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MINING AND STEEL

Goncalves sounds bitter notes in chamber keynote

Blames Gov. Dayton, Iron Range lawmakers for blocking \$1 billion DRI plant in Nashwauk



by MARSHALL HELMBERGER

 $REGIONAL-The\ outspoken$ CEO of Cleveland-Cliffs spared few niceties during his keynote address

Left: Cleveland-Cliffs CEO Lourenco Goncalves spoke last week at the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce economic summit in Minneapolis.

to last week's economic summit in Minneapolis sponsored by the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce.

Goncalves, who has presided over the aggressive, acquisition-fueled growth of his company in recent years, criticized Iron Range lawmakers, former Gov. Mark Dayton, and argued he needs mineral leases currently held up in the courts to keep Hibbing Taconite open past

Goncalves, originally from Brazil, was there to talk about opportunities for the Iron Range in the economy of the future, yet it was clear he still had some history to address, including his as-yet-unfulfilled dream of building a direct reduced iron (DRI) plant near Nashwauk. Goncalves told the hundreds in attendance at the chamber

event that an identical plant, which Cliffs built near Toledo, Ohio, in 2017, was originally slated to be built on the west end of the Range.

He blamed state officials, including Dayton, and members of the Iron Range legislative delegation at the time, for blocking the move.

"At the end of the day, we could See...GONCALVES pg. 9

ELECTION 2022

3A recount expected in early December

by Marshall Helmberger

Managing Editor

REGIONAL—The recount of one of the state's closest election contests this year is likely to take place the first week of December, although a firm date and locations won't be known until after the state canvassing board meets next Tuesday, Nov. 29.

That's when the results from the Nov. 8 election are officially certified, an action which starts a 48-hour clock for candidates to request a recount.

That's highly anticipated in House District 3A, where Ely Mayor Roger Skraba is clinging to a 10,868-10,853 vote lead, a difference of just 15 votes, or 0.07 percent, over DFL incumbent Rob Ecklund, of International Falls.

Given the sprawling nature of District 3A, which spreads over 200 miles across five northern Minnesota counties, the recount won't be without its complications. According to St.

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CITY OF TOWER

Developer faces hurdles on cartway request

by Marshall Helmberger Managing Editor

TOWER — Developer Dave Rose is facing pushback for his latest request to the city — this time for approval of a cartway that would provide road access to land he owns along Pike Bay on the

west side of the East Two River. The roughly five acres includes mostly wetland, but Rose says there's about a half-acre of higher ground right near the mouth of the river, and he's hoping to provide access to the site for an as-yet-unspecified residence.

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NORTHWOODS PARTNERS

Keeping seniors at home

Area group offers support for the elderly and their caregivers

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by JODI SUMMIT

Tower-Soudan Editor

LY- The needs of elderly still living at home can at times seem immense. Northwoods Partners started in Ely in 2001, working to support clients and their caregivers to help them remain living independently as long as possible. The group's mission has grown ever since.

In 2004, they began offering transportation for medical appointments, as well as locally for errands. In 2008, Northwoods Partners began offering exercise programs focused on balance and preventing falls. In 2012, they added the Northwoods Memory Care program to help serve seniors with dementia, partnering with community health care providers to create more effective care for families. The organization supports seniors in Ely, Winton, Babbitt, Tower, Soudan, and surrounding

Earlier this month, Program Director Lisa Porthan spoke to the Ely Tuesday Group about the organization, its volunteers, and the services it currently offers, both direct services, education and classes, senior activities, and caregiver support.

"Seventy-seven percent



A A R P Lisa Porthan survey. "And 25 percent of caregivers said it was difficult to find the help they needed to care for a

senior at home.' Northwoods Partners has begun its own in-depth surveys in the Ely area and has received more than 125 replies to date.

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Above: Larry Lozar, a volunteer driver with Northwoods Partners, picks up Ely senior Jim Orcutt to help run an errand.

Below: Dozens of area seniors turned out recently for a Healthy Living educational session in Ely.

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Community notices

"Small Town Christmas and Shop Local" weekend begins Friday, Nov. 25

ELY - The holiday season is almost here, and the Ely Chamber of Commerce has been busy planning holiday events. Things will kick off Thanksgiving evening, Nov. 24 with "Shine Bright Ely." Although stores will not be open for shopping,

participating businesses up and down Ely's main street will welcome folks out for a stroll with sparkling lights, animation, and holiday themes turning Ely into a winter wonderland that shines bright.



"Small Town Christmas and Shop Local" weekend commence on Friday, Nov. 25 so get ready for some power shopping in Ely's friendly, relaxed, and fully stocked stores. Well known for its locally made, unique products Ely offers a wide array of items for everyone on your gift list, including yourself! From delicious treats such as tasty granola, Dorothy's root beer, Gene Hicks, and Northern Grounds coffee, to outdoor clothing and winter-specific gear including knives, bags and packs, toboggans, snowshoes, sleds, dog harnesses, and collars. From Northwoods style gifts such as original artwork and artist-made cards to home improvement tools and supplies, self-care goods and services, and a lot more. Shopping local means going home with your purchases, not waiting to see "IF" your online purchases arrive on time. More importantly, shopping local keeps your hard-earned dollars in your community! Shop Local Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for special sales and discounts, and continue to shop locally year-round to support your friends and neighbors.

Watch for the holiday event map available online at www.ely.org or the Ely Chamber of Commerce office (1600 E Sheridan St., Ely), starting Monday, Nov.21.

There will not be a holiday parade this year, but if your business or organization would like more information about coordinating this holiday event, please contact Eva Sebesta at 218-365-6123 or director@ely.org.

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.al-

worthscholarship.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 live, online sessions to cover application best

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

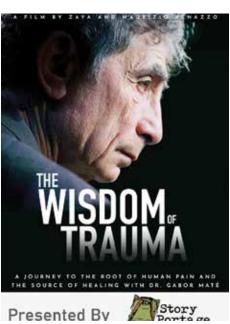
People are invited to participate in as many sessions as they wish, each 30 minutes in length, by sending an email to alworth@alworthscholarship.org to obtain the Zoom meeting information. Those selected to receive Alworth Scholarships

ELY STATE THEATER

EHST hosts Wisdom of Trauma screening Dec. 9

ELY - The public is invited to attend a free event at Ely's Historic State Theater on Friday, Dec. 9. Story Portage, in partnership with the Behavioral Health Network, will host two screenings of the Wisdom of Trauma at 4 and 7 p.m. This is the second trauma recovery event in Story Portage's social justice series. The Behavioral Health Network will provide wrap around service information following each screening. A limited number of discussion guides will be available for educational and spiritual leaders who wish to discuss the topic further in small groups.

Advanced copies of the guide can be requested at storyportage@gmail.com. event is free and everyone is welcome. We will solicit and accept donations for our final program in the series, a presentation by the 23rd Veteran. The 23rd Veteran is a trauma support organization that works with combat veterans suffering from Moral Injury. Donations can be sent to: Story Portage, PO Box 286, Ely, MN. Please write 23rd Veteran in the check memo to direct funds to this program.



LET THEM EAT PANCAKES

Pancake breakfast & holiday craft show sponsored by the Embarrass Region Fair Association Dec. 3

EMBARRASS - The Association is hosting an Embarrass Region Fair all-you-can-eat



breakfast, with choice of pancake

ham or sausage links, fruit cup, juice, and a bottomless cup of coffee. The pancake breakfast will take place the first Saturday of each month through May at the Timber Hall from 8-11 a.m. Adults \$6, children (6-10 years) \$3, and under 5 years

FREE. Local Crafters will be selling their wares from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. The event also includes a free craft table for kids.

Additionally, throughout the month of December donate your gently used books & puzzles at your local Embarrass-Vermillion Federal Credit Union. Donated items will be gathered and made available free to the community at Timber Hall (Embarrass) on Saturday, Jan. 7 from 8-11 a.m. during the January Pancake Breakfast.

SHED A LIGHT ON LOVE

Annual Lights of Love campaign underway now

REGIONAL - The 32nd annual VHHP Lights of Love campaign begins in November to commemorate National Hospice Month and National Family Caregivers Month. Last year's Lights of Love raised just more than \$7,800. Fundraising goals are achieved through the dedicated efforts of the Board of Directors working together with a community of supporting individuals and businesses. We invite you to continue the tradition of remembering and honoring loved ones by supporting VHHP through this Lights of Love campaign.

The mission of this campaign is to bring comfort care services to enrolled hospice patients and their families as well as hospice eligible patients in our local communities. VHHP sponsors two education scholarships for students enrolled in the North Woods School and the Tower enrollment area, pursuing a medical career and one scholarship for a college student.

tions will help light the trees at the holiday celebrations in Cook, Orr and Tower in support of local hospice patients and their families. Donations may be given in honor or memory of a loved one. All Lights of Love contributions and dedications will be published in local area newspapers during the month of January, unless otherwise indicated.

Three Lights of Love tree lighting ceremonies along with caroling will take place at the Cook Gazebo on Friday, Dec. 2 at 5:30 p.m., Orr Center on Saturday Dec 3 at 6:30 n m and Tower Civic Center at 4

p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4.. For more information about Virgie Hegg Hospice Partners, visit www.vhhp. org or contact Becca Bundy, Program Director at 218-780-5423 or Ivette Reing, Chairperson at 218-290-6177. To make a donation, use the form on the website or mail donations to VHHP LOL to PO Box 244, Cook, MN. Venmo is available during our campaign using

New books for Washington Elementary Library



From left: Phoebe Bisbee, Olive Bisbee, and Eleanor Nyquist deliver Maud Hart Children's Choice Book Award books to the Washington Elementary School library. Thanks to a generous donation from the Ely Kiwanis Club in partnership with Story Portage and Piragis the books arrived in time for the holiday reading season. Individuals who would like to donate to the future of this program can send a check to Story Portage, PO Box 286, Ely. Please note Maud Hart on your check, so that we spend the funds appropriately.



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KEEP ON ROCKIN'

Native rock band War Bonnet releases new album

by DAVID COLBURN

Cook-Orr Editor

REGIONAL- Life has been good for Native rock band War Bonnet's founder Chaz Wagner

For starters, he moved on from KBFT Bois Forte Radio to a position with the Hibbing and Chisholm school districts as Indian Education Home School Liaison, a position where he can put his love, knowledge, and practice of Ojibwe culture to use by teaching and mentoring Indigenous youth about their heritage and culture.

War Bonnet has been busy, too. They were featured at the Caravan du Nord in St. Paul and in Voyage Minnesota magazine, spotlighted in the Twin Cities PBS music video series "Stage", played a Duluth concert with internationally recognized and award-winning Dine (Navajo) duo Sihasin, and produced a performance video for the Minnesota Music Coalition's MMC Mixtape fundraising event, as well as performing other concerts.

And like War Bonnet's first album, 2019's "The Ghost Dance," the group's 2021 "Ancestral Legacy" album was nominated for two Native American Music Awards. Ancestral Legacy was tabbed in the best rock recording category, and "Ikwe," a song from the album honoring missing and

Group's evolution continues with environmentally0focused collection



Jazz guitarist Briand Morrison, here with Chaz Wagner, is a guest artist on War Bonnet's new album.

murdered Indigenous women, is up for best rock video.

Wagner was the featured guest Nov. 10 at the Hennepin County Library's "Vinyl Revival" program, where he talked about War Bonnet and what he believes is the reason for the group's growing success.

"When I first started this band, I never would have thought that I would be doing things like this, and it's just an amazing thing," Wagner said. "It all goes back to the teaching that my uncle gave me to follow the Native ways, follow the red road, and good things will happen to you in



Cover art for Aki Manidoog, War Bonnet's third album.

your life. And my life has been a blessing, the band being as successful as it is, my profession as an educator, all the things that I've learned throughout my life, I'm very blessed to be here."

And in the midst of all of the year's activity, War Bonnet also released its third album, "Aki Manidoog," in early November to mark Native American Heritage Month.

"Aki means earth and manidoog means spirts, so it is the earth spirits," Wagner said. "It's an environmental sense that the Earth is a living being and all of the animals and people and everything is intrinsically connected. That was the concept for this album."

While retaining their identity as a Native rock band, War Bonnet's sound evolved from The Ghost Dance to Ancestral Legacy, and that evolution continues with Aki Manidoog.

"The Ghost Dance was an experiment and we didn't really know how far it was going to go," Wagner said. "Ancestral Legacy was more of a rock album, a raw straight rock

sound. This one, Aki Manidoog, is more organic and more fluid compared to the other ones."

While Wagner and co-founder Tony Parson again take the lead with percussion, lead guitar and bass, Wagner said that Aki Manidoog brings Parson's musicianship with keyboards front and center this time. "This band wouldn't be anything without Tony being in it," Wagner said. "He played mostly keyboards on this, and it's an album heavily oriented for keyboard."

There's also a new voice on

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WITH THE GREATEST OF EASE

Ski jumper Dale Severson named to Hall of Fame years old and my father died when the U.S.," Severson said. "It's a

by DAVID COLBURN

Cook-Orr Editor

REGIONAL- When most people think of family reunions, the images they conjure up don't typically include ski jumping.

But for 87-year-old Dale Severson, an Eau Claire, Wis. native familiar to many Lake Vermilion area residents through his marriage to the former Sharon Forsline of Cook, the ski jumping community has been a sort of family to him ever since the days of his youth.

"Dale was an only child, and he was from a broken home, so his coaches were more like parents to him," Sharon said.

"Thank God they took me under their wing," Dale said. "I lost my mother when I was eight

I was 13, so the ski jump community literally became my life."

This past August, the family Severson has been part of since the 1940s decided it was time to make sure Severson's place in the ski jumping family tree was forever secure by inducting him into the American Ski Jumping Hall of Fame (ASJHOF).

Severson was among eight jumpers honored at the Aug. 20 ASJHOF banquet at the Red Wing Golf Course in Red Wing, considered the birthplace of American ski jumping. The ASJHOF inducted its first class in 2007.

'It was a big surprise, because you're in competition with hundreds of athletes from all over great honor."

Another of the inductees, Jim Running, who has passed away, was very familiar to Severson from his early ski jumping days in Eau Claire.

"He was one of my trainers," Severson said.

Starting as a four-year-old on a small hill on land his father owned, Severson initially honed his skills at his elementary school, which like many schools in Wisconsin had a small ski jump. The janitor there was also the coach of Eau Claire's Flying Eagles Ski Club, and Severson showed promise.

"The coaches saw that I had the potential to do well so they trained me and I was doing what



Dale Severson

they said I should do," he said. As time progressed Severson

would become one of the elite jumpers in the region, winning 11 Indianhead circuit meets in 1953. In 1956, Severson established himself as one of the country's best ski jumpers by earning a spot as an alternate for the U.S. Olympic Nordic ski jumping

But as Severson was peaking as a jumper, he was called to military service in 1959 and served for three years, being discharged in 1962. While at a ski jumping competition later that year, Severson received a surprise invitation to become an insurance salesman in Milwaukee, an offer he accepted and turned into a successful career.

An in an even more fortunate turn of luck, an Army buddy of Severson's who was living in

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Editorial

Credibility gap

The DNR needs to hear the concerns of deer hunters

The Department of Natural Resources has a credibility gap. Just ask any deer hunter in northeastern Minnesota after the worst regular firearms deer season in years. We hear the complaints just about everywhere, as hunters are convinced they know what's happened to all the deer.

"The wolves got 'em all," is a familiar refrain.

That doesn't fit with the explanation of DNR wildlife officials, who blame the declining deer herd on recent severe winters combined with the lack of "winter shelter," a term that refers to tree species, like pine, cedar, and balsam fir, that provide for both thermal protection and reduced snow cover for deer in winter. DNR wildlife officials also acknowledge that predation is a factor, although it's one they tend to downplay, and that's probably at least in part for political reasons.

We're always skeptical of simple explanations when it comes to something as complex as wildlife populations across a region. "The wolves got 'em all," is the classic simple explanation, but that doesn't mean that predation isn't playing a significant role here. We know from recent studies on northeastern Minnesota moose that wolves are a primary factor behind that species' poor reproductive success in recent years. Back in 2015, we reported on research by Dr. L. David Mech, that linked reduced moose reproductive success to rising wolf densities in his study area.

Could increasing wolf densities be impacting the reproductive success of whitetail deer as well?

It's hard to know since we don't really know if wolf densities have been increasing outside the confines of a few study areas.

Anecdotally, hunters we've talked to say they're seeing more wolves than ever on trail cams which is admittedly an unscientific data point. However, it's a means that the DNR could utilize to more systematically-determine wolf densities. The Voyageur Wolf Project has been gathering good wolf data using trail cams for a few years now. Hunters already have thousands of cams deployed throughout northern Minnesota and they could be a resource in establishing a truer estimate of wolf densities in the region.

We've had enough conversations with DNR biologists to know they'd rather point to factors other than wolves when it comes to deer populations. That may be because they recognize it's a factor over which they have little control. At least until the

wolf is back off the threatened species list in Minnesota, the DNR, unfortunately, has little say over the management of the species. The DNR, by contrast, could do more to retain quality winter cover on timber sales, which is likely one reason that DNR biologists are highlighting that issue.

But when hunters see DNR officials regularly downplay their concerns about wolves, the agency takes a hit in terms of its credibility. Most hunters we've talked to put little stock in the DNR's current estimates of wolf numbers, and with good reason. It's rough to say the least.

The DNR would do well to take concerns about wolf predation seriously. Yes, recent moderate-to-severe winters have played a role. Loss of winter shelter may be a factor in some areas as well. At the same time, it's worth noting that northwestern Minnesota has seen severe winters and has significantly less winter cover than the northeastern part of the state. Yet, deer registrations there don't seem to have collapsed to the extent experienced this year in our region. Excessive predation in the northeast could create a tipping point that keeps the deer from bouncing back.

We recognize there is an apparent biological contradiction at play here. If deer numbers have declined so much, shouldn't wolf numbers be declining as well? While that's a principle taught in Ecology 101, it is another one of those "simple" explanations. Wolves are adaptable and when one source of food is in short supply, they can turn to other food sources as alternatives. The growth in the region's beaver population may be sustaining wolves during the open water season to a greater extent than biologists have understood previously. The Voyageur Wolf Project has helped to document the degree to which wolves ar relying on beaver as a food source when they're available. That may allow wolves to sustain a relatively high population even with lower deer numbers since they're not dependent on them year-round.

The first step should be to conduct a legitimate and scientifically valid assessment of the northeastern Minnesota wolf population. Such information may provide a better understanding of the reasons behind the struggling deer population. What's more, it could provide valuable data to make the case for, finally, delisting the wolf in Minnesota. It might also help to bridge the DNR's credibility



Letters from Readers

It's not timber harvest... it's the wolves

This time I think the DNR wildlife managers have it wrong. They are blaming the low deer population on the intensive harvesting and bad winters the last few years. The articles in newspapers here and in the Twin Cities make little or no mention of the wolf predation in our part of the state.

Our group of ten has hunted in permit area 119 for the last 20 years. Up until the last five years, we generally filled our tags with bucks during the first week of the season as did another group of about ten hunters. It has been going downhill the last five years, but this year so far only one deer has been shot. There has been very little timber harvesting in the last 20-25 years and Voyageurs National Park, where there is no harvesting, is within a couple miles.

It isn't a problem of winter cover. It's a problem of wolf predation. The deer really got hit hard three or four years ago when we had a hard crust on the snow for about a month. I have only seen it two other times in the last 50 years but the wolves just killed the deer for the fun of it and only ate a small part of the guts. Only the eagles and were well fed.

In the earlier times we didn't have that many wolves, but three or four years ago we had a lot of wolves and they brought the deer herd to the bottom.

Now the wolves are moving south to the Cook areas which up until this year has had a very good deer herd. The problem is not intensive harvesting and winter cover, it's the wolves.

The towns of Orr and Cook have very good deer herdsno cover and no wolves. We should send some wolves to Isle Royale since they have a different problem.

Dick Olson Orr

To EBCH stakeholders

As members of the foundation board of directors, we would like to address the recent misleading letter and campaigning brought forward by Scott Kellerman, Dustin Moravitz, and Anna Krueger surrounding the upcoming director's election. Many members have expressed concern over their campaigna majority of current board members share these valid concerns.

We, as standing members of the board of directors, would like to share the FACTS of what has been happening behind the scenes. There is no plot in place to reduce or devalue member rights. There is no conspiracy to do something that is harmful or hurtful to the organization. We have served in the best interests of the hospital and will continue to do so. The candidates, Scott, Dustin, and Anna, who appear to be pushing a negative and untruthful line of thinking, are all connected with the hemorrhaging ambulance service.

We believe this issue is really at the heart of this election. We are trying to help the community solve this very difficult problem in a way that is beneficial to all involved. If the ambulance service fails, it will go back to the hospital. The ambulance has an operating loss this year north of \$250,000. This trend is expected to continue under current conditions in 2023. We are trying to understand why the service is faltering financially and how we can be of service. Perhaps this help is unwanted, but the lack of a strong ambulance affects the safety and health of each and every member of this community. We deem it a priority.

EBCH continues to have many successes. They have accomplished astounding success in the areas of patient and employee satisfaction. EBCH was voted 2021 Minnesota Best-Gold in the areas of hospital, therapy, and specialty clinic, and received the 2022 St. Louis County Minnesota Public Heath Award. Colin Yahnke was awarded Outstanding Nurse from the Essentia Health STEMI Program in 2022. Many employees were recognized with the 2021/2022 Pinnacle Award including Patti Banks for most inspiring CEO, Jill Lilja for exceptional nurse, and John Schindele for empowering manager. The EBCH Service Excellence Council and Do IT Improvement Project also received Pinnacle awards. Financially, EBCH produced \$46 million in revenue during 2022 and has been a leader for critical care hospitals all over the state. Way to go EBCH!!

The board of directors elections is soon approaching. We, as standing members of the board, find that one of our duties is to communicate with stakeholders the importance of electing individuals with the essential qualities and abilities needed to maintain the board's integrity and continue supporting EBCH, its leadership, and its employees. These individuals will help to ensure the success and security of the hospital.

It is crucial that board members communicate professionally and effectively, work collaboratively and collectively, and uphold the board position with the utmost and highest integrity. The board seeks diverse individuals with various backgrounds, knowledge, and skill sets. Board members must demonstrate core fundamental traits such as loyalty, dedication, passion, and positivity.

We are very confident that Tim Riley, Devon Luthens, and John Saw have the qualities, traits, and abilities necessary to continue to move EBCH forward. We proudly support the re-election of Tim Riley and Devon Luthens and the new election of John Saw.

> **Tim Riley** and Devon Luthens

Why do politicians run for office?

followed this year's elections, at some point the question probably occurred to you: Why do people do this? The endless campaign events, the constant scrutiny... and increasingly,

with it all?

the very real and alarming threat of political violence. What drives someone to put up



I suspect that if you asked a roomful of politicians, you'd get a roomful of answers. For many people, there's no single motivation, and in all my years of talking to other politicians, I've never found one reason that predominates. But I have found some

common threads. For one thing, it's hard to find a more challenging job. The range and complexity of the problems an elected official faces are astounding; I've never met a politician with a short to-do list. Politics is as

intellectually challenging as any occupation I can imagine, and when you succeed at somehow changing your community or state or country for the better, it's also as satisfying. One thing I can certainly say: I've encountered plenty of accomplished people in other professions who've told me that, after a certain point in their careers, they got a bit bored. Not once have I heard a politician say that he or she was bored. Stretched for time, certainly. Frustrated, often. But bored? Never.

I suspect part of the reason is that few other professions put you in touch with as many people of different viewpoints, lifestyles, backgrounds, and convictions. If you're really serious as a politician in the United States, you engage with conservatives, liberals, voters of every station in life, people of deep faith, people of no faith, and every possible ethnic identity. It's one of the great attractions of the job: the chance to meet an unforgettable array of citizens.

In recent years, it's sometimes seemed to me that more people each election are getting involved because they're angry: They're motivated by something the Supreme Court did, or they believe the people in power

are taking their towns or states or the U.S. in the wrong direction. But then I remember that negative feelings have always been a strong motivator—after all, we have a United States because people rose up against policies imposed on them by the king and British politicians. Over my time watching politics, I've met plenty of people who were motivated to get involved because something happened at some level of government that angered them. At the same time, though,

I've also met plenty of people

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Another name worth remembering

Recently an enlightening opinion letter in the Timberjay brought out not only the military heroes we should recognize this month, but the courageous Americans who also battled for human rights, including labor issues.

Mentioned were John Brown, Mother Jones, and Eugene Debs.

There is, however, both a military hero and human rights activist that preceded all of the others.

Her "English name" was Polly Cooper, a member of the Oneida Tribe of New York. (I could not determine her given Oneida name in my sources). She was sent by her chief (Skenandoa) to General Washington's poorly clothed, winter-exposed, and starving troops at Valley Forge. She and her native helpers brought hundreds of pounds of corn

to alleviate their hunger.

After showing them how to properly cook the unique white corn, she administered what herbal and other practical medicine she could to the men. Many of the troops were barefoot and without proper winter attire. She stayed on and did what she could to minister to the troops, even refusing pay for the food and her labor. Later, however, she was offered and accepted a handcrafted shawl that symbolizes her service. The item is still preserved and held in her family today.

November, I have been told, is a month to recognize Native American contributions to our country. The Oneida Tribe fought with the American Continental Army against the British. Polly Cooper may not have fired a gun, but we should be always thankful for her humanitarian service, as well as others before and after her.

> Mark Roalson **Hoyt Lakes**

Letters from Readers

Hunters know what happened to the deer... wolves

The recent Timberjay article shows a total collapse in the 2022 firearms deer season. It's the same old answer from the DNR with weather being the problem. They don't like to put the wolf problem in northeastern Minnesota as the reason. I would like them to put an online survey out to all deer hunters on why the decline in the deer herd.

What factor do they feel is attributing to the decline more: Circle one of the following: A. Weather or B. Wolf Population.

I know what the overwhelming response will be - Wolves!

They wouldn't put that survey out because they are afraid of the truth. They want the money for deer licenses every year, however, with the wolf numbers increasing and nothing being done to control them, they will see license numbers and dollars

in revenue decline. The great desire to hunt the elusive Minnesota whitetail shared by so many might just be a memory because of a do-nothing response.

Mike Korpi Soudan

Don't forget the darkness behind the Thanksgiving myth

This Thanksgiving let's deepen and share our collective learning and awareness. Our sugar-coated story of Thanksgiving whitewashes a monstrous history of land theft, environmental degradation, white settler colonialization, systemic abductions and rape, forced displacement and assimilation, and genocide, with arrogance and total disregard for indigenous justice and peace. Nationalism at the expense of another nation, is as

evil as racism at the expense of another race. This Thanksgiving, let us consciously be enlightened that: We must never fight evil as if it were something that arose totally outside of ourselves.

Tim Duff Tonka Bay and Ely

As a citizen of St. Louis

A prompt response by county election officials

County, it is vital to share some pertinent information with all the citizens in this county, regarding some of our Elections Officials relative to election night, Nov. 8. I was made aware of some issues raised by concerned citizens at a number of precincts. I immediately called and left a message outlining these concerns for Elections Supervisor, Phil Chapman. About an hour later, both he and Nancy Nilsen, our County Auditor, returned my phone call to discuss the situation. It seems there had been some misinterpretation leading to confusion at the polls and Nancy and Phil stepped up to the plate to properly rectify the situation. Both Phil and Nancy deserve recognition and commendation for their quick response and follow-through, reflecting the importance of our elections process. Thank you Nancy and Phil!

> **Steven Peterson** Hermantown

We welcome your letters

The Timberjay encourages letters to the editor. You can submit letters by mail at PO Box 636, Tower, MN 55790, or email letters to marshall@timberjay.

We ask that letters be limited to 300 words.

Letters are subject to editing, primarily for length and clarity.

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the Twin Cities invited him to come up for a long weekend, a weekend that included a blind date with the woman who would become his wife in 1964.

"We went bowling," Sharon said. "There was a dance floor there and I had never danced, but Dale worked his way through college teaching for Arthur Murray."

"Three months of the year I was skiing, the other ones I was doing dancing," Dale said.

The pair met again when Dale came back to the Twin Cities for a ski jumping event, and they struck up a long-distance relationship.

"It was a letter-writing romance because I had to finish my degree," Sharon said. "When I got my teaching degree he said, 'Come to Milwaukee and try a year of teaching here,' and I thought why not, so I did."

The couple's wedding was in Cook, and with that Severson, an only child, had a couple of adjustments to make.

"I'm from a family of ten," Sharon said. "And he's Norwegian and our family is all Swedish.'

"I figured this could be a challenge," Dale laughed. "I'd walk into all kinds of brothers and sisters and brothers and sisters-in-laws if I marry her. But I said, well, I'll give it a try."

Jumping continues

Severson was at an age when the majority of his competitors were retiring from the sport, but ski jumping competition was too much a part of his life to give it up, so he didn't. Severson kept on jumping through the next five decades, remaining competitive as he moved up through the various age classes of jumpers.

Severson made his final ski jump at the age of 79, only eight years ago, after winning ten gold, silver, and bronze medals in international masters ski jumping and winning a silver medal in Nordic combined, jumping and cross-country skiing, in international competition.



"I just kept at it because if you stay fit, you'll live longer, and that's what I've tried to do," Dale said.

He's also given back to the world of skiing by being a guide for three decades for Ski for Light, a cross-country ski event for visually impaired skiers. In the 2015 race in Granby, Colo. he helped guide Deb Weise of Lansing, Mich. to the five-kilometer championship. He was also part of the 2008 international Ski

for Light team that represented the organization in the Norwegian Ridderrennet compe-

While his ski jumping days may be over, his competitive days are not. Severson, who lives in North Oaks but has a house on Lake Vermilion, plays centerfield for a senior softball team. He even serves as a pinch runner for teammates 20 and 30 years his junior who can't run well anymore.

"I can run like hell," a smiling Severson said. "They call me the gazelle. I really do enjoy compe-

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"Aki Manidoog."

"We took on an accomplished vocalist, Leah Lemm," Wagner said. "She's been everywhere in the Native community. She recorded the last song on Ancestral Legacy and that's when we started working together. It opened up the door for her to start writing music with us."

Lemm carries the lead vocal on what Wagner called the album's hardest song, Bigfoot, and her performance is transformative, he said.

"We were already at a level that was pretty high, and she raised the bar. This adds so much more to the band," he said. This album also features some guest artists, including well-known Ojibwe scholar and author Anton Treuer.

"He did the intro and outro for us," Wagner said. "He's been a fan ever since 'Ancestral Legacy', and I've been a fan of his as well. I just pitched it to him and he was like yeah, definitely, so he came over and we recorded.'

Well-known jazz guitarist Briand Morrison, son of Grand Portage musician George Morrison, also sat in for the song "Zhingibiss."

"Aki Manidoog" is also an Anishinaabemowin language revitalization project, Wagner said.

"There's a huge push for that

topic in Minnesota," he said. "There are three tracks that are in English, Bigfoot, Deer Song, and When The Sun Goes Down, and all the other tracks are in Anishinaabemowin. I'm hoping that some of my tribespeople will pick this album up and be able to learn the language more, that it will really help them help them with their language speaking.

The cover for the CD is also a departure for War Bonnet. Wagner asked friend and award-winning Italian producer, multi-instrumentalist, arranger, and re-mixer NeroArgento to design it. It's a surreal depiction of an underwater streetscape with a huge sea turtle, sharks, fish, and a penguin swimming through a lane of old stone buildings with a Native American chief, charging elephants, and other details waiting to be discovered.

"I told him it was an environmental album and that he had free rein to do whatever he wanted," Wagner said. "it's pretty awesome. When I saw it and I said, 'It's perfect.'

Wagner also noted that while he now lives in Hibbing, War Bonnet will always be a Nett Lake-based band. "I'm from that lake. I'm a descendant of that lake, and I'm a tribal member of that lake," he said. "So that lake will always be my home, no matter



Chaz Wagner tunes his guitar before an open-air concert in **Duluth this summer.**

where I reside in the world. It's a very sacred and spiritual place. I have dreams about that place. That's my ancestral homeland."

Individual tracks or the entire album are available for download on the band's website, www.warbonnetofficial.com, where a physical CD of "Aki Manidoog" can also be

POLITICIANS...Continued from page 4

who were motivated by idealism. I was one of them: I first ran for office because I wanted to make a contribution to my country. It was nothing fancier than that. That is still true of many politicians.

Though as anyone who's run for office knows, it is a bit more complicated than that. For one thing, it takes money. It's not like you're handed a check by the government to run for elective office. It's been many decades since this happened, but I still remember that,

for Congress in the early 1960s, I went to visit a community leader in a part of southern Indiana. At the end, he wished me luck and gave me a check for \$100. It was a splendid moment. I later told him how crucial that had been-giving someone who had nothing to spend on a campaign some funds. His act of generosity gave me hope that I might be able to pull it off. Then, too, I think

many people who run for office—and certainly those who get elected-

when I decided to run are driven by a search for power. From afar, you can see what holding elected office allows: the chance to change things. But once you're in office, you come to recognize that progress is measured in inches: You might be able to get a new bridge or library built, but just as often, obstacles stand in the way that make it impossible. Yet somehow, people

keep running. In the end, I think it's because they understand a simple thing: There's no United States without democracy, no democracy without

politics, and no politics without people willing to

become politicians. Lee Hamilton is a Senior Advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government; Distinguished Scholar at the IU Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies; and a Professor of Practice at the IU O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34

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Week of Nov. 28

Monday

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

Tuesday

Tower Area Food Shelf-Open on the third Tuesday of every month from 2:30-5:00 p.m. Located in the back of the Timberjay building on Main Street. Next food shelf day is Dec. 20.

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.

Free community meal at Immanuel on Nov. 30

TOWER- Immanuel Lutheran Church is hosting a free community meal on Wednesday, Nov. 30 from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., or until the food is gone. All are welcome to attend. Eat in or take-outs available. The meal will be scalloped potatoes and

Quilting fabric needed

TOWER- Students at Vermilion Country School will be learning quilting skills in an upcoming class, and the school is looking for donations of fabrics suitable for quilting projects. Material can be dropped off at the *Timberjay* office in Tower.

Tower-Soudan-Embarrass Bookmobile Schedule

REGIONAL- The Arrowhead Bookmobiles will be in the Tower-Soudan area on Wednesday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 21

Stops include: Britt (Sand Lake Storage): 9 - 9:30 a.m.; Bois Forte (Boys & Girls Club): 11 - 11:30 a.m.; Greenwood (Town Hall): 12 - 1 p.m.; Soudan (Post Office area): 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.; Tower (Civic Center): 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.; and Embarrass (Hwy 135 & Hwy 21): 5 - 6 p.m.

More info online at alslib.info/services/book-mobile.

For more information on the Bookmobile or Mail-A-Book services, contact the Arrowhead Library System, 218-741-3840, email at als@alslib. info, or website at alslib. info.

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COMMUNITY GIVING

Operation Santa underway

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 some of 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.

TOWER-SOUDAN LOCAL NEWS

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 all the children.

We are looking for donations of toys, games, art sup-

plies, 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). Gifts are needed for children of all ages. 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 SHOPPING

Holiday Craft Sale set for Dec. 3 at the Civic Center 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.

There will be plenty of holiday baked goods to choose from, including potica. There will be homemade soaps and lotions, Christmas arrangements and decorations, Norex, driftwood, and much more. Students from Vermilion Country School will be selling wreaths and other holiday decorations they have made.

A few tables are still available. 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.

HOLIDAY SPIRIT

Lights of Love Tree Lighting set for Sunday, Dec. 4 at 4 p.m. in Tower

TOWER- The community is invited to come together for the Lights of Love tree lighting ceremony and caroling which will take place on Sunday, Dec. 4 at the Herb Lamppa Civic Center at 4 p.m. There will be a few carols sung outdoors, then the choir will move indoors for more music. The Tower-Soudan Area Singers will lead the caroling (with all encourages to sing along), there will be a story-time featuring a Christmas picture book, and a gift bag for all the children who attend, along with coffee and treats for everyone.

The event is the annual fundraiser for Virgie Hegg Hospice Partners, which provides hospice services in our area. Last year's Lights of Love raised just over \$7,800. Fundraising goals are achieved through the dedicated efforts of our Board of Directors working together with a community of supporting individuals and businesses. We invite you to continue the tradition of remembering and honoring loved ones by supporting VHHP through



this Lights of Love campaign.

For more information about Virgie Hegg Hospice Partners, visit our website at www.vhhp. org or contact Becca Bundy, Pro-

gram Director at 218-780-5423 or Ivette Reing, Chairperson at 218-290-6177. To make a donation, you can find a form on our website or mail your donations

to VHHP LOL to PO Box 244, Cook, MN. Venmo is available during our campaign using @ VHHPInc.

Tower-Soudan Area Singers holiday caroling schedule

TOWER-SOUDAN-The Tower-Soudan Area Singers will be caroling on Monday, Dec. 5 at the Breitung Community Center at 6:30 p.m., with coffee an' served. A second opportunity to hear your favorite Christmas

carols will be on Mon-

day, Dec. 12 at the Lake Vermilion Cultural Center at 6:30 p.m. with coffee an' served. And the final performance will be on Monday, Dec. 19 at 6:30 at Sulu's in Tower with chili served.

The Dec. 19 perfor-

mance will be outdoors, weather-permitting, so please dress warmly!

Grief support group at Immanuel

TOWER- Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tower has a grief support group on Wednesday, Dec. 7 and 21, from 6 – 7 p.m. Pastor Liz Cheney, a certified grief counselor, will be leading the group. Questions, call the church at 218-753-2378.

Tower Farmers Market planning indoor winter market events

market events

TOWER- The Tower
Farmers Market is planning monthly indoor markets once a month, starting on Friday, Dec. 16 from 4
- 6 p.m. The market will be located inside the Pike River Products building, 515 Main St., across from

Vermilion Fuel & Food.

Watch for special announcements, including a visit from Santa, at this event. New vendors are being accepted. Contact the Tower Farmers Market through Facebook for more information. Local foods and local artisans are welcome to rent a table for \$10.

TALENTED STUDENTES

NLAA celebrates young artists in November

ELY - The Northern Lakes Arts Association (NLAA) November art show, entitled "Celebrating Our Youths," featured artwork from over 30 young artists from Ely and the surrounding areas. In creating this art show, NLAADirector, Ian Francis Lah, was able to secure a private donation to develop scholarships for art supplies to help foster and support these young blossoming artists. Lah believes that it is essential to uplift artists at this age. He says, "By doing so, you open the door to a creative life that is rich and fulfilling. The impact of art shows like this can be long-lasting." Lah said he remembers when a piece of his artwork was shown at the old Pamida (now Zup's grocery store) when he was a

child and how that opportunity unlocked a door of expression and creativity within him. He hopes that through events like this, area youth will feel supported and celebrated for their artistic accomplishments. A reception to celebrate the young artists was held on Friday, Nov. 11, at Ely's Historic State Theater. At the event, scholarships were awarded to nine young artists for Best In Show and Runner-Up. Those winners included: Best-In-Show Scholarship Winners: Lauren Rehbein, Rosemary Schlosser, Violet Udovich and Runner-Up-Scholarship Winners:Lucy Lutthens, ChloyAnn Ridings, Asa Toddie, Fiona Olson, Juliana, Lamontagne, and Ivy Ohlhauser.



Suvi Kari shows off her art on display at the NLAA November art show at Ely's Historic State Theater.



Fiona Olson with her piece that earned her Runner-Up Bestin-Show said she's learned a lot from her art teacher, Dafne Caruso who is the NLAA featured artist in December.



Asa Toddie receives her award from NLAA Director Ian Lah for her Runner-Up Best-in-Show artwork.

REMEMBERING

WINDOW INTO YESTERDAY

by DAVID KESS

Ely-Winton Historical Society

From a lifelong interest in photography, Robert Reed became fascinated with his Native American neighbors on Indian Island on Burntside Lake. He spent summers with his family at his cabin there. His first photographs were taken in the 1920s and 1930s. His focus became the Boshey family's wild ricing on Hulu Lake in the Boundary Waters and the processing on Indian Island. No one knows if he intended to do anything further with these photos. They could have been made into a wonderful book

One of Robert and Eunice Reed's daughters was Josephine. Robert taught English at Winona State College and had a large home there. He had been a collector. After he and his wife both died, Josephine came into possession of the house, the photographs, and the collections.

Fourteen or fifteen years ago, Josephine brought some of her father's photos into the historical society office. Margaret Sweet, the museum manager, and I were very impressed and we convinced Josephine to put some of these photos into a display at the Community Center.

Extremely meticulous

and painstaking, Josephine assembled her own very professional collection. She deliberated over a font for the titles, finally finding one she regarded as both attractive and readable. The display and Windows into Yesterday article earlier this fall brought many favorable comments.

Later I convinced Josephine that she should share this display with the Bois Forte Tribe for their Legend House museum at Fortune Bay. After several months, several of the elders tried to persuade Josephine to donate the display to the band, but she would not have it. Her reason remains unknown - so the collection went with her back to Winona.

End of story...almost. I forgot about the photographs over the next dozen or more years. Meeting Josephine only occasionally during the summer months, we never talked about her father's pictures.

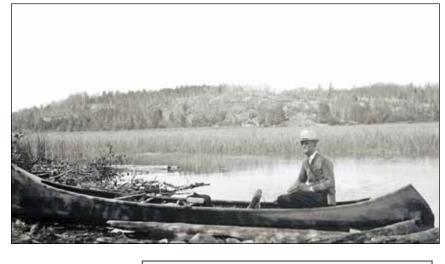
This past February Josephine passed away. The personal representative of her estate called me to say he was sending me, per Josephine's instructions, a set of these pictures. Two other people were to get sets of the pictures. My set contained seventy-five. No instructions and or restrictions were given for their use or display.

Two months ago I put together a new display. My personal favorite is one of thirteen Indian children in a boat near Burntside Lodge, eating ice cream cones. Dr. Reed bought one for each them from the lodge's Trading Post. The display is located in the lobby of the Fine Arts Theater of Vermilion Community College, now known as Minnesota North College-Vermilion. Facebook

will also have a posting. The museum office is open in the winter Tuesdays through Friday, 12 noon to 4 p.m. Call the office at 218-365-3226 for any questions, comments, or information to

Above and Below: Josephine Reed and Dr. Robert Reed's Indian Island photos.





CONGRATULATIONS!



2022 VFW essay contest winners

Veteran Mike Pope was on hand to announce winners in the recent VFW essay contest. This year's winners included from left: Sixth-grader Coco Gilson, third place; seventh-grader, Violet Udovich, first place; and eighth-grader Wyatt Devine, sec-

ond place. Photo by

Heather Cavalier

Ely Public Library upcoming events ➤ Thursday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25 - Closed

for Thanksgiving.

➤ Friday, Dec. 9 from 3 p.m. until ending at midnight on Sunday, Dec. 11 - Holiday Movies Kahoot - for all ages - online. Do you have your popcorn ready? We have a great trivia challenge ready for you about movies and TV specials for the holiday season. There will be prizes for the top 3 contestants! We will need an email address for each person who wishes to play to send the link to the game, so you must pre-register. This program is sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Monday, Dec. 12, 3 p.m. - Friends of the Library Book Club – for adults – at the library. Title for discussion to be announced.

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 3 p.m. - "Get Crafty with Tricia" - for all ages - at the library. This month, Tricia will be teaching Q-tip Snowman Art. Looking to make a fun, winter ornaments to put on the fridge? If so, Tricia will teach you how to make a snowman that will be a great decoration for your home. — All materials are supplied. You will need to pre-register so we have enough supplies for everyone. This program is sponsored by Friends of the Library.

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. For those 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. 22: Grassroots Crossroads, Sitting at the Yellow Light, Dani Pieratos.

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

Breathing Out

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Support groups

AA - Alcoholics 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., Ely.

BABBITT AA - 7 p.m.

Tuesdays, Woodland Presbyterian Church. AL-ANON - Sundays 8-9 p.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely. For persons who encounter alcoholism in a relative or friend. **BABBITT AL-ANON -**

Thursdays, 7 p.m., at Woodland Presbyterian. **CO-DEPENDENTS'** 12-step support group,

5:30 p.m. Thursdays, Wellbeing Development, 41 E Camp St. Ely.

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Month: 10-11:30 a.m. at Ely-Bloomenson Hospital.

Conference Room B.

ORR CITY COUNCIL

Orr Fire Department to get new turnout gear

Famous television celebrity from 1960s breaks into mayoral balloting

by DAVID COLBURN
Cook-Orr Editor

ORR- When the Orr City Council met to review and certify the vote totals for the Nov. 8 general election, they discovered a dark horse candidate, or rather a dark moose candidate, among the write-ins.

"Bullwinkle got one vote," said council member Tom Kennebeck, who was filling in for absent Mayor Joel Astleford.

Robert "Bob" Antikainen won the mayoral race over Rocky Hoffman by a 61-28 margin, while Mark Fabish and Tony Norman topped the write-ins with nine and eight votes respectively.

Bruce Black was re-elected to the council with the most votes, 53, of any of the six candidates vying for two council seats. The other seat went to Hannah Manick with 46 votes, nine more than runner-up Joshua Gaskell.

City Clerk Cheri Carter informed the council that there was an extra set of eyes watching the polling this year.

"Just so you know, we had an independent observer from the public watching our entire process," she said. "They were actually here to watch the sheriff's position but stayed for the whole thing. They were not here on behalf of any formal agency or anything."

The council briefly discussed a request from Dennis and Ericka Cote to purchase a 4.4-acre cityowned parcel valued at \$4,600 that sits immediately south of and adjacent to their residence at 10668 Hillcrest Dr. The couple also expressed interest in the next adjacent lot to the south, valued at \$3,300 that sits behind the Carefree Living facility. The council had tabled a previous request by the Cotes. "I don't think there's enough of us here to make that decision," council member Lloyd Scott said, noting that council member Bruce Black was also absent from the meeting.

The council voted unanimously to delay the question again until the December council meet-

The city will turn to the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa for funds for an upgrade to ambulance service communications. The Motorola radios and Unication pagers to be purchased with the proposed \$173,840 grant would bring the service into compliance with interoperability standards for digital radios and tower communication. There would be no cost to the city. The council voted to approve the application and accept the funds if granted. There was no discussion indicating what source Bois Forte would use to fund the request.

The Orr Fire Department will also be getting some much needed improvements after the council unanimously approved a dual request from Fire Chief Jeremy Wright.

The first item involved the purchase of an extractor washing machine from Northern Laundry Systems. The washing machine is specialized to effectively remove the residue from firefighters' turnout gear, and Northern Laundry Systems is the only company in the area that supplies them. Remaining funds of \$4,939 from a COVID grant will be used to defray the cost of a washer, for which quotes of \$12,425 and \$14,333 were submitted.

A second item involved the purchase of 11 sets of turnout geat. Wright noted that replacement of the current gear was necessary in order to remain OSHA-compliant. A bid of \$40,761 from MacQueen Equipment was the lowest of two received, and a \$5,000 grant from Lake Country Power would be applied to the purchase. The department has sufficient funds from prior year unreserved funds to cover the remaining cost.

A request from Steven Udovich to continue doing snow removal for the former ISD 2142 bus

garage recently purchased by the city seemed a rather straightforward issue, but it was noted that with downtown, Old City Hall, and the Leiding Garage taking priority, Udovich might not be able to get to the bus garage as needed. Kennebeck raised a second issue, that of melting snow that could slide off the roof and block the bay reserved for continuing use by a district school bus. Such an event could happen when Udovich would not otherwise be out clearing snow.

However, after more discussion, councilors decided to approve the proposal at \$65 per time up to six inches of snowfall and \$100 per time for snowfalls in excess of that.

other In busithe council: ness. ➤Gave Maintenance Supervisor Paul Kock the green light to remove the wooden dock at the swimming beach that was damaged beyond repair when it floated away due to high water last spring. The council deferred making a decision about replacing the dock with another wooden dock or an aluminum one, or not replacing it at all.

➤ Approved increasing the pay for firefighter wages from \$17 to \$20 an hour, and increasing department officers' pay. The fire chief will receive \$800, assistant chief, \$600, secretary, \$500, and training officer \$350 for

➤ Hired James Lundemo for the vacant assistant maintenance position.

➤ Accepted a \$1,000 donation to the ambulance service from Forrest, Gary, and Ginger Abramson. ➤Approved a request

from Ambulance Director Donna Hoffer to increase the per mile rate for patient transport from \$17 to \$20 due to inflation and

➤ Approved off-sale liquor and cigarette licenses for Norman's One Stop and Pelican Bay Foods and on-sale and Sunday liquor licenses for Oveson's Pelican Bay Resort and

FAMILY FUN NIGHT



School's family fun night. Pictured are Steve Kajala, Cook Lions Club President with Lori Udovich of North Woods School. The event was held Oct. 25 at the school. submitted photo

HOLIDAY BAZAAR



Vendors and shoppers descended on St. Mary's Catholic Church in Cook last Friday for the 25th Annual Holiday Bazaar. The event included basket drawings, a quilt drawing, lunch, and everyone's favorite, the famous cookie walk. photo by D. Colburn

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

River St. in Cook is focus for contest

COOK- "It stARTS on River St." was a grant-funded art project designed to beautify Cook's downtown business corridor, and a flurry of varied and attractive art activities it fostered has nearly come to an end.

But with a little money remaining from the Artists on Main Street grant, organizers have opted for one final fling, a holiday lighting contest for the businesses along River St. The funds are restricted by the grantor from being used for anything other than River St. beautification. The theme is "Win-

ter Sports on Frozen River Street", and decorating has already started. Skates, toboggans, skis, sleds, boots and lanterns are some of the suggested decorating ideas, and creativity is encouraged. Participating

nesses will compete for a \$500 first prize, with \$300 going to the runner-up and third place receiving \$200.

Members of Northwoods Friends of the Arts will serve as judges for the contest. Judging will be conducted

on Tuesday, Dec. 20, with

prizes to be awarded the

following day.

For more information, call the Cook Public Library at 218-666-2210. This project is part

of Artists on Main St., a partnership between the City of Cook, Rethos, and Springboard for the Arts, with support from the Bush Foundation.

Orr Christmas lighting contest registration open ORR- Rather than

having to go elsewhere to enjoy Christmas lighting displays, the City of Orr is encouraging residents to light up the night with their own creative displays for the Orr City Christmas Lighting Contest. Sponsored by the City

of Orr, participants must live in Orr or within one mile of the city limits. Preregistration by Wednesday, Nov. 30 is required by calling Orr City Hall during business hours at 218-757-3288. Yards that have not been preregistered will not be judged. Judging will take

place on Saturday, Dec.

17, with the winners to be announced that night on the City of Orr Facebook First place will receive \$250, second place

will get \$150, and third

will receive \$75. Prizes

will be given as cash payouts, or if a winner chooses the prize can be applied as credit toward their city utility bill.

Holiday baskets to raise money for **Cook Public Library**

COOK- Looking for something a little different for gift-giving this year? Then head on down to the Cook Public Library by Thursday, Dec. 15 to see what the Friends of the Cook Public Library have to offer with their Holiday Basket fundraiser. Holiday-themed bas-

kets, just right for gift giving, are being awarded through a silent auction and a raffle. Buy tickets for a chance to win a raffle or bid on a silent auction basket by visiting the li-

Ticket sales for the auction and raffle end at 5 p.m. Dec. 15. Winners will be notified and need not be present to win.

Proceeds from this event benefit programs at the Cook Public Library.

NWFA lists events

for December COOK- An exhibit of

watercolor paintings by

Judy Moline showing in

December at the North-

woods Friends of the Arts

Gallery in Cook serves as a memorial to a talented pollyanna who died in 2010. Moline was lost to family and friends too early due to ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) or Lou Gehrig's disease. An amazing inventive person and artist/quilter, Judy learned to watercolor after her ALS diagnosis.

Also in December at NWFA: ➤ Browse art and craft

plus second-hand rose, greatly admired and gently used items. ➤"Open Art" gather-

ings meet every Monday from 6-8 p.m.. All artists are invited to participate with other artists making art in The Wolfe Den. No registration required. **≻**Cook woodcarv-

ers meet each Thursday from 6-8 p.m. in the Wolfe Den. Carvers meet and share the joy of carving on wood and help beginners by sharing experience and know-how. Beginners are welcome. Call Howard at 218-290-1391 for more information. Normal

and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Sat-

urdays. The gallery is lo-

cated at 210 S River St. in

operating hours for the gallery during the winter months are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays

Snow City Christmas to be Dec. 3 in Orr

ORR- Snow City Christmas is back again this year in Orr, with festivities scheduled throughout the day on Saturday,

The event kicks off at 7:30 a.m. with a pancake breakfast in the Orr Community Center which lasts until 9:30 a.m. A craft and vendor

show will run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., also in the community center. The Orr Christmas

Parade will wind its way down the traditional Johnson Pkwy. route beginning Noon is also the time

that Sugarlicious Cheesecake and More will have lunch available. They will be serving until 3 p.m. Everybody's favorite

jolly old elf, Santa Claus, will be at the T. Pattenn Café this year from 1-3 From 3:30-5 p.m.,

Calvary Lutheran Church will be showing the movie

"The Star" and serving up popcorn to go with it. Those who haven't been to the Orr Center to see the story "Wendyl's Wonderland" brought to life, and those who have,

can go to the center from

5-9 p.m. to experience the

magical tale with charac-

ters based on some of the Orr Center's longtime vol-

unteers. **NWFA Honor Guard**

exhibit nears end

COOK- Only two days remain to see the special exhibit at Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery honoring the members of the Cook VFW Honor Guard.

Pictures of Honor Guard members receiving Quilts of Valor and more detailed stories of six guard members who served during the Vietnam era are on display through Saturday, Nov. 26. With the gallery closed on Thanksgiving, Friday and Saturday will be the final two days of the exhibit.

Normal operating hours for the gallery during the winter months are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturdays. The gallery is located at 210 S River St. in Cook.

More

about current and upcoming NWFA activities is available at www.nwfamn.org, on Facebook, by emailing nwfamn. org@gmail.com, or by calling 218-780-7130.

information

TRANSITIONS

Phillips to retire as IRRR commissioner



by MARSHALL HELMBERGER Managing Editor

REGIONAL -The Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation has begun the search for a new commissioner. Mark Phillips, who took the helm at the state agency, will be stepping down as part of the transition to Gov. Tim Walz's second term.

Phillips, first appointed to the agency's top job by Gov. Mark Dayton in 2015, had agreed to a four-year reappointment under he intended to retire at the end of Walz's first term.

Gov. Walz was re-elected to a second term on Nov. 8.

Phillips, who is 72, has enjoyed a long career in economic development, much of it in state government. An Iron Range native, he first served in that capacity under the Perpich administration, but later went to the private sector. Gov. Mark Dayton appointed him as commissioner of the Department of Employment and Economic Development in January of 2011, a position he left two years later to return to the private sector, where he served most recently a business development director for Minnesota-based contractor Kraus-Anderson.

Dayton lured him back to the public sector in 2015, with an appointment as head of the IRRR, a job which brought Phillips closer to his home on Lake Vermilion. Phillips has helped turn the agency toward a new, more community-focused approach to economic development, that has stressed

improving the livability of Iron Range communities. He's done that by diversifying amenities and focusing on quality of life in Iron Range communities, in order to create places where people, including entrepreneurs and employers, want to live.

He's done that, while not abandoning efforts that proved effective in the past in maintaining the region's larger employers and recruiting new business to the region.

Phillips' term will officially end on Jan. 2, 2023.

the Range were willing to

GONCALVES ... Continued from page 1 -

not do it in Nashwauk," said Goncalves. "I've been in business for 42 years, a CEO for 24 years, for five different companies. Nashwauk is probably the biggest disappointment of my entire career. We proposed a \$1 billion investment in Nashwauk after having deployed a \$100 million investment at Northshore to produce the feedstock."

Goncalves has since shuttered the Northshore facility through at least the first quarter of 2023, and is now providing feedstock for his company's Ohio DRI facility, known as a hot-briquet iron or HBI plant, from the Inland Steel facility acquired last year from Mittal USA.

Goncalves said the DRI process that was earmarked for us at Nashwauk

would have helped reduce the carbon footprint of the steel-making process. "By pre-removing oxygen without using coke, you use a much more efficient and cleaner reductant, which is catalyzed natural gas," said Goncalves. "When you use catalyzed natural gas, you are breaking the natural gas into hydrogen."

Goncalves said Cliff's Toledo, Ohio facility is the most modern DRI plant in the world, and cuts carbon emissions by 70 percent over the traditional pig iron used by most electric arc steelmakers.

"It was supposed to be built in Nashwauk," he said.

Goncalves' chamber keynote wasn't the first time that he has aired his grievances over his Nashwauk proposal, which became enmeshed in the years-long saga involving Essar Steel and its subsequent stand-in Mesabi Metallics.

Essar had promised to build a new taconite plant to take advantage of high-quality taconite reserves located near the site, but that proposal eventually fell into bankruptcy, leaving the fate of the leases and the permit issued for the proposed plant in legal limbo. Courts have since sided with the Department of Natural Resources, which is looking to reassign the leases to an entity most likely to advance a project at the site. But Mesabi Metallics has appealed that decision to the state Supreme Court.

Sen. Tom Bakk, I-Cook, was among those targeted by Goncalves in his recent comments.

Bakk said Goncalves had wanted the state to simply give Cliffs the leases, but state officials had told him the matter was up to the courts - an answer which didn't placate the CEO.

Bakk said the convoluted mess left by the Essar debacle has taken time to unwind. Too much time, apparently, for a brash and impatient CEO who is used to throwing his weight around.

Goncalves is now eyeing those taconite reserves near Nashwauk as a possible source of ore to maintain operations at Hibbing Taconite. Not everyone is convinced that's a viable plan, however. "I haven't seen there's a way to economically rail crushed ore from Nashwauk to Hibbing," said Bakk.

Whether Goncalves is serious remains unclear. Despite his rhetoric, Goncalves has yet to show much interest in actually paying for rights to the ore in question, seeming to prefer that the state simply gift them to him. He declined to bid on Essar's assets in bankruptcy court and Goncalves has indicated he's unlikely to bid for the mineral leases if and when the DNR gains the ability to reissue them.

Goncalves, during his comments, offered some advice for Minnesota business leaders and state officials, including recognizing that they have an important role to play in charting the state's economic future. "And two, pay less

attention to empty promis-

es," he said. "I was amazed

how much my friends on

take companies like his for granted. "Understand that these players play like me, we have options and we use these options if the state is not business friendly," he said.

accept a lot of empty promises, a lot of BS, a lot of stuff, just because the guy was flying in from India or wherever.' He urged state officials to "value existing players," noting Cleveland-Cliffs' long history in the state's mining sector. "They might

> he said. And finally, Goncalves warned the state not to

know what they're doing

if they have a track record

of accomplishing things,"

PARTNERS.. ■Continued from page 1

Based on the data so far, help with cleaning and outdoor chores, transportation, meal preparation and managing medications are all among the top needs of area seniors trying to remain in their homes. Help with shopping, paying bills, bathing, and even friendly visits are other needs identified in the surveys. Respite care is also among the needs, as a way to give caregivers some time off.

As the mission has grown, so has the number of local volunteers. "We now have 83 volunteers working with us," said Porthan. "It is miraculous. This community surrounds us with love." Those volunteers helped over 500 area seniors last year, about three-quarters of whom were low income.

Volunteers help transport seniors to medical appointments, help with local shopping and errands, provide companionship in the home, become an exercise buddy, and help with other non-medical needs.

Volunteers are carefully matched with seniors, and the group provides training and mentoring during the initial volunteer

"Friendly visitors are

matched with a senior, and will visit the same person week after week," she said. "They can go out to lunch together or stay at home and play cards." Volunteers often form strong friendships with the seniors they are working with, she said, and both benefit greatly from the time spent together.

"The work we do really focuses on building relationships and connecting with each other," she said. "It is so beautiful to see the differences being made in people's lives."

Porthan has been working at NP for 13 years. She had a background in social work but had taken time off to raise her young children. When she was ready to find a new job, NP was looking for a new

"I love this work," she said. "I feel very fortunate."

And right now, Porthan is taking all the knowledge she has gained to provide support for her own aging parents, who live in the Rochester area.

"I am living what I work," she said. Last Friday she was headed down to Rochester to help her parents over Thanksgiving, but then headed back to Ely to help set up the group's annual Festival of Trees fundraiser at the Grand Ely Lodge which starts on Nov. 24.

She had helped her parents move into a senior living complex, which offers some support, but soon realized her parents needed more services than what the family initially thought.

"I totally feel the pain of trying to navigate these situations," she said.

Northwoods Partners doesn't charge for any of the services they provide with their volunteers, though they now are working with a local company, Access North, to start providing more reliable personal care attendant (PCA) services in the area. The lack of such services in the area was a major problem for keeping some seniors in

their homes. "We interviewed a lot of PCA companies," she said. "We were trying to figure out why it was a problem getting services."

The issues included not having enough clients to serve in a rural area, the inability to pay PCAs mileage, as well as prob-

lems the companies were having hiring qualified

Northwoods Partners started partnering with Access North, compiling a list of referrals to show there were enough clients to justify hiring a full-time worker for the Ely area, and also raised funds with help from a grant from the Northland Foundation to create some hiring bonuses. Porthan said PCA wages have also increased, and the state is paying for training for new PCAs at this time. They have also partnered with a skilled nursing provider agency, that is now offering a higher level of in-home care than a PCA can provide.

Access North can also help with projects to help keep a senior independently at home, such as installation of ramps, assistive technology referrals, veterans' services, long-term care consultations, nursing home relocations, support groups and more.

Northwoods Partners also provides resources to caregivers and area medical professionals, including bringing in speakers on issues related to senior medical care and dementia care. They also sponsor a caregiver support group. The next meeting will be on Thursday, Jan. 26 from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Ely Senior Citizen Center.

Northwoods Partners also provides one-on-one consultations for caregivers, and provides caregiver relief/respite services.

The group has also been publishing a monthly calendar of events, services, and senior dining menus that is inserted into the Ely Shopper. The calendar as well as their newsletter can be downloaded from their website at www. northwoodspartners.org/.







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Louis County Elections Supervisor Phil Chapman, the recounts in a race like this would typically take place at the county level, where the ballots are kept. But he said the details of this expected recount will be coordinated by the Secretary of State and is a process over which the Secretary has some discretion.

Election officials will conduct a full hand recount of all the relevant precincts. which could reveal any clerical errors or discover voter intent in ballots that voting machines otherwise didn't read. The recount is typically conducted under the close monitoring of representatives from both candidates. Chapman said he expects the recount in St. Louis County, where the bulk of the votes in the district were cast, will take no more than a day.

While the margin in the race is miniscule, the prospect that a recount will change the outcome is relatively small. Cassondra Knudson, press spokesper-

son for Secretary of State Steve Simon, noted that by the time the ballots get to a recount they have already gone through a county canvass of results, followed by hand audits of selected precincts, followed by the second and final canvass at the state level.

Chapman, who has conducted a sizable number of recounts in his years as the county's head of elections, said a variation of a few votes either way isn't unusual in a recount. But does he remember a time when a recount changed the outcome of an election? "Not that I can recall," he

A hard-fought contest

Ecklund, who survived a scare in his 2020 re-election bid against a young political newcomer from Littlefork, had always expected a tight contest with Skraba. Both candidates campaigned hard, so hard in fact that the 64-year-old Ecklund ended up with both arms in braces from knocking on literally thousands of doors.

Ely

Ecklund's prospects weren't helped by redistricting, which added a portion of northern Itasca County, a relative Republican stronghold, to the district. That new portion of the district accounted for a 321-vote margin for Skraba, many times his ultimate winning

"I knew getting that part of the district was going to be tough," said Ecklund. "I had hoped that Hoyt Lakes would balance it out. I spent a lot of time, there." While Ecklund edged Skraba 484-462 in the East Range community, it wasn't enough to offset Skraba's gains in Itasca County.

Four years ago, Cook County made the difference for Ecklund, and the I-Falls DFLer garnered just under 70 percent of the vote there this time around, but it just wasn't enough— at least barring a surprise in the pending recount.

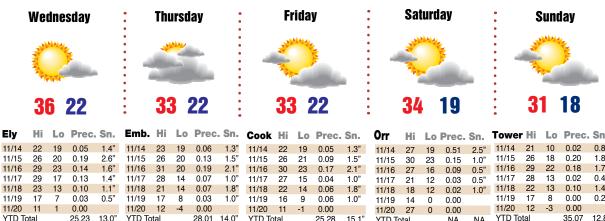
Ironically, both candidates lost narrowly on their home turf. Skraba picked up 1,088 votes in Ecklund's hometown, to Ecklund's 1,056. Meanwhile, Ely residents backed Ecklund, with 868 votes to 829 for Skraba

Skraba's apparent victory now relies on the accuracy of an election process that he openly questioned earlier this year when he helped launch his campaign by sponsoring an Ely showing of "2000 Mules," a widely-panned "documentary" that claimed an organized effort across multiple states to stuff ballot boxes in the

2020 presidential election. The movie, which Skraba helped to air at the Ely State Theater, provided virtually no evidence for the movie's claims and individuals involved with the movie are currently facing a variety of lawsuits for defamation. Investigations by law enforcement into some of the allegations raised in the movie have found the claims to be unsupported.

LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST

from NOAA weather



CARTWAY ... Continued from page 1

The city's understanding of the request, known as a cartway petition, is somewhat clarified after an initial review of the application left city officials assuming they could be on the hook for hundreds of thousands of dollars in costs associated with the request.

The law in question, however, puts the financial burden of a cartway onto the petitioner and city attorney Joel Lewicki offered some eye-opening estimates just for the administrative efforts, including \$5,000 in attorneys' fees for processing the petition, \$4,000 for surveying costs, if needed, \$1,000 in appraiser fees, and \$8,000 in compensation to be paid to the land owner or owners impacted by his cartway. The total of \$19,500

estimated by Lewicki did not include the cost of construction.Lewicki incorporated his estimates into a resolution for the council to consider that would require Rose to post a bond of the \$19,500 prior to the city moving forward to a public hearing on his request.

Rose, in an email

sent to city officials after the meeting, said he had already received estimates for much of the work outlined by Lewicki. "What your city attorney presented last night was ten times the estimates I have received," he said. "I am willing to work with the city on the home development project there but it is not getting off to a good start with your attorney throwing up major road blocks already,' he added.

Lewicki noted that the petition, once completed, will effectively be taking private land through eminent domain for the purpose of providing access to a neighbor and that taking such a step does require due process. State law, specifically, Minn. Stat. 435.37, requires a city council to establish a cartway at least two rods (approximately 33 feet) wide to access at least five acres of private property not otherwise accessible by road.

The statute does require that the petitioner—Rose in this case — pay all expenses associated with professional services, administrative costs, public hearing costs, as well as damages for the taking of land from any affected landowners. The cost of construction of the road is currently unknown since the route has yet to be established and may impact a significant amount of wetlands. The cost of construction and subsequent maintenance of the road, which would most likely be considered a private driveway, would typically fall on the petitioner under the statute, although a portion of the cost of maintenance could fall on the impacted landowner if the council finds that to be appropriate under the circumstances.

Lewicki said the next step would be for the council to sit down with Rose at their next meeting and discuss his request in further detail before establishing the amount of the bond he'll need to post to cover city expenses related to his request. Lewicki recommended that the city keep any funds deposited by Rose in a separate account to more accurately record all money in and out associated with the petition.

The council agreed to meet with Rose at their next regular meeting, currently set for Monday, Dec. 12.

In other action, the council discussed ongoing work and future plans around the harbor and riverfront. Clerk-treasurer Michael Schultz noted that the work on the public access for the canoe and kayak route on the East Two River had gone substantially overbudget due to a much larger amount of soft peat soils in the area than engineers had anticipated. Schultz said the city opted to reduce the size of the parking lot and eliminate one of two lights at the site. Schultz said the lights were \$30,000 each, so the savings from eliminating one was considerable.

But council member Robert Anderson said he had concerns about the decision. "I live right next to it and I'm concerned about lighting. I don't want it to become a drug dealing spot," he said.

He questioned how the estimates for soft soils had been off by so much "Were there soil tests done?" he asked.

Schultz said there would have to be some re-examination of the work that went into the engineer's estimates once the project is completed.

Anderson also questioned the need for an outside toilet near the civic center, when the city had been making the civic center bathrooms available for public use. "Maybe we could spruce up the civic center bathrooms a bit," he said.

Schultz noted that IRRR grant funds for improvements around the civic center had included the proposed toilet and he wasn't sure if the funds could be redirected to another use.

In other business, the

➤ Heard that the police contract with Breitung is likely to see a substantial increase in cost for next year. Setterberg asked council members to be prepared to review the police contract and come ready with any changes or suggestions at the December meeting. "We don't want there to be a lapse in coverage, so let's be ready to deal with it," he said.

clerk-treasurer to develop potential changes in the seasonal maintenance worker position to encourage more interest in the job, particularly in winter. The city had found no takers for the position, which mostly entails helping to clear snow during the winter months, so the hours are erratic depending on the weather A recent advertisement for the opening had attracted no interest.

> Directed the

➤ Heard a request from students and other admirers of the late teacher Carol Ahlstrom, who wished to place a memorial, known as a Love Lock, in Ahlstrom's honor near the Tower-Soudan School. The council directed Schultz to get more information on the proposal and bring it back to the council. "I think it would be super cool," said council member Joe Morin.





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Math intervention to world class musician

Ely's Chambriel Ridings to perform at Carnegie Hall and Sydney Opera House

by RACHEL BROPHY
Staff Writer

ELY – Many years ago in a small town in east central Germany, a little girl named Chambriel Ridings was living on an Army base where her dad was stationed, and she struggled with math. To bolster her math comprehension, her teacher suggested she take up the recorder – that simple flute-like instrument that kids here in America all seem to learn at some point in their elementary years.

Chambriel's mother, Jackie Ridings, was eager to help her

It's a dream come true.

Chambriel Ridings

daughter but had no idea where to get a recorder in Germany, so she reached out to her motherin-law back in the United States who mailed one overseas to her granddaughter in Grafenwöhr.

"It sounds strange, but it worked," Jackie said. There was no way to know then, that this was the beginning of something amazing.

Flash forward to 2015 when

the Army family was back from overseas and living in Ely. Chambriel's fifth grade teacher, Darren Visser, noticed that Chambriel was still struggling with math. He encouraged her family to seek additional help outside of school, so that Chambriel could avoid a remedial study hall that would mean having to give up participating in band.

Itwas Miss Mason's first year, and she encouraged Chambriel to try the clarinet. "I played Hot Cross Buns immediately," recalls Chambriel. "I thought 'Oh this is easy to figure out!"

Right: Ely senior Chambriel Ridings with her clarinet, which has become her ticket to world travel.

photo by TaraKay Photography

Chambriel continued playing the clarinet even as the family moved yet again, this time to Rolla, Missouri. Rolla's band was large enough that Chambriel had to try out, but as soon as the band director heard her play the scales, she said, "Oh my God! I need you."

Chambriel went on to make

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EMBARRASS FAIR BOARD

Building community

Re-energized fair board has a growing mission in Embarrass

by JODI SUMMIT

Tower-Soudan Editor

MBARRASS- At least 300 people attended the Embarrass Fair Board's monthly pancake breakfast in November, the largest turnout since the board began the regular fundraising events earlier this year.

Timber Hall was full all morning, half with tables for pancake-eating guests, and the back half of the hall with local vendors selling crafts and other homemade items. With only four people left in line at closing time, there were three pancakes left, and no more batter.

"But some of them decided to just have ham and sausage," said board trustee Sue Beaton. "So, we did feed everyone."

A salute to veterans and a celebration of Roland Fowler's 90th birthday probably helped pack in the crowd.

The 59 veterans who turned out ate for free, and that included Fowler, who is a veteran and was a longtime active member of the now-defunct Nelson-Jackson American Legion Post in Tower. He seemed to appreciate the steady stream of well-wishers as he ate his pancakes on the recent Saturday morning. Sitting with Fowler were Don Reinhardt and Ramon Berg, longtime American Legion pals. The three, along a handful of others from the former post, had flipped many pancakes themselves over the years for their own fundraisers.

And while Fowler no longer helps put on the fair board's pancake breakfasts, he still volunteers for the board,

Above: Longtime friends Adeline Broten, of Tower, and Corrine Schedlbauer, of Babbitt, enjoy each other's company during the monthly pancake breakfast put on by the Embarrass Fair Board.

Right: Roland Fowler chats between bites with well-wishers on his 90th birthday.

Lower right: Judy Boyd, of Embarrass, displays one of the "button tree" ornaments she had on display at Timber Hall during the pancake breakfast.

photos by J. Summit

helping sell advertising for the annual booklet.

In addition to veterans, the fair board had invited area crafters to display and sell their wares, and there were soaps, jewelry, baked goods, jellies, fiber arts, home décor, and more, giving people a head start on their holiday shopping.

Jerelyn Montgomery had recently taken up jelly making, and had an impressive display for sale, mostly made from wild berries she had picked herself. Jeanette Mellesmoen had certainly inherited her mother Judy Boyd's talent for crafting. Both were keeping busy finishing up projects that would soon be for sale. Boyd was creating tiny multi-colored tree ornaments from a box of old buttons, and Mellesmoen was finishing off the fringe on woven mug rugs, using a tweezer to tie the







GOBBLE, GOBBLE

Turkey winners are announced

The following were winners in the *Timberjay's* annual Turkey Giveaway, sponsored by participating area businesses.

ORI

COOK

ReMax — Samantha Schultz
Orr Municipal Liquor Store —
Donna Hoffer
Pelican Bay Foods — Lisa Holter
Lumber Orr Hardware —
Aaron Olson

Cook Hospital and Care Center

– Tony Brande

McDonald's – Ashley Fink

North Star Credit Union –

Katy Laitinen

Cook VFW – Dan Brinker

Waschke Family Chevrolet –

Pearl "Sunny" Hecomovich

Cook Building Center–

Ed Muggli

Zup's Grocery Cook–

Edythe Peterson
1st National Bank – Dave Wolfe
Park State Bank – Becky Tripp
TOWER/SOUDAN
Vermilion Park Inn

Vermilion Park Inn— Jason Premo Jr. Embarrass Vermillion Credit Union – Micki Ferguson Soudan Store – Craig Henderson Tower-Soudan Agency – Elaine Passi Ubetcha Antiques & Uniques-Lois Larson Frandsen Bank - Tower – Aaron Gornick Zup's Tower Grocery— Ron Alarcon Vermilion Fuel & Food— Ray Hinkel

Little Green Pantry – Tom Miller Rick's Relics – Seth Lineo Lamppa Manufacturing – Maria Larson Sulu's Espresso Café – Susie Peterson

D'Erick's - Jim Nelson

Sulu's Espresso Caté – Susie Peterson Benchwarmer's Grille – Harlan Broten

ELY
Potluck Kitchenware–
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First Chair at Districts three times for clarinet and competed at the state level as well. While she'd never taken a private clarinet lesson, her skills were developing quickly. When the family later returned to Ely, Chambriel was reunited with her old music teacher, Miss Mason, who was preparing to move out of state herself. With Miss Mason's encouragement and guidance, she auditioned for state competition at the end of her junior year and soon received notice that she'd made the cut just before Miss Mason left for graduate school in the state

Summer vacation came, and Chambriel was left with no music teacher and no high school principal to help her navigate just exactly how she was going to be able to perform at Concordia Moorhead College for the State Band Competition to be held Aug. 1-5.

This is where the village took charge. Washington Elementary principal Anne Oelke stepped in to oversee the district funding piece of the puzzle, while Miss Mason helped with paperwork over the phone and Mr. Kubiak (the new band teacher who technically didn't start his new job until August) was in communication from where he was in Europe over the summer.

In early June, thanks to her state-qualifying ability, Chambriel was also asked to audition for the Honors Performance Series, an elite group "created to showcase accomplished individual student performers on an international level by allowing them to study under master conductors and perform in world renowned venues."

In order to save \$50 on the application fee for the Honors Performance Series, Chambriel had to submit her audition performance by July 5 to make the early bird deadline. Chambriel practiced nonstop to be ready, consuming much of the first half of her summer vacation. "I'd get off from work

and go back to my clarinet," she said. Chambriel was only able to meet with Mr. Kubiak, who'd just returned from Europe, once to get some final suggestions on how to improve for audition before she had to send it in. Mr. Kubiak gave her a few pointers, which she worked on, then recorded herself playing the Rose Etude #10, and

The registration period did not officially close until Sept. 1 with applicants scheduled to receive notification if they'd made it to the next round on Oct. 28. In the meantime. Chambriel prepared for and performed at the state competition in early August. In September, she became the youngest member of the Mesabi Symphony Orchestra (MSO). On Oct. 28, the day she and her family had eagerly awaited for news, Chambriel was busy in a dress rehearsal for an upcoming MSO performance. It turned out to be a day she'll long remember.

At 4 p.m., Jackie

could hardly believe it

received the email that Chambriel had made it to the next round and would be notified within 10-15 business days. Instead of taking days, however, the news arrived just four hours later that Chambriel had been selected to perform at Carnegie Hall. Just a minute or two later, another email arrived, announcing she'd been selected to perform, as well, at the Sydney Opera House in Australia.

Chambriel's audition was in competition with ten thousand other submitted pieces for each performance. According to Marion Gomez, Music Director for the Honors Performance Series "Being selected to the Honors Performance Series is something each finalist should be extremely proud of accomplishing." Gomez notes. "We processed nearly 10,000 nominations this year and have selected the most talented student performers from around the world.'

Chambriel said she

when she got the news. "I'm extremely excited to participate. It's a dream come true."

It's a dream, however, that comes with a hefty price tag and the family, with help from Ely English teacher Heather Cavalier, is again reaching out to the community for help, through a request for donations and a Go Fund Me

Chambriel will represent Ely when she joins (according to the press release) "roughly 500 other performers from 48 U.S. states, Bermuda, Canada, China, and South Korea for a special performance at the world-famous Carnegie Hall and Sydney Opera House, both venues that mark the pinnacle of musical achievement. The finalists will come together in New York and Sydney, where they will have the opportunity to learn from world-renowned conductors, work with other performers, and get a taste of New York and Sydney. The Honors Performance will

take place Feb. 1-5, 2023. at Carnegie Hall and Aug. 1-5, 2023, at the Sydney Opera House, and both are open to the public.'

The cost of the New York trip is approximately \$5,500, including airfare and travel expenses. Chambriel is raising money to make this oncein-a-lifetime experience possible. Anyone interested in contributing a donation towards this once-in-alifetime achievement may do so by stopping by Frandsen Bank to donate to "Chambriel Ridings," or sending a check to Honors Performance Series in Chambriel Ridings name to the Ely School's address: 600 E Harvey, Ely, MN 55731, or online at Chambriel's Go Fund Me page: https://gofund. me/f1861e70.

If interested, learn more about the program by visiting the website at www. honorsperformance.org.

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school board.

The fair board has

The board's goal, said

worked hard to attract

more volunteers and has

recruited new members to

help lead the organization.

Beaton, is to make Timber

Hall "a go-to" place. "And

not just for the fair and

pancake breakfasts, but we

are looking at new ideas like

holding bingo and dances."

involve more than just the

fair board members. They

are hoping to recruit others

to help put on these events.

a year-round effort, said

Beaton, and the fair board

Putting on the fair is

Reaching this goal will

of Virginia.

The pancake breakfasts are an important fundraiser for the fair board. They also are an important part of the social glue for the wider community. Harlan and Adeline Broten of Tower were at the breakfast, meeting up with longtime friends Walter and Corrine Schedlbauer from Babbitt. Adeline and Corrine were longtime friends, having both grown up in Greenbush in northwestern Minnesota. Both moved to the Iron Range after they married. The Embarrass pancake breakfasts have been an easy way to stay in touch.

Embarrass Region Fair Board

The board not only puts on the Embarrass Region Fair each year, but also is responsible for maintaining Timber Hall, two exhibit halls, the horse arena, and the 40 acres of grounds. Fundraising is a major job for the board.

"This was such a success," said Beaton. "We will be looking at doing more themed pancake breakfasts."

Beaton came to the fair board first in 2015, when the retirement of many longtime fair board members put the fair's future in jeopardy.

"I had been a vendor at the fair in the past," she said, "so I volunteered to help coordinate the vendors at the fair." Then the board's secretary resigned, and Beaton, who had office experience, stepped into

"Now the board has more structure," she said. "We have elections and vote in our officers." Beaton said she thinks she was born with a volunteer spirit.

"I've been accused of having a helium hand," she said, noting her hand always seems to go up when volunteers are needed.

"We have a good group right now," said Beaton. "And new blood coming to meetings."

The fact that such a relatively small group can put on an event as large as the

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fair continues to amaze her. meets monthly, except in "So much gets done December, on the third by about a dozen people," Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Timber Hall. And while Beaton is also an active fair board members all put in lots of volunteer time volunteer at the Vermilion planning and running the Country School in Tower, where she serves on the fair, Beaton said the final volunteer count this year

topped 100 people.

'That's a lot of people in our community," she

Timber Hall, a huge log building, was built 30 years ago.

"The building needs a lot of maintenance," said Beaton. "We are working on a long-range plan right

The upkeep needed at Timber Hall ranges from minor fixes to more major projects.

Some of the new board members, like Tana Johnson, are working on identifying and applying for grants to help fund some of the larger projects.

"We need to resurface the parking lot and put in handicap-accessible paths between Timber Hall, the exhibit buildings, and the horse arena," said Beaton.

The building itself needs repairs or replacement on some of the doors, along with some plumbing upgrades. Other things on the wish list are the purchase of a better sound system to be used at outdoor events, as well as extending electricity to the horse

"I was searching for a way to help our community thrive," said Johnson, a new fair board member who had moved to Embarrass in 2000 after getting married to her husband Michael, who grew up here.

'Timber Hall is a landmark for our immediate area," she said. "Then I realized it was 100-percent operated by a nonprofit organization."

It was Johnson who brought up the idea of honoring veterans at the November breakfast. She also helped round up an assortment of prizes donated by local business. All the veterans who attended were given a ticket for a chance to win a prize. She also recruited help to decorate Timber Hall in honor of Veterans Day.

Johnson said she is excited to work on grant writing for the group, and she is proud to be part of a group working towards bringing the community together. "Our intention is to help the growth of our community using the resource of Timber Hall. We need to work together with other groups and communities

to expand our connections in the area." Both Beaton and

Johnson realize that there is a lot of hard work ahead.

"Change can be difficult," said Johnson, "but growth is welcomed." "It is important to keep

the building going and the fair alive," said Beaton.

December pancakes The next pancake

breakfast will have a holiday theme. Pancakes and all the fixings will be served from 8-11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3. There will be a craft sale, and a craft table for children to create some holiday crafts. In January, the theme will be law enforcement appreciation, with free breakfasts for law enforcement officers in our area.

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Group donates \$5,676 to Ely Adventure School day care

A large group of members of the group, Ely Women who Care, visited the Ely Adventure School (EAS) to present their giving circle gift. Over 70 Ely Women donated to the total gift of \$5,676. The giving circle idea allows its members to have a bigger impact on local nonprofit organizations by nominating and then voting on which organization will receive their collective donations. The Ely Adventure School has operated as

a summer camp/child care for the past two summers and will open as a full-time child care center and preschool once the building in the photo is completed. The Ely Adventure School believes in the power of intentional education and the ever-changing classroom right outside our doors. Students engage in self-guided exploration, social skill building, and critical thinking. The building will have the capacity for EAS to work with up to 20 children, ages 3-5 during the school year. Summer programs will continue to offer camp-style opportunities and daycare for children aged 3-12. The Goal of EAS is to spend as much time as possible outside helping students practice the skills necessary to survive and thrive in our north woods. For more information contact Sunshine Gardner at sunshinebpg@gmail.com.

BREITUNG TOWNSHIP

Fire department cooperation on the agenda

by RACHEL BROPHY

SOUDAN - With the retirement of Eagles Nest Fire Chief Larry McCray, Eagles Nest Township is looking at alternatives, and one possibility could be some type of collaboration with Breitung Township. Eagles Nest Township board member Frank Sherman discussed the matter at the Breitung Town Board meeting last week.

"When (McCray) notified us of that, we started thinking about either how we're going to get a replacement or what else the fire department would need," Sherman said. "As a result of that we've begun discussions with Morse and Fall Lake about joining them in some sort of association or joint powers board that we might ultimately agree

Sherman noted that while Eagles Nest is aware that things won't be in place by Jan. 1, "We 're interested in broadening both the scope of coverage and financing." Sherman pointed out that regarding medical response, "There are some specific advantages of joining with them."

Sherman told the board that they would welcome Breitung's participation if they were interested.

"We are going to do something, and if for any reason you have interest in broadening what we're talking about we'd be happy to continue (discussing) it," Sherman said. "If there's any reason to continue the discussion, we would probably be able to come to the next meeting.'

Supervisor Chuck Tekaultz asked if there was already a mutual aid agreement, which Sherman confirmed.

"There's already cooperation, but this would make it a little more formal and also in terms of budgeting, we'd all be joined together," he said.

Further discussion on the issue included current numbers of volunteers in various departments and capability to give adequate emergency response coverage over an expanded territory.

was agreed that Sherman and McCray would attend Breitung's next regular meeting with more information.

Other business

In other business the board:

- > Awarded the bid to Mesabi Bituminous \$346,215 for a 2022 infrastructure project.
- ➤ Approved Ordinance 93-07 regarding parking of vehicles on any township of Breitung roadway. This ordinance allows the township to tow vehicles parked on township roads that are restricting snow removal, as well as adding in fines.
- Approved the amended blight ordinance, which adds in fines and other enforcement actions to the existing blight ordinance.
- ➤ Approved starting the process of formally recording the newly-paved N 2nd Street as a township road.
- ➤ Discussed pursuing Option 1 in regard to proposed ATV trails with possible alternate routing where necessary. This trail will connect

the planned ATV campground with existing ATV trails and will keep ATV traffic off the highway right-of-way. The trail will be built and funded by the DNR.

- > Scheduled a public hearing on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 11a.m.
- ➤ The next regular board meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 1 at noon.

Community notices

Bois Forte Native Names Map to be unveiled at Nov. 30 event at Bois Forte Heritage Center

TOWER-Mesaba, Biwabik, Kawishiwi, Saganaga—these northern Minnesota place names are among many easily recognized as having native origins associated with the region's indigenous Ojibwe residents.

Many other original names are lost to history. However, thanks to 19th-century archives, one of the nation's most significant concentrations of original names and meanings exist for this area—and those names are going back on the map. In collaboration with the Bois Forte Band of Chip-

pewa, the non-profit Ely Folk School (EFS) and volunteer artists have completed a two-year project to create a map of the band's traditional realm. This includes a 100-mile expanse of boreal forest from Lake Vermilion to Nett Lake and entails over 100 original names and

The map was designed by Bois Forte artist Louise Isham and crafted on a hand-painted historic template by artisanal map maker Keith Myrmel. EFS board member and Bois Forte Band member

Rick Anderson said this project was a natural extension of the school's mission to serve as a bridge between the region's native and non-native residents. 'This map highlights our region's native heritage

and our Ojibwe ancestors who've lived here for hundreds of years," he said. "This map underscores our voice and roots in the region." Anderson noted that the map includes sidebars

with historical information about the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, their chiefs, and their traditions. Copies of the map's first limited edition printing

will be available through an Ely Folk School fundraiser. Discussions are in the works for maps to be sold at the Bois Forte Heritage Center and Cultural Museum, area businesses, and possibly online.

The project was prompted by a similar map of native place names for Quetico Park.

"We wondered if something similar could be done for our area and, sure enough, we found the names," said EFS board member Paul Schurke. "This project is a Minnesota first."

The map will be unveiled at the Bois Forte Heritage Center near Fortune Bay Resort Casino at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, in conjunction with Native American Heritage Month and an intertribal gathering at Fortune Bay. Center director Jaylen Strong said the public is invited to the free event and to view the center's many exhibits on Bois Forte's history.

For more information call Rick Anderson at 218-235-0138 or Jaylen Strong at 218-753-6017.

Obituaries and Death Notices

Grace L. Isaacson

Grace L. Nukala Isaacson, 70, of Angora, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022, at Solvay Hospice House in Duluth. Funeral services were held on Monday, Nov. 21 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Alango in Angora. Burial was in the Alango Cemetery. Arrangements were with Mlaker Funeral Home of Cook.

She is survived by numerous nieces and neph-

ews; many close friends; and cherished pets.

Glenn C. Smidt

Glenn Clovis Smidt, 90, of Babbitt, died with family by his side on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022, at Boundary Waters Care Center in Elv. where he had resided for 20 months. A memorial service was held on Saturday, Nov. 19 at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Babbitt. A celebration of life followed at the Hideaway

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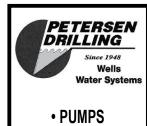
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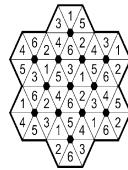
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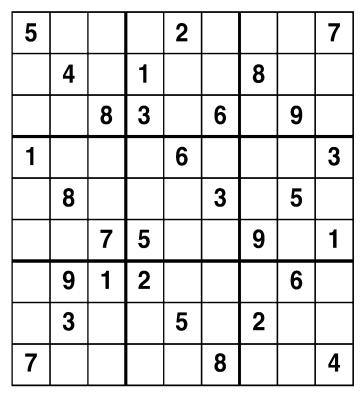
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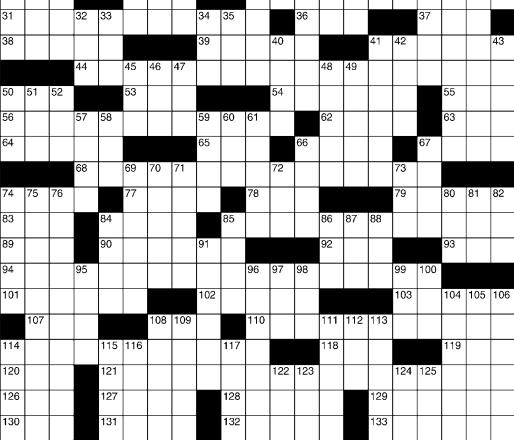
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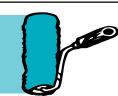




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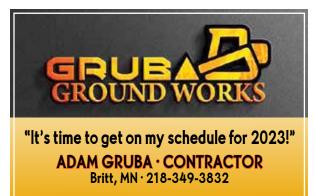
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