Guard/ SPARs during World War II. He was born on Oct. 6. 1945, in St. Paul where his family lived until moving to Chisago City in 1956. At Chisago City High School, Bill was active in choir, band and athletics, competing in shot put, as a heavyweight wrestler, and playing center on the football team.

After graduation, Bill married Leilani Dahl at Zion Lutheran Church in Chisago City in October 1963. They lived in St. Cloud, where Bill attended St. Cloud State College for one year before returning to Chisago City. Bill and Leilani had two children, daughter Susan and son Steven. In 1965, Bill began employment with the Toni Company, which later became the Gillette Company, in St. Paul. Bill and the family moved to Lindstrom in 1967.

Bill sang for 20 years in the Trinity Lutheran Church Senior Choir. He was a charter member and volunteer with the community's first ambulance service, the Chisago Lakes Rescue Squad. He played an active role in the Chisago Lakes Jaycees and in the area's first youth hockey association. Bill coached youth hockey, and for several years entertained youngsters as the community's Santa Claus at Christmas. A natural-born performer, Bill shared his talent as an actor and singer with the Masquers Theatre Company in Forest Lake during the 1980s. In 1987, he played the leading role of the sheriff in Chimera Theatre Company's production of "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas"

in downtown St. Paul. Bill and Leilani were theran Church where he joined the choir and sang many solos.

In 2004, Bill met his partner, Patricia Hoover, and with her participated in numerous community activities, especially at the Orr School where Pat was a teacher. He worked on fundraising events, built sets for school plays, created decorations for school proms, and helped Pat chaperone proms and dances. An avid school sports fan, he could be found in the stands enthusiastically cheering on the Orr Braves and North Woods Grizzlies football and volleyball teams.

Every deer hunting season found Bill in Babbitt, with his cousin Ron Rykken and friends Kevin, Rick and Tony, whose wives and children also became family and were dear to his heart. In his later retirement years, Bill spent summers in Orr and winters with his devoted partner Patricia at her home in Green Valley, Ariz.

Bill is survived by his special friend, Patricia Hoover; son, Steven (Tammy) Freeman of Lindstrom; daughter, Susan Freeman of Center City; grandchildren, Anthony, Devan (Alyssa Wickenhauser), Teran Freeman and Tristin (Cole) Hemme, all of Lindstrom, Connor (Marly) Freeman of Wyoming, Samantha Duncan and Nick Duncan of Center City, and Rheanna Duncan of Brooklyn, N.Y.; great-grandchildren, Alexander Buys of Center City, Tucker and Tanner Hemme of Lindstrom, Leia, Ella and Lois Freeman of Wyoming; and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ted and Peggy Freeman; and cousins, Fred Vette and Mayleann "Toots" Rykken.



#### Melvin D. Amundson

Melvin "Mel" Daniel Amundson, 79, of Babbitt, went to his heavenly home on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022, at the Boundary Waters Care Center in Ely, surrounded by family. Family services provided by Bauman-Vermilion, a Bauman Family Funeral Home in Tower.

He is survived by his wife, Sonja Lindland Amundson; daughters, Shelly Monteith and Hollie (Beau) Mason; son, Willie Canisalez; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sisters, Carol (Bill) McKinney and Lorie (Benny) Rivera; brother-in-law, Jim Lindland; sisters-in-law, Kelly (Jack) Lopac, Donna (Mark) Blanchfield and Diane (Troy) Wood: and numerous nieces and nephews.

Helen C. Miller, 102, of Babbitt, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022, at Carefree Living in Babbitt. Family arrangements have been entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

divorced in 1991 but remained friends as they shared the lives of their children and grandchildren. After retiring from the Gillette Company in 1996, Bill moved to Ash Lake near Orr. In Orr, Bill attended Calvary Lu-



#### Phyllis M. Boshey, May-may-skoowaa-beck

Phyllis Mae Strong Boshey, May-may-skoowaa-beck (Yellow Butterfly), 85, Bois Forte Tribal Member, passed away on Friday, Nov. 4, 2022, peaceably at her home on the Lake Vermilion Reservation. A Traditional Wake was held on Monday, Nov. 7 and a Traditional Service was held on Tuesday, Nov. 8, both at the Vermilion Wellness Center.

Phyllis was born on April 7, 1937, on the Nett Lake Reservation in northern Minnesota to

Mary (Boness) Chicag and Albert Strong. She was dearly loved by so many in her community at the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa for her leadership as a Tribal Council Member, family member and friend as everyone's Grandma and Auntie. One word can describe her, generosity. She was generous with her time, resources and love. Everyone has a story of how she helped them.

In her youth, she lived with her grandparents, Rosie Beargrease Strong (descendent of famous dogsledder John Beargrease) and George John Strong at historical Strongville in the Nett Lake Village; she was the longest living of former Strongville residents. In her 19 years as District II Lake Vermilion Bois Forte Tribal Council Representative, Phyllis was instrumental in Vermilion's first Tribal government office and first medical clinic, the development of Fortune Bay Resort Casino, the Wilderness Golf Course, and conceived the idea of the Bois Forte Heritage Center and Museum to come to life, and for her service on the Bois Forte Housing Authority Board.

Her early work history included flagging for road construction and skillfully loading taconite pellets into train cars at Minntac. She enjoyed carrying on cultural traditions such as jingle-dress dancing at powwows, beadwork, berry picking, wild ricing, netting, and gardening. She really enjoyed living near the water on the lakeshore and being on the water. Phyllis was a lifelong learner and loved her studies of maps and reading literature on the Ojibwe peoples' history and culture to enhance her knowledge of and advocacy for treaty rights.

Phyllis is survived by her brother, Rodney Strong; daughters, Denise Pieratos and Carrie Strong, both of Lake Vermilion and Cheryl Milbridge of Roseau; seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and

33 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by husband, Robert Boshey; sisters, Mary Strong and Sara Kochie; brothers, Gerald Chicag Sr., Faron Chicag, Kenneth Strong Sr. and Gaynard Strong; and nephew, Carl Dagen.

#### **Robert Akemann**

Robert "Bob" Akemann, 72, of Babbitt, a proud U.S. veteran, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022. Family arrangements have been entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

Get

Informed!

Get the

Timberjay!



#### Douglas Johnson

Senator Douglas Johnson "Doug" "Dougie", age 80 of Tower, passed away peacefully on Nov. 7, 2022. Per Doug's wishes, private family services are being held. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the charity of your choice in Doug's name. Online condolences to www.mlakerfuneralhome.com

Doug lived his life helping others, serving in the Minnesota legislature for 32 years. He had a love for the Iron Range and his family. He will be deeply missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Irene; and brother, Robert. Doug is survived by wife, Denesse Johnson; children, Nicole Nelson and Alan Hoole; grandchildren. Brady (Andrew) Hernandez, Jenna Hoole and Barrett Walker; great grandson, Benjamin; sister-in-law, Judy; dear cousin Charlotte and her family; other loving relatives; and numerous friends.





#### AS THE LOCALS SEE IT

## Finding your way on Vermilion: It's all in the names

Do you want to know how to get to my place on the lake? You head out from Stuntz Bay and go past Banana and Bowl Islands. Go through the narrows and get out into the Raceway. Watch out for Bird Island and head north toward the Gazebo. Leave yourself a good dis-

tance from shore while you go around Biscuit Point and there I

WAMHOFF

am. Just before you get to Eagle Point. So, what's my point in all this? We have names, official and unofficial, to guide us on our adventures.

Inoticed this phenomenon first when I lived in Montana. My partner and I developed names for every little new back trail, rock and gully we visited. Mostly so that we could tell each other

our funny, and not so funny stories and have a reference of where we were. We used official names like the Milk River and Bone Trail. And we developed our own nonofficial names like Stagecoach, where a bush looks like a stagecoach going over a ridge and Bare Foot Ridge where we went barefoot on the silt washed from the top of the rock.

In Montana, we named mostly trails and rocks and ridges, but I find the water topography works just about the same. Here on Lake Vermilion (A name derived from the Ojibwe word "Onamuni" and

See NAMES...pg. 3B





#### 2022 REGULAR FIREARMS DEER SEASON

# Harvest down sharply

Deer registrations in area off 30 percent from last year

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER Managing Editor

Above: Alex Hartway, grandson of Leo Wilenius, shot this nice eight-point buck about noon on Monday while hunting on family property in Sturgeon Township, west of Cook. submitted





## **RARE WILDLIFE VNP study records** cougar on trail cam

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER Dakotas. Managing Editor

REGIONAL - A study of wolves in and around Voyageurs National Park has captured several seconds of video of a cougar walking at night through a portion of their study area. The Voyageurs Wolf Project has deployed between 150-200 trail cameras through a large study area over the past few years, gathering observa-

While numerous trail camera photos and videos of cougars have been reported in recent years to the DNR, the agency reports that many of the images aren't clear enough to definitively make an identification. That's not the case with the video and still photos captured of the cougar near Voyageurs. During roughly six seconds, the big cat is clearly visible walking calmly right through the

REGIONAL- Wildlife managers with the Department of Natural Resources had predicted a tough opener for deer hunters here in the North Country this past weekend. It was all that and then some as the opening weekend registrations made clear.

Across the nine deer permit areas monitored by the *Timberjay*, registrations were down 30 percent over last year and were down fully 50 percent from the opening weekend harvest back in 2018.

"That's what we anticipated," said Jessica Holmes, who noted that the deer population has struggled to recover from a couple moderate-to-severe winters over the past three years. She said winter severity is the primary driver of deer survival in the region.

"This is a pure indicator of our lack of snow shelter," said Holmes. "Snow shelter" is a relatively new term being used by biologists, replacing the old terminology of "thermal cover." It refers primarily to older conifer cover, like balsam fir, pine, and cedar, which helps protect deer from wind and under which snow accumulation is typically less.

"We're experiencing intensive



harvest across the board on state and county lands right now," said Holmes, and she said that has eliminated a lot of snow shelter on most public lands in the area.

While timber harvests can provide deer with plentiful browse for the first year or two after cutting, wildlife managers note that the value of such sites for most wildlife rapidly diminishes as the young aspen and other browse quickly gets out of reach of deer. Such open sites provide deer little or no protection from cold or wind.

The registration numbers seemed to bear that out. Permit area 119, where some of the most intensive timber harvest has taken place, saw hunters register just 68 deer through the opening weekend. That's opposed to 205 deer at the

s through	n Monday, N	Nov. 7
Bucks	Antlerless	Total
1,730	648	2,378
NA	NA	NA
1,684	<b>488</b>	2,172
1,188	321	1,509
	Bucks 1,730 NA 1,684	NA NA

Preliminary harvest totals for permit areas in northern St. Louis, Lake, and Koochiching counties, including 107, 109, 117, 118, 119, 130, 176, 177, and 178.

same point last year.

Rob Bryers, who hunts in 119 north of Lake Vermilion, said he's yet to see a deer through the first three days of the season and reported 'very little sign."

Next door in permit area 109, another intensively harvested area located on the west side of Hwy. 53, hunters registered just 89 deer. In permit area 118, which encompasses much of the Echo Trail, registrations were down by nearly half- with 111 compared to 215 at the same point last season.

"Everyone is just disgusted," said a Tower store owner, who asked not to be identified by name. She said the lack of deer has been a hot topic with the folks who came into

#### See DEER HUNT...pg. 3B

tional data of wolves and other animals that share the same habitat.

The video, which clearly shows a cougar, or mountain lion, walking slowly along what appears to be a logging road, was shot on Oct. 20, about ten miles south of Voyageurs National Park. It's the first and, so far, only video the study has captured of a cougar, despite what is almost certainly hundreds of thousands of hours collectively recorded by the study's trail cameras.

The popularity of trail cameras has made it possible to document that at least a limited number of cougars is occasionally in the state, although the cats are known to range widely and very well may move outside the state's borders at times. According to the Department of Natural Resources, there have been 59 verified cougar sightings in the state since 2004, or an average of about 3.4 per year. DNR wildlife officials say they believe the bulk of the cougar sightings are wanderers from the western center of the camera frame.

"We figured your readers might be very interested in this," said study leader Tom Gable, who provided the image and accompanying information to the Timberjay. "At least from our experience, people seem to be fascinated with cougar sightings in the Midwest!" he said.

According to Gable, the research team has not made another cougar sighting since.

While an encounter with a cougar is extremely rare, several North Country residents have reported sightings, and in some cases close encounters with the big cats, to the Timberjay over the years. The DNR maintains that there is no evidence of a breeding population of cougars in Minnesota, yet it's worth noting that the agency also maintained for years that the state had no breeding population of Canada lynx, a claim that the U.S. Forest Service eventually dismantled through an effort to actually document their existence.

## Send us your hunting stories and photos

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

We're looking for stories and photos from this year's hunt. Whether it's an interesting encounter in the woods, a monster buck, a funny story about life at deer camp, or a young person's

first deer, we want to hear about it. Don't worry if you're not a writer. Just tell us the story over the phone – we'll write it for you. Or email us with a few details and we'll take it from there. And don't

forget— nothing highlights the story better than some photos, so send them along as well.

ContactMarshallHelmberger at 218-753-2950 with your stories or email them to marshall@tim-

berjay.com.

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

#### CLIMATE CHANGE

## Continuing a trend, autumn 2022 was milder than average

by Marshall Helmberger Managing Editor

THE TIMBERJAY

REGIONAL- The trend of milder autumn weather in the North Country continued in October and through the first week of November this year - and that came on the heels of a warmer-than-average September.

From Oct. 1-Nov. 7, the average temperatures recorded at most area reporting stations in northern St. Louis, Lake, or Koochiching counties ran anywhere from 2.9 degrees above average at Celina to 5.3 degrees above average at a station located 25 miles east of Ely. Tower was 3.9 degrees above average while Orr reported 4.6 degrees warmer than normal.

Those comparisons are based on the current 30-year average temperatures, which reflect a significant amount of warming that's already occurred.

While October did include several days of cold and snowy weather, starting around the middle of the month, that was followed by unseasonably mild weather which set in during the final ten days of the month and continued through the first week of November.

Temperatures during this period were running anywhere from 20-35 degrees above average. Perhaps most dramatically, the overnight low on Nov. 2 was in the mid-to-upper 50s across much of the area, or about 15 degrees above the average high temperature for that date, and a whopping 30-35 degrees above the average low.

In Tower, the average high on Nov. 2 is 42.9 degrees, with an average low of 23.9 degrees, but average temperatures fall dramatically during the month. By Nov. 22, the average high temperature in Tower slips below the freezing mark and the average low is 13.1 degrees. By the end of the month, the average high temperature dips to 27.4 degrees, with an average low of 8.3 degrees.

The average high temperature in Tower won't exceed the freezing mark again until March 6, when the average high reaches 32.3 degrees, a span of 105 days.

The temperature isn't expected to top the freezing mark over the next several days, according to the most recent forecasts, as the region appears poised to slip into winter in the wake of a wintery storm that is expected to leave some snow and colder temperatures in its wake. The forecast for the coming week shows highs in the mid-to-upper 20s, or about 5-10 degrees colder than average with seasonal lows in the low-to-mid teens.



#### NAMES...Continued from page 2B

means "Lake of the sunset glow.") we have official names that sound very important. Take for instance Stuntz Bay and McKinley Park. Yep, important. And then we have names that are official but don't sound that way. Take Hoodoo Point; where did that come from? It sure sounds funny, but it means a column or pinnacle of rock. I looked it up. Who knew?

I find that my unofficial names for places here on the lake have a large range of topics, though food seems to be popular for me. Banana and Bowl Islands and Biscuit Point must have come up on days when I was hungry. Or not, maybe food

#### **DEER HUNT...**Continued from page 2B-

her store in the wake of opening weekend. She said there were plenty of reports of wolves and also quite a few moose sightings, suggesting that at least the moose population could be benefitting from the diminished deer herd. High deer numbers are potentially fatal to moose, since whitetails carry liver flukes and parasitic brain worms that can sicken or kill moose.

The peak of the rut was expected to come just ahead of the second weekend of the season, but that is now expected to coincide with the arrival of the first major winter storm is always on my mind. And then there's the Mouth.

Animal names seem popular, too. Bear Island Lake and Eagles Nest are, of courses, official names, but I have named Eagle Tree, where the eagles scout and launch into Big Bay in search of their next meal. And, again of my own creation, Little Beaver Bay, where I caught that critter running off with my winter firewood. There's also Bird Island, where of course the birds gather. It seems like a cold place this time of year.

Topographical names seem good for obvious reasons. Take Big Bay, well, dah! My own topographical names include the Narrows and the Raceway. Most of my family know where they are.

I also have some places that have been named for truly random reasons.For instance, Nebraska Bay, named because my partner and I saw a license plate from Nebraska when we were fishing there.

So, there you have it. The unofficial "How To" manual on how and why to name your own special places. No matter how or why a place gets a name, it remains important. To guide us in future adventures and in adventures that will forever remain in our memories.

of the season in the North Country, which could bring in excess of six inches of snow, high winds, and significantly colder temperatures, beginning Thursday into Saturday morning. Highs are expected to be in the mid-20s over the weekend, with lows in the low teens, so conditions will be considerably harsher for hunters than they experienced for opener.

The white stuff could be an aid or a hindrance to hunters depending on how it falls. Sticky snow that clings to trees and brush can greatly diminish visibility in the woods. By contrast, a drier snow that doesn't cling to vegetation can provide an excellent backdrop for hunters that greatly improves their ability to spot deer- assuming there are deer to spot.

Holmes isn't making any predictions. "It's hard to know how a storm will affect the harvest," she said. That's because hunter success is often related to the amount of time hunters spend on the stand. If harsh weather means hunters spend more time in camp than out in the woods, success could well diminish even if the conditions prompt more deer movement.





#### **NOVEMBER 24 - DECEMBER 4 GRAND ELY LODGE**

Lighting Ceremony Thanksgiving Evening, 5pm Buy it NOW options will be available

Silent Auction Holiday Qoutique Memorial (Ornaments

Thursday evenings 5:30-7 p.m. 111 S 4th Ave E, Ely - No appointment necessary -Contact us for more information 218-365-5678 or email us director@elycommunityhealth.org

## **READ THE TIMBERJAY!**

#### FREE DENTAL **CLEANINGS** AVAILABLE provided by

**Ely Community Health Center** 

Make an appointment call us at 603-502-2268 or email us at dentalECHC@gmail.com



 PUMPS WELLS HYDRO-FRACKING

1-800-662-5700 Spring Park Rd. Mt. Iron, MN 55768



Providing Quality and Compassionate Care FOR Every Patient at Every Visit COOK MEDICAL TOWER CLINICS

20 5th St SE, Cook MN **Open Monday - Saturday** (218) 666-5941

#### **COOK DENTAL**

12 S River Street, Cook MN **Open Monday - Friday** (218) 666-5958

415 N 2nd St, Suite 2, Tower MN Former High School Building **Open Monday through Friday** 

MEDICAL (218) 753-2405

DENTAL (218) 753-6061

### Your Local Providers

Matthew Holmes, MD Nicholas Vidor, MD Eric Elleby, MD Rachel Beldo, APRN Amy Banks, MD Celin Williams, LICSW

Charles Tietz, MD-GYN Services Cynthia Sandberg, NP Erin Thielbar, NP Kristen Dombovy, DNP Amanda Perkovich, NP Benjamin DeVries, PA-C

Timothy Sprouls, DDS James Marzella, DDS Krista Kukarans, DDS Michael Talberg, DDS Teresa Bushnell, ADT

#### Covid-19 testing and vaccinations available.





24 Hour Emergency Care Available



Cyber Cash not compatible with all offers. See dealer for de Must take delivery from dealer stock by 11/30/2022

#### **NEW STOCK ARRIVING DAILY!**

2020 Buick Envision Preferred AWDGM Certified!	.\$34,990
2020 GMC Acadia SLE AWD	\$34,990
2020 Chev. Trax LT AWDGM Certified!	\$25,990
2020 Chrysler Voyager LXI7 Passenger	\$26,990
2020 Ford Edge SEL AWD	
2019 Jeep Cherokee Limited 4x4Sale Priced!	\$29,990
2019 RAM 3500 HTD Crew 4x4Cummins Power!	\$55,990
2019 Jeep Cherokee Trailhawk 4x4Sale Priced!	\$32,990
2019 Dodge Durango GT 4x4New Low Price!	\$33,990
2019 RAM 1500 Warlock Classic 4x431K Miles!	\$38,990
2018 GMC Canyon All Terrain 4x4Sale Priced!	.\$31,990
2017 Chev. Cruze LT	\$15,990
2015 GMC Sierra 1500 SLT Crew Cab 4x4. Nicely Equipped.	\$34,990
2014 Dodge Grand Caravan SE55K Miles!	
2014 Chev. Equinox LT AWD57K Miles!	

Hours: M-F 8am-6pm, Sat. 9am-2pm

126 N Hwy. 53, Cook, MN 218-666-5901 • 1-800-238-4545



#### **EMPLOYMENT**

#### POSITION OPENING **Ely Public Schools** Paraprofessional

Ely Public Schools is accepting applications for a Paraprofessional for the 2022-2023 school year; background check required.

Qualifications include:

- > Associate's Degree/equivalent or complete a Para Pro exam with a passing score
- (www.ets.org/parapro) Preferred experience working with school age children

Evidence of ability to work cooperatively and communicate effectively in a collaborative setting

Ability to perform job description duties

Benefits include:

- > Paid sick leave, personal days and vacation
- Health and life insurance Flexible spending account
- PERA retirement

Application available at: www.ely.k12.mn.us

A complete application must include the

following:

- District Application
- Resume College Transcripts
- 2 letters of recommendation

Return materials to: Ely Public Schools, Attn: Superintendent, 600 E. Harvey St., Ely, MN or email lwestrick@ely.k12.mn.us Contact the District Office for a complete job description

Starting Rate of Pay: \$17.23/hour

Hours: 6.5 hours/day

Deadline to apply: Open until filled.

Published in the Timberjay, Nov. 4 & 11, 2022



#### DIRECTOR Vermilion Country School, Tower

SALARY: PER ESTABLISHED PAY SCALE (AVAILABLE BY REQUEST)

#### POSITION IS FULL-TIME, OPEN UNTIL FILLED

FULL JOB DESCRIPTION: Email jsummit@ vermilioncountry.org. Also will be posted at WWW.VERMILIONCOUNTRY.ORG

SEND COVER LETTER AND RESUME to: Jodi Summit, Board Chair, jsummit@vermilioncountry.org, or call 218-753-2950.

QUALIFICATIONS: Minimum 4-year degree in relevant area. Administrator licensure coursework preferred but not required. Experience with charter schools and school leadership. Experience/interest in innovative learning and creating a democratic school environment. Ability to write/manage grants, interact with state agencies, VCS authorizer, and all stakeholders. The board envisions this to be a full-time position. For more information, visit our website at www.vermilioncountry.org





#### COME JOIN OUR TEAM! Waschke Family Chevrolet is currently seeking an Auto Body Technician and an Automotive

Detailer. Stop in and apply in person at 126 N Hwy. 53, Cook, or inquire by phone at 218-666-5901, or send

resume to Dgrecinger@waschke.com.

#### WANTED!

Waschke Family Chevrolet is currently seeking an A/B technician. Prefer GM Certified but will train. Base pay plus incentives! Stop in and apply in person at 126 N Hwy. 53, Cook, or inquire by phone at 218-666-5901, or send resume to Dgrecinger@waschke.com. tfn



Vermilion Country School is seeking to hire a full-time licensed teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. Position open until filled. Salary per established pay scale (available by request). Due to growing enrollment, we have openings in science, social studies and language arts. In our school's teaching model, teachers can teach across the curriculum.

The Vermilion Country School is a grades 7-12 charter school in Tower. The school serves a multicultural student body of approx. 45 students, with an innovative learning model that is uniquely-adapted to this rural community. For more information, visit our website at www.vermilioncountry.org.

For more information, full iob description. or an application, please email jsummit@vermilioncountry.org, or call 218-753-1246 (ext. 2 for office)

#### PT PARAPROFESSIONAL (afternoons)

Vermilion Country School is seeking to hire a part-time paraprofessional to work afternoons (M,Tu,Th, Fr 12:30-3:30 p.m., and 12:30-1:30 p.m. on Wed.) Please call the school office at 218-753-1246 ext. 2 for details.

#### PT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR **VOLUNTEERS IN EDUCATION**

Volunteers in Education (VinE) has an opening for the position of Executive Director. VinE is a nonprofit organization that creates a bridge between communities and schools by tutoring students in our local schools

The ED will have overall strategic and operational responsibility for VinE's staff, programs and execution of its mission. They need to have a passion for public education, the nonprofit sector, grant writing, core programs, operation and planning.

This position is part time with a flexible schedule, year-round commitment and competitive offered. VinE is well organized and positioned to accept a new ED. Bachelor's degree is preferred. Experience in nonprofit, education, management, grant writing is needed. Please send resume and inquiries to Bailey Conger at bailey.conger@gmail.com or Leigh Zika at zikaleigh@gmail.com. 11/11

**Residential Appraiser I-**

Hibbing \$25.78-\$31.32 Hourly Apply by 11/17/2022



41 Eggy quaff

- 28 Blood line? DOWN

  - statements Bit of buck-
- 36 shot

lick gizmo	21	Dutch bloom
lostels	22	Deceptions
1et solo	23	Reply to





#### OPEN POSITIONS Environmental Services (Fnvironmental Tech I) Housekeeping

and Laundry Aide (Wage starting at

HOSPITAL & CARE CENTER

Our Speciality is You

The Cook Hospital & Care Center offers competitive pay and benefits including PERA retrement, Health and Dental coverage, Life and LTE

12

31

"Shall we?"

26 Largest Greek

28 Grace of "Will

& Grace"

31 Anti-fur org.

32 Curvy letter

34 Lamb alias

35 Part of A.D.

24 Nome resi-

dent

isle

site

actress Julia 25 "Kapow!"

15 USO audience 29 Alpha's oppo-

20 AWOL pursu- 30 Getting on

bloom

10 Baseball

execs

19 Lad

ers

12 Disparaging

14 Party cheese

30

18

20

fth Street SE, Cook, MN 5572

frames

27

33

- Carte lead-in
- 30 Mimic
  - Confusing
    - 2 Writer Wiesel
    - 3 Is curious (about)

1 Stand-in

- 39 "Downton
- 4 37 Makes a Goofed sweater 5 Point-and-38 Prolonged cl 6 H attack 7 N

or call Jodi Summit at 218-753-2950

## **Current Openings** - destable

State of Minnesota County of St. Louis District Court 6th Judicial District Court File No: 69HI-PR-22-104 Case Type: Probate

In re: the Estate of Saundra Gaylord, a/k/a Saundra Leah Gaylord and Saundra L. Gaylord, Decedent

NOTICE and Order for Hearing on Petition for Probate of Will and Appointment of Personal Representative and Notice to Creditors

It is ordered and notice is given that on December 14, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. a hear-ing will be held at 1810 12th Ave. E, Hibbing, MN 55746 for the formal probate of a document that is claimed to be the original Will of the Decedent, dated January 26, 2004; and for the appointment of James Gavlord, 2133 Bel Aire Ave. Duluth, MN 55803 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an unsupervised administration.

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

Notice is also given that (sub ject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred

BY THE COURT Bhupesh Pattni District Court Judge

Dated: Nov. 1, 2022

Personal Representative James Gaylord 2133 Bel Aire Ave., Duluth, MN 55803 218-343-9401

Published in the Timberjay, Nov. 11 & 18, 2022

Public Health Program **Coordinator (Nutrition)** \$30.83-\$37.75 Hourly Apply by 11/16/2022 Public Health Nurse (Virginia) \$27.61-\$36.32 Hourly Apply by 11/17/2022 Legal Secretary (Hibbing) \$18.69-25.27 Hourly Apply by 11/17/2022

> www.stlouiscountymn.gov or call 218-726-2422

Equal Opportunity and Veteran-Friendly Employer 11/11

Legal notices are online each week at timberjay.com and at https://www.mnpublicnotice.com/



								A	n	sw	er.	s									
W	Е	L	L	S	E	Е		С	0	М	М	А	Ν	D		А	L	А	S	S	
Α	۷	T	А	Т	0	R		А	Ν	Α	Е	М	1	А		۷	Α	Ν	С	Е	
K	Ε	Е	Ρ	I	Ν	G	Т	Н	Е	F	А	Ι	Т	Н		А	U	D	R	Е	
E	L	S	0	L			S	Ν	A	1	L	S			1	Ν	G	R	A	М	
			F	L	A	I	L		L	Α	S	Т	В	Е	S	Т	Н	0	Ρ	Е	
Τ	М	0		А	Ν	Ν	0	Y					0	Ν	А	1	R				
D	0	Ν	A	Т	Е	D	Т	0	С	Н	А	R	1	Т	Y		1	Τ	С	Н	
A	D	L	А	I				G	0	0	D	Е				М	0	R	А	Υ	
		Ι	Ν	Т	E	S	Т	1	Ν	А	L	F	0	R	Т	I	Т	Ų	D	Е	
S	Α	Ν	D		А	Ρ	U			D	1	Е	Н	А	R	D		S	Е	Ν	
Α	G	Е	E		Т	А	Т	U	М		В	R	Y	С	Е		А	Т	Т	А	
N	R	А		С	Α	S	E	L	А	W			0	Κ	А		L	Е	S	S	
D	E	Ρ	А	R	T	М	E	Ν	Т	0	F	5	U	S	T	1	С	Е			
R	Е	Ρ	R	0				А	Е	R	1	Е				Ν	0	Ι	S	Υ	
А	S	S	Т		S	0	Ν	S	0	F	Т	Е	М	Ρ	Е	R	А	Ν	С	Е	
			С	Α	U	S	E					Ρ	E	Е	۷	E		G	1	S	
D	Е	А	R	Ρ	R	U	D	Е	Ν	С	Е		L	Е	А	S	Н				
U	Μ	Ρ	1	R	E			Ρ	Е	R	А	В	0			Е	А	G	L	Е	
М	0	L	Т	0		Т	Н	Ε	S	Е	۷	Е	Ν	۷	1	R	Т	U	E	S	
В	R	А	1	Ν		А	В	Е	Т	Т	Е	D		1	Ν	۷	Е	Ν	Т	S	
S	Y	Ν	С	S		Ρ	0	S	S	Е	S	S		Ν	Е	Е	D	S	Т	0	
	A K E I D A S A N D R A D U M B	AVKEELIMDOADSAGRREASDEUMMOBR	A       V       I         K       E       E         E       L       S         I       M       O         D       O       N         A       D       L         S       A       N         A       G       E         N       R       A         D       E       P         R       E       P         A       S       S         D       E       A         M       O       L         B       R       A	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$ \begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $	$ \begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $	$ \begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $	$ \begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $	$ \begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$ \begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$ \begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $	W       E       L       L       S       E       C       O       M       A       N       A       N       A       N       A       N       A       N       A       N       A       N       A       N       A       N       A       N       A       N       A       N       A       N       A       N       A       N       N       I       I       T       C       A       N       A       T       T       T       C       A       N       A       I       I       S       S       A       I       L       S       S       T       B       I       T       S       D       A       T       D       A       T       D       A       T       D       A       T       D       D       A       T       D       D       A       T       D       D       D       A       T       D	W       E       L       L       S       E       E       C       O       M       M       A       N       D         A       V       I       A       T       O       R       A       N       A       E       M       I       A         K       E       P       I       N       G       T       H       E       F       A       I       T       H         E       L       S       O       L       S       N       A       I       L       S       T       H       E       F       A       I       T       H       E       F       A       I       T       H       D       A       N       N       O       Y       U       O       N       N       T       D       N       N       T       T       T       D       N       N       N       N       T       T       D       N       N       T       T       D       N       N       N       N       N       N       N       N       N       N       N       N       N       N       N       N       N       N       N </th <th>W       E       L       L       S       E       C       O       M       M       A       N       D         A       V       I       A       T       O       R       A       N       A       E       M       I       A         K       E       E       P       I       N       G       T       H       E       A       N       I       T       H         E       L       S       O       L       M       G       T       H       E       F       A       I       T       H       E       S       T       H       E       S       T       H       L       L       A       S       T       B       E       S       T       I       N<!--</th--><th>W       E       L       L       S       E       C       O       M       A       N       D       A         A       V       I       A       T       O       R       A       N       A       E       M       I       A       V         K       E       E       P       I       N       G       T       H       E       A       I       T       H       A         E       L       S       O       L       S       N       A       I       L       S       I       M       A         I       M       O       L       A       N       N       O       Y       I       M       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       I       N       A</th><th>W       E       L       L       S       E       C       O       M       M       A       N       D       A       L         A       V       I       A       T       O       R       A       N       A       E       M       I       A       V       A         K       E       P       I       N       G       T       H       E       A       I       T       H       A       U         E       L       S       O       L       S       N       A       I       L       S       T       H       A       U         E       L       S       O       L       A       N       N       O       V       I       N       G       T       H       L       A       N       G       T       H       L       A       N       G       T       H       N       G       T       H       N       G       T       H       N       G       T       T       T       N       G       T       T       T       T       T       T       T       T       T       T       T       T</th><th>W       E       L       L       S       E       E       C       O       M       A       N       D       A       L       A         K       E       P       I       N       G       T       H       E       M       I       A       V       D       D       A       N       N       O       V       V       O       N       A       I       N       G       C       A       N       N       O       D       A       I       N       C       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       D       D       I</th><th>W       E       L       L       S       E       C       O       M       A       N       D       A       L       A       S         K       E       L       A       N       A       N       A       N       A       N       A       N       A       N       A       L       A       S         K       E       P       I       N       G       T       H       E       F       A       I       T       H       A       U       D       R         E       L       S       O       I       T       H       A       I       N       G       R       A       I       N       G       R       A       I       N       G       R       A       I       N       G       R       A       I       N       O       N       A       I       N       C       A       I       N       C       I       N       C       A       I       N       C       A       I       N       C       A       I       N       C       A       I       T       C       A       I       I       C<!--</th--><th>W       E       L       L       S       E       C       O       M       A       N       D       A       L       A       S       S         A       V       I       A       T       O       R       A       N       A       E       M       I       A       V       A       N       C       E         K       E       P       I       N       G       T       H       E       F       A       I       T       H       A       U       D       R       A       M       A       I       N       G       C       A       M       D       R       A       M       D       R       A       M       D       R       A       M       D       P       E       I       N       G       D       I       N       G       D       I       N       D       P       E       T       C       H       A       M       D       D       I       N       A       I       D       D       I       N       A       I       D       I       T       D       D       I       T       D       D</th></th></th>	W       E       L       L       S       E       C       O       M       M       A       N       D         A       V       I       A       T       O       R       A       N       A       E       M       I       A         K       E       E       P       I       N       G       T       H       E       A       N       I       T       H         E       L       S       O       L       M       G       T       H       E       F       A       I       T       H       E       S       T       H       E       S       T       H       L       L       A       S       T       B       E       S       T       I       N </th <th>W       E       L       L       S       E       C       O       M       A       N       D       A         A       V       I       A       T       O       R       A       N       A       E       M       I       A       V         K       E       E       P       I       N       G       T       H       E       A       I       T       H       A         E       L       S       O       L       S       N       A       I       L       S       I       M       A         I       M       O       L       A       N       N       O       Y       I       M       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       I       N       A</th> <th>W       E       L       L       S       E       C       O       M       M       A       N       D       A       L         A       V       I       A       T       O       R       A       N       A       E       M       I       A       V       A         K       E       P       I       N       G       T       H       E       A       I       T       H       A       U         E       L       S       O       L       S       N       A       I       L       S       T       H       A       U         E       L       S       O       L       A       N       N       O       V       I       N       G       T       H       L       A       N       G       T       H       L       A       N       G       T       H       N       G       T       H       N       G       T       H       N       G       T       T       T       N       G       T       T       T       T       T       T       T       T       T       T       T       T</th> <th>W       E       L       L       S       E       E       C       O       M       A       N       D       A       L       A         K       E       P       I       N       G       T       H       E       M       I       A       V       D       D       A       N       N       O       V       V       O       N       A       I       N       G       C       A       N       N       O       D       A       I       N       C       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       D       D       I</th> <th>W       E       L       L       S       E       C       O       M       A       N       D       A       L       A       S         K       E       L       A       N       A       N       A       N       A       N       A       N       A       N       A       L       A       S         K       E       P       I       N       G       T       H       E       F       A       I       T       H       A       U       D       R         E       L       S       O       I       T       H       A       I       N       G       R       A       I       N       G       R       A       I       N       G       R       A       I       N       G       R       A       I       N       O       N       A       I       N       C       A       I       N       C       I       N       C       A       I       N       C       A       I       N       C       A       I       N       C       A       I       T       C       A       I       I       C<!--</th--><th>W       E       L       L       S       E       C       O       M       A       N       D       A       L       A       S       S         A       V       I       A       T       O       R       A       N       A       E       M       I       A       V       A       N       C       E         K       E       P       I       N       G       T       H       E       F       A       I       T       H       A       U       D       R       A       M       A       I       N       G       C       A       M       D       R       A       M       D       R       A       M       D       R       A       M       D       P       E       I       N       G       D       I       N       G       D       I       N       D       P       E       T       C       H       A       M       D       D       I       N       A       I       D       D       I       N       A       I       D       I       T       D       D       I       T       D       D</th></th>	W       E       L       L       S       E       C       O       M       A       N       D       A         A       V       I       A       T       O       R       A       N       A       E       M       I       A       V         K       E       E       P       I       N       G       T       H       E       A       I       T       H       A         E       L       S       O       L       S       N       A       I       L       S       I       M       A         I       M       O       L       A       N       N       O       Y       I       M       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       I       N       A	W       E       L       L       S       E       C       O       M       M       A       N       D       A       L         A       V       I       A       T       O       R       A       N       A       E       M       I       A       V       A         K       E       P       I       N       G       T       H       E       A       I       T       H       A       U         E       L       S       O       L       S       N       A       I       L       S       T       H       A       U         E       L       S       O       L       A       N       N       O       V       I       N       G       T       H       L       A       N       G       T       H       L       A       N       G       T       H       N       G       T       H       N       G       T       H       N       G       T       T       T       N       G       T       T       T       T       T       T       T       T       T       T       T       T	W       E       L       L       S       E       E       C       O       M       A       N       D       A       L       A         K       E       P       I       N       G       T       H       E       M       I       A       V       D       D       A       N       N       O       V       V       O       N       A       I       N       G       C       A       N       N       O       D       A       I       N       C       A       I       N       A       I       N       A       I       D       D       I	W       E       L       L       S       E       C       O       M       A       N       D       A       L       A       S         K       E       L       A       N       A       N       A       N       A       N       A       N       A       N       A       L       A       S         K       E       P       I       N       G       T       H       E       F       A       I       T       H       A       U       D       R         E       L       S       O       I       T       H       A       I       N       G       R       A       I       N       G       R       A       I       N       G       R       A       I       N       G       R       A       I       N       O       N       A       I       N       C       A       I       N       C       I       N       C       A       I       N       C       A       I       N       C       A       I       N       C       A       I       T       C       A       I       I       C </th <th>W       E       L       L       S       E       C       O       M       A       N       D       A       L       A       S       S         A       V       I       A       T       O       R       A       N       A       E       M       I       A       V       A       N       C       E         K       E       P       I       N       G       T       H       E       F       A       I       T       H       A       U       D       R       A       M       A       I       N       G       C       A       M       D       R       A       M       D       R       A       M       D       R       A       M       D       P       E       I       N       G       D       I       N       G       D       I       N       D       P       E       T       C       H       A       M       D       D       I       N       A       I       D       D       I       N       A       I       D       I       T       D       D       I       T       D       D</th>	W       E       L       L       S       E       C       O       M       A       N       D       A       L       A       S       S         A       V       I       A       T       O       R       A       N       A       E       M       I       A       V       A       N       C       E         K       E       P       I       N       G       T       H       E       F       A       I       T       H       A       U       D       R       A       M       A       I       N       G       C       A       M       D       R       A       M       D       R       A       M       D       R       A       M       D       P       E       I       N       G       D       I       N       G       D       I       N       D       P       E       T       C       H       A       M       D       D       I       N       A       I       D       D       I       N       A       I       D       I       T       D       D       I       T       D       D

by	Linda	Thistle
·~ )		

	1	7		9				4
2					1	9		5
5			6				7	
		3			2			8
1				4			5	
	4		1			3		
		8	7				4	
	5	2			6		9	
9				8		2		3

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦



© 2022 King Features Synd., Inc.



Considerations of personal privacy, time and resources prevent the newspaper from investigating ads placed in the classified section. If you respond to an ad, we urge you to use the same care and prudence that you would use when conducting business in any other situation.

### **AUTOMOTIVE**

Langevin Auto & Truck Repair Full Service Auto Repair & Garage Hours: 8 AM-5 PM M-F 2 Miles South of Tower 218-749-0751

#### HAIR CARE

DREAMWEAVER SALON & DAY SPA- Open Monday-Friday 8:30 - 6:30. 218-666-5594. tfn

#### HOSPICE

VIRGIE HEGG HOSPICE PARTNERS can provide help for patients and their fami-lies in ways such as: comfort care, massages, last wishes and more. For more information, contact Program Director Becca Bundy at 218-780-5423 or vhhpdirector@gmail.com. This ad is paid for by Virgie Hegg Hospice Partners.

#### **SUPPORT** GROUPS

AA OPEN GROUP Flv MEETINGS- in person meet-ings, Wednesdays & Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, 915 E Camp St., Ely.

MS SUPPORT GROUP- meets the second Friday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Babbitt Municipal Building, senior room. Open to all. For information contact Mary at 218-827-8327.

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

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS-Meetings every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Virginia.

BABBITT AL-ANON- meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the upstairs of Woodland Presbyterian Church.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP-Are you troubled by someone's drinking? Al-Anon Family Group is a community-based mutual support program for the friends and families of alcoholics. It is confidential and open to anyone affected by someone else's drinking. Hope Lutheran Church in Embarrass hosts an Al-Anon group on Monday evenings at 6 p.m. 218-984-2037.

VIRGINIA AA WOMEN'S MEETING- Ladies by the Lake. Tuesdays at 12 noon. Peace United Methodist Church, 303 S 9th Ave, please use side door and parking.

AA MEETING IN COOK- Sunday Night Big Book Group meets at Trinity Lutheran Church, 231 2nd St. NE, Cook, at 7:00 pm Sunday. For information call 218-666-2820 or 218-780-7670.

AL-ANON MEETING IN COOK Ashawa Al-Anon Family Group meets at Trinity Lutheran

#### **BUILDING** SERVICES EAST DHU RIVER SAWMILL INC "Put A Piece Of Northern Minnesota In Your Home' Superior Quality Plank Paneling Trim One-Of-A-Kind Moldings

 Industrial Lumber 218-744-1788

8825 Hwy 101, Iron, MN 55751

#### WANTED

SELIGA CANOES WANTED: We'll buy old Seligas in Good Shape. Turn your classic canoe into cash. Call Steve at 365-6745. tfn

#### FOR RENT

1 BR APARTMENT IN ELY-Walking distance from downtown Ely. Hardwood floors, off-street parking, on-site laundry, wi-fi available. \$675/month, includes heat and utilities. 218-235-8184 11/11





There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



28 Actor Rex or

29 Swing wildly,

Union was

as one's

arms

32 What the

singer James

70 Utah's -

71 "— girl!"

org.

73 Rules

Canyon

72 Pro-firearm

established

featured in

this puzzle

119 Cerebrum's

criminally

place 120 Helped

121 Creates

Olympians,

an F paper,

24 Opening for a

for short

18 Minor fight

19 Words on

maybe

55 Really bother

56 Muscle jerk

57 One-on-one

student

58 "Stop that,

silly goose!"

59 Pool triangles 104 Roof edges

100 "Sounds

like —!"

101 Sword types 102 Birds'

refuges

103 Isle of Minos



Church, 231 2nd St. NE, Cook at 7:00 pm Sunday. This meet-ing is for families and friends of alcoholics.

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

ELY WOMEN'S OPEN AA MEETING- Every Monday at noon at Ledgerock Community Church, 1515 E Camp St., Ely

IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH DRUGS, give yourself a break. There is a way out with the help of other recovering addicts in Narcotics Anonymous. We have been there. For meeting or other information call 218-728-3199. (Narcotics Anonymous is a non-profit organization.)

HIV/AIDS? For confidential compassionate local support call the Bural AIDS Action Network, tollfree 1-888-647-RAAN(7226).

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS-East Range meetings and infor-mation, call 218-749-3387 or www.district8online.org.

AA FRIDAYS- 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 262 E Harvey St., Ely. Meets in the basement.



	Y	7
DIFFIC	ULTY THIS W	VEEK: 🔶 🔶 🔶
Easy	♦♦ Medium	
	© 2022 King Features	Synd., Inc.



		V	Vee	ekly	SI	JD	OK	U		_
g				An	SW	rer				
	3	1	7	2	9	5	6	8	4	
\$ \$	2	8	6	4	7	1	9	3	5	
\$	5	9	4	6	3	8	1	7	2	
)	7	6	3	9	5	2	4	1	8	
_	1	2	9	8	4	3	7	5	6	
Z	8	4	5	1	6	7	3	2	9	
50	6	3	8	7	2	9	5	4	1	
ihe I	4	5	2	3	1	6	8	9	7	
	9	7	1	5	8	4	2	6	3	

f 35 " 38 F 40 T 41 ( F 41 ( F 47 S	a Linc nessa I think exters Really V stu alert Gave Red C some e.g.	rth, in oln age <," to bothe udio the Cross funds thing t	7 er 7 8 , 8	by pre 75 Lor rive 76 Fer 77 The ger hea 32 Glo for 33 110	er wer e atto neral ads it ossy p short o-Acro h hor r-split	nt issian rney proof, pss' ne ting	122 123 124 124 DOW 1 2 2 3 3 4 4 5	as sel Have Really Stop : Stunti Kniev Whop In the luxury Worki	es up s of fi / shou sleepi man el opers	, les uld ng	bo 28 "M olc 30 Su prc 31 Ky 33 Yo hip 34 Do lar 35 Wy ne	ter-shi lt y, my l chap ffix wi pp- ung g p-hop oc stud yngitis	aped .!" hbor luy, in dying s	60 61 62 68 69 71 73 74 74	Yumr Actre Bulloo Does Wrist- elbow San - Califo San - Califo Tinfoi — -M Klingo office	ny tidl ss ck n't difl to- / bone / bone / bone lagnoi cn r of T' ewer c	bit 1 1 fer 1 es 1 t 1 n 1	13 Rin Pe Ca 15 Sp 16 "W ne 17 Ac 18 Su	eteste ots, e. olster ga na d-style val of etro- anada oying t /estwo twork twork	d g. fillers tive, tool orld" tiesel rith
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		8	9	10	11	12	13	14		15	16	17	18	19
20				-	$\left  \right $	+		21				-				22		+		+
23					+	+	24									25		+		
26							27								28			+	+	+
			29		30	31			32				33	34				+		+
35	36	37		38	-			39					40							
41		-	42		-	-			43	44	45	46					47	48	49	50
				_				50								50	<b>–</b>			<u> </u>
51						_		52								53				
		54			55	56	57						58	59	60					
61	62				63					64								65		
66					67			68	69		70						71			
72				73						74			75				76	1	1	<u> </u>
77			78			1					79	80				81		$\vdash$		
82								83								84		+	85	86
87					88	89	90						91	92	93			+	+	+
			94	95		+						96						97	+	+
98	99	100			+			101	102	103	104		105				106			
107					-			108				109				110		111	112	113
114						115	116							117	118				<u> </u>	
119						120	<b>s</b>							121				⊢	_	_
																			<u> </u>	<u> </u>
122						123								124						







**∆**.vivint

anying system purchase requires minimum 5395.95 equipment purchase, protessional instalation and applicable services agreement. Liv mu purchases and reactivations of previouslystealled systems in a cligible for dire. (File not civalible in all states or provinces. Equipment hase may be financed separately subject to an agreement with one of Vivirit's third-party financing partners. Monthly 5148 callular network treatmose free applies. Toxes and local permit fees may caply. New Vivirit Castamers only. Financing eligibility and terms subject to areful out by one of Viviris third-party financing partners. Qualifies castamers any finance equipment purchase of CA PR for our 60 months. thi-o-month service agreement available when equipment is purchased upforts. System supports up to six cameros subject to sufficient WFIT ds. Without a Vivirit services plan, product and system functionality is limited (including loss of remote connectivity). Speak to a Vivirit repre-ter ot the the nome in this differ complete equipment, services, and package detais, including pricing and financing details. Products services in Louisiana provided by Vivirit Louisiana Commercial Certificate #58280. See comprehensive Vivirt license numbers on Vivint.com.

TAKE TIME TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.floortoceilingvirginia.com

BIG Enough to Serve you; small Enough to Know You





HOURS: 8-5:30 M-F

f facebook.

## Subscribe Today **Call us at (218) 753-2950** or subscribe online at timberjay.com