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## ROBOTICS

### Northeast Range hosts statewide robotics meet

by JODI SUMMIT  
 Tower-Soudan Editor

BABBITT— Creative brains were in high gear here this past Saturday as Northeast Range High School hosted its first-ever Northern Minnesota Robotics Conference (NMRC) tournament— and the home team, the Iron Mosquitos, had an exceptional outing winning the tournament's Impact Award. At the same time, the team's lead mentor,

teacher Ryan Lindsay, was recognized as the conference's Mentor of the Year.

The tournament, held Oct. 27-28, was a pre-season event, before the FIRST Robotics League play that is hosted in larger venues like the DECC or Williams Arena, gets underway in the winter. The teams participating were using their robot builds from last school year's season, for a challenge called "Charged Up."

Lindsay was a bit in awe at the

crew responsible for setting up the gym for the competition. A professional crew from NLfx, a DJ and audio company, did all the electronics setup, including the large screen broadcasting the action. Protective flooring was installed in the gym, and the hundreds of cords were all safely covered with rubber matting. The arena area was installed in the center of the gym, and each team had a small

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**Right: Greychensperger kneels down to replace a dead battery on the team's robot while teammate Ian Sundahl assists.**

photo by J. Summit



## HALLOWEEN

### WIZARDS, NINJAS & MORE



Above: Costumed kids on a visit to the Boundary Waters Care Center in Ely.

Left: Rebecca Koch dressed up as a llama for the trunk-or-treat event in Cook.

Right: Trick-or-treaters on Tower's Main Street.

photos by Timberjay staff



## TRAGEDY, AGAIN

### Double homicide in Babbitt

Roger Allen Beldo confessed to police in stunning incident

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
 Managing Editor

BABBITT— A 54-year-old man remains in the St. Louis County Jail without bail after he allegedly killed an elderly couple in their own home here. Roger Allen Beldo told law enforcement that he had been staying with Clifford (78) and Christine (79) Johnson in the home they owned located at 38 Fir Circle in Babbitt.



Roger A. Beldo

Operating on a tip from the Duluth Police Department, Babbitt law enforcement officers went to the house and found the couple deceased. According to the criminal complaint, Beldo admitted to having killed Clifford Johnson in his garage with a crowbar

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### Orr man jailed on domestic assault charges

by DAVID COLBURN  
 Cook/Orr Editor

ORR- A 26-year-old Orr man has been charged with multiple counts of felony domestic assault and is currently being held in the St. Louis County Jail while awaiting a bail hearing.

Jordan Gene Cly, whose address is listed as 5671 Indian Point Rd., Orr, is facing one count of domestic assault by strangulation, a felony, and a second count of felony domestic assault for an altercation that allegedly occurred on or around Oct. 15 in Mt. Iron. Cly has also

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## GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP

### Pickleball committee begins planning effort

by JODI SUMMIT  
 Tower-Soudan Editor

GREENWOOD TWP- After getting the green light for expanding pickleball opportunities in the township on Oct. 10, planning for the new courts is already underway.

At their first meeting on Oct. 24, the Greenwood

Pickleball Committee got to work on planning the location, number of courts, and fundraising strategy with the goal of creating three or four new pickleball courts on the town hall grounds.

The committee, consisting of members from the Greenwood Town Board, the newly-formed Lake Vermilion

Pickleball Association, and township residents, decided that the best location for the new courts would be adjacent to the existing bocce ball courts and the pavilion.

The ground in this area is already compacted and level, which would reduce overall costs and means the project can be completed without costly

engineering services.

Committee member Paul Thompson noted that courts really should be oriented north and south, to reduce issues with the sun.

What to do about the four existing bocce courts was discussed, though no decisions

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## Community notices

### Annual Lights of Love campaign is underway

REGIONAL - The 33rd 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 over \$6,600. VHHP fundraising goals are achieved through the dedicated efforts of the board of directors working together with a community of supporting individuals and businesses. Please continue the tradition of remembering and honoring loved ones by supporting VHHP through this year's Lights of Love campaign.



Your tax-deductible donation will help light the trees at the holiday celebrations in Cook, Orr and Tower in support of local hospice patients & 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.

Please mark your calendars for one of three Lights of Love tree lighting ceremonies and caroling which will take place at the Cook Gazebo on Friday, Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. and at Orr Center on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m. The Tower event is yet to be determined.

For more information about Virgie Hegg Hospice Partners, visit our website at [www.vhhp.org](http://www.vhhp.org) or contact Becca Bundy, Program Director at 218-780-5423. 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.

### Pancake breakfast honors Veterans Nov. 4

EMBARRASS - Please join us at Timber Hall for a very special pancake breakfast Nov. 4 from 8-11 a.m. as we honor our Veterans. The breakfast features all you can eat pancakes, choice of ham or sausage, fruit, juice, coffee. Cost for the breakfast is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6-10, and kids 5 and under eat free. Of course, breakfast is also free for all Veterans.

Several agencies that support our Veterans will also be in attendance including Mid Range Honor Guard, St. Louis County Veteran Service Office, and Disabled American Veterans, Kolstad Chapter 23 will also have a truck at the event, accepting your gently used clothing donations.

Along with honoring Veterans and getting a good breakfast, attendees can shop the Holiday Craft Sale. Local crafters and vendors will be selling their goods from 8 a.m. to noon inside the Timber Hall.

### Ladies of Kaleva Soinnuttaren Tupa 32 and the Knights meeting Nov. 9

VIRGINIA - The ladies of Kaleva Soinnuttaren Tupa 32 and the Knights will be meeting Nov. 9, at Kaleva Hall at 6 p.m. This will be the last meeting of the year. The Christmas dinner will be at Valentini's in Chisholm on Dec. 7, at 3 p.m.. Reservations are required. Everyone is welcome.

## Lyric Youth Theatre Education to present The Wizard of Oz

VIRGINIA - The Laurentian Arts and Culture Alliance (Lyric Center for the Arts) Youth Arts Theatre Education Program is set to perform their production of "The Wizard of Oz: Youth Edition" at the Eveleth City Auditorium located at 421 Jackson St. Nov. 10-12.

Based on the book by L. Frank Baum and the famous film version starring Judy Garland, the show features area actors and crew in grades 3-12 from several different schools across the Range. This is the final youth production of the year for the Lyric.

The show features 13-year-old Marissa Strawser as Dorothy Gale, 10-year-old Blakely Chopp as Miss Gulch/the Wicked Witch of the West, 10-year-old Orion Evenson as Hunk/the Scarecrow, 12-year-old Parker Feldt as Hickory/Tinman, 10-year-old Stella Svatos as Zeke/Cowardly Lion, 10-year-old Ariah Peyla as Toto, 12-year-old Aubrey Anderson as Aunt Em, 10-year-old Evelyn Alexander as Uncle Henry, 10-year-old Kaia Juntune as Glinda, and 10-year-old Sawyer Feldt as Professor Marvel/the Wizard. Numerous other participants join in as munchkins, Winkie guards, flying monkeys, Ozians, and more.

"We are very excited to present the hard work of these kids," said Lyric Executive Director Paul M. Gregersen. "Programming started the last week of September and this talented group of participants has eagerly been awaiting the show's debut."

The performances are roughly one hour each and perfect for families and kids of all ages.

"Over the past couple years, our youth theatre program has really taken off and we couldn't be more proud of everybody involved," Gregersen said. "The amount of artistic talent the kids in our communities collectively have is remarkable."

The production is directed by Gregersen with assistance from Amy Peterson, Katie Feldt, Nick Nelson, Dustin Davidson, John Saaristo, and Lindsey Bergan. Oz also features the work of the crew

## LIVE THEATER



Participants of the Lyric's Youth Arts Theatre Education production of "The Wizard of Oz" visited the Judy Garland Museum in Grand Rapids on Saturday, Oct. 28. Performances of their production are Nov. 10-12. Tickets are available at [lyriccenteronline.org](http://lyriccenteronline.org)

behind the scenes.

"One person in particular who deserves much credit for this show is Elliott Koschak who is a senior at Vermilion Country School in Tower. Elliot assisted in props, digital design, set pieces and more," Gregersen said. "We are so lucky to have his talents as part of this show."

Not only have participants of Oz rehearsed their lines and music to no end, they have also contributed visual art for the show posters, promotional items, and animations. All the stage backgrounds were designed by participants through their artistic abilities and several actors were filmed in front of a green screen to add dimension and excitement to the performance.

"We will have multiple screens on or near the stage featuring digital projections created by the kids. The Range has never seen a production of this nature prior, that I know of," Gregersen said.

The program also features various strategic partnerships with local businesses, schools, and organizations. Including program sponsors Northern Communities Credit Union, Rachel's Thrift Store, Minnesota Discovery Center, Canelake's

Candies, and *Hometown Focus*.

Program curriculum has also included a partnership with Canelake's Candies to hand-make and sell lollipops as a fundraiser, a field trip to the Judy Garland Museum in Grand Rapids (thanks to the generosity of the museum), media collaborations, and more.

"Aside from the unique show itself, it's these community-centered, real world experiences that sets our programming apart from everybody else," Gregersen said. "There is nothing else like it in the area."

Tickets for the "The Wizard of Oz: Youth Edition" are available at [lyriccenteronline.org](http://lyriccenteronline.org). Advanced purchases are suggested as performances tend to sell out.

Lyric Lollipop Guild Yellow Brick Bouquets are also still available from participants of the Oz program, at the Lyric, or at [lyriccenteronline.org](http://lyriccenteronline.org).

The Laurentian Arts and Culture Alliance (Lyric Center for the Arts) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide arts and education opportunities for people of all ages across the Iron Range.

## THE MORE YOU KNOW

### Coward to address Northern Progressives Nov. 8

COOK - Nathaniel Coward, Co-Executive Director of Voices for Ethnic and Multicultural Awareness (VEMA), will be the featured speaker at the Northern Progressives meeting Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cook Community Center located at 510 Gopher Drive.

Coward will give an update on VEMA activities and related topics like the Welcoming Communities Initiative, community support projects, and issues that are most pressing for the members of the Black, Indigenous,

and People of Color Communities (BiPOC) on the Iron Range. He will also discuss how we can support VEMA's efforts in our region.

VEMA operates a community center at 118 Lake Street in Chisholm and provides education, support, and action to help reduce racism and discrimination. Through educating not only the members of VEMA but also the community surrounding them, they work on undoing the systemic and blatant racism that exists throughout our communi-



Nathaniel Coward

ties. In addition to education, a priority of VEMA is to ensure accurate and adequate representation as the community as a whole

works to disrupt racism and discrimination.

For more information on VEMA, go to: <https://www.vemamn.org>. The program is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Northern Progressives has a progressive social and political agenda and works to educate and activate its members and the public about current civic affairs. For more information, contact Leah Rogne, 218-787-2212 or [leah.rogne@gmail.com](mailto:leah.rogne@gmail.com).

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## SUPPORTING FAMILIES

# Child care gets big influx of state aid

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook-Orr Editor

REGIONAL- In a significant move towards expanding access to child care services in Minnesota, Gov. Tim Walz has announced a comprehensive increase in payment rates for child care assistance, which will take effect this week. The announcement comes as part of the state's ongoing efforts to make child care more affordable and accessible to a broader range of families.

Walz emphasized the critical importance of affordable and accessible child care in fostering opportunity and driving economic growth throughout Minnesota.

"We're raising child care assistance rates to support providers and improve access for more families," Walz said. "This is an investment in our workforce, economy, and the well-being of families."

The adjustment in reimbursement rates will bring state payments more in line with market rates for child care providers who serve over 11,000 families

## Both the assistance program and worker wages get boosts

and approximately 23,000 children through the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP). This increase is expected to play a critical part in stabilizing the financial viability of child care providers. At the same time, it will also enhance access to affordable child care options for families across the state.

The Legislature approved the new child care assistance rates earlier this year, committing \$146 million in funding over the next two years. This was a component of a larger \$1.3 billion child care package designed to boost the wages and benefits of child care providers and reduce wait lists for another form of child care assistance known as the basic sliding fee.

The CCAP serves families with low incomes by providing financial support for child care. Reimbursement rates lower than what providers typically charge for care decreases their potential income, and therefore gives providers less incentive to accept families enrolled in

the program. That narrows the possibilities for finding care in an already tight market. By bringing reimbursement rates more in line with standard rates for child care, it is expected that more care options for CCAP families will be available.

### Wage supplementation

Walz's announcement comes on the heels of the unveiling of the Great Start Compensation Support Payment Program (GSCSPP), an initiative that will funnel \$316 million to child care providers over the next two years to improve wages and benefits for child care workers and early childhood educators.

Over 8,000 childcare providers were given the opportunity to apply for the funds, which were slated to begin flowing last week.

"Minnesota's economy doesn't work without child care providers," Walz said. "We are boosting the pay and benefits those providers receive to grow the workforce and reflect the

critical work they do each and every day. Without the dedicated care they provide, parents can't work and children miss early learning opportunities critical to brain development."

Quality child care programs operate on extremely thin profit margins and providers often grapple with insufficient revenue to cover expenses while offering competitive wages and benefits. In Minnesota, the median wage for child care workers stands at \$14 per hour, \$1.84 less than the average fast food worker wage, and among the lowest median wages for positions requiring at least a high school diploma. Improved compensation will not only attract more individuals to child care careers but also will keep them employed in the industry, stabilizing the pool of care available to families who need it.

After the first two years of the supplemental wage program, the budget will decrease slightly to \$130 million annually.

With its investment of \$1.3 billion in the child care industry, the Legislature hopes to halt and perhaps reverse a 15-year decline in the number of licensed child care providers. While the number of providers offering center-based child care has remained relatively stable, the number of family child care homes has dropped precipitously, from 12.3 thousand in 2008 to just 6.2 thousand in 2023.

While licensed and certified child care centers must use the funding from GSCSPP to supplement compensation and benefits, family child care providers will have greater flexibility in how they utilize the funds, due to their unique business models.

To qualify for compensation support payments, providers must meet specific criteria, including being licensed, certified, or registered, maintaining good standing with the Minnesota Department of Human Services or their Tribe, and satisfying additional requirements. Recipients will be subject to random audits in order to ensure funds are being utilized appropriately.

## MINING

# DNR approves Franconia drilling plan

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has approved a new mineral prospecting lease for Franconia Minerals, a wholly owned subsidiary of Twin Metals, near Babbitt. The lease will allow Franconia to further explore a copper-nickel and platinum group metals deposit underneath Birch Lake in an area outside of the current federal mineral withdrawal that has stymied Twin Metals' efforts to develop a copper-nickel mine on the nearby Maturi deposit.

Identified as the Birch Lake deposit, the lode of copper-nickel and platinum group metals is known to be deep, and is located hundreds of feet down. But the site, located about five miles east of Babbitt, is not as fully explored as the

Maturi deposit, which had been the focus of the now defunct mine plan issued by Twin Metals two years ago. At this point, most of the Birch Lake deposit qualifies as an "inferred" resource, which is the lowest level of certainty in the mining industry. Further drilling by Franconia could help Twin Metals raise their degree of confidence to "indicated" (the next step up) or "measured," which is the highest degree of certainty.

Approval of the lease was strongly opposed by the Ely-based Campaign to Save the Boundary Waters, which suggested the exploration effort would create unwanted noise in the 1.1 million-acre wilderness area and could further add to pollution concerns affecting Birch Lake. The campaign was instrumental in blocking development of the first Twin Metals

proposal, which was dependent on federal mineral leases that have since been canceled.

But the DNR, in approving the lease, noted that Franconia "holds valid state mineral leases for the proposed exploration locations and, in accordance with state law, has a right to conduct mineral exploration activities on properties they have leased from the state."

The DNR's decision allows Franconia to conduct exploratory drilling in six areas identified by the company, but would not authorize bulk sampling or mining.

In a statement to the *Timberjay*, the DNR noted that it conducted a thorough natural resource review of the current exploration plan and considered all comments submitted by interested groups and individuals. "In accordance with Minnesota Rule 6132.0700,

the DNR determined that special conditions were needed to protect two state-listed threatened species, protect water resources, and minimize noise and light from the exploration activities. With the special conditions in place, the DNR has determined there is little potential for risk to the environment from the approved exploration activities," reads the statement.

According to the agency, the decision is consistent with the findings of the U.S. Forest Service's Superior National Forest Prospecting Permits EIS completed in 2012 and which concluded that exploratory borings in the Superior National Forest are not anticipated to have a noticeable effect on groundwater quality and are expected to have few, if any, negative effects on surface water quality.

Franconia Minerals, now

a subsidiary of Twin Metals, was originally founded by the late prospector Ernie Lehmann, who spent years assessing the Birch Lake deposit. Franconia proposes to conduct drilling at six sites, three located along the eastern shore of Bob Bay with the remaining three located just to the southeast of Unnamed Creek, near the Dunka Pit. Franconia Minerals and Rendfield Land Co., a subsidiary of ALLETE, are the surface landowners in much of the area that would be subject to the drilling, while the state of Minnesota controls the mineral rights.

The drill sites are all located about five miles southwest of the Maturi deposit and could be subject to use for exploratory drilling through March 31, 2025.

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# OPINION

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## Editorial

### Trouble ahead

Election of new speaker shows election denialism rules the GOP

Election denialism, a concept soundly rejected by sane individuals and courts of law across the country, is now the prevailing ethos of the Republican Party—and that makes it increasingly difficult for the GOP to play a meaningful role in the governing of this country. The party's fealty to fiction was made perfectly clear during the recent election of Mike Johnson, a heretofore unknown GOP backbencher and far-right Christian fundamentalist, as Speaker of the House.

Johnson brings little to the table in terms of legislative experience, nor has he ever shown the ability to work substantively with the other side of the aisle, which does not bode well for his ability to steer the congressional ship through the troubled times ahead. His views are far more in line with the Taliban than with the majority of Americans—he believes in a total national abortion ban with no exceptions, not even to save the life of the mother. That's a view opposed by even most Republicans. For years, he's expressed a vitriolic hatred of gays and lesbians and supports continued criminalization of sexual relations between even committed same-sex couples. That's increasingly a fringe position, even within the GOP.

The Republican House caucus had already rejected the speaker bid of Ohio congressman Jim Jordan as moderates bucked his ultra-conservative record, then they went on to vote for Johnson who is, if anything, to the right of Jordan.

It may be that fatigue finally set in after three weeks of Republican-sponsored chaos in the House since the ouster of former Speaker Kevin McCarthy. But Republican House members had far better options, including Minnesota Sixth District Congressman Tom Emmer, who brought extensive legislative experience to the table as a four-term member of Congress who served six years in the Minnesota House before that. He was also the GOP nominee for Minnesota governor in 2010, narrowly losing to Mark Dayton.

No one in their right mind would ever suggest Emmer was anything but a staunch conservative, but he made the ultimate error in a political party that has increasingly devolved into a cult-of-personality: He accepts reality and voted to certify the 2020 election results. That made him an untouchable to the MAGA hardliners and Trump himself sunk

Emmer's bid within hours of its announcement.

Johnson, it turns out, is like Louisiana's version of My Pillow's Mike Lindell, an increasingly pathetic true believer impervious to fact. It was Johnson, remember, who led the amicus filing by members of Congress in support of a ridiculous lawsuit filed by corrupt Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton that sought to block the certification in four battleground states based on false claims.

The conservative U.S. Supreme Court quickly dismissed the bogus lawsuit, but that didn't stop Johnson from continuing to push the legal theory behind it. Despite all the GOP rhetoric about voter fraud, Johnson and Paxton ultimately settled on a constitutional claim that the four states had made adjustments to their voting processes to protect the public health during a major pandemic, without authorization from their Legislatures, thereby invalidating their elections. It was a ridiculous argument on its face and they had exactly zero evidence to suggest the changes had led to any fraudulent voting, but Johnson and his backers at the time, who included our own Eighth District Rep. Pete Stauber, simply didn't care. They were interested in retaining Trump in the White House, regardless of what the American voters had to say about it. And this is the man who could sit in the Speaker's chair in 2024 when we could well face a rematch between the 2020 presidential candidates.

In the entire 169-year history of the Republican Party, it is difficult to imagine someone like Mike Johnson ever being offered the Speaker's gavel before now. Unfortunately, a party that once stood for probity and law and order has come to be dominated by an individual in Donald Trump who is both a narcissist and an utterly corrupt individual who has lied to get his way and make his money his entire life. The party's appalling transformation ultimately makes it unfit to govern a major country like the U.S. Governing, at its core, requires a recognition of reality and a willingness to put the interests of the country ahead of personal interest. Trump has never been willing to do that, and Mike Johnson won't do it, either.

Which means the U.S. faces a bumpy road ahead.



### Stauber should freeload somewhere else

I talk to folks up here and ask them about Pete Stauber, and all they know is he smiles and talks about “our way of life.” Yet he votes against their interests. He votes against fixing our roads, against helping us get health care, and for shutting down the government, among other things.

So, what does Stauber stand for other than to have us pay his salary and benefits in Congress, and big money donors to pay for luxury trips? The most telling thing is who he chose as Speaker of the House, the person second in line to lead the nation. The new Speaker that Pete supports has stated that women who make their own health-care decisions that he doesn't like should get 10 years hard labor in prison. He has stated women have an obligation to bear children to feed the workforce. The new Speaker appears at conferences that preach that gay people should be executed. Pete's buddy wants to slash Social Security and Medicare, which we all earned. This is what Stauber really thinks and supports. It is past time for this freeloader to go.

Kelly Dahl  
Cook

### Thanks to these lifesavers

I enjoyed reading your article on Joe Froehlingdorf, thanks to him and Steve Kajara I am alive today as I was the woman the two ten-year-olds saved on Lake Vermilion in 1990.

After being thrown out of my boat from hitting a log, it didn't take long for my body to freeze up in the icy water, so swimming wasn't an option.

Next thing I remember

was waking up in a bathtub and hurting all over. But I am still here, living in Grand Junction, Colo., and happy to be alive! Once again, thanks to Joey and Steve!

Monica Nivala  
Grand Junction, Colo.

See the related story in the Sept. 29, 2023, edition of the Timberjay

### Concerns about proposed RV Park on Pioneer Road

Why didn't the city require an impact study before the city meeting on the proposed RV park on Pioneer Road? This would be 27 acres near residential areas that include the Trezona Trail, the walking area around Miners Lake. Questions need to be answered for all residents and vacationers of the city of Ely, because many people have been here 30-plus years and this is their home.

Did you know?

There was a public meeting on Sept. 20, 2023, to discuss approval of a conditional use permit submitted by Dean Peterson's AOK Outdoor Inc. There were just a few letters sent out which is public information. Residents near this property were not informed of this meeting, only a few people. Why? This would include 27 RV sites, tent sites, dry cabins, bathhouses, a privy on the other side of the lake, laundry facilities, and pavilion would also be added. There was also mention of a road to be put in, and IRRRB grant to be applied for.

Fifty people showed up on Sept. 20 to the meeting included with notification letters that were written regarding the RV Park. Mike Banovitz gave them only three minutes to talk. Why? Also, the map that people were given did not match the map presented by Dean Peterson on the night of the meeting. Dean Peterson was allowed to give his proposal as long as he wanted.

This project has been going on for some time and no one was informed. Isn't it public information?

The zoning board recommended a zoning permit for Paul Hendrick, former owner on Aug. 20 or 21, for approval. The city council approved the zoning permit on Sept. 20 or 21. Was this done in a public meeting notified by letter first, to residents nearby? Was this a private meeting? Was this done without the public knowing of this? The whole city should be informed what is being changed to affect them. Was an impact study done? We did get information that an application by the city or Dean Peterson would be submitted for this project. IRRRB has not received any notice of this so far.

In the followup meeting Oct. 11, Dean Peterson rescinded his application for a zoning permit to the city. Mike Banovitz immediately closed the meeting without discussion. Concerns for the zoning and construction of the RV Park will continue with Dean Peterson and invested citizens in Ely. Obviously, further information needs to be provided both in writing and in an open city meeting.

More questions are not mentioned. Do you have any? Contact Mayor Heidi Omerza, Mike Banovitz, and Scott Kochendorfer.

Marlene Appleberry  
Ely

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## COLUMNIST

# Memories of my favorite childhood holiday...

Boo!

While I hold special memories of Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving, and other holidays, the holiday I've perhaps loved the most over the years is Halloween.

The first Halloween I can recall is the one spent in Torrance, Calif. when I was five. My parents got me the exact costume I wanted, a gorilla suit

with a mildly-terrifying plastic mask, the kind secured with a skinny piece of elastic around the back of my head. I practiced my best gorilla growls around the house before my sisters and I headed out to scour the block for goodies in the late afternoon while the sun was still up. No crisp fall chill in

sunny southern California to worry about. We dashed from house to house, ringing doorbells and knocking on doors and eagerly holding out our bags for sweets. From other kids in the neighborhood, we'd learned that the home of an elderly couple was a must stop on our route, as they didn't fiddle with little paper-wrapped taffy or candy corn—they handed out full big candy bars. I remember coming back home and dumping my treasures on the floor and sorting through them, put-

ting each kind of candy in its own little pile. It was a glorious haul, to be sure.

Although we lived in town when we moved back to Marion, Kan., our house on the banks of Mud Creek came with a barn, or the carriage house, as it was often referred to. The main floor had been home to an actual carriage when the house was built, with the lower level the stable for the horses that pulled it. The attic was our everyday playroom, although some play days were shorter than others

on account of the wasps that resided there in summertime.

The barn was the perfect place to turn into a creepy Halloween haunted house one year, and my sisters and I did our best to creep our friends out with fake cobwebs and skeletons and such. We had a covered box to reach into to feel for “body parts”—dried apricots for ears, grapes for eyes, cooked spaghetti for entrails. It was all quite wonderfully gory, and the neighborhood kids were still

talking about it at school the next week.

One Halloween in junior high I discovered the hazards of high heels. Hoping to elude the cops after committing Halloween pranks, my buddies and I decided that dressing up as women might just throw them off our trail. I don't remember the dress, but I surely remember the heels because of how hard they were to run away in. Heels were not the ideal getaway

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DAVID COLBURN

## Letters from Readers

### Dear U.S. Representatives and Senators:

I expect that the Senate and the House will work hard to stop the killing and work for peace.

It is your duty to start peace talks immediately between Israel and Palestine and also between Russia and the Ukraine. And I expect that the U.S. will start to recognize the rights of the Palestinian people.

The U.S. needs to finally become a nation that loves peace which it definitely is not at the present time.

Stop sending weapons of war to other nations which means stop representing the arms industry. The weapons you agree to send to Israel and the Ukraine only enrich the rich and kill the poor. You all know this, yet you continue to create misery in the world.

There is much that needs to be done with

American resources in health care and environmental issues. Perhaps you can tell that I remain very ashamed of the U.S. government and what it stands for.

**Steve Johnson  
Ely**

### Who are the terrorists now?

Most Americans believe that we have the inalienable right to defend our families, to preserve our liberty and to protect our property by any means necessary. Apparently, many also believe that we have the moral authority to condemn or condone other people for exercising similar rights. Surely, at least the right to life is universal. When Hamas slaughtered 1,400 people on October 7th, it violated that right in heinous fashion. We condemn the group for this massacre. But what of the more than 8,000 Palestinian men, women and children who have been massacred so far in a war

that has degenerated to a deadly game of shooting fish in a barrel?

While Hamas acted despicably on Oct. 7, we don't believe that the form or extent of Israel's revenge is justified. Furthermore, it violates the international rules of war which stipulate that civilians must not be targeted. As Israel bombs Gaza mercilessly while surrounding it with hundreds of thousands of troops, Prime Minister Netanyahu proclaims that his country won't cease hostilities until Hamas has been eradicated. This is basically a declaration of Israel's intent to commit genocide, for even if it is possible to eradicate Hamas, Israel can only accomplish this by killing many more thousands of innocents. More children have been killed in Gaza in just three weeks than have been killed annually in all of the world's conflict zones (including Ukraine!) since 2019.

Certainly, the Israe-

li victims on Oct. 7 died horrifically. Their deaths should never have occurred, but we are taught from an early age that two wrongs do not make a right. Hamas carried out a terrorist attack, this is true. And yet, here we are, sitting on the sidelines, many of us cheering for the Israeli Defense Force as it blocks all exits, cuts off communications, intensifies its attacks on Gaza, and (only after broad-based international outrage) allows a tiny fraction of the necessary aid to trickle in from Egypt. Now we ask you, is this not also terrorism? Is it not horrific to be forced to live in a state of constant fear that an Israeli bomb is going to destroy your apartment and with it several generations of your family?

What about the right to preserve liberty and to protect property? Well more than 2,000,000 Palestinian people are squeezed into a tiny, marginally productive area with no way out. Tragically, they don't even

have any liberty to protect. Approximately half of the Palestinians in Gaza are refugees. Many Palestinian families have been refugees for multiple generations, having had their property stolen as early as 1948. Israelis continue to remove Palestinians from their land and deprive them of their liberty every time they build a new "settlement." Whether refugee or not, all of these people are literally imprisoned in Gaza, an area 30 square miles smaller than Ramsey County and barely two percent the size of St. Louis County. With Israel ordering all Gazans into "safe areas" while its military pummels the rest of the territory, virtually all Gazans have been forced to abandon what little property they had. Can there really be any safe areas in such a tiny, densely populated territory anyway?

There really is only one solution for the hell that Gaza has become and that is for humanity, all hu-

manity including Hamas and its supporters, Israel and its supporters, to start acting humanely. When national policies and international alliances are governed by ethics rather than state interest, then we may begin to see peace on Earth.

Nevertheless, enough is enough. Israel has painted itself into a corner and it shows no inclination to step out of it. In the name of mercy, the civilized peoples of the world must continue to pressure Israel until it stands down. We condemn all terrorist acts such as those committed by Hamas, and we condemn equally the continuing U.S. supported state terrorism of Israel. Stop the bombing, now! Make a two-state solution the goal, if that's what it takes, but for God's sake bring real justice to the Palestinian people and Israel, too, may know peace.

**David Stanton/  
Sharon Beatty  
Cook**

## State overdose deaths held steady in 2022

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook-Orr Editor

REGIONAL- After several years of sharp increases, overdose deaths in Minnesota plateaued from 2021 to 2022, although preliminary data showed fentanyl-related overdoses continued to take a tragic toll by keeping deaths at a historically high level.

Those were the findings reported in the Minnesota Department of Health's (MDH) Statewide Trends in Drug Overdose: Preliminary 2022 Data Update this past week. Total deaths actually declined

slightly from 1,356 to 1,343, although the difference is statistically insignificant.

Fentanyl, which is more deadly and 50 times more potent than heroin, has made Minnesota's drug supply more dangerous. Fentanyl is now involved in 92 percent of all opioid-involved deaths and 62 percent of all overdose deaths in Minnesota, according to MDH. Opioid-involved deaths increased 3 percent, from 977 in 2021 to 1002 deaths in 2022.

"We are responding to the more deadly threat of fentanyl with several new

tools for saving lives that were passed by the Legislature in 2023, such as expanding the availability of Naloxone and covering the costs of having it on hand in school buildings, treatment programs, and during emergency and law enforcement calls," said Health Commissioner Dr. Brooke Cunningham.

Meanwhile, deaths involving prescribed opioids, heroin and methadone decreased. Deaths involving heroin fell to a 10-year low, decreasing 56 percent from 103 to 45 deaths between 2021 and 2022.

Psychostimulants

(e.g., methamphetamine) and cocaine also contributed to the number of drug overdose deaths. Cocaine-involved deaths saw the largest increase of any drug category, increasing 27 percent from 165 to 210.

Drug overdoses have a larger impact on individuals, families and communities than deaths alone. For every one drug overdose death, there were nearly 13 nonfatal drug overdoses in 2022. The number of hospital-treated nonfatal overdoses remained relatively stable, decreasing 5 percent from 2021 to 2022 for a total of 16,934 overdoses.

The state budget passed last spring allocated over \$200 million to address substance use and overdoses—with \$50 million of that allocated to MDH over the next four years. The investment addresses prevention, harm reduction, treatment and recovery. Additionally, the Legislature passed a policy to reduce drug overdose deaths by requiring all schools, law enforcement officials, emergency responders and residential treatment programs to have Naloxone on hand. MDH and the Minnesota Department of Education have

posted a toolkit to help schools obtain cost-free Naloxone and implement the new requirement.

Additional state-led activities include expanding medication-assisted treatment, establishing new peer recovery support systems and launching the MN Naloxone Portal where mandated groups can access no-cost naloxone. Collaboration with other state agencies and federal funding partners help make this overdose and substance use response work possible.

## Ash Lake broadband project nearing completion

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook-Orr Editor

ASH LAKE- Approximately 66 households in the area around Ash Lake in northwestern St. Louis County will soon jump onto the digital superhighway when Paul Bunyan Communications (PBC) completes an extension of its high-speed broadband fiber optic GigaZone network soon.

The locations will

have access to broadband internet connections of up to 10 Gbps, along with voice telephone services.

The Dept. of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation supported the project with a \$101,000 Broadband Infrastructure grant to PBC, and St. Louis County matched that amount with a grant from American Rescue Plan funds. The total project investment is estimated at \$270,000.

The project area is

about 15 miles north of Orr and 25 miles south of Ray near Hwy. 53. Because the entire project area was considered unserved, it likely would never have received basic broadband service without external assistance. The Ash Lake project has approximately four miles of mainline fiber optic cable and is scheduled to be completed in December.

"This project will give the people and homes access to the fastest internet

speeds available, both upload and download speeds up to 10 Gig," said Steve Howard, Paul Bunyan Communications' IT and Development Manager. "It will be a huge service improvement for everyone in the project area. In addition to the 66 locations passed, Paul Bunyan Communications was able to leverage the fiber installed to provide services to mobile phone towers. The expanded mobile phone coverage will greatly improve

communications throughout the area."

St. Louis County is Minnesota's largest county

at over 6,800 square miles in area and has the highest number of unserved households in the state.

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footwear after filling someone's jack-o-lantern with shaving cream. Still, perhaps it was some good practice for my disco days in college and the platform heels that were mandatory for the proper Saturday Night Fever dance steps. And at 5'7" tall, I didn't mind having the couple of extra inches those heels gave me.

My enthusiasm for Halloween dwindled a bit after I graduated college and set out on single life in Oklahoma. There were plenty of props for a costume at the health department where I worked at the time, but my costuming was limited to work hours, and my duplex on the outskirts of town was off the beaten path in a neighborhood with few if any kids. For quite a few years, Halloween was a rather low-key night.

But Daddyhood changed that as my daughter grew up. Halloween was a blast again, helping both her and our neighbors enjoy the excitement

of the night. We were living in St. Peters, Mo. then, in a house with a sweet gum tree in the front yard that were great for decorating with black and orange streamers, pumpkins, gravestones, and more. I wanted it to be one of the creepiest houses on the block, and most years we succeeded.


In those days I didn't pre-plan a costume - I'd get home from work and dash around the house collecting odds and ends to make some bizarre creation on the spot. Usually my wife would have to go shopping for new makeup for herself the next day. One Halloween I climbed up in the sweet gum tree to ambush trick-or-treaters as they arrived. While they were standing at the doorway I'd shake the branches a bit, and when they looked to see what was happening I'd jump down with a snarl and a scream. The fright sent a couple junior high boys running away screaming, and then I heard them

yelling to their friends down the street to come to my house because it was so great. No better praise on Halloween than the approval uttered by junior high boys, I'd say.

I've long since mellowed greatly. A cat is not nearly so fun to do Halloween with as a young daughter. While yes, you can dress up a cat, they never seem to understand what all the fuss is about, and they're absolutely no fun to take trick-or-treating. And Halloween has changed a bit over time, too - more trunk-or-treat events and fewer door-to-door ghouls and goblins

as folks have grown more wary of soliciting goodies from unknown neighbors. Rather ironic, I think, that fear is something that would put the damper on Halloween for so many.

But I still revel in seeing kids, and parents, decked out for Halloween, particularly in creative costumes they've made themselves. It's festive, it's fun, and it's fabulous. Here's hoping all of you enjoyed this annual fright-fest and remember that it's never too early to start planning for next year. If Christmas can be year-round, why not Halloween?



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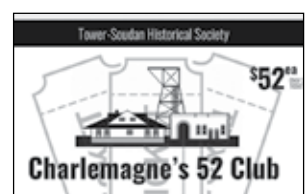
**Monday**  
Embarrass Al-Anon Family Group- Hope Lutheran Church, 5088 Hwy. 21, 6 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
Tower Area Food Shelf- Open on the third Tuesday of every month from 2:30-5 p.m. Located in the back of the Timberjay building on Main Street. Next food shelf day is Nov. 21.

Greenwood Fire Dept.- Training meetings on the first and third 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](http://vermilioncountry.org).



**TSHS weekly winner**  
The week 14 winner of the Charlemagne's 52 Club \$250 prize is Kathi Miller of McKinney, Texas.

History Tidbit: The Immanuel Lutheran Church held its first services in 1885. Tower and Soudan Swedish Lutherans had built a church between the towns, near the Tower Junction, but it was "opratickt" (not practical). They then built a church near the Tower School, on the street of other churches. Worship services were held in this church until 1974 when the present church in Tower was erected in 1975.

LOTS OF HALLOWEEN FUN



More Halloween fun than we can fit on the page....Clockwise from top left: Pumpkin bowling at VCS, Walter and Charlotte Myre pick out treats, painting pumpkins at VCS, Cecelia and Shelby have fun at the PTO party, Delilah sticks her hand up the huge nose at the PTO party, PTO volunteers hosted a party at the elementary school, Gus, Eddy, Katie, and Raven gets some treats at Frandsen Bank. photos by J. Summit



TIME FOR THANKS

St. Paul's to host a community Thanksgiving dinner

SOUDAN- St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Soudan will be hosting a free community Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, Nov. 23 from 2 – 6 p.m. The congregation is taking over

the tradition started by the Nelson-Jackson Legion Post, and then continued by St. James Presbyterian. The meal will be catered by Chef Chris Glazer, with help

from Vermilion Country School students. RSVPs are appreciated by calling Joan or Greg at 218-753-3047 (leave a message). Take-outs will also be available. The meal is being spon-

sored by the church, but donations can be made to the Tower Area Food Shelf. All are welcome to attend.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Little Church Thanksgiving/Christmas Service on Nov. 19

VERMILION LAKE TWP- The Little Church will be holding a Thanksgiving/Christmas Service on Sunday, Nov. 19 at 4 p.m. A potluck meal will follow. The church always welcomes anyone and are looking for people interested in keeping The Little Church preserved and maintained in our community. The church hosts a men's group that meets every Thursday at 9 a.m. for coffee and conversation. All are welcome.

The Little Church is located in Vermilion Lake Township on Co. Rd. 26/Wahlsten Rd. Any questions please contact Len Hujanen at 218-749-2014 (leave a message).

Tower's Small Business Saturday set for Nov. 25

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Lake Vermilion Events Board is hosting their first annual Small Business Saturday on

Nov. 25 in Tower. Small Business Saturday is a nationwide event, occurring every year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, to promote shoppers buying local for their holiday celebrations. The events board would like to help make this a classic Main Street event to bring the community together and show holiday shoppers all the great gift ideas available right here on Main Street.

Santa Claus will be making a visit (times TBA), there will be a 50/50 raffle, over \$200 of other raffle prizes featuring gift certificates from local businesses, a community get-together space, and the Tower Farmers Winter Market will be setting up shop at the Pike River Products building.

For more information, contact Amber Zak at [amberzak@gmail.com](mailto:amberzak@gmail.com).

St. Martin's Christmas Bazaar set for Nov. 4

TOWER- St. Martin's Catholic Church is hosting their

annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the social hall on the lower level.

Organizers are very excited about this year's event, there are already 11 private vendors participating. St. Martin's will have their "usual" tables – crafts, Christmas elephant, silent auction and the bucket raffles. The Cookie Patch will return - featuring 19 different types of cookies, plus a variety of candies; you will create your own cookie box. Two children's events are planned: the Make-and-Take Table and the Christmas Shop. The Make-and-Take table will offer a variety of decorations that the children can make at no cost. The Christmas Shop is only for children – they can do their own Christmas shopping for family and friends.

As always, the St. Martin's Café will be open –featuring six different soups, plus caramel rolls, cinnamon rolls, bars, coffee, and tea.

We hope that you will join

us on Nov. 4. If you're not a bazaar shopper, think about stopping in for lunch.

Vendors needed for Tower Holiday Craft Sale on Dec. 2

TOWER- Now is the time to make plans for this year's Holiday Craft Show on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Lamppa Civic Center. Tables are available for \$25 in advance. Lunch will be available from the Tower-Soudan Civic Club. This annual holiday shopping event is sponsored by the Friends of Vermilion Country School.

Tower-Soudan Joint Powers Recreation Board to meet Nov. 14

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Joint Powers Recreation Board will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 8:30 a.m. at Good Ol' Days. Funding request should be sent to Tower City Hall, in writing, prior to the meeting.

TSAA Auction set for Nov. 9; tickets still available

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Athletic Association and Friends of Vermilion Country School will again be hosting their Fall Auction Fundraiser at the Wilderness at Fortune Bay on Thursday, Nov. 9.

Tickets are \$30 per person (paid in advance), which covers the cost of the food. There are fewer than 10 seats still available! Call Jodi at 218-753-2950 to get your ticket, or stop by the Timberjay office in Tower.

There will be food, karaoke with LuAnn Zaudtke, games, silent auction, and live auction. This will be the first time we've been able to hold the fundraiser since 2019.

Meet our students

One in a series of interviews with Vermilion Country School students by VCS sophomore Elspeth O'Brien

**Why do you like VCS?** Because it's an easier school to learn in. The classrooms are quieter than other schools.

**What's your favorite class?** Cooking. Because I learn so much about culinary skills.

**Do you like to cook or bake better?** Baking. My favorite thing I learned to bake is a chilupe cake.

**What's something you learned here you can take with you for the rest of your life?** Trapping last year from Mr. White.

Meet our staff



Nicole Shusta, ADAPT Counselor

**Why did you want to work at Vermilion Country School?** A new experience to try something new.

**What is the best part of a charter school?** The ability to adapt to someone's needs. I love getting to know the students!

**What do you like to do outside of work?** I love to hang out with my family. Hiking, grouse hunting. I really like to read.

**What's a recent book you read that you would recommend?** Colleen Hoover's "All Of Us."

Vermilion Country School is a free, public, grades 7-12 school located in Tower



Nathan

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## PUBLIC SAFETY

# Ely's first CO alarm of the cold season



The Ely Fire Department Hummer at 355 W. Harvey St. on Tuesday, where the FD responded to the first CO alarm of the upcoming winter weather season. photo by C. Clark

by CATIE CLARK  
Ely Editor

ELY- The heating season got underway in earnest this week and the Ely Fire Department's first call to a carbon monoxide, or CO, incident wasn't far behind. The fire horn sounded at the station around 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, to respond to a call at 355 W. Harvey

St. where the residents had called 911 and vacated the single-family residence there.

The young couple on site said they and their dog had just moved in the day before, and were pleased and relieved they had a working CO detector in the house.

The new residents had just spent their first night in the house when the upstairs CO alarm went

off. The other CO alarm on the premises went off shortly afterward. The Ely FD determined the cause of the alarm was the propane-fired furnace in the basement.

Ely FD's Hummer unit arrived at the home first, followed by two additional FD vehicles and several firefighters. The FD personnel measured gas levels inside

and set up equipment to vent the hazardous conditions in the home.

"This incident is a good reminder that it's now time to change your clocks and change your batteries," said Ely Police Chief Chad Houde, who also responded to the scene.

Houde was referring to the NFPA public safety campaign which aims to remind people that switching clocks to standard time every November is also a good time to also change the batteries in their smoke and CO detectors in advance of running furnaces all winter.

Carbon monoxide is colorless, odorless, and slightly lighter than oxygen. As a result, it migrates upward when it is released by a dirty or malfunctioning furnace or other fuel-burning appliances. For this reason, CO detectors should be mounted closer to ceilings.

Ideally, every residence should have at least one CO detector per floor. If a home has only one, it should be mounted near the areas where residents sleep. CO detectors sense a different hazard from smoke detectors, so residences should include both types of detectors.

## In Brief

## Tuesday Group schedule

ELY – The Tuesday Group community educational lunch gathering meets every Tuesday at noon 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. 7: Well Being Development's Recovery Project with Kap Wilkes

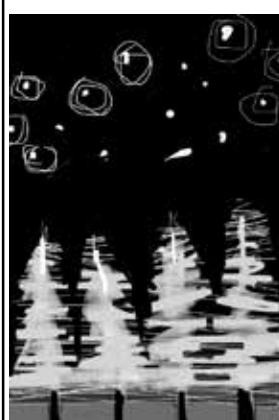
►Nov. 14: Meet New Elyites

►Nov. 21: Health Professionals for a Health Climate

►Nov. 28: No meeting. Begin holiday hiatus.

## Breathing Out

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moving toward bland  
tamarack ochre display

falling back again

## THEATER

# "God of Carnage" to open in Ely

by CATIE CLARK  
Ely Editor

ELY- "God of Carnage," Yasmina Reza's dark satirical comedy of manners is just two weeks away. The Northern Lakes Arts Association production of the 2009 Tony Award-winning play has just three performances: Friday, Nov. 17, and Saturday, Nov. 18, both at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 19, at 2 p.m. The play will be at the Vermilion Fine Arts Theater at Minnesota College North, 1900 E. Camp St. in Ely.

Reza's play is remarkable for having crossed both the language divide and the Atlantic Ocean. Reza wrote the play in French and it premiered in Zurich in 2006. It

was translated into English and opened on London's West End in 2008, and on Broadway in 2009.

"God of Carnage" received seven Tony Award nominations in 2009, and won three, for Best Actor, Best Director, and Best Play.

The local production of "God of Carnage" is directed by Ian Francis Lah. The cast includes the local Ely talents of Annette Raleigh, Alan Raleigh, Micheal Novak, Veronica Novak, Emily Weise, Bob Winkelman, Vince O'Connor, and Karin Schmidt.

The play features adult humor and language. It is not recommended for children.

Tickets can be bought at northernlakesarts.org.



Members of the cast and the director of "God of Carnage," at rehearsal on Oct. 16, at the Vermilion Fire Arts Theater, on the campus of Minnesota College North, where the play will be performed Nov. 17-19. From left-to-right: Bob Winkelman, Emily Weise, Karin Schmidt, and Ian Lah. photo by C. Clark

## COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

### Ely Public Library

ELY- The library will be closed on Friday, Nov. 10 for Veteran's Day, and Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23-24, for Thanksgiving.

The spice for November is sage. The library has a free sage sample and recipe kit to handout while supplies last.

The library will celebrate National STEM/STEAM day. STEM and STEAM are both acronyms for "Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math." The event will feature a variety of STEAM activities appropriate for all ages on Wednesday, Nov. 8, from 3-4 p.m. Pre-register in advance so the library can order enough supplies.

The Friends of the Library Bookclub will meet on Monday, Nov. 13, from 3-4 p.m. The book under discussion is "Being Mortal" by Atal Gawande.

The Friends of the Library monthly board meeting will be on Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 1-2 p.m.

The November Get Crafty activity will be making diamond dots. This program is for adults. Pre-register in advance so the library can order enough supplies.

A new Kahoot trivia game will begin on Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 3 p.m., and will run until Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 8 a.m. The kahoot will be on the first eight books of the Junie B. Jones series by Barbara Parks. Pre-register in advance with an email address so the library can send the link for the game.

The Get Crafty activity will meet on Thursday, Nov. 30, 3-4 p.m., to make a variety of snowman crafts appropriate for home decoration for the winter holidays. This program is for adults. Pre-register in advance so the library can order enough supplies.

Preschool Storytime is held every Friday from 10:30-11 a.m.

All library events are at the Ely Public Library at 224 E. Chap-

man St., unless otherwise noted.

### Babbitt Public Library

BABBITT- On Nov. 1, the library will have take-and-create art kits for handwoven bookmarks available, while supplies last. The kits are provided by the Arrowhead Library. This art experience has been designed by Minnesota artist Erika LeMay, for beginners to explore the art of handweaving. The take-and-create art kits will include all supplies needed for the handwoven bookmark project: a wooden beginner loom, tapestry needle, two mini skeins of yarn, scissors, and an instructional printout. A video tutorial will be shared online for participants.

The library will hold a class for adults only on how to make acrylic paint pour pendants on Monday, Nov. 13, at 4:15 p.m. Pre-register at the library in advance for this activity.

The Friends of the Library is selling \$1 raffle tickets with Thanksgiving and fall season themed home and decorative items. The drawing will be on Nov. 9.

Preschool Storytime is held every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

All library events are at the Babbitt Public Library at 71 South Drive unless otherwise noted.

### Makers Market and Mixer

ELY- The Makers Market and Mixer is back. Starting this Saturday, Nov. 4, the cold-weather season monthly event will start back up at the Ely Folk School, 209 E. Sheridan St., from 3-5 p.m. The event announcement from the Northern Lakes Arts Association promises "freshly baked treats, hot beverages, live music, local vendors, talented makers, a children's craft table, and more."

### NLAA Art Show

ELY- The November North-

ern Lakes Arts Association art show will run from Nov. 6 through Nov. 19, in the lobby of Ely's Historic State Theater, when the theater is open. The exhibition this month is on the theme of self-portraits and features young artists from Ely.

### Shawl Class

ELY- Sisu Designs Yarn Shop, 31 W. Chapman St., is offering a four-session class on making a Bukett Shawl, starting on Tuesday, Nov. 7, from 6-8 p.m. Additional class dates are Nov. 21, Nov. 28, and Dec. 12. Cost is \$40, which does not include materials.

### Creative Writing

ELY- The Northern Lakes Arts Association is hosting a free event entitled "Enhance your creative writing skills with Poet Elizabeth Cade," on Saturday, Nov. 11, at 2 p.m., at the Vermilion Fine Arts Theater, 1900 E. Camp St. Those wishing to attend must pre-register online at northernlakesarts.org/programs.

### Drag Show

ELY- The Grand Ely Lodge (GEL) will host an 80s versus 90s drag show on Saturday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. Tickets for entry to the show are \$20 through etix.com. Attendees must also purchase the GEL breakfast brunch buffet at \$23.99. This event is for ages 18 and above.

### Roaring 20s Mystery Event

ELY- The Ely Public Library is holding another one of its fun solve-the-mystery events, this time with a "Great Gatsby" theme.

The event will be on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Those wishing to participate must pre-register by 6:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 13. The activity is

for teens and adults. Participants should plan on staying for the entire three-hour event since leaving early will affect the ability of the attendees to solve the mystery.

The structure of the event is similar to murder-mystery dinner parties. Each participant will have a custom written role to play while talking to other participants, solve puzzles, and try to figure out who had the motive and opportunity to act as the villain. Participants are invited to show up in the height of roaring 20s fashion, though dressing up is not mandatory, since not everyone has ready-to-wear flapper togs hanging in their closet.

The Roaring 20s Mystery event will be held at the library at 224 E. Chapman St.

### Abstract Expressions

ELY- The Northern Lakes Arts Association is hosting a free event entitled "Abstract Expressions with Ian Francis Lah," on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 2 p.m., at the Vermilion Fine Arts Theater, 1900 E. Camp St. Those wishing to attend must pre-register online at northernlakesarts.org/programs.

### Ginger Bones Concert

ELY- Minnesota's Ginger Bones trio will perform upstairs at The Society Hall, on the second floor above Northern Grounds Café, on Saturday, Nov. 18. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Willow Waters & The Earth Tones will play the opening set starting at 7 p.m., followed by the main act of Ginger Bones. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

### List your event

Do you have an upcoming Babbitt, Ely, or Winton event? Email event details, location, time, place and event cost to C. Clark at catie.timberjay@gmail.com by close-of-business on the Tuesday the week before the event takes place.

## Libraries

### Ely library

Hours: Monday — Friday,  
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Phone: 218-365-5140

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|           |            |
|-----------|------------|
| Monday    | 10 am-6 pm |
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Month: 10-11:30 a.m. at

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Conference Room B.



# Frost on the pumpkins doesn't chill Halloween cheer



The cold wasn't much of a deterrent for Halloween festivities in Cook, with a large turnout at the trunk-or-treat event sponsored by the Cook Lions Club and Cook VFW at the Cook Community Center. Clockwise, from top left: the Cook Fire Department had its new ladder truck on display; top middle, dinosaurs are supposedly cold-blooded, but these festive creatures took to the wintry weather just fine; top right, inside the community center, children pay close attention to the music as they compete in a game of musical cards; lower right, the parking lot featured about a dozen vehicles with hatches and trunks popped open to welcome trick-or-treaters; bottom left, Willa Dundas, dressed like a little cow, is held by her father Dave as she feeds a llama from Cook's Country Connection. photos by D. Colburn



## GRIZZLIES PRIDE



North Woods cheerleaders keep the home crowd hyped during a time out in the Grizzlies' sectional quarterfinal match against Nashwauk-Keewatin on Friday. Pictured here, from left, are Marriah Glowaski-Kingbird, Cynthia Kirkman, Autumn Swanson, Savannah Abts, Abbey Dargontina, Allie Holm, and Emily Grahn. photo by D. Colburn

## Suicide prevention class to be held in Cook

COOK- Learn how to recognize someone at risk for suicide and how to effectively intervene and get help by attending "Suicide Prevention Training for High School Youth and Adults," a 90-minute workshop being hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church in Cook on Wednesday, Nov. 15 from 6:30-8 p.m.

NE Minnesota Suicide Prevention Coordinator Ali Randall, with Carlton County Public Health and Human Services, will lead attendees through the QPR – Question, Persuade, Refer – process, as well as providing background information on

suicide prevention. The workshop will include a question-and-answer period.

Attendees will be equipped with the skills necessary when encountering a possibly suicidal person, including recognizing someone at risk for suicide, demonstrating increased knowledge of intervention skills, describing knowledge of referral sources, and knowing how to refer someone to help.

The event is hosted by the Mental Health and Wellness Team of Trinity Lutheran Church, located at 231 Second St. SE.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Church bazaar is Saturday at Trinity

COOK- It's time once again for the annual WELCA Fall Bazaar at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cook on Nov. 4.

The event will run from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the church, 231 2nd St. SE. You'll find a scrumptious bake sale, crafts, and much more.

### Friday reception to honor NWFA Native arts exhibition

COOK- The public is heartily invited to attend a reception on Friday, Nov. 3 in honor of November's featured exhibit "Native American Art: Past and Present" at Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery in Cook, 210 S River St. Refreshments will be served as you enjoy this exhibit.

NWFA is honored to present this special collection of Native art, which includes an authentic cradle board along with beadwork, sculptures, metal work, baskets, a jingle dress, paintings and much more. The exhibit officially opened on Thursday,

Nov. 2 and concludes on Saturday, Nov. 25th. View the exhibit during regular gallery hours on Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Extended open hours are scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 11, and the gallery will be closed on Thanksgiving Day.

### LaCroix forest office to host Dec. 5 event

COOK- Superior National Forest Forest Supervisor Tom Hall invites the public, businesses, tribes, organizations, and partners to attend an open house at the LaCroix District Office, 320 N. Highway 53, Cook on Tuesday, Dec. 5 from 4-6 p.m.

Hosted by Forest Supervisor Hall and District Ranger Sunny Lucas, attendees will meet staff, learn about career opportunities, and engage with project and program managers on current and upcoming forest projects. For more information, call 218-666-0020.

### Trinity to offer Veterans Day meal

COOK- Trinity Lutheran Church in Cook

will host a Veterans Day luncheon on Friday, Nov. 10 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.

This free lasagna lunch is in recognition of the service and dedication all veterans have given for our country.

All area veterans and their family members are welcome to attend, as well as surviving spouses of veterans.

Questions may be directed to the church office at 218-666-5965. Trinity is located at 231 2nd St. SE. mto hDreamcatcher class to be offered at NWFA Gallery

### NWFA to offer dreamcatcher class on Nov. 18 in Cook

COOK- Join American Indian educator Stacy Palmer and make your own contemporary dreamcatcher on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. at Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery in Cook. During November the gallery is featuring a very special exhibit called "Native American Art: Past and Present".

Palmer teaches Native culture at North Woods School. She is also a member of the Bois Forte Band

of Chippewa.. In this class students will create a contemporary ten-inch diameter dreamcatcher at the gallery at 210 S River St. Students must pre-register for the class by calling Alberta at 218-666-2153. NWFA charges minimal fees for classes. This class is \$15 for NWFA members and \$20 for non-members. There is also a supply fee of \$30. NWFA membership is \$25.

### Hunters Supper is Saturday fundraiser in Kabetogama

KABETOGRAMA- It's been called Kabetogama's "favorite event of the year," and the public is invited to come find out why when this year's edition of the Hunters Supper takes place on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 3-8 p.m. at the Kabetogama Town Hall, 9707 Gamma Rd. Proceeds from the dinner,

bake sale, gun raffle and prize raffles benefit the Kabetogama Fire Department, and will be used toward replacing the department's old 6x6 with a four-wheeler. Get raffle tickets from fire department members. Attendees are advised to come with at least one good deer opener story to tell.

## ORR LIONS LEND A HAND



The Orr Lions Club Medical Loan Closet and Food Shelf has moved back to the Orr Center. Hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays in conjunction with the Orr Center hours. submitted photos



WORKFORCE

# Walz eliminates college requirement for many state jobs

## Move is expected to open nearly 75 percent of state jobs to individuals without degrees

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook-Orr Editor

REGIONAL- In a move to increase the pool of potential applicants for state-funded job opportunities, Gov. Tim Walz on Monday issued an executive order that eliminates college degree requirements for over 75 percent of state government jobs.

Minnesota employs about 38,000 people, and the elimination of college degree requirements could affect around 28,000 positions. The Minnesota Careers website for state government jobs had postings for 674 vacancies as of Tuesday.

Walz noted in the order that there are many different paths

ways to gain job-related training and skills, including on-the-job training, technical education, and military service. He directed state agencies to “update guidance on the hiring process that emphasizes skills and work experience, utilizing degree requirements as a minimum qualification only as necessary based on state or federal licensure or certification requirements, as required by law, or in rare circumstances where required skills or knowledge can only be obtained through degree programs. Agencies shall provide alternative pathways to qualification whenever possible.”

“There are many opportunities to build meaningful careers through state service,” Walz said

in a press release. “We’re making sure these opportunities are available to more Minnesotans, so we can grow our workforce, tap into valuable skills, and recognize that not all Minnesotans need a four-year degree to be successful. By removing these requirements, we’re expanding opportunities for people to enter the workforce, choose state service, and build a good-paying, family-sustaining career.”

With the order, Minnesota joins a movement that began during the COVID pandemic among both public and private employers to expand their options for hiring by restructuring job prerequisites. Utah, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Alaska,

Colorado, North Carolina, and New Jersey have rolled back college degree requirements for many government jobs, and corporations such as Tesla, Google, General Motors, IBM, and Delta Air Lines have done likewise.

The order also targets employee retention, setting a goal of retaining 75 percent of new hires for at least two years.

One barrier to employee retention is the lack of satisfactory career advancement opportunities. Only 56 percent of surveyed employees believe there is a viable path for advancement in their current positions. Walz directed the Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) office to work with state agencies

to improve career advancement and professional development opportunities by creating individual development plans, providing career guidance, and making training available.

Another 18 percent of surveyed employees cite poor management practices as a reason for leaving state jobs. MMB will develop behavioral competencies for leadership positions and a tool to assess leader competency.

Agencies will also update many job titles that are vague or confusing and deter qualified people from applying.

All activities specified in the executive order are designated to be implemented incrementally through July 31, 2024.

WILDLIFE HAZARDS

# Wolf attacks on pets reported in Ely and Babbitt areas

by CATIE CLARK  
Ely Editor

BABBITT- Anthony Bremel, the local conservation officer for the Babbitt area cautioned pet owners to be aware of recent wolf attacks on pets, which may be more likely given the low deer population.

“There has been an uptick of reported sightings near homes in the area, wolves coming near people, buildings, pets, etc.,” said Bremel. “I have had three verified reports of wolf depredation on domestic dogs between Ely

and Babbitt in the last couple weeks—two of which were killed, one of which was injured, and a fourth that was chased but not killed or injured. I personally have also seen several wolves lately with them often not showing much fear of humans.”

According to Bremel, federal Wildlife Services has established a trapping control zone in the area where the two dogs that were killed and took eight wolves within a very small trapping footprint. “All of those wolves were described as ‘healthy but

thin’. That would be consistent with the wolves that I have seen recently.”

Wildlife Services, an agency within the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, responds to wild animal complaints and depredation of livestock and domestic animals. “When Wildlife Services has verified damage (or) depredation, they will look at the site and determine if trapping is a feasible option,” said Bremel.

According to Bremel, Wildlife Services officials did use other deterrent methods

initially after the first dog was killed, but resorted to trapping once the local wolves killed the second dog. “When wolves are trapped by Wildlife Services they almost always euthanize them, which is what happened in this circumstance,” said Bremel.

Concerning wolves and dogs, the the Wolf Care Science Team at the International Wolf Center in Ely recommended that:

► People with pets should try to avoid areas where wolves have been sighted until time passes or no additional wolf observations/

incidents occur.

► Keep dogs on a leash. Wolves are less likely to approach with people present.

► Don’t allow dogs to run loose or range away and keep them in close contact and control.

► Don’t try to intervene if a dog is actively being attacked.

► Carry bear/pepper spray. It can be used to deter an attack.

► Don’t be tempted to feed wolves, even if they are looking underfed.

## ASSAULTS...Continued from page 1

been charged with violating probation related to a prior incident of domestic assault. If convicted of both felony charges, Cly could face maximum penalties of eight years in prison and \$15,000 in fines.

The probable cause statement identifies the victim only by the initials KRS, a woman who is apparently the mother of Cly’s child. She reported the alleged incident to the St. Louis County Sheriff’s office on Oct. 17 while a patient at Essentia Health in Virginia.

According to the complaint, Cly visited KRS at the Raintree Apartments in Mt. Iron on Oct. 15. During that visit Cly “expressed



Jordan Cly

his desire for KRS to be more than the mother of his child.” When KRS indicated she did not want that, Cly allegedly used her cell phone to slap the side of her face, then took her to the floor and put pressure on her neck. This caused

KRS to urinate and her vision to start going black, she reported, and she also suffered a cut to her hand. Cly allegedly threatened to harm KRS’s brothers if they came looking for him.

The report states that Cly drove KRS to the hospital, but pulled her back in the car and drove away when she said she would tell what happened to her. After driving several places Cly brought her back to the hospital, at which time she was seen by hospital staff but did not report the assault. She returned to the hospital on Oct. 17 because the cut on her hand had become infected and reported the assault at that time.

The deputy taking the

report observed multiple marks and bruises around the sides of KRS’s neck and a bruise and mark next to her right eye.

The report further notes that in April of this year Cly was convicted of misdemeanor domestic assault and misdemeanor violation of a domestic abuse/no contact order. KRS told the deputy that the Oct. 15 incident was the fifth time Cly had assaulted her and that “he intimidates or threatens her all the time.”

The offense resulting in a conviction for misdemeanor domestic assault occurred in June 2022 at the same location. Two sheriff’s deputies responded to

that incident.

One deputy observed a mark on KRS’s leg and more marks on her ear from being hit. Cly told the other deputy that he had slapped KRS on the leg one time with an open hand and denied there had been any other physical contact. Cly told the deputy that he had “anger management issues.” Cly was arrested for fifth-degree domestic assault and taken to the jail in Virginia.

Tate Jordan Cly, who is listed as living at the same Indian Point address as Jordan Cly, was charged in September with second-degree assault with a dangerous weapon and second-degree threats of

violence with reckless disregard of risk for an alleged knife attack in Ely in which one man was wounded.

### Domestic abuse statistics

According to the National Institutes of Health, approximately one in three women experience domestic violence, and 50 percent of women seen in emergency departments report a history of abuse. Approximately 40 percent of women killed by their abuser sought help in the two years prior to their deaths.

## PICKLEBALL...Continued from page 1

were made.

Eliminating two or all four of the courts would mean there is enough room to create four pickleball courts all oriented in the preferred direction, without intruding on the parking lot or the area where the township piles snow in the winter.

But committee members were not ready to ask the town board to remove the bocce courts without first discussing the

issue with the Greenwood Recreation Board, which oversaw their construction. The courts have seen little use in recent years, according to several township residents, and one or two of the courts have developed heaving.

“Our plan was not to blow up the bocce ball courts,” said Thompson. “Our vision was bocce, tennis, and pickleball...a nice complex for the township.”

Building four courts would create enough room for both beginner and more advanced players, several people noted.

“We would not be overbuilding this thing with the four courts,” Thompson added.

The ballpark cost for building courts is \$25,000 each, with asphalt as the biggest expense. The committee felt the courts would not need lighting, which would add to the overall

cost.

The township is currently looking at repaving the town hall parking lots, and there was some discussion of shortening the depth of the parking lot at the pavilion end, which would create additional areas for plowed snow, as well as making it possible to add four courts and preserve some of the bocce courts. Fire Chief Jeff Maus said he would also like to see some slight realignments in the parking lot and by

the large storage building, to more easily move around fire department equipment. The existing helicopter landing pad area could also be moved closer to the town hall end of the parking lot and still provide a safe landing area.

Tasks on committee members-to-do lists include drawing up a more detailed sketch showing court layouts, as well as investigating some of the grants available for recreation projects including from

the DNR, IRRR, LVRA, and the age-friendly community grant program. The township has not made any commitment for funding the project with tax dollars at this time. Many similar projects in the area have been completed mostly with grants and privately-raised funds.

The committee will hold their next meeting on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 6 p.m., and will be inviting members of the Greenwood Recreation Committee to attend.

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**ROBOTICS...**Continued from page 1

pit area where they did last minute repairs along with between match tune-ups and battery changes. The pit is just about big enough to fit the robot and three team members, said Lindsay.

The gym itself was almost unrecognizable, and just barely big enough to fit all the action.

"This is the busiest I've ever seen our gym," Lindsay said. NER students all got a chance to spend time watching the action on Friday, but even after school, the bleachers were full of friends and family watching the event. The Iron Mosquitos were the only Iron Range team at the tournament, with most of the teams coming in from northwestern and north-central Minnesota. Some newer robotic teams have been forming in the area, Lindsay said, including North Woods School, Mesabi East, and Chisholm/Hibbing.

This year's Mosquitos came to the floor with plenty of experience. The team is based at NER but does include members from other area schools. "We only lost one senior this year," said Lindsay, though some team members left because they were able to join new teams starting up at their local school.

The team's drive team leaders were Greyson Reichensperger, Matt Bock, Ian Sundahl, and Hailey Lindquist. Other key returning team members are Tuuli Koivisto, Eva Morgan, and Natalie Backe, Lindsay said.

The team finished the first day of competition in fifth place (out of 17 teams), but the next day their hard work paid off. The team was still in fifth-place after the qualification rounds on Saturday morning. The top four ranked teams get to choose



**Above: The pit crew for the Iron Mosquitos, including Yagmur (Rain) Kilic, Eva Morgan, and Alex Niles, works on a repair to their robot during a break in the action.**

**Right: The Iron Mosquitos drive team looks on as Greyson Reichensperger controls the team's robot from behind the plexiglass panels of the control booth.**

photos by J. Summit



two other teams to partner with in the championship round. The Mosquitos were chosen to be part of one of these teams, and their alliance finished in the top scoring spot, the first time the Mosquitos have won a championship banner. Last year the team was in the runner-up spot at the NMRC.

The success of last year's team, which earned a spot at the World Championship tournament last spring, definitely has had an impact on student interest, said Lindsay.

"I think we will double our team's size this year," he said. The team has also been doing outreach with upper elementary students

as well as workshops at the Bois Forte Boys and Girls Clubs this summer. In addition to the competition robot, the team has been tasked with creating a robotic "Olaf the Snowman" for Ely High School's production of Frozen this winter.

"It has to dance and have different expressions," he said, "we are going to be building a snowman."

Lindsay said many students think robotics is just computer coding and constructing the metal and electronics in the shop.

"But it also depends on student's who are interested

in art and design," he said. "It is fun to tap into these students' passions also."

"The team is pretty independent during the competition," said Lindsay, who was taking some time out of the rather noisy gym, "but they do sometimes come find me with questions."

The team had a few battery-related challenges on Friday, after switching out a dead battery for one that hadn't been fully recharged. The small wheels the robot relied on also seemed to be easily damaged, and in the pit between matches, team members were busy repairing and reattaching them.

Greyson Reichensperger, an experienced team member, was pretty happy with his team's performance on Friday.

"We did our job very nicely," he said after a successful late afternoon match. Greyson could be found helping in all aspects of the team's work, hauling the robot on and off the tournament arena, coaching other team members who were replacing robot parts, and helping steer the robot during the match itself.

**Tournament action**

With 17 teams participating, the NER school gym was crammed wall to wall with robotic teams and their gear, electronic equipment, sound and video equipment, along with the dozens and dozens of volunteers needed to make the competition move smoothly.

Some volunteers were in charge of ensuring teams were able to move their robots on and off the center staging area without bumping into other teams. Others kept the edges of the playing area clear so team members could easily move back and forth.

The individual matches only last two-and-a-half minutes, and on Friday, each team played at least nine matches. Matches include "alliances" of three teams, designated red or blue, competing against another alliance of three teams. Each team earns points for scoring game pieces, as well as hitting other milestones. Points earned in each match are added up at the end of the day, to determine the top teams.

Each match begins with a 15-second autonomous period, during which time alliance robots operate only on pre-programmed

instructions to score points by doing assigned tasks.

In the final two minutes and 15 seconds of the match, drivers take control of the robots and score points by continuing to retrieve and score their game pieces onto the grid and docking on or engaging with their charge station.

Jennifer Engle, whose team had traveled to Babbitt from Alexandria, was happy to be an adult volunteer. Last year, her school hosted this competition.

"We had so many volunteers," she said, and she was happy to return the favor.

Engle first coached robotics at Vermilion Country School, almost 10 years ago. Her team was staying at Grand Ely Lodge and she bumped into one of her former VCS students from the team, Jacob Karasti, who works at the lodge.

Engle said she has made friends all across the state through robotics coaching. She especially likes the support from other teams and coaches, along with the NMRC organization.

"More kids are seeing STEM and robots now," she said.

Engle's team has become a family affair. Her parents often travel with her to tournaments and help out. "They love being with all the kids," she said.

Sponsors of the event included the Gene Haas Foundation, DigiKey, PMMI, Ali, Aagard, NLFx, Walmart, Minnesota Army National Guard, STEM Alliance, Western Bank, Visto's Trailer Sales. Local sponsors included the Ely Rotary Club, the Applied Learning Institute, as well as Northeast Range School.

**Briefly**

**Stages of the Range Players announce "Mystery at the Upton House" auditions**

VIRGINIA - "Mystery at the Upton House" is a murder mystery set in England at the beginning of WW2. Performance dates will be Dec. 29 and 30 at the Iron Trail Motors Event Center, as a dinner theatre, with Kunnaris catering the meal.

The cast consists of three males and three females. Auditions will be held in the Fireplace Room at the Event Center on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 6 and 7 at 7 p.m. For more info email s.r.p.theater@gmail.com or message https://www.facebook.com/StagesoftheRangePlayers, or call Pete at 218-780-1264.

**USMC Birthday Ball Nov. 10 at Valentinis**

CHISHOLM - The ball will be held at Valentinis in Chisholm Nov. 10 starting at 5:30 p.m. with social, dinner, and a program. This will be the 248th birthday of the Marine Corps which is a day full of tradition that only the "few and the proud" will fully understand. Last year more than 60 Marines attended from 21 to 94 years old. Tickets are \$10 per person, reservations are required. Email magnussonc@yahoo.com or leave a message at 218.969.7137. Semper Fi!

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

# EEDA to help with child care center construction

by CATIE CLARK  
Ely Editor

ELY- The Ely Economic Development Authority (EEDA) voted Oct. 31 to provide boiler and snowplow services to encourage the construction of a planned child care center inside the Ely Area Community Foundation (EACF) building on Miners Drive.

The EACF facility is the former Minnesota Department of Revenue Building, which the EACF acquired in Dec. 2022 with hopes of establishing a wellness facility along with a childcare center.

“Construction for the childcare will be in the near future, hopefully to finish over the

summer,” said Mayor Heidi Omerza, who is also on the EACF board. Omerza said she hoped that the facility could open “by next fall,” though cautioned that the opening date “is not definite.”

Harold Langowski, Ely’s clerk-treasurer, remarked that providing these services will help to keep the building in a ready and accessible condition, without the EACF or the potential child care provider having to incur the expense. “By providing a licensed boiler operator and plowing the snow, we can help keep child care affordable. It would be a short-term thing, during construction, as a credit towards child care in Ely,” said Langowski.

## Trails

The growing trail network in the Ely area, was another discussion item at EEDA’s meeting on Tuesday. Ely’s economic development consultant, John Fedo, reported on the disposition of Ely’s federal grant to build the trailhead facility. “We have our last federal sign-offs from the U.S. Economic Development Administration for the last piece of the \$1.5 million grant,” Fedo said, “and we have let the contracts (for the construction).”

Max Gray, of Hibbing, will serve as the general contractor for the trailhead facility, with construction set to get underway in 2024.

The EEDA also voted to inform the Ride the Range coalition that Ely is interested in joining. The EEDA discussed Ride the Range at its Sept. 26 meeting as a “matter of information.”

Ride the Range is a marketing collaboration between Iron Range Tourism and several Iron Range cities with developed trails and trail programs.

In other business, the EEDA board:

- Approved the invoice and activities report for August submitted by Fedo.

- Heard the report of Joe Hiller, director of Ely’s Housing and Redevelopment Authority, on

progress on finding a developer to work with on HRA’s proposed workforce housing project on the west end near the hospital.

- Approved the payment of EEDA’s August bills of \$13,892.

- Heard a report by Fedo that the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board has approved a second round of funding for Ely of \$50,000. This money will continue to fund Ely’s commercial corridor business loan and grant program. EEDA provided a \$50,000 match to receive the funding, which EEDA approved at their Aug. 29 meeting.

## HOMICIDE...Continued from page 1



The home at 38 Fir Circle where Clifford and Christine Johnson were recently slain.

photo by C. Clark

and beat Christine Johnson to death in her bedroom with a hammer. Police later found those same objects, both covered in blood, on the premises.

Duluth police had come into contact with Beldo sometime after the slaying when he entered Essentia-St. Mary’s in Duluth shortly after 11 p.m. on Oct. 28. Beldo, who may have been confused, had called 911 dispatch several times and reported he was in the jail waiting room, after having done “some really bad things.” Beldo had apparently driven himself to Duluth in the car owned by his victims, which was later found parked in west Duluth.

Beldo was subsequently taken into custody and has been housed in the county jail since the incident. The official criminal complaint was filed Wednesday.

A troubled past It remains unclear how Beldo came to reside with the Johnsons, although social media posts suggest that the arrangement had soured in recent weeks. The criminal complaint cites the couple’s granddaughter indicating that Beldo had been living at the Johnsons’ home for about a month.

On Oct. 12, Beldo posted to Facebook that he had a Section 8 apartment voucher and was looking for a new place

to live along with his dog, Willy. “Please I’m stuck in Babbitt, anyone who has an apartment (sic) for rent get ahold of me,” he wrote. Over the next ten days, his pleas for an apartment grew more desperate. “If you are a true friend to Willy and me it’s time to step up and prove it!!!!” he posted on Oct. 21. He posted similarly, again referencing an \$830 apartment voucher, on Oct. 23, Oct. 25, and Oct. 26, two days before the Johnsons’ bodies were discovered in their home.

Beldo’s struggles to find housing may have, at least to some extent, been self-imposed. The 54-year-old has a long history of troubled relations with others, including law enforcement. His rap sheet includes dozens of convictions dating back to the mid-1990s, mostly for disorderly conduct, petty assaults, and traffic violations including driving while under the influence. In 2013, he was convicted of felony domestic assault and the theft of a motor vehicle.

While some on Facebook lamented that no one had reached out to assist Beldo in the days before his alleged murderous spree, a long-time acquaintance of Beldo’s, who posted on Facebook, noted there was a reason that his pleas fell on deaf ears. “He’s on here making it look like all of his

friends aren’t stepping up to help. Reality is, many or most have, and he screwed them over so badly, or treated them so badly, after helping him, they had no choice but to cut him out,” wrote Ginger Lustila, who claimed to know Beldo well. “I know firsthand, how he turns on a person, after they have helped him all they can... he will

threaten, extort, blow your phone up, with endless texts, demanding more,” wrote Lustila. “So, it’s no surprise, it’s a SHOCK, that he killed the very people that helped him. I’m sure they’d had enough. And could do no more for him. He took advantage, he didn’t have to kill them.”

According to the Babbitt Police Department,

Beldo is believed to have acted alone and they indicated there is no reason to believe that there is any further threat to anyone in the community.

## Community reaction limited

Clifford and Christine Johnson were relatively new to Babbitt, having purchased their new two

bedroom home on Fir Circle in 2021, according to county records.

The Babbitt PD did offer condolences. “Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families during this tragic time,” stated the department in a press release

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## SECTION 7A VOLLEYBALL PLAYOFFS

# Section championship next stop for Ely?

Semi-final competition with South Ridge could prove biggest playoff test

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

ELY— The Ely Timberwolves may be the odds-on favorite to capture the Section 7A volleyball title again this year, but they'll be facing a major test on Wednesday evening (after the *Timberjay's* weekly deadline) when they take on South Ridge, the south subsection's

second seed, in the playoff's semi-final round.

The Panthers will be looking to avenge their semi-final round loss to the Wolves last year and they're riding a 13-game winning streak so they could well be the Wolves' biggest test in section play so far this season.

"The girls are really eager and hungry for a win on Wednesday," said Ely Head

Coach Megan Wognum. "We have been working hard at practice to refine some all-around skills to help us become stronger to play South Ridge. We know they will come ready to play so we need to do the same."

The Wolves were headed to the semi-finals after easily outpacing fourth-seeded Chisholm in the quarter-final round last Friday, 25-14,

**Right: Ely senior Hannah Penke led the team in kills during Friday's contest against Chisholm.** file photo

25-10, and 25-16. Senior Hannah Penke was back in top form for the Wolves, leading the way with 11 kills and 17 digs in the contest,

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## SECTION 7A VOLLEYBALL PLAYOFFS

# GRIZZLIES ADVANCE

Grizzlies fall to Vikings to end regular season

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook-Orr Editor

FIELD TWP- With only a couple of hiccups along the way, the North Woods volleyball team made its way to the 7A sectional tournament semifinals with 3-1 match wins over Deer River and Nashwauk-Keewatin last week.

The second-seeded Grizzlies opened at home on Wednesday, Oct. 25 against No. 7 Deer River, a team they defeated in straight sets during the regular season.

The Warriors hung tight through 8-8 in the opening set until the Grizzlies scored four consecutive points to take a 12-8 lead. It was all North Woods from there as the lead kept growing through the 25-15 Grizzlies win.

The knockout punch for the

**Above: The Grizzlies' Lauren Burnett goes up for a kill attempt against Nashwauk-Keewatin.**

**Right: Madison Dantes concentrates as she attempts a block.**

photos by D. Colburn

Grizzlies in the second set came when Addy Hartway took over at the service line. North Woods reeled off nine points in a row, with four aces by Hartway, to take a commanding 18-6 lead. A five-point run spurred by Tori Olson at the serve put the Grizzlies up 24-9, and Talise Goodsky sneaked in the set winner on a quick flip for a 2-0 lead.

The third set began to unfold in the same way as the

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## CROSS COUNTRY

# North Woods runners qualify for state XC meet

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook-Orr Editor

REGIONAL- A host of North Woods cross country runners are headed to the state meet in Minneapolis after boosting the South Ridge Panthers to the girls championship and boys runner-up trophies at the Section 7A championships in Coleraine on Thursday,

**Right: North Woods runners, pictured here along with assistant coach Dan Squires, make up the bulk of the South Ridge cross country team.**  
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Oct. 26.  
Zoey Burckhardt set the pace for the Panthers with an

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## CROSS COUNTRY



**Ely's Caid Chittum and Molly Brophy pose with their medals after their exceptional performances in last week's sectional XC competition.**  
submitted

# Brophy tops field at sections Chittum takes fifth

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

COLERAINE— Ely freshman Molly Brophy and junior Caid Chittum both ran the races of their careers to date here last Thursday, and it qualified each of them for the state cross country competition set for this Saturday in Minneapolis.

Brophy, whose running prowess has been building all season paced the field, taking first among the 95 girls from around Section 7 who competed in the section finals on the 5K course at the Eagle Ridge Golf Course. Brophy finished with a time of 19:12.9, nearly ten seconds ahead of second place finisher Olivia Pascuzzi, of Chisholm.

"Molly ran an exceptional race," said Ely Head Coach Jayne Dusich. "She was in the top three going out and led the way the last half mile or more. She ran smart and ran her best time ever."

As an eighth-grader, Brophy finished 54th last year among 158 racers at the state tournament with a time of 20:23, so anything close to her section-winning time this year could put her into the top ten at the state meet.

Chittum, who qualified for state competition in his sophomore year, shaved more than 45 seconds off last year's state tournament time at the sectional race with a time of 17:03.8. A similar time at Saturday's state meet could elevate Chittum into the top 40 runners in state competition. "Caid had a tough race as he was in a group most of the way," said Dusich. "He stayed strong and stayed up there."

Neither Ely team qualified for the state meet, as South Ridge took first and second in team competition while Carlton girls took second and Greenway-Nashwauk-Keewatin boys took first.

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while junior Clare Thomas racked up eight kills and ten digs. Junior Lilli Rechichi posted eight kills as well,

along with five digs and led in block assists with three. Freshman Audrey Kallberg added four kills and 11 digs,

while senior setter Sarah Visser posted 28 assists, six digs, and four ace serves. The Wolves made it to

Friday's quarterfinals after routing Littlefork-Big Falls in straight sets, 25-9, 25-9, and 25-11.

Penke again led in kills with 14, while Rechichi posted ten along with seven digs. Kallberg added five

kills, while Visser posted 29 assists and five ace serves.

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The Ely boys team finished third thanks to strong performances by Silas Solum, who finished 25th with a time of 18:04.5, freshman Brooks Brenny

who finished 29th with a time of 18:18.3, and Eli Olson who finished 35th in 18:42.4. Milo McClelland finished 39th with a time of 18:48.4. Ely boys runners

all posted their best times of the season in the sectional competition.

Ely's girls team finished in a tie for fourth. Eighth-grader Mattie

Lindsay helped boost Ely's prospects with a 17th-place finish in a time of 21:02.5. Senior Claire Blauch finished 21st, with a time of 21:19.3, while Elsa

Ellerbroek finished at 36th in a time of 22:05.6.

"A lot of good runners, including Mattie, Claire, Elsa, Anna (Dunn) and Kiarstin (Eaton) had their

best races of the year," said Dusich.

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eighth-place finish in a time of 20:22.9, and Addison Burckhardt came across the line in 12th place in 20:46.30. But the inspirational boost for the day came from 2022 sectional champ Evelyn Brodeen, who returned to the team after a six-week injury layoff to place 16th with a time of 20:56:40.

"Evelyn Brodeen, the defending section champion, ran a total of five miles

since Sept. 17 after suffering an upper quad strain," said Panthers Head Coach Jeremy Polson. "(This was) a gutsy performance that, to me, means more than her section championship last year. When you take your Michael Jordan out of the mix you know the odds are going to be stacked against you."

Tatum Barto crossed the finish line in 48th-place finish, clocking a time of

22:32.

The Panthers edged out Carlton for the team championship with 79 points, four better than Carlton's 83.

As he's been all season, the Grizzlies' Alex Burckhardt was the headliner for the Panthers' boys, capturing second place with a time of 16:41.5. He finished nine seconds behind champ Jack Riley of Carlton.

Polson had high praise for the next highest North Woods finisher, seventh-grader Khalil Spears, who placed 20th with a time of 17:53.9.

"Khalil Spears ran the race of his life," Polson said. "Adding him to our team this season completely changed the outlook of the season for us and put us at a level where we could compete for a state berth. I can't imagine there are too

many seventh graders in the state or the country running 17-minute 5k's."

Lincoln Antikainen also turned in a strong race, finishing 34th in the field of 104 runners with a time of 18:34.2.

Greenway easily took home the boys championship with four finishers in the top ten and 40 points, with South Ridge solidly in second with 83 points, 50 points better than third-

place Ely.

After a 30-year absence, the state meet returns to the University of Minnesota's Lee Bolstad Golf Course this Saturday. The Class A boys race will start at noon, followed by the Class A girls at 12:45 p.m.

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first two, but the Warriors wouldn't let the Grizzlies get away this time. Trailing by six at 15-9, Deer River fought back to a 20-20 tie, and took the lead 22-21 on a bump by Constance Bowstring. The Warriors' Ella Storlie gave Deer River a 25-23 win with a big kill shot off Grizzlies blockers.

The loss was only a momentary aberration for North Woods. With Hartway serving at 4-3, the Warriors couldn't find the court with a hit, misfiring a half-dozen times in a devastating 11-0 Grizzlies run. North Woods surrendered some of its 12-point lead down the stretch but scored a 25-17 win to take the match and advance.

Grizzlies Head Coach Kandi Olson warned her team that Deer River would be a tougher opponent than in the regular season.

"I told them is they had to remember that Deer

Rivers was here to fight for their life and they would give us everything they've got," Olson said. "They did tonight. They fought hard, and I have to give them props for that third game. We knew we had to come back stronger after that."

The Grizzlies' quarterfinals opponent, No. 6 Nashwauk-Keewatin, was an upset winner over No. 3 Mt. Iron-Buhl in the opening round and gave North Woods one of its toughest tests of the year during the regular season. Coming in with the same intensity they used to close out Deer River, the Grizzlies' attack in the first set was relentless as they steadily pulled away for a 25-14 win.

Clearly stung by the loss, the Spartans came out swinging in the second set, leading from the outset in building a 14-9 lead. Although North Woods

fought back to take a 17-16 lead, Nashwauk-Keewatin remained in control and evened the match with a 25-23 win.

The loss was a wake-up call for the Grizzlies, Olson said.

"Those kids after they got that loss in that game, they just said no, it's not happening again. We're changing this right now," Olson said.

The third set was almost a mirror image of the first, with the Grizzlies unrelentingly creeping away from the Spartans for a 25-16 win punctuated with a pair of Lauren Burnett kills.

The fourth and final set was perhaps the most competitive one the Grizzlies have played all season. With Olson at serve and Burnett and Hartway firing away North Woods raced to a 9-0 start that quickly ballooned to 13-1. The

Spartans simply had no answer for a Grizzlies team collectively playing in the zone, and North Woods cashed their ticket to the tourney semis with a crushing 25-7 win.

"Our serving was the killer," Olson said. "We had some absolutely fantastic offense going on, and we had some great faking that was creating offense. And all of that starts with our passers and setters. I just feel like it's really clicking with them."

The Grizzlies advanced to take on Floodwood in Wednesday's semifinal at Rock Ridge. Their regular season matchup, won 3-2 by Floodwood, was arguably the Grizzlies' sternest test of the season. North Woods would earn a slot in Saturday's championship match with a win, and go home with a loss.

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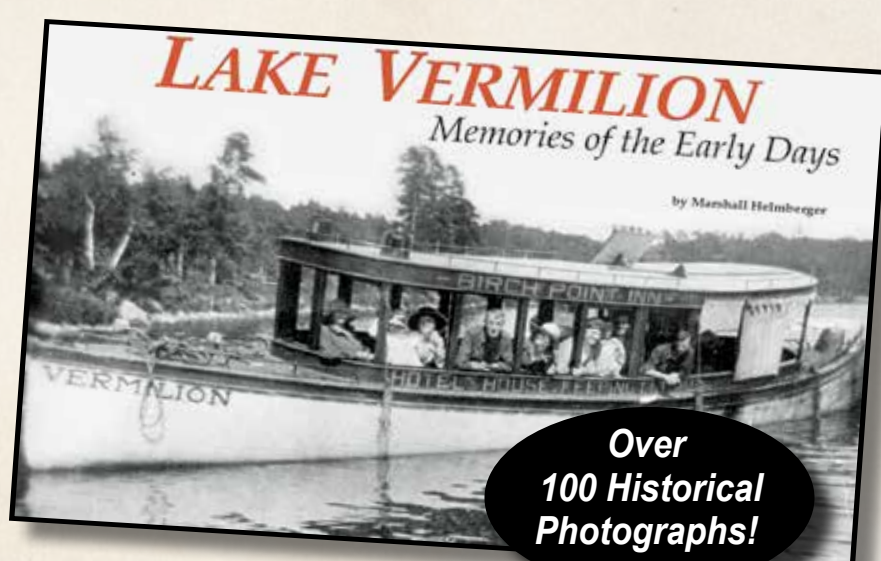
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**HIBBING-** Minnesota North College announces the launch of the State of Minnesota's North Star Promise Scholarship Program, which provides a "last dollar in" scholarship for students with Adjusted Gross Income of less than \$80,000 with the ultimate goal of expanding access to higher education and reducing the financial burden on students and their families.

The North Star Promise Scholarship program is designed to make quality higher education more affordable and accessible to a broader range of students. Starting fall 2024, eligible students with an adjusted gross income less than \$80,000 will be eligible for the scholarship, which is a "last dollar in" and will cover remaining tuition and fees after federal Pell Grant, and Minnesota State Grant are applied and any other scholarship or gift aid, allowing them to pursue their educational dreams without the overwhelming burden of student debt.

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Dr. Michael Raich, President of Minnesota North College, expressed excitement about the launch of the North Star Promise Scholarship program, saying, "Our mission has always been to make quality education accessible to all. The North Star Promise Scholarship program is a significant step in that direction."

The North Star Promise Scholarship program represents a commitment to addressing the rising costs of higher education dedication to its students and the community. The scholarship program covers all public colleges in Minnesota. For more information, please visit <https://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mpg.cfm?pageid=2590>.

**Mesabi Community Band Veterans Day Concert on Nov. 9**

**REGIONAL -** The Mesabi Community Band, under the direction of Bill Lavato and Larry Baker will present its annual Veterans Day Concert, on Thursday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. in the historic Eveleth City Auditorium. The band, in its forty-ninth year, will honor Veterans with an evening of patriotic music, including "National Emblem March," "In the Miller Mood," "God Bless America," and the popular "Armed Forces Salute," recognizing Veterans and active-duty members of the audience and band. The public is invited to enjoy this concert as a start to the week-end celebrating Veterans. Admission is a freewill donation.

A delightful performance of ethnic (including Finnish) music will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, at the meeting of Finnish Americans at Grace Lutheran Church located at 4010 9th Avenue W, Hibbing. Everyone is invited to this last meeting of 2023. A Christmas party for members will be held in December, and regular programs will resume in February. A coffee social time is part of the event.

Obituaries and Death Notices

**Joann Martin**

Joann Riendeau Martin, 89, of Embarrass, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023, at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth. A night visitation was held on Thursday, Nov. 2 at Range Funeral Home in Virginia. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 3 at St. Martin's Catholic Church in Tower. A luncheon will follow at the Embarrass Town Hall.

Arrangements are with Range Funeral Home in Virginia.

She is survived by her children, Melody, Dale, Billie Jean, Dean and Willy; 16 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; sisters, Joyce and Beulah; and brother, Willard.

**Jean S. Marinaro**

Jean S. Marinaro, of Babbitt, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023, at Boundary Waters Care Center in Ely. Per her request, there will be no service. Arrangements are with Landmark Funeral Home in Virginia.

She is survived by a son, Ronald Marinaro of Lake Vermilion-Tower.

**Assisted Living.**

A wake was held on Saturday, Oct. 28 and a funeral service was held on Sunday, Oct. 29, both at the Bois Forte Tribal Government Center in Nett Lake. Arrangements were with Mlaker Funeral Home of Duluth.

**Roger H. Thompson**

Roger Howard Thompson, 91, of Ely, died on Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023, at Carefree Living in Ely. A Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, Oct. 28 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely with Rev. Fr. Charlie Friebohle as celebrant. Inurnment was in the Ely Cemetery. Arrangements were with Landmark Funeral Home in Virginia.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy Schwegel Thompson of Ely; son, Steve (Barb) Thompson of Ely; daughter, Tami (Bernie) Barich of Babbitt; granddaughters, Abigail Thompson, Kelly Thompson and Anne Barich; sister, Marge (Vic) Tellez of Johnson City, Texas; brother-in-law, Don Schwegel of Brooklyn Center; and many cherished nieces and nephews.

**Anne S. Pyhala**

Anne S. Pyhala, 82, of Vermilion Lake Township, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023, at her home. Funeral arrangements are pending with Landmark Funeral Home in Virginia.

**Russell Robertson**

Russell "Russ" Robertson, 93, of Ely, passed away on Friday, Oct. 27, 2023, at Carefree Living in Babbitt. Family arrangements have been entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

**Robert L. Wilmunen**

Robert "Bob" Lloyd Wilmunen, 86, of Ely, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Oct. 26 at Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital with his family at his side, after a ten-year struggle with Parkinson's disease. Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to Landmark Funeral Home of Virginia. A celebration of life will be scheduled for the summer of 2024.

He is survived by his

wife of 62 years, Anne Richardson Wilmunen; sister, Shirley Wilmunen of Superior, Wis.; sons, Robert "Rob" Wilmunen of Ely and Bryan (Wendy) Wilmunen of San Antonio, Texas; grandchildren, Beth (Kevin) Hartshorn of Ely, Jay Wilmunen of Phoenix, Jacob (Christel Rudd) Wilmunen, Samuel Wilmunen and Matthew Wilmunen, all of San Antonio, Texas.

**Stanley J. Verbick**

Stanley James Verbick, 82, of Babbitt, passed away at home on Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Oct. 31 at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Babbitt. Burial was in the Argo Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

He is survived by his sons, Steve and Thomas (Cheryl); and grandsons, Travis and Dolon.

**Richard L. Maki**

Richard Leslie Maki, 67, of Buhl, originally of Cook, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023, at his residence. A memorial service was held on Friday, Oct. 27 at Range Funeral Home in Virginia. A private family burial followed.

He is survived by his brothers, William (Peggy) Maki of Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Robert Maki of Ridgecrest, Calif.; nephews, Jeff Maki and Chris (Krista) Maki, both of California; and nieces, Karen (Jeff) Hampton of Indiana and Susan (Brian) Hipp of Missouri.

**Frank J. Spollar**

Frank Joseph Spollar, 81, of Gilbert, originally of Soudan, passed away peacefully with family and friends by his side, at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth on Thursday, Oct. 19, 2023. A Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, Oct. 28, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Gilbert. Arrangements were with Ziemer Moeglein Shatava

**Funeral Home of Gilbert.**

He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Genny; children, Carine (Paul) Bajda and Gayle (Justin) Forsman; grandchildren, Kendall, Kolton and Gavin Bajda, Abigail and Ailie Forsman; sister, Diane (Mike) Hanzal; sister-in-law, Mary Ann Spollar; many special nieces and nephews; and numerous other family and friends.

**Clifford and Christine Johnson**

Clifford Johnson, 78, and Christine Johnson, 79, of Babbitt, passed away Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023, at their residence.

Arrangements are pending with Range Funeral Home in Virginia.

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# Outdoors

Our lives in the  
Northwoods

## THE CHANGING CLIMATE

### Fall leaves are turning, falling later

Aspen are reaching peak color about eight days later than 40 years ago

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— It's not just your imagination. Leaves are changing color later than in the past here in the North Country, and we're not alone. All across North America, the dramatic colors of fall are coming later than in decades past, driven by the general warming of autumn temperatures as a result of climate change.

Temperature isn't the only factor that governs the timing and brilliance of the fall color change, but it is one of three factors that most influence the

transition. According to University of Minnesota forest ecologist Lee Frelich, day length and soil moisture are two other primary factors that influence fall color.

All three factors clearly played a role in this year's unusual fall season, notes Frelich. The late summer drought and a cool start to September seemed to spark a more typical maple change here in the North Country, with a peak around the end of the third week of the month. But significant rains in late September and record heat in early October seemed to put autumn on hold for at least ten days, as many

**Right: Many area aspen were still showing their autumn gold in late October this year, well past their normal peaks. The aspen peak is arriving more than a week later than 40 years ago, a reflection of the changing climate.**

photo by M. Helmberger

maples held their showy leaves and later-turning trees, like aspen and birch, stayed green.

Frelich said some trees in the Twin Cities that had changed in late

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## 2023 REGULAR FIREARMS DEER SEASON

# IMPROVE YOUR ODDS

Wildlife officials say scouting and time in the stand are the best ways to improve your chances

REGIONAL— With a still-depleted whitetailed deer population across northern St. Louis and Lake counties, hunters will want to take steps to give themselves the advantage when the regular firearms deer season gets underway a half hour before dawn on Saturday.

"Scouting will help you," said Jessica Holmes, Tower Area DNR wildlife manager. Buck movements can seem random, but they're often working a route in their hunt for does and hunters who take the time to read the signs and predict buck movements can give themselves the advantage.

Time in the stand is also key, notes Holmes. While deer are known to be crepuscular (active at dawn and dusk), they often have periods of activity in the middle of the day, particularly during the rut, which is now underway. That's especially true, notes Holmes, when moonlight allows deer to remain active at night. Deer that have been up during the nighttime hours will often bed down to rest around dawn, but typically become active again around midday.

Remaining on your stand during lunchtime hours, when many deer hunters are typically back at camp to warm up and refuel, can also give you an advantage.

"You should sit all day if you can," said Holmes.

Hunters will need to take such steps if they hope to improve their odds in a season when most are likely to come up empty. A



MARSHALL  
HELMBERGER

## DNR's northeastern Minnesota report

Per the DNR: "Deer populations in many northern areas of Minnesota are still struggling to recover, following back-to-back severe winters.

During severe winters, thermal cover and forage availability become more important. In deep snow, deer have more difficulty moving around and become more susceptible to predation. The best deer harvest opportunities in the northeast part of the state will be in the southern portion of this region, where deer numbers are higher and not affected

low deer population following back-to-back severe winters in the region, along with the resulting restrictions to bucks-only for most hunters, is going to reduce hunter success, predicts Holmes. "It will probably be similar to last year... maybe down even a little bit," she said.

On the more hopeful side, Holmes and other local observers have noticed a remarkable increase in deer activity in the past couple weeks after a summer when deer seemed to be all but absent in many areas. "It's like someone just turned the light switch on," said Holmes.

The onset of the rut along with unseasonably cool weather the last week or so has probably prompted that increased movement, said Holmes. Temperatures are expected to return to a more seasonable pattern by opening weekend, with lows in the 20s and highs in the mid-to-upper thirties and chances of mixed precipitation.

by winter weather to the same extent as permit areas farther north.

The highest deer numbers are expected in areas of mixed habitat of open fields and forest. Scouting for local pockets of deer will improve hunter success. Hunters in far northern areas will again have fewer opportunities to harvest antlerless deer, and in some areas will only be allowed to harvest bucks. This will give local deer populations in these northern areas a chance to grow where their numbers are below goals established in public deer

### Shifting perspectives

With the region's deer population running below goal for most of the past decade, Holmes said hunters are beginning to express increasing frustration. While the past two winters, which both saw a deep and dense snowpack, have impacted winter survival of deer, many hunters are also pointing to the region's high wolf population as another factor.

DNR biologists say winter conditions and the lack of good winter cover in some parts of the region remain the primary source of mortality for deer in northeastern Minnesota, and generally downplay the impact of wolf predation.

Whatever the reasons, hunting success has been down in recent years in the region and hunters have noticed. "I've had a lot of phone calls from hunters locally," said Holmes. "They're tired and fed up."

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## TRADITIONS



### Send us your hunting stories

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

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Contact Marshall Helmberger at 218-753-2950 with your stories or email them to [marshall@timberjay.com](mailto:marshall@timberjay.com).

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

## Outdoors briefly

### Make a plan for a safe deer hunt

REGIONAL — The Minnesota DNR's online "make a plan" tool ([mndnr.gov/deer-hunt](http://mndnr.gov/deer-hunt)) provides a comprehensive list of information hunters should consider before heading to deer camp. Hunters can walk through the steps to consider, including knowing the hunting regulations, planning for deer processing, getting their deer sampled for CWD, being safe and making the most out of their hunt. To use the online tool, all hunters need to know is the deer permit area number or DPA numbers where they intend to hunt, which they can find on an interactive deer map.

In Minnesota, archery deer season began Sept. 16 and continues through Sunday, Dec. 31. Firearms deer season is Saturday, Nov. 4, with various closing dates depending on a hunter's DPA. Muzzleloader is Saturday, Nov. 25, through Sunday, Dec. 10.



**Outdoors briefly**

**OHV restrictions take effect during firearms deer season**

REGIONAL — Recreational use of off-highway vehicles will be restricted on some state forest trails and access routes during the upcoming firearms deer season, according to the Minnesota DNR. The restrictions — which do not apply to state forest roads — aim to protect recreational riders from potentially unsafe riding conditions and avoid potential conflicts between deer hunters and riders.

Vehicles affected by the restrictions include all-terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles and registered off-road vehicles, such as four-wheel drive trucks.

Licensed deer hunters may still travel these routes on an OHV during or after legal shooting hours and from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

The riding restrictions take effect from Nov. 4-19 in northeastern Minnesota.

“Recreational OHV riding has become a year-round sport for many people, but it’s important to keep safety as the top priority during deer hunting season,” said Joe Unger, Minnesota DNR OHV consultant. “We thank everyone in advance for their attention to safety when visiting state forests this fall.”

**Deer hunters encouraged to share wildlife observations**

REGIONAL — Minnesota deer hunters can use an online log to report wildlife they see while hunting. Data from the observation logs help the DNR estimate population level trends for deer and track wildlife distribution for other species across the state.

Using a mobile device or desktop computer, hunters can enter informa-

tion on the DNR website about wildlife they see each day of hunting, including deer, turkeys, bears, fishers and other species. They’ll also be able to report specific information about any deer they harvest. Hunters are encouraged to fill out a report after each hunt, even if they don’t see any deer that day. The online questionnaire will be available until Jan. 15, 2024.

**Share your best venison recipes**

REGIONAL — Calling all deer hunters! Do you have a favorite venison recipe? Share it with the Minnesota DNR by Thursday, Nov. 30, for a chance to be featured on our website, social media and other publications.

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taste darn good. Wild game meals give hunters a chance to fully appreciate their harvest, share with friends and family, and connect with nature on a deeper level.

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**LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST**

from NOAA weather

| Friday    |    |    |       |     | Saturday  |    |    |       |     | Sunday    |    |    |       |      | Monday    |    |    |       |     | Tuesday   |    |    |       |       |
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September actually turned green again as the return of moisture and summer-like heat prompted the trees to restart the production of chlorophyll, which is what makes leaves appear green.

Aspen, which used to peak right around Oct. 2 or 3 on average here in the North Country, peaked this year on Oct. 14, or almost two weeks later than used to be the rule. That’s according to well-known phenologist John Latimer, who is based in the Grand Rapids area. Latimer has documented the aspen peak in the region since 1984 and his data, which he shared with the *Timberjay*, shows that the aspen peak now comes about eight days later than it did forty years ago. Back in the 1980s, peak aspen color arrived on Oct. 1 on average. Today, it doesn’t arrive until Oct. 9 on average.

His data shows a remarkable amount of variation within that trend, with the earliest peak reported on Sept. 23 in 1986, coming less than a year after the latest peak in his records, reported on Oct. 21, 1985. The late change in 1985 was a dis-

tinct outlier at the time, but aspen peaks in the middle of October are increasingly common in the region, while September peaks have become increasingly rare. In the first ten years of Latimer’s record-keeping, aspen peaks arrived in September (average: Sept. 26) six years out of ten. In the last ten years, however, only 2016 saw a September aspen peak, and that came on Sept. 30, the latest day possible.

The impact of climate change is being seen in the trend toward the later arrival of fall colors, according to Frelich, primarily as a result of warming temperatures, particularly overnight lows. The autumn months of September and October are among the fastest-warming months in Minnesota based on recent trends.

Precipitation is a factor in leaf change but there’s no clear signal on whether climate change is making Minnesota drier, or wetter, or simply prone to more extremes. Frelich noted how an exceptionally dry year, like 1976, accompanied by an early late-summer chill, contributed to one of the earliest fall color seasons on

record. “Fall color peaked that year around Labor Day,” he recalls.

Climate change is making conditions like experienced in 1976 increasingly unlikely, and that’s not just because of milder temperatures in the fall. He said the increasing level of CO2 in the atmosphere is also likely to keep plants producing chlorophyll later into the season. CO2 levels in the atmosphere have increased from roughly 280 parts per million in the pre-industrial age to approximately 425 ppm currently.

One thing that won’t be affected by climate change is day length and Frelich said that sets an absolute date by which trees will begin to shut down. “At a certain point day length becomes controlling,” he said. He figures by the end of October in most of Minnesota, the daylight hours are too limited to support the production of chlorophyll, no matter how warm temperatures might be. That means even though fall color may come later in the future, it will still be part of the Minnesota experience for years to come.

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But Holmes said a change in perspective can make a difference. “For me, it’s still about the family time,” she said. “The time sitting around the wood stove after you’ve been out all day is what makes the memories.”

**The details**

The season gets underway offi-

cially at 7:28 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4 and runs through Sunday, Nov. 19. The moon will be a week past full, which will begin to brighten the nighttime woods beginning around 2 a.m.

Don’t forget that those times will change by an hour beginning Sunday, Nov. 5, when we revert to

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## POSITION OPENING

**Ely Public Schools  
High School Paraprofessional**

Ely Public Schools is accepting applications for a Paraprofessional for the 2023-2024 school year; background check required.

- Qualifications include:**
- Associate's Degree/equivalent or complete a Para Pro exam with a passing score ([www.ets.org/parapro](http://www.ets.org/parapro))
  - Preferred experience working with school age children
  - Evidence of ability to work cooperatively and communicate effectively in a collaborative setting
  - Ability to perform job description duties

- Benefits include:**
- Paid sick leave, personal days and vacation
  - Health and life insurance
  - Flexible spending account
  - PERA retirement

Application available at: [www.ely.k12.mn.us](http://www.ely.k12.mn.us)

- A complete application must include the following:**
- District Application
  - Resume
  - College Transcripts
  - 2 letters of recommendation

Return materials to: Ely Public Schools, Attn: Superintendent, 600 E. Harvey St., Ely, MN 55731 or email [lwestrick@ely.k12.mn.us](mailto:lwestrick@ely.k12.mn.us). Contact the District Office for a complete job description.

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Hours: 6.5 hours/day

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## PT EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR

Seeking part-time Executive Administrator. 10 hrs/wk Iron Range Partnership for Sustainability. See [www.irpsmn.org](http://www.irpsmn.org) for details. 11/3

## Tribal Police Officer

**Closes: 11/14/2023**

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## Ely Police Department • Ely, MN

**Full-time Patrol Officer**  
**Deadline: Open until Filled**

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Applicants must be P.O.S.T. licensed or eligible for licensing at the time of hire. Applicants must be a U.S. Citizen, possess a valid MN driver's license, pass a background check, physical fitness exam, and psychologic examination prior to appointment. To be considered, you must submit a City of Ely application. Lateral transfers are encouraged to apply; pay and benefits may be evaluated based on years of service and experience.

Contact Sandy at Ely Police Department at 218-504-5146 to obtain an application or go to the City of Ely website at [www.ely.mn.us](http://www.ely.mn.us)

*The City of Ely is an equal opportunity employer.*

Ely Police Department  
 209 E. Chapman Street, Ely, MN 55731  
 (218) 504-5146

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## CryptoQuote

**AXYDLBAAXR**  
 is **LONGFELLOW**

One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

FXU EQCA CLNLF FE EZY

YUBCLRBFLEQ ES FENEYED

DLCC HU EZY KEZHFM ES FEKBA.

— SYBQPCLQ K. YEEMUOUFC

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## Super Crossword

### Answers

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 NAMEHOLDER: Ashley Sage Snyder, 2214 E 41st St., Hibbing, MN 55746 United States  
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 SIGNED BY: Ashley S. Snyder  
 MAILING ADDRESS: None Provided  
 DATED: Oct. 20, 2023

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## KUGLER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

The Kugler Town Board will hold their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 5 p.m. at the Kugler Town Hall.

Christopher Suihkonen, Town Clerk

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## PUBLIC NOTICE BREITUNG POLICE DEPARTMENT

A trailer was recovered from Lake Vermilion, March 2023. To identify, claim, and pay recovery fee, call the Breitung Police Department at 218-753-6660.

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# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Netting
- 5 Composer Porter
- 9 "I'm not impressed"
- 12 Dog food brand
- 13 Send forth
- 14 Chopper
- 15 "Arrivederci!"
- 16 Marathon fraction
- 17 Blemish
- 18 Difficult
- 19 JFK info
- 20 Gentle soul
- 21 Victory
- 23 Greek X
- 25 Quick run
- 28 Cry of distress
- 32 Exact

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- 52 Regarding moment
- 33 Broadcast again
- 34 Rouse
- 36 Caviar provider
- 37 "Xanadu" band
- 38 "— Blue?"
- 39 Family fight
- 42 Zodiac animal
- 44 Frost
- 48 Hostel
- 49 Future tulip
- 50 Tex. neighbor
- 51 Scribble (down)
- 52 Regarding Paris airport
- 53 Paris airport
- 54 Equi-
- 55 "Scram!"
- 56 Calendar squares
- 7 Fragrant flowers
- 8 Summer on the Seine
- 9 Crib cry
- 10 Physical
- 11 Basil or thyme
- 20 Bread and butter, so to speak
- 1 Jet speed measure
- 2 Director Kazan
- 3 Practice pugilism
- 4 Bamboozled
- 5 Solidify
- 6 Skip
- 7 target
- 31 Historic time
- 35 "Take your time"
- 36 Panda's diet
- 39 South Pacific nation
- 40 Eve's grandson
- 41 "Do — others ..."
- 43 Sax range
- 45 Gumbo veggie
- 46 Friend
- 47 Beams
- 49 Some coll. degrees

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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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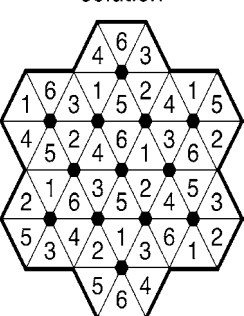
## DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## PET CREMATION

VISIT VermilionPetCremation.com or call 218-780-8069 for pet cremation details and rates.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

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

TOPS- Meetings every Monday at 4:45 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Virginia.

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

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

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

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

AL-ANON MEETING IN COOK - Ashawa Al-Anon Family Group meets at Trinity Lutheran Church, 231 2nd St. NE, Cook, at 7:00 pm Sunday. This meeting is for families and friends of alcoholics.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## CryptoQuote

answer  
The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today. — Franklin D. Roosevelt

Answers  
Solution time: 21 mins.

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by Japheth Light

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

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

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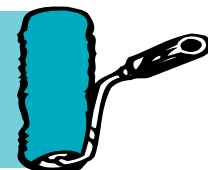
- ACROSS**
- 1 Kiddie-lit elephant
  - 6 Seder bread
  - 11 Warren in the Pro Football Hall of Fame
  - 15 Numbered work of a composer
  - 19 "I'd love to help"
  - 20 Fictional town in an Edgar Lee Masters title
  - 22 Intensity, with "up"
  - 23 Aged female horse that has won lots of singing awards?
  - 25 Dog food brand
  - 26 Flimsy
  - 27 Hive swarm
  - 28 "Lie Down With Lions" novelist Ken
  - 30 Romanov royal
  - 31 -fi film
  - 33 Michael of "Superbad"
  - 34 Stephen of the screen
  - 35 Time when everybody turned down their radios all at once?
  - 41 -v. Wade
  - 42 Aussie critter
  - 43 Soporific drug
  - 44 Electrolysis particles
  - 45 Reading quickly in the Scandinavian manner?
  - 50 Novelist Stout
  - 52 Hammer or Spade
  - 53 History topic
  - 54 Hot tub sigh
  - 56 Tranquility
  - 60 Brainchild
  - 62 Big meeting to discuss protective metal gear?
  - 66 Foot the bill
  - 69 A-bomb, e.g.
  - 71 "— dare?"
  - 72 — Lilly
  - 73 "Tamerlane" poet
  - 74 Cold, damp park birds?
  - 79 Declare
  - 82 Apia locale
  - 83 Elton John's '70s label
  - 84 Figure skater Midori —
  - 86 Bet to win and place
  - 90 Cloning stuff
  - 92 Was an overly aggressive barber?
  - 96 Cato's "to be"
  - 99 — alla Scala
  - 101 Intensity, with "up"
  - 102 Antique auto
  - 103 Trouncing in a number-adding contest?
  - 109 Bullring call
  - 110 Balcony box
  - 111 "Send help!"
  - 112 Netflix rival
  - 113 Medium for burning data
  - 115 Pork serving
  - 118 Of sentence units
  - 121 Cork's land
  - 122 Decreed to be the most prudish?
  - 126 Observes
  - 127 Computer programming output
  - 128 More skillful
  - 129 Chances
  - 130 Covered with bathroom rolls, slangily
  - 131 Outback food
  - 132 Fliers' homes
- DOWN**
- 1 Strike with the horns
  - 2 Court champ Arthur
  - 3 Lead-in to "done that"
  - 4 "Eek!"
  - 5 Add ammo to
  - 6 Emails or texts: Abbr.
  - 7 Wet mo.
  - 8 Come — halt
  - 9 Body not staying at rest?
  - 10 "My treat!"
  - 11 Family in computer games
  - 12 DuVernay of "Queen Sugar"
  - 13 Flawless
  - 14 Request in advance, in a way
  - 15 Spoken exam
  - 16 Sicily's capital
  - 17 A gazillion
  - 18 Brief plugs for political candidates
  - 21 Bread variety
  - 24 — Lube (STP alternative)
  - 29 Chou En- —
  - 31 Add fuel to
  - 32 Groups on church risers
  - 33 The Plame affair, informally
  - 35 Hammer or spade
  - 36 52-wk. units
  - 37 Dad's partner
  - 38 Longtime wire svc.
  - 39 Moses' peak
  - 40 Seltzer, e.g.
  - 41 ICU VIPs
  - 46 Imbiber's hwy. offense
  - 47 "— be nice if ..."
  - 48 Like taffy
  - 49 Bea Arthur sitcom
  - 51 Air-testing gp.
  - 55 Hispanic "hello"
  - 57 Intensity, with "up"
  - 58 Loving sound
  - 59 Previous to, poetically
  - 61 12-hour clock toggle
  - 63 Lowing sound
  - 64 Fluid dram fraction
  - 65 "Hawaii —" (Jack Lord series)
  - 66 Acer offerings
  - 67 Styled after
  - 68 Orange tuber
  - 70 Say aloud for transcription
  - 75 Net access provider
  - 76 Groom, e.g.
  - 77 "The Dance" singer Brooks
  - 78 Canned heat
  - 80 Good Grips brand
  - 81 Nursery cry
  - 85 Dramatist Clifford
  - 87 Merry-go-rounds
  - 88 Not kosher
  - 89 Hurry-scurry
  - 91 For free
  - 93 Furious state
  - 94 Spill cleaner
  - 95 Sony products
  - 96 1962 Paul Anka hit
  - 97 Tarnished
  - 98 Tarnished
  - 100 Chinese soup
  - 104 Sort
  - 105 Facet
  - 106 "Surprised to run into you!"
  - 107 University in Greenville, South Carolina
  - 108 In a blazing brandy sauce
  - 114 Fed Eliot
  - 115 Ace or queen
  - 116 Fruit drink brand
  - 117 Tip jar bills
  - 118 Nursery school, briefly
  - 119 Play — (perform some songs)
  - 120 Env. items
  - 123 Receivable
  - 124 John in court cases
  - 125 High-tech organizer

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