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## EVENTS

### Ely Marathon weekend kicks off Friday at Whiteside Park

by JODI SUMMIT  
Tower-Soudan Editor

ELY- If you struggle to imagine running a full marathon, you certainly can't imagine doing it while portaging a canoe. Yet nine hardcore athletes have signed up to do just that as part of the Ely Marathon, set to be run Saturday. The weekend of events will kick off Friday, Sept. 20 in Whiteside Park.

In addition to the canoe

portage marathon, runners will compete in the half marathon portage, and relay portages. Most runners, of course, will participate in the full and half marathons the traditional way, sans canoe.

While online registration is closed for this weekend's races, last minute registration will be available at Whiteside Park on Friday from noon-10 p.m., which is also packet pickup for those preregistered. Pre-

registered racers can also pick up their packets before boarding the bus to the race starting line early Saturday morning.

#### 5K Glow Run

Friday events feature the 5K Glow Run, sponsored by the Northern Lights Clubhouse, which starts at Whiteside Park at 7 p.m. There will also be inflatables for children's fun, food trucks, and a beer and root beer tent. Registration for the 5K

**Right: A runner and her dog near the finish line in Whiteside Park during last year's half marathon.**

file photo

is at Whiteside Park this year and is available on Friday. This is a family-friendly event and suitable for all ages. Running legends Dick Beardsley and Dane Rauschenberg (who ran 52

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#### DISTRICT 3A FORUM

### Speaking of politics

House candidates face questions at Ely forum

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

ELY— The three candidates for the District 3A seat currently held by Roger Skraba faced questions here for 90 minutes Tuesday night, ranging from the disposition of school trust lands in the BWCAW to abortion rights to gun safety.

The candidate forum, sponsored by the American Association of University Women and Ely Rotary, featured former Ely Mayor and first-term Rep. Roger Skraba, International Falls Mayor Harley

**Above: Roger Skraba addresses a question while (l-r) Rich Tru and Harley Droba look on, with questioner Jeff Sundell in the background.**

**Right: The audience half-filled the fine arts theater at the Minnesota North-Vermilion campus.**

photos by M. HelMBERGER

Droba, and Independent candidate Rich Tru, of Two Harbors.

Moderator Joe Weise told the roughly

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#### GREENWOOD

### Officials walk out over public notice tiff

by JODI SUMMIT  
Tower-Soudan Editor

GREENWOOD TWP- It may only take two to tango, but it takes three for a quorum to conduct a town board meeting here. And that was all the board could muster after two of its members, along with the town treasurer left the table last Thursday, Sept. 12, complaining that improper notice made the meeting illegal under state law.

The remaining three supervisors, chair Lois Roskoski, Craig Gilbert, and Paul Skubic then ran the meeting as scheduled.

The reason for the walkout, led by supervisor John Bassing, and joined by supervisor Rick Stoehr and treasurer Jeff Maus, was terminology. Based on the meeting's posted agenda, and a notice that appeared in the township's official newspaper, the Sept. 12 gathering was for a regular meeting. Bassing claimed that because the date of the meeting had been changed, it became a special meeting and had to be noticed as such.

In fact, Minn. Stat. 13D.04, Subd. 1 specifically allows for a change in the date or location of a regular

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#### FIRE DANGER

### Wood Lake fire prompts several closures in BWCAW



by CATIE CLARK  
Ely Editor

THE BOUNDARY WATERS- Several lakes, portages, and campsites within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness remained closed this week as a result of a slow-grow-

**Left: Smoke rose from the Wood Lake fire in this Sept. 14 photo.** photo courtesy USFS

ing wildfire on the northeast shore of Wood Lake, located just inside the wilderness boundary. Although the U.S. Forest Service removed one lake and three portages from the closure list earlier this week, the fire reportedly remained active. Visitors to the wilderness should consult the forest service closure list before venturing into the area.

The continued dry, warm weather has increased fire danger

in the region, which is one reason the forest service remains in full suppression status with the blaze, currently pegged at 27 acres and 25 percent contained.

A small crew of firefighters have focused their attention on keeping the blaze on the north side of the lake, which is furthest away from structures located outside the wilderness. Fire officials are concerned that the fire could jump a narrows on the

far east end of the lake, which could put the fire within a mile or two of resorts, outfitters, and cabins on Moose Lake and other portions of the Fernberg Road.

Forest service officials believe that the Wood Lake fire had a human origin and they are requesting any information people may have regarding the start of the fire. Please email the

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## Community notices



First time participants Carol Norberg (left) and Barb Burgess displayed their finished paintings. submitted

## LVCC Wine and Watercolor Event a Success!

SUDAN- The Lake Vermilion Cultural Center hosted its fourth Wine and Watercolor event on Aug. 28 at the Vermilion Park Inn. The class sold out quickly and painters came from near and far to participate. Local watercolor artist Linda Smith was the instructor. She lives on Lake Vermilion-Tower much of the year but is also on the Zumbrota Area Arts Council Board and teaches classes there. Smith generously donated her time, talent, and the \$900 proceeds of the event to the cultural center. This year, participants painted hollyhocks. While the subject is the same each painting turned out uniquely, showcasing the eye of each artist.

The LVCC wishes to thank Linda Smith, all who helped with the event, and those who participated in a fun evening for a good cause.

## Timber Hall upcoming events

EMBARRASS- Outdoor movie night set for Saturday, Sept. 21 at dusk. Snacks will be available for purchase. Bring your chair, blankets, and pillows to enjoy a nostalgic movie outdoors at Timber Hall.

Pancake breakfasts will resume starting the first Saturday in October. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 6-10, with children 5 and under free. Breakfast is served from 8 – 11 a.m.

Plan ahead for the fall jigsaw puzzle competition on Saturday, Oct. 5 at 11:30 a.m. Teams of four compete to complete a 500 piece puzzle in the fastest time. All teams are given the same puzzle (part of the registration fee). Pre-registration is required, must be 13 or older. Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 for a team of four. Contact Sue at 218-750-2718 prior to the event to register. Participants can bring gently-used puzzles for a puzzle swap.

## Free tickets for veterans to the critically acclaimed show "Letters from Home"

ELY - Northern Lakes Arts Association is proud to present the internationally celebrated show "Letters from Home," on Saturday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m., at Ely's Historic State Theater. This performance is a chance for audiences of all ages to be transported through time with the music and spirit that carried American troops through the toughest times in history. "Letters from Home" is more than just a show— it's a tribute to the sacrifices made by our veterans and a celebration of the power of music and laughter to heal and unite.

Founded by Erinn Dearth in 2010, "Letters from Home" was created to honor her late father, a U.S. Coast Guard veteran, and to bring the nostalgic entertainment of the USO to life once again. Over the years, this patriotic performance has grown into a national sensation, delighting audiences in theaters and veterans' hospitals alike. From World War II to Korea, Vietnam, and beyond, "Letters from Home" celebrates the resilience of the American spirit through music, comedy, and electrifying performances.

Joined by the charismatic Dan Beckmann, Erinn Dearth leads a heartwarming ensemble that has left audiences worldwide spellbound. Their unforgettable routines include timeless melodies, dazzling tap-dancing, and witty comedic interludes that have graced stages from prestigious theaters to performances at the 75th Anniversary of D-Day in Normandy, France, and veterans' celebrations in Belgium.

Tickets are available at [www.northernlakesarts.org/tickets](http://www.northernlakesarts.org/tickets).

As a special tribute to our veterans, Northern Lakes Arts is offering free tickets for veterans, thanks to the generosity of community members and the organization itself. Veterans can claim their free tickets by selecting the special "Veteran Ticket" at checkout as a thank-you for their service.

## NORTHERN LAKES ARTS ASSOCIATION

## Guatemalan singer-songwriter Mercedes Escobar to perform in Ely

ELY— On Sept. 27 at 7 p.m., Guatemalan-born singer-songwriter Mercedes Escobar will grace the stage at the Vermilion Fine Arts Theater, bringing her spellbinding fusion of blues, country, and Latin music to audiences in Ely. Known for her hauntingly beautiful voice, Escobar is returning to the spotlight after a four-year hiatus, performing what she calls "Latin Americana."

Tickets are \$25 for general admission, \$20 for NLAA members, \$18 for seniors/veterans, and \$10 for ages 18 and under. Minnesota North students get free admission. Tickets can be purchased online through the NLAA website or at the venue on the day of the performance. With such a limited run, this is a rare opportunity to witness the rising star of Latin Americana music in an intimate setting. For more information please visit <https://www.northernlakesarts.org/tickets>.

Described as a mesmerizing blend between the raw intensity of Howlin' Wolf and the soulful ballads of Linda Ronstadt, Escobar's sound uniquely captures the grit of old-school blues and the vibrant sonic traditions of her Guatemalan heritage. Her performance promises to take the audience on a musical journey, weaving together the energy of roots blues with the emotional storytelling of Latin rhythms.

Escobar's return to live performance comes after several years of



visa-related restrictions, but she's now back stronger than ever and is currently working on a bilingual full-length album featuring collaborations with music legends like Joe Bonamassa and Luis Conte. Over the years, she has also shared the stage with Grammy Award-winning producer Gaby Moreno. Her performances have captivated fans worldwide, and this will be her first concert in Ely.

"The community of Ely will experience something truly unique," said Ian Francis Lah, executive artistic director of Northern Lakes Arts Association. "Mercedes Escobar's voice carries a power and raw beauty

that leaves audiences transfixed, and we are thrilled to bring her talent to our stage." This concert is hosted by the Northern Lakes Arts Association (NLAA), which is dedicated to providing high-quality, affordable arts experiences to the Ely community while supporting local talent and fostering cultural growth. The concert promises to be an unforgettable night for fans of all genres, offering something special whether you are drawn to the soulfulness of blues, the storytelling of country music, or the rhythms of Latin American traditions.

## BOIS FORTE

## Renovations underway at Heritage Center

VERMILION RESERVATION- The Bois Forte Heritage Center & Cultural Museum is undergoing renovations but is still open to the public. Currently, archives are being carefully moved to another location while the HVAC system is being replaced over the course of several months. They are also looking to purchase hand-made items



from Bois Forte Band members. Located on the shores

of Lake Vermilion and on the grounds of the Fortune Bay Casino, you can still visit the center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. There are extraordinary exhibits such as the Mural of Migration by Carl Gawboy that tells the story of our migration, a full size Waaginaagan (birch bark house), a Lake Vermilion Indian Boarding School ex-

hibit, and many ways to explore the customs and way of life of the Ojibwe people. Please call ahead for group tour reservations. Prices are \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and children, and free for Bois Forte Band members. The Heritage Center is located at 1500 Bois Forte Rd. in Tower, and the phone number is 218-753-6017.

## BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

## Entrepreneur Fund receives \$9 million from philanthropist

Unrestricted gift will enable the nonprofit to strengthen small businesses

DULUTH - The Entrepreneur Fund (EFund) is proud to announce that it has received an extraordinary \$9 million unrestricted gift from Yield Giving, an organization established by billionaire philanthropist MacKenzie Scott. This transformative investment will allow EFund to further its mission of supporting small businesses and driving economic growth in underserved communities across Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The donation was received on Sept. 5, 2024, and was part of Yield Giving's "Quiet Research" process, in which the organization conducts in-depth, private research to identify nonprofits with "high potential for sustained positive impact." EFund was selected without submitting an application or solicitation, and the gift comes with no restrictions, allowing the organization full discretion in its use.

"Our entire team was taken by surprise when we received the news," said Shawn Wellnitz, CEO of EFund. "An investment of this size from MacKenzie Scott and Yield Giving is a mean-



Entrepreneur Fund

ingful affirmation of EFund's mission, the work we do, and the efforts of our staff, board of directors, partners, funders, and communities. This is a game changer for our work going forward."

To date, Scott has donated over \$17.3 billion to more than 2,300 nonprofit organizations. EFund, a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), will be recorded under the financial inclusion and economic development focus areas. Only 12 nonprofits in Minnesota and Wisconsin have received donations in the same organization reported areas.

"We are grateful to everyone who shares our mission," said Crystal Rohde, EFund board chair. "This work

is not done alone, and this gift is a testament to our strong partnerships and the work we've achieved together so far."

From 2021-23, EFund served over 3,400 entrepreneurs and extended over \$73.7 million in loans that provided critical relief, catalyzed growth, and fostered success across various stages of business. EFund will use this opportunity to leverage its strategic priorities, including driving growth-track companies, supporting business ownership transitions, and expanding access to capital across rural and underserved communities in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

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TOWER AREA AMBULANCE SERVICE

# Dena Suihkonen receives award for outstanding EMS care

by JODI SUMMIT  
Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER- When Tower Ambulance Director Dena Suihkonen received the invitation to join a panel discussion at a medical conference last week, sponsored by Essentia Health, she had no idea there was an ulterior motive. The annual conference, which focuses on care for heart attack patients, provides continuing education credits for medical professionals.

"I was invited to come down by Richard Mullvain, the Essentia Health STEMI program manager in Duluth," she said. STEMI is an acronym for patterns seen on an electrocardiogram when a patient is actively having a heart attack.

To her surprise, Suihkonen arrived to learn she was selected by the Essentia staff to receive the STEMI Award for Outstanding EMS Professional, the first time the honor has been given to a member of the Tower Ambulance Service. Essentia also awarded the service a free automated defibrillator device, valued at around \$2,000, donated by the PulsePoint Foundation.

"Dena has shown professionalism and going that extra mile over the years on many, many cases," Mullvain told the *Timberjay*. "She also made a big difference in the life of a gentleman earlier this summer. She is very resilient, receptive, and always wants to know how to do her job better."

Mullvain said the award is a chance to recognize all that she has done to keep the ambulance service going for the Tower-Soudan community.

"She is just a class act," he said, "and a rock star. We are impressed by her tenacity. She has made a big difference. Her loyalty and dedication to her community makes her deserving of this award."

The award was based on her overall record of care, in addition to care given on



Richard Mullvain, Essentia Health STEMI program manager, presented the award to Dena Suihkonen at a conference on Sept. 13. submitted

a specific ambulance call, which she was reviewing during the panel discussion.

Normally this award goes to a paramedic, Suihkonen, who is an National-ly Registered Emergency Medical Technician, said. This year they gave out two awards for EMS, one to a paramedic in Cloquet, and the second one to her.

While ambulance calls for heart attack symptoms are not that common, Suihkonen said it is a time when the ambulance crew truly has a chance to save a patient's life, by getting them to a hospital that can treat the patient immediately. In our area, that means getting the patient to Duluth. Sometimes patients do not realize the danger they are in, and are reluctant to go in the ambulance, saying they don't feel that bad.

Suihkonen was invited to speak about a specific case, when the care provided went above and beyond the immediate medical needs of the patient. "There are

things we have done to help get people to take that ambulance ride," she said. "These are opportunity times for someone suffering a possible heart attack. If you miss this window, patient outcomes suffer."

At the conference, Suihkonen related an incident involving an out-of-state island resident on Lake Vermilion. He hadn't been feeling well, Suihkonen said, and was seen at the Scenic Rivers Medical Clinic in Tower. The nurse practitioner did an ECG, and the doctor reading the results felt it looked like a possible heart attack, so the Tower Ambulance was called.

"But he told us he felt too good and nothing was wrong," said Suihkonen, "and was refusing the ambulance ride."

Suihkonen talked with the patient. She explained they don't "get extra points" for convincing a patient to take a ride in the ambulance. With some backup from the

nurses at Scenic Rivers, the patient finally agreed to be transported.

"He was concerned about his boat, at the marina at Fortune Bay, which had his truck parked at the clinic," she said. "I promised him that after I got back from the ambulance call, I would take his truck to the marina, secure his tools from the boat, and then leave his locked truck at Fortune Bay." In addition, Suihkonen got in contact with the patient's wife, and promised to keep her updated about his care.

This above and beyond level of care is something you see in small towns, Suihkonen said.

"He couldn't believe that I would do all that to get him to agree to get treated."

Both Virginia ALS and a medical helicopter were called. The patient was transported by ambulance and then helicoptered out from the Y Store. He was then treated immediately at the Essentia Heart and Vascular Center, and it was determined he had suffered a heart attack, possibly a few days prior, but was at risk for another life-threatening event if he hadn't been treated in Duluth.

Suihkonen said she had no idea she was being given an award for her efforts in the case.

"I was recognized because of my skill in doing my job," said Suihkonen. "Sometimes you wonder if you are good at what you do. But when this large health care system says you are that feels good."

Suihkonen said Essentia has done many trainings with the Tower Ambulance crew, traveling to Tower to work with their EMS personnel. "They have been champions of our service for a long time," she said. "Essentia helped us get the grant to purchase our first ZOLL ECG monitor."

The ambulance service sees six to eight STEMI events a year, Suihkonen

said, but that number seems to be increasing since COVID, possibly due to people not having preventive care during that period.

"We've taken STEMI patients off of islands and even out of Trout Lake," she said. "We are catching them and getting them where they need to go."

The Virginia ALS is always called out to assist on these calls, noted Suihkonen. They are able to start a patient on medication before they arrive in Duluth, which means they can undergo surgery sooner.

"There are medications that need time to get working before a patient can go to the cath lab," she said. A catheterization lab is where tests and procedures are performed, such as stents (to open clogged arteries), angioplasty, and insertion of pacemakers.

## ZOLL AED

The new AED device donated by Essentia will be installed in the lobby at the

Lamppa Civic Center, said Suihkonen, which is typically open to the public.

"It is automatic," she said. "You push a button, and it does it for you."

While CPR training is important, you do not need CPR training to use this unit. It is also networked into a cell phone application, that notifies anyone nearby who has had CPR training on the location of the emergency.

Suihkonen said it is important for people to realize that "everybody can save a life."

"You can't hurt someone if they aren't breathing," she said. "The unit will tell you, step by step, what to do. If you don't try it, they won't have a chance." The unit provides text, voice, and visual prompts.

While CPR success rates can be low, Suihkonen said they have brought people back using this equipment.

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## Editorial

### A failing nation

Trump's GOP takeover suggests America is in real trouble

Donald Trump was absolutely right about one thing during last week's debate with Kamala Harris. The former president repeatedly called the United States a failing nation, and his very candidacy is evidence of the degree to which the world's most crucial democracy has, indeed, fallen on hard times.

It is difficult to imagine a healthy America in which the nominee from one of the two major parties could be so utterly detached from reality. The mainstream news media regularly accuses Trump of lying, but his statements (while clearly false) aren't actually lies if he is delusional enough to believe them. The evidence increasingly suggests delusion, fueled by his increasing isolation from objective sources of information.

At last week's debate, Trump demonstrated more clearly than ever before the degree to which he marines in the alternative reality of the far-right media universe in which immigrants eat our pets, babies are executed after birth in blue states, and dictators like Vladimir Putin and Hungary's Viktor Orban are considered character references. Call it "Trump World," a magical place where other world leaders fawn in awe at the great man's strength and wisdom, and where all his rallies are attended by adoring throngs who hang on his every word.

Reality, of course, is vastly different.

Indeed, the split screen of last week's debate presented what was certainly the stark-est contrast in any presidential debate in U.S. history, between an angry and intellectually lazy old man and a much younger, much sharper, and far more disciplined opponent in Vice President Kamala Harris. As much as Joe Biden erred in his decision to challenge Trump to debate last June, Trump erred in ever agreeing to walk on the same stage as Kamala Harris.

Within the first few minutes, she exposed Trump's lack of preparation. With Trump, it was like watching one of those young, dumb sunfish hanging out at the end of a Minnesota dock, waiting to rise to any crumb one might toss its way on the end of a hook. Harris just had to dangle the bait and Trump would be off, down some rightwing rabbit hole spewing nonsense, the meaning of which was unintelligible to those of us not steeped in the daily excretions of NewsMax, Breitbart, or the Fox News knuckle-draggers.

As Trump gyrated on stage, virtually at Harris's com-

mand, his suggestion that the vice president would be a push-over for foreign leaders was exposed as just another Trump delusion. In "Trump World," Harris is just some lightweight (Trump calls her "dumb as a rock") with a funny laugh. Yet last week, she demonstrated exactly the opposite, live on American television, as she took control of the debate and quickly exposed Trump for the weak and ignorant blowhard that he is. Harris's experience as a prosecutor certainly wasn't wasted.

As Harris got under his skin, he became increasingly flustered, resorting to his usual huffing and puffing, repeating "the same old, tired playbook" as Harris has described it. Harris just looked at him, clearly amused, knowing that she was in complete command of the evening.

In a healthy democracy, last week's debate would be all most Americans would need to see to recognize that Trump is unfit for the office of the presidency, and that Harris is a far superior choice. As later fact-checking confirmed, the bulk of Trump's claims were, as usual, exaggerated or outright false. He is either dishonest or unable to distinguish fact from fiction, either one of which should be disqualifying. But it was Trump's lack of discipline that stood out most of all. Someone with the impulse control of a sunnie is a clear and present danger as the commander of America's military.

None of this, of course, is news. What we witnessed last week was simply Trump being Trump. What is astonishing is that one of America's major parties could ever nominate such a man, and that, if polls are to be believed, that the race for the White House remains neck and neck.

Despite his many shortcomings, Trump has proven remarkably effective at one thing, and that's convincing large numbers of ill-informed Americans that virtually everything about our country is corrupt. In doing so, he has left our nation badly divided, between Americans who live on a more-or-less reality-based planet and those who live in the walled-off silo of make-believe known as "Trump World." It's a divide that could well end America's 248-year experiment in democratic rule.

Hopefully, events like last week's debate can begin the process of bringing some of Trump's victims back to reality and begin to repair the tattered fabric of the nation.

THE MOST BAFFLING STATEMENT MADE DURING THE TRUMP/HARRIS DEBATE



## Letters from Readers

### Retain incumbent

#### Justice Karl Procaccini

Early voting begins in a few days and I requested my mail-in ballot to fulfill an important civic duty. If you are like me, you fill out your General Election ballot and then turn it over and see all of these judicial races that you know nothing about and are tempted to pass on them. But as a lawyer, I know how important these races are. Having represented folks in court, I want qualified judges, good judges, dealing with the affairs that impact me, my relatives, friends and neighbors. The good judges I have appeared before have been appointed by Republicans, Democrats and Independents and have all shared certain traits. Good judges are smart, kind, and caring, tough, and courteous to all who appear before them, and follow the law regardless of their personal opinion.

Our job as voters is to reelect judges who fulfill that promise. We want our friends, neighbors and family to be treated with dignity, with the focus on their issues, not some agenda. Judicial races—on the backs of our ballots—deserve your attention, and incumbent Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Karl Procaccini deserves your vote. He has been doing the job and exhibited all of the qualities of a good judge.

In his time in office, he's fulfilled that promise and more. Karl is committed to ensuring fairness, integrity, and equal justice for all. Karl has something critical to the job he holds, and that is real life experience. He was raised by a single mother and knows hardship and the value of hard work. Due to hard work, he graduated from law school with high honors, worked for two distinguished judges, and became a partner in a law firm.

He provided free legal services to clients, worked to preserve election integrity in Minnesota and protect citizens' rights, and taught at two law schools.

Karl left a successful law practice and took a pay cut to give back

to his neighbors by joining the governor's office as general counsel. His steady hand provided important expertise and common sense on everyday issues that matter to Minnesotans. Karl and his team were responsible for helping solve problems as they popped up, addressing issues like floods, blizzards, and fuel shortages. Some issues seem small to some, but Karl knows there are no small issues to the folks most affected.

Justice Karl Procaccini now needs your vote to remain on the court. Don't let Minnesota lose the services of this stellar individual and wise judge. Turn your ballot over and vote for Karl Procaccini.

**Kelly Dahl Cook**

### United we stand

On Fridays you may see us by the side of the highway campaigning for Vice-president Kamala Harris and Tim Walz. There's a lot of enthusiasm for the Harris/Walz team out there, which is communicated with loud honking, energetic waving, thumbs up and other gestures of support and hope. On the other hand, we have learned to expect a certain amount of abuse. Some conservatives have the decency to show their disdain with a thumbs down or a sideways headshake, simple gestures that respectfully convey their preference. Others, perhaps those with high blood pressure, are a lot more demonstrative. Not all, but many bikers, drivers of battered saloons, huge SUVs and late model pickups towing fancy boats and campers flip us off and/or shout insults. This is ugly enough but some of the expressions these people use are downright nasty: "Grab her by the p\*\*sy!"; "You people are a bunch of f\*\*king morons!"; "You must be retarded!"; "I wish your parents had had an abortion so I wouldn't have to look at you!" This ugliness communicates anger and since anger is often an expression of fear, I'd like to know what these people are afraid of.

Are they worried that immi-

grants are going to eat their pets? Do they anticipate that Harris and Walz are going to take away their guns? Do they think that their children will be taught to be ashamed of their Western European ancestry? Can they possibly believe that anyone will 'execute' their grandchild following a full-term abortion? These are just a few of the many absurd myths propagated by conservative leaders about their liberal opponents. It's totally egregious, but it's effective in maintaining the division that is our nation's greatest weakness.

Over and over during his pathetic performance during the debate with Kamala Harris, Donald Trump stated "she is destroying America." This is simply not even close to being true. The only thing that can destroy the United States is the hateful, divisive rhetoric of our conservative lawmakers. Our two-party system should be a strength, but over the past eight years it has become a liability thanks to the power of the lie.

The November election will be pivotal in our history. The results at this stage are far from certain, but whoever wins, we have only one way forward. Let's look at the facts, shelve our differences, agree to disagree if we have to, but for the good of the country let's control our emotions and work across the aisle to keep America great.

**David Stanton Cook**

## We welcome your letters

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

We ask that letters be limited to 300 words.

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

## COMMENTARY

# Trump's delusions around tariffs threaten the economy

One of the biggest economic concerns in the current presidential campaign centers on Donald Trump's promise to launch a major trade war with virtually every U.S. trading partner, including our allies, should the voters return him to the White House. That would be a huge mistake, which is why economists are increasingly negative about the economic consequences of a Trump presidency.



**MARSHALL HELMSBERGER**

Trump has argued for high tariffs going back to the 1980s, under the dubious theory that by allowing other countries access to the U.S. market without high tariffs, the U.S. was allowing trading partners to build up large trade deficits, making America poorer in the process. In fact, Trump's arguments then, and his ar-

guments for even more aggressive tariffs today, show his fundamental misunderstanding of how tariffs function.

There is a place for tariffs when they are used to provide temporary protection to allow a new industry to become established in a country, or to protect a domestic industry from an unfair trading practice, such as dumping. This was the case with steel tariffs against China, first imposed under the Obama administration that have continued at various levels to this day.

At one time, tariffs were a significant source of government revenue in the U.S. At times, tariffs accounted for almost 90 percent of federal revenue. But since the early 20th Century, the U.S. has relied on the far more progressive income tax to generate the bulk of government revenues. Fairer taxation is one of the factors that allowed for the growth of the U.S. middle class.

Tariffs are an extremely regressive form of taxation, very much like a sales tax, that fall hardest on the working class, because low-

er-and-middle-income families spend a much larger percentage of their income on consumer goods, which are typically the subject of tariffs when those goods are imported.

Because of that, tariffs have traditionally been very unpopular with the majority of Americans. Indeed, high tariffs imposed on the colonies by the British Parliament in the late 1700s were one of the primary grievances that led to revolution.

Contrary to Trump's claim, tariffs are without question a tax on the con-

sumers within the country that levies them, so when he says he'll impose a 20 percent tariff on all imported goods, and even higher tariffs on some products from places like China, he's talking about what would amount to the largest tax hike on working families in generations.

When Vice President Harris calls his plan a "Trump sales tax," she's not far from wrong. Indeed, the conservative-leaning Tax

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# Letters from Readers

## Join me in supporting Lorrie Janatopoulos

Lorrie Janatopoulos has worked to make the Iron Range a great place to live, work, and raise a family for decades.

I have spent over twenty years on the Iron Range as a teacher and several years as president of the Virginia Education Association and co-president of the Iron Range Service Unit. I have seen firsthand how Lorrie supports collective bargaining and strong unions. She believes in a fair retirement to help prevent burnout and allow turnover in the profession bringing the newest educational methods and tools to our schools to continue our world class education.

She stands behind unions and working families. Working for the Department of Employment and Economic Development, Lorrie saw the struggles of families to meet day-to-day needs and get an education. She will work to implement and expand programs that will improve their lives and secure a better horizon for us all.

Lorrie will work to support our public education system, K-12 and beyond, looking out for our future.

I am supporting Lorrie Janatopoulos for Minnesota House District 7B seat, knowing that she will take that same energy and spirit to St. Paul to represent all people in our community—families, workers, children, seniors, everyone who calls the Iron Range home. I hope Lorrie can count on your support too!

**Rene Henderson  
Fayal Township**

## Climate change is a critical issue that Trump dismisses

Many presidential voters base their votes on the issues that candidates say they can solve, such as inflation, immigration, abortion, etc. Voters rarely consider candidates from the point of view of costly harm the candidates may do to our economy, our well-being, and our international relationships.

The most important issue our country and the rest of the world faces is climate change. It is caused by cumulative pollutants generated as the result of the industrial age. Other issues pale compared to the deadly change in our climate that will harm or cause death to millions of people if permitted to go unaddressed.

Extreme high temperatures are causing crops to wither and livestock to die, limiting our food resources for the world. Roads, bridges, and buildings, including homes, are experiencing damage and destruction. We have already lost the lives of countless people due to destructive floods, mudslides, hurricanes, and wildfires.

These predictions sound alarmist, and they are. If not addressed early in their destructive evolution, these

natural forces will become a reality for current and future generations.

Donald Trump says climate change is a “hoax,” but he has not cited even one reputable scientist to refute the reality of climate change. During his previous administration, he rolled back more than 125 environmental safeguards. Incredibly, he canceled U.S. participation in the Paris Climate Agreement, an historic agreement with 195 signatory nations. Trump believes he is smarter than the collective wisdom of all the world’s nations even though people are already dying from the effects of climate change and entire ecosystems are collapsing.

Additionally, he plans to open even more public lands for the drilling of fossil fuels. He actively leads public chants such as “Drill Baby Drill,” the results of which will increase one of the most harmful greenhouse gases.

If Trump is elected President, he will not only cause irreparable and unrecoverable damage in the United States and the world by disregarding efforts to curtail climate change, but also will instigate additional harmful climate actions for generations to come.

**Gerry Snyder  
Ely**

## Trump may well back a nationwide abortion ban

I am a believer in having as little governmental interference in our lives as possible while still maintaining a civil and functioning society. Governor Walz’s credo: “Mind your own damn business!” really sums it up when it comes to governmental involvement.

For over 52 years, the *Roe v. Wade* ruling made abortion legal across all of the United States. Women who felt that in their personal situation an abortion was the right answer were able to make that decision. Other women in other situations, maybe with other beliefs, may have chosen differently but it was their decision. All other people could advise and support but would have to mind their own business.

With the recent Supreme Court ruling overturning *Roe v. Wade*, each state can determine to what extent, if any, abortion is the woman’s choice. Currently 41 states are limiting women’s right to decide what is right for their situation.

Page 6 of former President Trump’s policy plan for his administration if elected, Project 2025 states: “But the Dobbs decision is just the beginning. Conservatives in the states and in Washington, including in the next conservative administration, should push as hard as possible to protect the unborn in every jurisdiction in America.” The logical expectation is that if Trump is elected, the outcome would be a nationwide ban on abortion. That certainly is not government minding its own business!

Now, after 52 years, our Supreme Court could no longer mind its own damn business. Do you think Trump will mind his own damn business?

**Keith Steva  
Cook**

## School trust land sale is contrary to law

In regards to the proposed sale of Minnesota state school trust lands within the BWCA, the 1964 Wilderness Act states: “STATE AND PRIVATE LANDS WITHIN WILDERNESS AREAS

SECTION 5. (a) In any case where State-owned or privately owned land is completely surrounded by national forest lands within areas designated by this Act as wilderness, such State or private owners shall be given such rights as may be necessary to assure adequate access to such State-owned or privately owned land by such State or private owner and their successors in interest, or the State-owned land or privately owned land shall be exchanged (emphasis mine) for federally owned land in the same State of approximately equal value under authorities available to the Secretary of Agriculture.”

The Wilderness Act is specifically about designated wilderness, and how to address private and state lands surrounded by the designated wilderness. There has been no assured access to state-owned or private lands within the wilderness. The lands must be exchanged for equal value outside of the wilderness.

There was an attempt by Rep. David Dill in 2012 to sell School Trust Lands in the Boundary Waters to the highest bidder, according to school trust lands law, but that failed when people realized there would be private ownership in the Boundary Waters.

MN S.F.1750 passed by Minnesota Legislature and signed by Governor Dayton on April 27, 2012 supported the 1964 Wilderness Act in the matter of school trust lands, stating:

“92.80 EXPEDITED EXCHANGE OF LAND WITHIN BOUNDARY WATERS CANOE AREA WILDERNESS FOR FEDERALLY OWNED LANDS.

(a) The purpose of this section is to expedite the exchange of a portion of the state-owned lands located within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. The state owns 116,559 acres of land within the wilderness area, 86,295 acres of which are school trust land.

(b) Exchange of school trust lands within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness for federally owned lands located outside the wilderness area will preserve the spectacular wild areas while producing economic benefits for Minnesota’s public schools.”

In 2017, the Conservation Fund tried to push through a three-way sale involving the school trust and

the Forest Service, with the fund as intermediary— but the effort failed.

As to The Great American Outdoors Act, passed in 2020, it is a historic investment in the protection and sustainment of our public lands and Bureau of Indian Education funded schools. The GAOA established the National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund to address overdue maintenance needs. This fund does not allow the purchase of School Trust Lands in the Boundary Waters. The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) was fully and permanently funded by the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) in August 2020. The law provides \$900 million in annual deposits to the LWCF. The fund helps strengthen communities, preserve history and protect the national endowment of lands and waters.

It is not legal for states and federal agencies to disregard federal laws they disagree with. A state cannot “nullify” a federal law unless and until the federal statute has been found by a federal court as being unconstitutional. Even then, it is not nullification, and the state is bound by the federal law.

What the state and the Forest Service should be looking to do is to reimburse the school trust fund for lost revenue for all Minnesota school for the past 60 years.

**Nancy McReady  
Ely**

## Define me by my actions

Am I a Christian?  
Do I follow the Ten Commandments?

Do I love my God but have strange Gods before me?

Do I put power, money, possessions, status, and ego before God?

Am I willing to kill, harm, or harass anyone who disagrees with me?

Have I committed adultery?

Have I stolen something that I desired?

Have I told lies, insulted, or spread untrue gossip?

If my answers are yes, am I a Christian, am I lying to myself and my neighbors?

**Or am I MAGA?  
JoAnn Halunen  
Virginia**

## Debate showed why we need to turn the page

Well, the long-awaited debate is over.

The first question was about the economy. Kamala talked about her tax plan for first-time business owners who want to start a business, a tax break for families who want to buy their first homes, and she wants billionaires to start paying their fair share.

Donald scowled and argued with the moderator, blaming the Dems for everything that’s wrong with the world. He bragged about putting a 20-percent tariff on everything that isn’t made in the USA. He obviously does

not understand how tariffs work.

The next question was about abortion. Kamala spoke about how dangerous it was for women to be denied care they really need, and that abortion should be up to a woman and her doctor. She believes the government should not tell a woman what to do with her own body.

Donald continued pushing the lie about Democrats (and Tim Walz in particular, in Minnesota) executing babies after they are born. Murder of babies is a crime in all 50 states in case you didn’t know. The moderator asked if Donald would sign a national abortion ban. Donald would not answer.

Donald accused immigrants from Haiti of eating dogs and cats in Springfield, Ohio. Even the moderator tried to tell him it had been fact-checked and there was no evidence of it. Donald interrupted and talked over him to say he’d seen it on TV.

Kamala laughed in disbelief, and said that was not true at all, but only a right-wing conspiracy theory.

When Kamala was asked about her health care plans, she said she’d always supported Obamacare and the Affordable Care Act, and supported Medicare and Social Security.

When Donald, looking grumpy, sweaty, and tired, was asked the same question, he said, amid more lies about the Dems, he was looking at different plans. When asked again about his plan, he said he had “a concept of a plan.” When he was President, he had promised “a better plan” many times, but never kept that promise.

When the subject was supposed to be about foreign affairs, Kamala pointed to her experience as Vice President with the foreign leaders of our allies.

In contrast, Donald yelled about Democrats, World War III, and how his good friends had warned him it would be the demise of our nation, if he was not elected. His good friends were Viktor Orban, Vlad Putin, and Xi Jinping.

Trump, with his weird obsessions with crowd size and a whole selection of “alternate facts,” constantly

talked over the moderators got five extra minutes of time that Kamala didn’t get.

It’s time to turn the page and chart a new way forward.

**Kate Furness  
Ely**

## Janatopoulos will be a strong advocate for education

I’m a retired educator, having spent 35 years teaching in the Minnesota State College system. So, I’m a bit of an education geek when it comes to evaluating political candidates. Lorrie Janatopoulos has an amazing educational background which has prepared her for the many kinds of work she has done to date and bodes well for her time in the Minnesota Legislature.

She has a bachelor’s degree from St. Scholastica with a minor in management, a master’s degree in public affairs from the U of M Humphrey School of Public Affairs and has been awarded an executive certificate in public leadership for completion of the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government’s Executive Education program. More impressive is that Lorrie was an adult learner; she went back to college while her son was in high school.

In my 35 years of teaching, I witnessed what a college education can do for an individual’s perspective on the world, opening avenues for understanding and dialog with diverse populations. I saw folks in my classes come alive with curiosity and wonder at how the social world works (I taught sociology). And I saw students go on to lead many kinds of public careers in community service. Lorrie has spent her entire employed life in public service. I applaud that.

If you value education please join me in supporting Lorrie Janatopoulos for the Minnesota House of Representatives! She’ll be a strong advocate for public education and will work hard for opportunities for our Iron Range students, whether pre-K, K-12, technical or community college or beyond.

**Marlise Riffel  
Virginia**



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## TARIFFS...Cont. from page 4

Foundation has concluded that Trump’s tariffs would amount to a \$524 billion tax increase on Americans, the vast majority of which would fall on low and middle-income families. According to the Tax Foundation, his plan would cost an estimated 624,000 U.S. jobs and shrink the GDP by at least 0.8 percent. And those estimates do not include the effects of the global trade war, and likely global recession, that his actions would inevitably spark.

If the U.S. could impose tariffs in a vacuum, one might be able to argue that the economic pain tariffs would cause most Americans could be justified if it increased U.S. manufacturing as companies opted to produce goods here at home. But we don’t live in a vacuum and as we saw in 2018

when Trump launched a trade war with China, things quickly devolved into tit-for-tat countervailing tariffs on U.S. goods, including U.S. farm commodities, which sent farm economies into a tailspin and even led to a decline in U.S. manufacturing and a net loss of jobs.

What’s more, subsequent research has shown that the tariffs imposed by Trump were paid, dollar for dollar, by U.S. consumers through higher prices for affected products. The Tax Foundation’s analysis found that Trump’s earlier trade war cost the typical U.S. family about \$625 a year in higher costs for consumer items. And Trump is now proposing far higher and broader tariffs on virtually everything we import into the U.S., which will undoubtedly cost the

typical American family thousands of dollars a year.

Trump’s tariff plan would be the largest wealth transfer from working class Americans to the mega-wealthy we’ve ever seen. Trump has claimed that his tariff plan will help pay for extending his 2017 tax cuts, over 80-percent of which went to big corporations and high-income individuals. He’s claimed that his tariffs will raise trillions of dollars, eliminate the deficit and enable the U.S. to fund many services, like child care, we can’t currently afford— and suggests other countries will pay for it all. Trump is either delusional or he’s lying. None of this will happen, just like Mexico didn’t pay for Trump’s wall.

If tariffs were really a way to raise tax revenues

from foreign countries, every country would impose high tariffs. They don’t do so, because governments don’t pay tariffs. The private companies that import products pay the tariffs and they pass those costs on to their customers. This is Economics 101, and all the economic research on Trump’s 2018 trade war with China show that’s exactly how it played out.

Trump is proposing to use highly regressive tariffs to raise money on the backs of U.S. consumers, to fund more tax cuts for billionaires like him. It’s a shell game and Trump is anticipating that his supporters are too slow to figure it out. No wonder he says he “loves the poorly educated.”

Week of Sept. 23

**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. New location in the old St. James Church building. Next food shelf day is Oct. 15.

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.

**Correction**

The *Timberjay* had incorrect information in the article about the Solkela Polkela concert on Sept. 19. Free will donations were being taken to help cover the cost of the food being served, not as a donation to the Tower Food Shelf. The *Timberjay* apologizes for the error.

**TSHS weekly winner**

TOWER- The Week 1 winner of a \$100 cash prize of the Charlemagne's 52 Club is Theresa Malek of Tower.

This is the first of a 52-week drawing winner announcement for the second year of the Charlemagne's 52 Club fund raiser. Watch this space each week to learn the winner and to learn a bit of Tower-Soudan-Lake Vermilion history.

**History Tidbit:** The first doctor at the Soudan Hospital was Dr. W.E. Harwood of Joliet, Ill., who took charge on May 1, 1889, and remained there until October 1, 1897. One of the most beloved doctors, Dr. R.L. Burns, who came to the hospital in 1908, performed the first operation on Clarence Williams for a hernia.

**Tacos with Cops set for Saturday, Oct. 5**

SOUDAN- The third annual Tacos with Cops fundraiser will be held on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 12 - 5 p.m. at the Breitung Community Center. The event is hosted by Breitung Police Chief Dan Reing and his family. There will be authentic tacos, public safety information and resources, and community dialog. A freewill donation will be taken which will help fund Breitung Police Department special projects.

**Lunch Bunch to meet on Sept. 27**

TOWER- The Lunch Bunch will meet on Friday, Sept. 27 at the Tower Café from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. RSVP to Kathy at 218-753-2530. Every is welcome to join the group for lunch and conversation.

# Miner's Memorial project almost complete

by JODI SUMMIT  
Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER-SOUDAN- The Miner's Memorial Project, an attempt to document all the miners who lost their lives while working at the Soudan Mine, is almost complete. The project is being undertaken by the Tower-Soudan Historical Society, with help from the Lake Vermilion-Soudan Underground Mine State Park.

Starting in August, information on the 143 miners were available at the Tower Train Depot, though more work is still being done to make the presentations final. These miners died between 1884 and 1957. This is the first time all this information has been collected in one place.

Once finished, there will be three complete sets of the information, one for the train depot, one for the state park visitor center, and one for the historical society archives.

"We still need to write some stories we have gleaned from our research," said Elaine McGillivray, pictured at right, who has been actively working on this project. "We will be working on completing these stories over the winter."

The goal of this project is to help remember this important, yet sad, part of this area's history. The project was started by Andy Larson, who worked for 27 years as an interpretive guide at the mine and was a former president of the historical society. He created an initial list. Then in 2019, McGillivray learned of the list, and started to do present-day research. McGillivray has a great-grandfather who died in the mine in 1894. A small group of volunteers worked on research, using the Iron Range Research Center in Chisholm and other historical records.

Historical society members Mary Shedd and Leon Anderson are



working on an update to the TSHS website. It will include the nine-page spreadsheet (in both PDF and searchable format) with details on

each miner, a key, and some interpretive material.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

## Motorcycle group roadtrips to Tower to make donations



by JODI SUMMIT  
Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER- First responder and public safety groups in Tower, Vermilion Lake, Eagles Nest, and Breitung received another donation of toy bears from about 20 members of the East Central ABATE club.

ABATE members traveled from places like Elk River, Cambridge, Blaine, St. Cloud, Andover, and Isanti to be part of this wonderful event.

The ABATE group provides support for young riders by providing scholarships for safety training, runs the Buddy Bear Program providing stuffed bears to first responders throughout the state, offers a dial-a-ride service for motorcycle riders, and advocates for motorcycle rights through legislative initiatives.

The group plans to make a yearly donation to our local first responders and will be making a trip up with their group again to present the bears next year. This is the sec-

ond donation of buddy bears made by ABATE to our area first responders.

Chapter President Jim Pierson presented a special "Mama Bear" to Jen McDonough, owner of the Tower Café, as a thank you for coordinating the event. He presented a bear to her that was picked out by his wife Kelly, who passed away this past summer after a motorcycle accident.

"This bear will have a special place at the cafe," said McDonough,

"watching over all of us for many years to come."

A big thanks again to ABATE for their generosity and to our local first responders for their continued service. If you'd like to learn more about ABATE feel free to visit their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064514237382> or their website at: <https://eastcentralabate.org/about-us>.

**TOWER-SOUDAN ELEMENTARY**

## School celebration and Big Truck Night set for Thursday, Sept. 26 starting at 3:30 p.m.

TOWER- Tower-Soudan Elementary has some celebrating to do, and they are hoping that along with students and their families, community members will stop by to see the improvements at the school, including the gymnasium remodeling paid for by a grant from Lake Country Power, who will have some repre-

sentatives at the event.

The event starts at the school at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 26, when everyone will gather in the gym. There will be a few short speeches, and then time to check out the shiny, new gymnasium additions plus the new cafeteria seating (funded by the school district).

The book fair will also be open at this time for parents, kids, and community members.

Then at 4:30 p.m., parents and their children are invited to go to Big Truck Night at the Breitung Skating Rink area. There will be lots of trucks to explore including heavy equipment, fire and ambulance ve-

hicles, a police car, and more. A hot dog supper will be served. There will be a bus that will leave the T-S school around 4:45 p.m. and drop off attendees at the park in Soudan. The bus will leave Soudan at 6:20 p.m. and return to Tower.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES****Tower-Soudan Singers to begin rehearsals for holiday concert**

TOWER- Come join the Tower-Soudan Area Singers as they start preparing for the holiday season and their annual Christmas concert.

Rehearsals begin on

Monday, Sept. 30 at 5 p.m. at the Tower Elementary School music room (please enter through the front door on N. 2nd St.)

All kinds of holiday music will be sung during the concert, scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

"You don't need to be a

great singer to participate in this group," said choir director Rolf Anderson. "The organization exists to provide opportunity to enjoy singing together. No audition is required!"

**Rummage sale to be held at Tower Food Shelf in October**

TOWER- The Tower Food Shelf will be holding a fundraiser rummage sale on Tuesday, Oct. 15 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Donations can be dropped off at the food shelf by calling Kate Smith at 763-528-5396 to set up an appointment.

**LVCC seeks ideas for future fundraising event**

TOWER- The Lake Vermilion Cultural Center board and committees will be meeting soon to plan our major fundraiser for next midsummer. We are considering a different format for this event. We would like the input from our Tower-Soudan-Lake Vermilion community. We are open to new and innovative ideas and welcome any and all suggestions. Please submit your ideas prior to Sept. 19 by email to [lvcc001@outlook.com](mailto:lvcc001@outlook.com). (There are two zeros in the email address.) We hope to hear any ideas community members may have.

**St. Martin's getting ready for Christmas Bazaar**

TOWER- St. Martin's Catholic Church in Tower will once again be hosting a Christmas Bazaar. The event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 9 in the church social hall. The church is looking for local crafters to participate. The cost for a table is \$20. If you are interested, please contact Maryann at the rectory (218-753-4310) by Oct. 16. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, from 9 a.m. - noon.

## THANK YOU

Thank You to Dr. Amy Banks and the staff at Scenic Rivers in Tower.

They have done so much for me.

Doug Petersen  
Tower

MINNESOTA NORTH - VERMILION CAMPUS WELCOMING WEEK

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:

- Sept. 24: Spirits Dancing with Travis Novitsky
- Oct. 1: Pete Kero, author of Minescapes: Reclaiming Minnesota's Mined Lands
- Oct. 8: Sonja Tosteson, Urban & Community Forestry Volunteer & Partnerships Coordinator

Breathing Out

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time to reap what's sown  
the harvest brings forth the best  
our small plot of earth

Libraries

Ely library

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

Babbitt library

Monday	10 am-6 pm
Tuesday	10 am-6 pm
Wednesday	10 am-6 pm
Thursday	10 am-6 pm
Friday	10 am-6 pm

Phone: 218-827-3345

Support groups

**AA - Alcoholics Anonymous**  
**OPEN AA - 7:30**  
p.m. Wednesdays and  
Saturdays, in-person,  
First Lutheran Church,  
915 E. Camp St., Ely.  
**AA FRIDAYS - 7 p.m.**  
Fridays, First Presbyterian  
Church, 262 E. Harvey St.,  
Ely.  
**ELY WOMEN'S OPEN**  
**AA - Monday** at noon at  
Ledgecock Church, 1515 E.  
Camp St., Ely.  
**BABBITT AA - 7 p.m.**  
Thursdays, Woodland  
Presbyterian Church.

**AL-ANON - Sundays**  
8-9 p.m. at St. Anthony's  
Catholic Church in Ely.  
**BABBITT AL-ANON -**  
Thursdays, 7 p.m., at  
Woodland Presbyterian.  
**CO-DEPENDENTS'**  
12-step support group, 4:00  
p.m. Tuesdays,  
Wellbeing Development, St.  
Mary's Episcopal Church,  
712 S. Central Ave., Ely.

**ADULT BASIC**  
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Call 218-365-3359, or  
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**CAREGIVER SUPPORT**  
**GROUPS:** Babbitt: 3rd  
Monday of Month: 6-7:30  
p.m. at Carefree Living.  
Ely: 4th Monday of  
Month: 10-11:30 a.m. at  
Ely-Bloomenson Hospital.  
Conference Room B.



This week was welcoming week at the Vermilion campus of Minnesota North College. As part of the events for the week, the college and student groups set up at the Ely Farmers Market on Tuesday evening.

Above: The most popular booth at Tuesday's Farmers Market was the one for the college's vet tech program. The Contented Critters animal shelter brought kittens, all of whom need forever homes, and vet tech students handled the kitten wrangling with passers-by.  
Left: The Vermilion Natural Resources program set up a sawmill demonstration and build a bench onsite at the Farmers Market.  
Right: Alex Buchta from the Vermilion campus' law enforcement program gave squad car tours.  
photos by S. Clark



ISD 696 TRUCK NIGHT



The Ely Public Schools held its truck night on Thursday, Sept. 12. Kids of all ages were welcome to explore Ely's fire trucks, ambulances and construction equipment. Above: a young girl skips past a tow truck. Right: Walter Hakala checks out a bulldozer.  
photos by S.Ukkola



COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

Babbitt Public Library

BABBITT- The library is now open on Fridays again.

The library will host book bingo on Wednesday, Sept. 25, at 1 p.m.

The Friends of the Library have a raffle going for a Kate Spade glimmer tote bag. Tickets are \$5 each and only 500 will be sold. The drawing will be on Dec. 14; ticket holders do not need to be present to win.

Preschool story time is every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. All library events are at the Babbitt Public Library, 71 South Dr., unless otherwise noted.

Ely Public Library

ELY- The spice for September is marjoram. Pick up a sample and recipes at the front desk while supplies last.

The Library Scientists Group will hold a session about weather on Tuesday,

Sept. 24 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Please preregister for this program so the library can order enough supplies for attendees to use.

The library will hold an online Kahoot trivia game on three books by acclaimed children's author Roald Dahl: "The Twits," "Matilda," and "The BFG." The Kahoot will start at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 2, and end at 8 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 7. Participants must preregister for the Kahoot so the library can email the link for the game.

Preschool Storytime is held every Friday from 10:30-11 a.m. All library events are at the Ely Public Library at 224 E. Chapman St. unless otherwise noted.

Ely's Historic State Theater

ELY- Ely's Historic State Theater, 238 E. Sheridan St., will continue its free live music events through

the end of September. All events will start at 5:30 p.m. Scottie Miller will perform on Friday, Sept. 20, followed by The Sectionals in Concert on Friday, Sept. 27.

Candidate Forum

ELY- The Ely Rotary and American Association of University Women-Ely Branch will host a candidate forum for Ely City Council on Tuesday, Sept. 24 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Minnesota North College auditorium, 1900 E. Camp St.

Fishing Regulations Meeting

ELY- The Department of Natural Resources will hold a public meeting on changes to fishing regulations for local lakes and rivers. The meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept. 24, at Minnesota North College, 1900 E. Camp St., from 6-8 p.m.

Beaver Tales

ELY- Ely's Historic State Theater, 238 E. Sheridan, will host Beaver Tales: a Community Storytelling Event, in the theater's lounge on Saturday, Sept. 28. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m., with the main event from 6:30-9 p.m.

5K Fun Walk and Run

ELY- A benefit five-kilometer fun run and walk will be held on Sunday, Sept. 29, at 11 a.m. at the Trezona Trailhead, at the intersection of Pioneer Rd. and Miners Dr. No sign-ups are necessary. Donations to benefit Planned Parenthood cheerfully accepted. Email Plannedparenthood5k@gmail.com with any questions.

Harvest Festival

BABBITT- the Babbitt Senior Citizens and the Babbitt Friends of the Library are holding a Harvest Festival

with craft vendors, a white elephant sale, a bake sale, and food on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 10 a.m. - 1p.m. Lunch featuring sloppy joes or pulled pork sandwiches, chips, pickle, dessert, and a drink will be \$10; just coffee and dessert, \$5. The event will be at the Babbitt Municipal

Overheard at Britton's Café

ELY- At Britton's Café on Tuesday morning, three Elyite old timers were overheard giving a pair of travelers advice on where to fix a tire in Ely. After the travelers left, one of the three remarked to his colleagues, "I need to go and rotate my tires."

"What? You rotate your own tires," replied one, who looked well past retirement age. "I do," the first replied, looking not a day over eighty. "I get in my car, put it in reverse and then forward, and the tires rotate."

COOK PUBLIC LIBRARY

# Cook library sees brisk patronage despite flood

## People are taking advantage of the limited collection, interlibrary loan, and various services

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook-Orr Editor

COOK- While assessments, design, and funding applications have kept the physical rehabilitation of the Cook Public Library at bay for the time being, it's not stopped the library from reclaiming its place as an essential part of the fabric of community life.

As the Arrowhead Library System member that gets the most use based on the size of the population it serves, the June flood was a severe blow to the many patrons who depended on the library for much more than checking out a book. Routines and relationships were disrupted by the temporary closure, but while there's still a long road ahead back to normal, it's clear the community's relationship with the library is well on the way to restoration.

Friends of the Cook Public Library member Mo Fontana was volunteering at the library on Tuesday, and she said there's been a steady flow of people coming in, an average of between 40-60 patrons a day. That's not a blind

guess – they keep track with a tally sheet at the circulation desk.

The bookshelves have been reconfigured from the post-flood disarray to create a browsing area where a portion of the library's collection, including new books, is available for checkout. There's nowhere to sit and relax, however, as there are no indoor seating areas. But the faces to help patrons with their requests are friendly and familiar.

A grateful draw for many is the access to print, copy and fax services, services that were challenging for many to find during the library's closure. And while there are no public computers available, it's not unusual at all to see patrons with laptop computers sitting at the chairs and tables outside the library accessing the 24/7 Wi-Fi internet connection.

And Fontana said that patrons have been making extensive use of the borrowing capabilities through the Arrowhead Library System. A regular delivery may contain up to a hundred items people have requested, she said.

The library has also been



**Above, left and right: A sizeable portion of the library's collection is available for checkout. The library is also facilitating interlibrary borrowing through the Arrowhead Library System.**

**Right: The library's prized moose head will remain covered during the reconstruction process.**

**Far right: This unassuming printer draws all sorts of folks to the library.** D. Colburn photos



able to keep up its sponsored community events by utilizing the Cook Community Center as an alternative venue. And those who'd like to learn a new skill can drop by

the library to pick up a free calligraphy kit, another benefit of being an ALS member library.

Meanwhile, a bit of good news about the physical resto-

ration is that the library passed all of the required inspections for hazardous materials, including asbestos and mold, and so will have a clean start when construction be-

gins. An architect has drawn up some small changes to the interior floor plan, Fontana said, and the next big milestone will be putting the restoration project out for bid.

For assistance with questions about available services, call the library at 218-666-2210. To stay on top of developments, follow the Cook Public Library Facebook page.

## FLOOD RELIEF



**At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Cook Lions Club, Father Beau and Tammy Palmer from St. Mary's Catholic Church in Cook presented the club with checks totaling \$7,800 for flood relief.** submitted

## Flood aid deadline coming soon

COOK- Gov. Tim Walz reminded Minnesotans this week that the window is closing to apply for federal flood relief assistance in the 19 counties covered by the disaster declaration, including St. Louis County. Affected homeowners, renters, and business owners have until Friday, Sept. 27 to submit their applications.

"Countless Minnesotans experienced flood damage to their homes this summer – not just losing furniture and belongings, but also critical infrastructure including water heaters and furnaces," Walz said. "Help is available, and I encourage all Minneso-

tans in the impacted counties to take advantage of these resources. With the support from federal, state, and local partners, we're not stopping until Minnesotans have what they need to recover."

Federal disaster assistance provides resources to reimburse individuals and communities for debris removal, emergency protective measures, and repair and replacement of damaged infrastructure. Disaster assistance does not function like insurance in that the awards are not intended to restore properties to pre-flood conditions, but rather to aid in making properties service-

able again.

### Lions center to close

In another development, the Cook Lions Club has announced that the flood recovery center that they established in the former Franks Pharmacy building at River St. and Vermilion Dr. will be closing down on Saturday, Oct. 12. The center has lots of home goods, furniture, and cleaning supplies, all available for free to local flood victims. The flood recovery center is open weekly on Thursdays from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-noon.

## A TALE OF TWO ROADS



**Top: Construction workers put down a second layer of asphalt on the westbound land of Hwy 115 east of Cook on Tuesday. The resurfacing of the highway from Cook to Peyla has been done in two stages and is nearing completion.**

**Bottom: Prep work for resurfacing on Vermilion Dr. in Cook continued on Tuesday. Officials had been hopeful the overlay would have started last week. The new surface on North River St. appears to be finished.** photos by D. Colburn

## Election draws crowded field in Cook but not elsewhere

REGIONAL- In the wake of June's flood, a flood of candidates have filed for election to municipal offices in Cook, while the races in other area communities will be uncontested.

Incumbent Cook Mayor Harold Johnston will face opposition from two opponents, Erin Danielson and Dan Manick. Two city council seats are up for grabs. Incumbents Liza Root and Ron Bushbaum, who was appointed to fill the un-

expired term of Elizabeth Storm, will be challenged by Memory Malone, Ivette Reing, and Jesse Scofield.

In Crane Lake Township, no one filed for town supervisor seat A, but Jeanne Shuck is running for seat B and Ashlyn Denning is running for town clerk.

In Orr, Mayor Robert Antikainen and city council members John Jirik and Melissa Wright are running unopposed for re-election.

Owens Township will

elect two town supervisors, a town clerk and a town treasurer. David Dundas filed to run for supervisor seat 1, and Mike Christensen filed for seat 2. Cynthia M Caroon is seeking the town clerk position and Denise Forsline is on the ballot for town treasurer.

Candidate profiles for the contested races will be published in an upcoming edition of the *Timberjay*.



### Orr Lions donate to local fire, ambulance

**Above: Brenda King, Lion Wendy Laakkonen, Kayla Towner, Patrick Hoffer, and Donna Hoffer receiving an \$8,367 donation for equipment. Left: Fire Chief Jeremy Wright receiving a \$3,000 donation from Tom Antikainen for equipment.**



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60 people in attendance that the event was not intended as a debate and the candidates fielded differing questions in a series of rounds, with each given 90 seconds for initial answers of their questions and an additional 30 seconds to address any of the questions from each round.

Skraba, who served three terms on the Ely council and was elected four times as mayor, needed no introduction to the Ely crowd. Skraba, who has run for office previously as a DFLer, an Independent, and now a Republican, touted his willingness to reach across party lines in the Legislature and noted that he was one of only a handful of Republican lawmakers to vote for some major DFL initiatives, including the bonding bill and an environment bill, noting that both had benefits for northern Minnesota. "I'm someone who will vote for my people, not the party," said Skraba, who noted that he has a relatively low 68 percent rating from the Conservative Political Action Committee.

Droba touted his success as mayor of his border city, the largest in District 3A, noting that he assumed the city's top job just as the COVID-19 pandemic took hold. "We used that as an opportunity," he said, to attract new development to the community. He said he helped bring two hotels, a new grocery store, two new convenience stores and the first new apartment complex in the Falls in half a century.

Droba said he's focused

on affordable housing along with improving health care access and ensuring the survival of local ambulance services. He noted that his 18-year-old daughter was born in International Falls, but that none of the hospitals in District 3A currently provide OB/GYN services. "And we don't have easy access to dentists or optometry care," he added. Droba criticized Skraba for not responding to his community's request for help in addressing ambulance concerns.

Skraba noted that District 3A is enormous geographically, larger in fact than nine states, and that covering every issue can be close to impossible.

Tru, who grew up in Two Harbors, told the audience that his independence from the two major parties would allow him to pursue policies based on their merits, rather than on the dictates of party leaders. Tru, the youngest candidate in the race, has had multiple career paths, working at various times as a union member in California, as a sommelier at a high end restaurant, and more recently as a digital media project manager.

Tru said he believes he could be effective as an independent because he could work across the aisle without interference from party leaders. "I think a lot of my ideas would be a breath of fresh air down there [in St. Paul]," he said.

Tru, who acknowledged he suffers from attention deficit disorder, talked about how restrictions on immigration was impacting the ability of citizens with mental health

issues to access some of the medication they need. Tru is also a strong advocate for ranked choice voting, which he believes will help to break up the two-party duopoly that currently dominates American politics.

The candidates found some areas of agreement, including on the need to expand the region's base of affordable housing. "Everyone is having trouble with housing," said Skraba. "I believe that's the number one issue in every community where I've door-knocked." Skraba said he's working on a housing project in Grand Marais with assistance from the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation and noted that finding developers willing to invest in the region is a major challenge.

Droba agreed that affordable housing is a key need but he noted that some portions of District 3A, such as International Falls, are not within the coverage area of the IRRR and so must rely on legislative action to bring state housing dollars to their communities.

Both Droba and Tru agreed that ambulance care should be considered an essential service, which would open up opportunities for some state funding assistance. Currently, many local ambulance services are operating at a deficit. The Legislature did provide \$30 million in one-time funding during the 2024 session to address some of the shortfalls, but the candidates agreed that more needs to be done to provide a long-term source of additional revenue,

preferably from an increase in federal reimbursements from Medicare and Medicaid.

The candidates seemed to largely agree as well on the subject of human rights, even as Skraba was questioned over his opposition to putting an equal rights amendment, or ERA, on the Minnesota ballot this November. Skraba said he opposed the measure because it was too focused on transgender rights and did not protect the elderly against age discrimination. He said efforts by Republicans to offer amendments were blocked by the DFL majority in the House. But Skraba later sounded supportive of DFL efforts to protect the rights of the LGBTQ community from discrimination, saying he believes the protections offered in the most recent session are adequate. "The Democrats had a majority and I think they did a pretty good job of tightening up that language," he said. "People are different, accept their differences and move on."

Droba said he believes that people need to be able to live their lives as they wish to pursue them. "That's why I support the ERA," he said.

Droba took issue with Skraba for his ambiguity on some issues, particularly on reproductive freedom. "I think everyone has the right to make decisions for their own body," said Droba, noting that Skraba voted against reproductive rights in the Legislature.

"I struggle when I see one thing on his website and hear something else when he speaks on the subject," said Droba. Skraba's campaign

website highlights that ambiguity, in that it states that "life begins at conception" and that "women know what's best for them," seemingly using language from both sides of the abortion debate.

Droba and Skraba differed on how to address the school trust lands in the Boundary Waters. Droba said he supported a sale of the land to the U.S. Forest Service, but argued that the state should seek more money for the land than what is currently being discussed. Skraba said he believes the land should be exchanged for federal lands outside the wilderness, which could be used for mining, logging, and recreation under the control of the DNR.

On the economy, Droba said the region needs to improve its readiness for new jobs by focusing on improving education, housing, and health care, which he called "the three legs of the stool" for a healthy economy.

Tru said he supports a higher minimum wage, of about \$14-\$15/hour and opposes a lower minimum wage for people under age 18, which he said has been abused in some states. He said had the minimum wage been indexed to inflation from its inception, it would currently be \$33-\$35/hour. He called for more support for union jobs and also the promotion of co-ops.

Skraba said exchanging school trust lands in the BWCAW would create more opportunity for growth in area communities.

When questioned about the controversy over the

Silver Rapids development, both Skraba and Droba said local governments should have rules in place to guide development and should be allowed to implement those rules with minimal state interference. "It's a local issue," said Skraba.

Tru took a different tack. "Corporations are corporations," he said. "They're not people. It's government's role to protect the people."

On climate change, Tru said we'll all have to get used to living with a new climate regime and called for more partnership between the federal and state governments to address the many related issues encompassed around climate change. "We need more forward thinking to future proof ourselves," he said.

Skraba said he was opposed to the renewable energy standard approved by the Legislature last year, which requires carbon neutrality in the state's electricity production by 2040. Skraba said renewable sources of power, like wind and solar, don't have the ability to meet the state's electric power needs and won't anytime soon. "The 2040 standard was not the way to go," he said. "I'm not opposed to phasing out fossil fuels, it just needs to be done in a way that's viable."

For more on the candidates, you can visit their websites at:

**Roger Skraba:** [skraba-forhouse.com](http://skraba-forhouse.com)

**Harley Droba:** [harley-droba.com](http://harley-droba.com)

**Rich Tru:** [home.forwardparty.com/richtru](http://home.forwardparty.com/richtru)

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SNF tipline at [SM.FS.SUP-tipline@usda.gov](mailto:SM.FS.SUP-tipline@usda.gov).

**Slow start**

The Wood Lake Fire was detected around 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 10, on an island off the north shore of the lake. It soon jumped from the island to the north bank of the lake, where it encountered a considerable amount of balsam

fir that was dead or dying as a result of spruce budworm. The fire remained small through Thursday morning, Sept. 12, at five acres. Despite its size, the forest service ramped up suppression efforts because of the recent weather conditions and favorable fuel load.

**Suppression**

The forest service defend-

ed its decision to close several lakes and portages for such a small blaze. "A closure order is needed to prioritize safety. Firefighter and public safety are the top priorities," states a recent press statement issued by the forest. Fire officials cited above-average temperatures, fuel and drought conditions, an extended forecast showing minimal rain

chances, and the limited availability of firefighting resources as reasons for extra caution.

The national fire priority remains at its highest level because of the fires out West, which have gobbled up resources, leaving Minnesota and the eastern half of the nation scrambling for people and equipment. A "suppres-

sion module" of firefighters from Connecticut arrived on Friday to help with the fire.

**No help from rain**

"The rain (on Sunday and Monday) did not help much," USFS spokesperson Christine Kolinski told the *Timberjay* on Tuesday. "It will take more substantial rain to help with this fire. That's because the

fire has burned down into the duff layer, soil, and roots. It will take more than a little rain to get this fire out."

The link for Wood Lake Fire information and closures is online at [inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-closures/mnsuf-wood-lake-fire](http://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-closures/mnsuf-wood-lake-fire).

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meeting, although it requires that the same notice be given of the change as for a special meeting. Under the Open Meeting Law, the required notice for a special meeting must be posted at least three days prior and state the purpose of the meeting but requires no other specificity. The notice that the township posted online, three days prior to the meeting, included the full agenda for the regular meeting along with the board packet. The notice published in the official newspaper indicated the purpose was to hold a regular meeting.

No one disputes that notice of the meeting change was provided, but Bassing argues that it should have been posted as a special meeting and that failure to do so called the legality of the meeting into question.

This wasn't the first time this issue has arisen in Greenwood. Indeed, the township had canceled their Aug. 14 regular meeting at the last minute, when Bassing told the board they were in violation of the open meeting law because it had not been posted as a special meeting. The board had rescheduled its regular monthly meeting at the previous month's meeting, because the normal meeting date conflicted with the primary election.

But after that meeting, Roskoski said she had spoken with the attorneys and learned that Bassing's interpretation of the law was incorrect.

Both Bassing and board chair Lois Roskoski claim to have gotten legal advice on the matter, and both provided some documentation to the *Timberjay* to bolster their claims. At the meeting, Roskoski said she had spoken with Minnesota Association of Township attorney Steve Fenske, as well as the township's private attorney Mike Couri.

"Our attorneys said nothing in the law says we can't amend a meeting date during a regular meeting, both Fenske and Couri," said Roskoski. The email from Fenske, which the *Timberjay* reviewed after the meeting, said "there is nothing in law that prevents the township from amending its regular meeting schedule as it sees fit. This means that as long as the town board acts within a town meeting, to amend the regular meeting schedule, the town can adjust its regular meeting schedule as it would like...It does not matter that it doesn't fall on the second Tuesday of the month." Couri sent an email to Roskoski saying he agreed with Fenske's interpretation of the law.

Bassing insisted that under 13D.04, as well as training videos produced by MAT, that if a meeting date is changed it becomes a special meeting. Bassing's interpretation of 13D.04 appears to be in error, since it specifically implies that regular meeting dates can be changed. A transcript of a MAT training that Bassing submitted to the *Timberjay* does state that any change in the date of a regular meeting automatically makes it a special meeting, however that transcript directly conflicts with the specifics of 13D.04 Subd. 1, which states: "If a public body decides to hold a regular meeting at a time or place different from the time or place stated in its schedule of regular meetings, it shall give the same notice of the meeting that is provided in this section for a special meeting." That language, on its face, does not convert a regular meeting into a special meeting, but merely requires similar notice.

"I regret that our township cannot follow the Open Meeting Law," said Bassing before walking out last week. Stoehr concurred, stating "I

have come to the conclusion this is not a legal meeting. I will not stay and possibly expose myself to a fine of \$300."

The Open Meeting Law does list a personal fine of up to \$300 for any person who intentionally violates the statute. But as the township received advice on the matter from their attorney, who advised them the meeting was properly noticed, there was no evidence of intent to violate the law.

Minnesota Newspaper Association attorney Mark Anfinson, an expert on the state's open meeting law, called the issue raised by Bassing "fairly esoteric" and said the meeting was likely legal as long as the change of date was made at a prior public meeting and entered into the minutes. The September meeting change was approved by a motion at the August meeting, and in addition, the township advertised the change of meeting date, and also sent out their regular meeting packet with the full agenda, three days in advance of the meeting.

**Pickleball**

Last week's town board wasn't all controversy. The new pickleball courts, completed in less than a year, garnered a heap of praise from resident Steve Zaudtke.

"On behalf of the pickleball players, it's time to say thank you to the board and residents," he said. "We have a quality set of courts, correctly done, an asset for our township."

Funding came from the township (about 20-percent of the total cost), from grants (another 20-percent), and the rest was raised by both residents and people outside of the township. Zaudtke said he had just taken up the sport, at the urging of his wife, and the best part so far was the social aspect.

"I found a welcoming group of people," he said. "When someone new comes in, they are immediately welcomed." "These people are truly ambassadors for Greenwood," he added.

The pickleball courts were due to see their first day of play on Saturday, Sept. 14, when the group was planning to gather in the pavilion for a picnic, followed by pickleball.

**Birch Point Extension**

The board reviewed a letter from the township attorney, who had reviewed materials submitted by the township and concluded that Township Rd. 4136/Birch Point Extension, is legally a township road. Township records show the township had requested hiring St. Louis County to plow the road back in 1992, and had continued plowing since then, well over the six years stated in state law that transfers ownership to the township. The township has also done brushing and other road maintenance over the years.

"Once the township assumes maintenance of a platted and publicly dedicated road," Couri wrote, "it must maintain that road in a safe and passable manner indefinitely."

"There is nothing the township can practically do to make it not be a township road," Roskoski said. "We are obligated to maintain the road in a safe and passable manner."

Whether that means doing a new coat of blacktop or turning the road back to gravel will be a township decision. If they do repave it, they are allowed to assess that cost back to the road's property owners.

The township also has the authority to remove trees and brush within the 66-foot wide platted roadway. On areas where the actual road does not follow the plat, Couri suggested the township get those areas

surveyed. The township can then determine what width of the side of the road is needed to safely store plowed snow, and can then maintain these areas with brushing as needed.

Roskoski said the township has no intention of clearcutting the entire 66-foot right-of-way. "But I do see the need to clear brush so emergency vehicles can get down there safely."

The township just spent almost \$7,000 having the blacktop patched.

"The repair job was very good," said Skubic. "This will save the road for quite a few years."

No additional work is planned on the road this year, but supervisors said they will need to get the roadway brushed next year. They noted they had trouble getting a contractor for this job, especially after some property owners were angry with a previous contractor hired to do brushing and would not let them cut on their property.

The township will also need to find a contractor to plow the road since St. Louis County is no longer willing or able to do it, due to the poor condition of the blacktop and narrow width of the road. The road was paved back in the 1970s and paid for privately at that time.

The township will be drafting a resolution, to be presented at the Oct. 10 meeting, to formally accept Township Road 4136.

**Other business**

In other business, the board:

► Passed a resolution setting the 2025 levy at \$300,000, which was voted on at the annual meeting earlier this year.

► Renewed their liability coverage at a cost of \$14,021. The township still has not been able to get MAT to include liability with the other township insurance costs, due to

past litigation.

► Heard a report from the Minnesota Department of Transportation about the parking lot helicopter landing area that was in the packet but not discussed since Maus, who also serves as fire chief, had left the meeting. The township had scheduled a call with a MnDOT representative, but apparently he was unavailable. The report showed numerous obstructions but most involved trees that were too high. The new pickleball court fences are not an issue. But the report does say the powerline in the area would need to be lowered, and the existing windsock would need to be moved. Right now the area is classified as an emergency landing zone, but the township is looking into having it licensed as a heliport, which would get rid of any liability for the township.

Other business from the August meeting:

► Approved hiring Jerry Sawyer to do maintenance at the town hall at \$30 per hour.

► Discussed the township's medical supply loan closet. Clerk Spicer asked for direction on what to do with the equipment and supplies, and she expressed concern there could be a liability if the township lent out equipment that was damaged or not in perfect condition. "We should not be a medical center here," Spicer said. "I think it is a big liability." But board members felt this was something the township was doing to help residents.

The board voted to retain the equipment, and loan it out as before. The township will let people know they should disinfect any borrowed equipment and inspect it to make sure it is in good condition before using it. Anyone interested in getting equipment from the loan closet should contact the clerk's office or a township supervisor.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

# New group considering "options" following county decision on Silver Rapids development

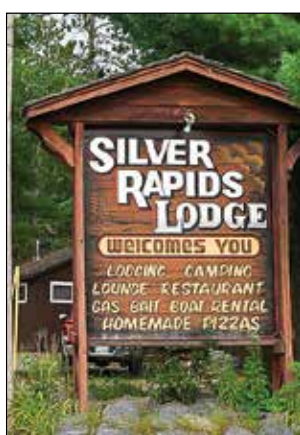
by CATIE CLARK  
Ely Editor

FALL LAKE TWP- "We are exploring all of our options, including any possible legal actions," said Mary Louise Icenhour, the president of Community Advocates for Responsible Development, or CARD.

The founders of CARD decided to officially organize after the Lake County Planning Commission approved two zoning applications to renovate and expand the aging Silver Rapids resort earlier this month.

"We don't have problems with updating the resort," Icenhour said. "It's the scope that's the problem."

CARD members had pushed for an environmental assessment worksheet, or EAW, which the planning commission rejected. They have subsequently hoped the conditions on the resort's shiny-new conditional use permit would have included some teeth to control the expansion of buildings, boats, and people on the property, but were left underwhelmed



by the conditions ultimately approved.

The resort expansion will add 49 three-bedroom, three-bath timeshare cabins, and 12 new docks for a total of 17. The developers claim the current occupancy of the resort is 280, with an estimated future occupancy of 400. CARD disputes these numbers, contending the current occupancy is lower and the future occupancy is well over 400, according to an analysis by CARD board member Charlie Marsden, whose cabin is across the rapids from the resort.

"The population of Fall Lake," Icenhour said, "is

around 600. Adding all those people will definitely affect everything, including the traffic at the bridge over the Silver Rapids, the noise, and the boat traffic next to the Boundary Waters.

### Founding CARD

Charlie and Marilyn Marsden formed CARD at the beginning of last week but decided that the group would be better served with a year-round resident at the helm. The Marsdens live in Fall Lake for five months every year and spend the rest of their time as residents of New York City. Icenhour splits her time between her cabin on White Iron Lake and her house in Ely.

In the less than two weeks that CARD has existed, it has sent 496 letters to households along White Iron and Farm lakes, recruited over 100 members, formed an eight-member board, and retained a land use lawyer from the Taft law firm in Minneapolis as legal counsel.

"In our outreach, we found people who had no knowledge of the proposed resort expansion," Icenhour

told the *Timberjay*.

Most of the work sending out the letters last week was handled by Icenhour and another CARD board member, Kathleen Annala, who lives on the east shore of White Iron Lake.

"One of the things we discovered from sending out our letters is that some people didn't even know the resort was planning to expand."

The lack of communication about the project, both before the initial public hearing in July and since, is one of the sticking points for CARD. Only those living within 350 feet of the resort received notification about the initial meeting in July. Everyone else learned about the matter through word of mouth.

The notices for the July 18 public hearing arrived less than a week beforehand. The public notification followed all the legal rules but given that most members of the public are not familiar with the zoning process, the short notice and lack of information rankled many local residents.

"Other than an eight-by-

eleven sheet, there was no information available to the public before that meeting," Icenhour said. "Then meeting after meeting, the planning commission invited the developers to the table to talk, but where was our seat at the table? The residents of Fall Lake have been shut out after the commissioners stopped taking public comments after an hour on July 18."

"The commissioners say that there will be no significant impacts but they don't know that without studying it. That's why we wanted an environmental assessment, to provide the information that's missing."

Icenhour contends the county board is allowing the development to proceed without adequate information on the impact to the community. "Even if there were no boats, the traffic on the road is still a problem, as is the septic system and water supply issues," she said. "Just saying there are no impacts without studying if there are impacts is not appropriate. Even their own traffic engineer advised them to do further study."

Hwy. 135 detour now in place south of Tower

REGIONAL - Travelers between Tower and Embarrass will want to plan for extra time due to a detour now in place along Hwy. 135.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation has closed a portion of the state highway south of Tower for a culvert replacement.

The closed portion of the road is from the intersection with Wahlsten Rd. south approximately five and half miles to County Rd. 21. The culvert is located 1.3 miles south of Wahlsten Road.

The project is projected to cost \$500,000 to complete.

Traffic is currently being detoured on Wahlsten Road to County Rd. 21. Work is expected to last through Sept. 29.

## MARATHON...Continued from page 1

marathons on 52 consecutive weekends) will be signing books from 6-8 p.m., and look for them at the park on Saturday, also.

### Saturday

Runners will be off early on Saturday morning, but there will be plenty to do for spectators as well. Live music with Rhino Rocks is set from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., From 8 a.m.-3 p.m., stop by the race expo

with lots of great Ely Marathon merchandise, eats and drinks at the food trucks, beer tent, and root beer tent, plus there is bouncy, inflatable fun for the youngsters. This year there will also be a sauna and cold plunge at the park after the race, thanks to Haverland Saunas and Cold Plunge.

Almost 500 runners are preregistered for the Saturday races and, if past years are a guide, many more will be reg-

istering on Friday. Marathon and half marathon racers range from their teens into their 70s. And some furry friends will be joining in on the half marathon course. Runners can bring along their four-legged running partners, with water bowls available at all the aid stations along the route.

Kids who have completed 25 miles of running prior to the race, finish up their "marathon" by running the last 1.2

miles of the official marathon course. The kid's marathon, the Dorothy Molter Root Beer Run, starts at 8:45 a.m. and ends in Whiteside Park.

For all the details, including the timing of road closures along the route, see the Ely Marathon ad on page 12.

Both races start up the Echo Trail, which is closed to traffic during the race. Best observation points for the race are:

➤ Intersection of Echo Trail and Grant McMahan Blvd: Cars will have to take 169 west out of Ely and take a right onto Grant McMahan Blvd, since no traffic will be allowed on race course.

➤ Winton Main Street: Traffic will be allowed on 169 east of Ely.

➤ Miners Drive: Parking available at VCC and side streets.

➤ Whiteside Park/Finish

Line: Parking available at Ely Memorial High School and side streets. The first half marathon racers are expected around 9:20 a.m., with full marathon racers arriving beginning around 10:15 a.m.

The awards ceremony will be at 2 p.m. at Whiteside Park. More information is available at [elymarathon.com](http://elymarathon.com) and on the Ely Marathon Facebook page.

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Change to northern pike special regulations on Basswood Lake, addition of sunfish special regulations on Basswood Lake, and removal of northern pike special regulations on the Garden Chain of Lakes, White Iron and Birch Lakes in St. Louis and Lake counties. The purpose of the proposed changes are to provide quality northern pike and sunfish angling opportunities while also simplifying regulations.

If adopted, the special regulation will go into effect March 1, 2025.

Comments can also be made online by taking the survey with the link available on the Minnesota DNR website ([mndnr.gov/fishregs](http://mndnr.gov/fishregs)).

People can also call the Tower area fisheries office at 218-300-7803, and emailed comments can be directed to: [tower.fisheries@state.mn.us](mailto:tower.fisheries@state.mn.us).

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CITY OF ELY

# Council OKs preliminary 2025 levy increase of 7.4 percent

by CATIE CLARK  
Ely Editor

ELY- In an hour and a half meeting of mostly routine items, the Ely City Council approved a preliminary 2025 property tax levy of \$2.318 million, a 7.4 percent increase from this year.

The council's preliminary figure represented a slight reduction from the 8.46 percent increase originally developed by the city's budget committee. But the committee made cuts at their Sept. 16 meeting, including \$8,000 in expenditures from the police department, \$8,900 from public works, \$4,900 from the cemetery, and \$20,000 from the capital projects fund.

"There's not a lot of wiggle room here," said city council member Paul Kess, commenting on places to reduce expenses. "The \$159,600 will be the maximum that the city can increase the levy for 2024. We will continue to explore ways to reduce the levy amount before the budget is finalized (in December)," he added.

### Ely ambulance

The city council accepted the resignation of former Ely mayor Chuck Novak as Ely's representative to the Ely Area Ambulance Board. Novak is also resigning from his position as the chair of the ambulance board. The council voted to send a letter of thanks to Novak for his many years of service as its representative to the nonprofit ambulance service. The council appointed council member Paul Kess as the new representative on the ambulance board.

In other action, the city council:

▶ Heard the report from Kess that lodging tax revenues are down. "The slowdown is not huge," Kess said, "but it's something we should keep an eye on."

▶ Heard a presentation by Paul Peltier, the executive director of the Range Association of Municipalities and Schools, outlining the history of the organization, which was founded in 1939. He outlined all the areas that the organization advocates for its members, which include 17 schools, 27 cities, and 27 townships on the Iron Range. Ely is one of its members.

Peltier also asked the council for its feedback for the issues the city would like to see addressed in the upcoming legislative session. The feedback from the council members included affordable housing, local government aid, and EMS.

▶ Heard a presentation by Lacey Squier on the Ely Leadership Workshop scheduled for Monday, Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Grand Ely Lodge. Squier stated, "This workshop will be an opportunity for Ely-area nonprofit and business leaders

to share who they are, what their respective organizations are working toward, and our visions for collective growth. The goal of the day is to strengthen our social fabric as a step toward increasing our capacity and achieving our full potential."

Registration for the event will start on Tuesday, Oct 1, and end at 9 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 11. The \$20 registration fee covers breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack. Scholarships will be available. The web address for registration has not yet been released.

▶ Approved a quote from the Overhead Door Company for a \$1,565 hanger door repair

at the municipal airport.

▶ Approved submitting a grant with a 25 percent local match to purchase an aviation gas refueler. A new refueler truck costs \$165,350. Ely Clerk-Treasurer Harold Langowski remarked that the estimated lifespan of a refueler is 25 years. The current AV refueler was purchased in 1986.

▶ Approved the recommendation from the projects committee to prioritize the Harvey Street project for 2025, which includes repaving and road improvements for Harvey St. from Central to 9th Ave., Conan St. from 2nd Ave. E. to 3rd Ave. E., and replacing the water main for one block

on First Ave. E.

▶ Approved soliciting sealed bids for the construction of six vault privy toilets for the Prospector Loop Trail.

▶ Denied the heritage preservation commission's request to have the city of Ely pay for conference registration, mileage and hotel costs to send the commission's two co-chairs to the annual Minnesota State Historic Preservation Conference on Sept. 18-20 in Red Wing. The city does not customarily provide funding for committee members to attend conferences. The request was also not timely, with the conference being held this week.

"Every year we go

through this," said Langowski. "If committees are looking to fund certain projects, the requests need to be made in July so they can be incorporated in the budget. Certainly, there can be a proposal brought forward. It will be up to the councilors and the mayor to figure out if there was some room in the budget for that."

▶ Approved a \$392,340 bid from Mesabi Bituminous to repave and improve Conan St. from Eighth to 10th Aves., Ninth Ave. from White to Harvey; and 10th from Pattison to Harvey.

▶ Approved a quote for a Perkins Diesel Engine from Road Machinery and Supplies of Virginia for \$5,817.

▶ Approved a temporary liquor license for the Ely Folk School on Dec. 14 for the winter bonfire and beach party at Semer's Park.

▶ Approved a commercial renovation loan application for Dexter Inc., doing business as Canoe-On-Inn for \$12,000 for a new roof at 201 W. Sheridan St.

▶ Approved a residential rehab loan application for Kelsey Ivancich for \$10,000 for a new propane furnace at 940 E. Chapman St.

▶ Approved a residential rehab loan application for Deann Carlson for \$10,000 to update the sewer and install a new propane furnace at 1304 E. Harvey St.

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MENTAL HEALTH

# Well Being Development has a new home in Ely

by CATIE CLARK  
Ely Editor

ELY- The offices of Well Being Development are brimming with excitement because the nonprofit's Northern Lights Clubhouse has finally found its forever home in Ely. The organization put ink on the purchase agreement for a property on Camp St. at the beginning of the month and expects to close on the house on Nov. 1.

The four-bedroom, two-bath residence down the hill from St. Anthony's Catholic Church will serve double duty as both the new clubhouse space and as transitional housing for those moving from substance abuse treatment to reintegration with everyday life.

### Facility mission

The Northern Lights Clubhouse is a safe and friendly meeting place for those with mental and behavioral health challenges. Without a permanent home, the clubhouse has moved at least two times in the last two years. It currently uses St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Ely as its meeting space.

"We want to be able to move the clubhouse into the new facility on Nov. 1 if we can," said Lisa Ledel, the operations manager for Well Being Development. "We'd also like to open the transitional housing on Nov. 1 but that's less certain."

Ledel explained that some of the construction work for the facility may not be completed by Nov. 1, which would delay the opening of the housing portion of the property.



"We're switching from fuel oil to propane," Ledel added. "The new boiler for the heating system will be installed on Oct. 7-8."

Well Being Development Executive Director Kip Wilkes explained the goals for the transitional housing. "This awesome place will also be a recovery residence supporting up to four people working toward long-term recovery. Our sober living environment will support those who need a bit more help transitioning to living independently."

### Outreach

Well Being Development decided to pursue transitional housing after it received \$134,000 from opioid settlement funds managed by St. Louis County. The group spent months studying the best possible use of the money and found that post-treatment residential programs significantly improve outcomes for those in recovery

from substance abuse disorders, including reducing their chances of future incarceration and relapse while increasing their odds of finding employment and reintegrating into the community.

After reaching out to the Ely community for feedback, the organization determined that transitional housing would best fit local needs. "We approached the community a year ago about the direction we wanted to go, to see if it was a good fit for the Ely area," Wilkes said. The community outreach included a survey that generated over 300 responses. The survey results encouraged the nonprofit to continue its pursuit of creating a transitional housing facility locally.

### Footing the bill

Though Well Being Development has the money in its pocket to buy its house, it still needs funds for the renovation of the facility. "This is an old

house and we have some preparation work to do this fall," said Wilkes. "We have a new furnace to install that will save energy and reduce our costs of heating the house through the winter. We also need to do some repairs to the sewer line and make our handrailing higher to keep everyone comfortable and safe."

An anonymous donor and an Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board grant provided the \$20,000 for the new furnace. The project also received funds from the Northland Foundation.

"We also have a wish list," Wilkes said, "that will help us save more energy and further reduce our energy consumption." That list includes new energy-efficient windows and insulation. "We are looking for some help from our friends and neighbors in the Ely, Tower/Soudan, and Babbitt communities."

# Cattail project at VNP gets \$20,000 boost

INTERNATIONAL FALLS— Voyageurs National Park has received a \$20,000 award from the National Park Trust for its ongoing wetland restoration project.

Started in 2016, the project has focused on the removal of an invasive hybrid species of cattail that has degraded the park's lakes by reducing biodiversity, decreasing habitat for fish and wildlife, and outcompeting culturally important manoomin, or wild rice. About 500 acres of the park have been negatively impacted by the infestation.

Project activities include grinding up mats of floating cattails with a specialized cutting machine and removing the debris using a harvesting barge. Hand cutting is done in areas inaccessible to machines. Debris is then deposited on shore where it is spread and decays naturally. The park's natural resource team will also be using prescribed fire and reseeding to enhance the project's outcomes. Wild rice will be harvested which will be used to seed project areas that have recently been restored.

Problematic floating mats in the Gold Portage area of Black Bay were the first to be targeted this summer, with Irwin Bay on Kabetogama Lake also scheduled for restoration activities.

The \$20,000 award will go towards additional contracted cattail removal services and improving the capability of the park service-owned cutting machines. The VNP award was part of a total of \$361,000 awarded to fund 17 initiatives at national parks.

Phases one and two of the restoration project were geared towards developing methodology and designing techniques for restoration in an area where minimal restoration had previously occurred. Phase three, which began in 2023, uses the proven techniques that have been developed to improve these waterways and wetlands by decreasing or eliminating hybridized cattails, improving substrate quality for native plants, and reseeding native plants when needed.

In addition to the National Park Trust, a variety of organizations helped to fund the project, including the Outdoor Heritage Fund as part of the Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment, Minnesota Environment and Natural Resource Trust Fund, The Voyageurs Conservancy, the Clean Air Act Settlement Fund, Jefferson National Parks Association, and the NPS.

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Join us at the Finish Line:  
The First Half Marathon runner will arrive at the finish line around 9:20am.  
The First Full Marathon runner will arrive at the finish line around 10:15am.  
The First Half Portage runner will arrive at the finish line around 10:15am.  
The First Full Portage runner will arrive at the finish line around 12:45pm.  
Come and cheer them in!

**TRAFFIC IMPACTED - Saturday, Sept. 21**

St. Louis County, MNDOT, the Cities of Ely and Winton, Townships of Fall and Morse and the Ely Marathon team have put together a plan that is safest for all participants and community members.

The following road closures will take place on September 21:  
(Echo Trail) North Arm Road to Grant McMahan 7:30AM-10:00AM  
(Grant McMahan) Echo Trail to HWY169 8:00AM-12:00PM  
(Old Winton Road) Grant McMahan to W 6th Ave 8:00AM-12:00PM  
(Cedar Lk RD/Cloquet Line) Old Winton Road to Beel Road 8:00AM-12:00PM (Pioneer Road) Grant McMahan to Miners Dr. 8:30AM-1:00PM

(Miners Drive) Pioneer to 17th Avenue 8:30AM-1:30PM  
(17th Avenue) Miners to Camp St. 9:00AM-2:00PM  
(Camp) 17th to 15th 9:00AM-2:00PM (Sheridan) 15th to 1st Ave 8:15AM-2:00PM  
(1st Ave) Sheridan to Harvey 8:15AM-2:00PM  
(Chapman) 1st Ave to 7th Ave 8:15AM-2:00PM  
(Harvey) 1st Ave to 17th Ave 8:15AM-2:00PM

All emergency vehicles will be allowed on the race course at any time. There will be pilot cars positioned in the case that other vehicles need to get through during emergency situations.

**Volunteer: run@elymarathon.com**

# ELY DETOUR DURING MARATHON

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

**FRIDAY:**  
Noon-10 pm Packet pickup at Whiteside Park  
Noon-8 pm Epic Bounce House Obstacle Course  
Noon-6 pm Food Trucks at Whiteside Park  
6-8 pm Dick Beardsley Book Signing  
4-10 pm Dorothy Moller Beer and Drink Tent  
7 pm Northern Lights 5K GLOW RUN

**SATURDAY:**  
5:30 am Buses begin picking up at Whiteside Park/Ely High School  
7:30 am Start of Ely Marathon  
8:00 am Start of Boundary Waters Bank Half Marathon  
8:45 Start of Dorothy Moller Root Beer Run  
9 am Kids Finishers and Marathon runners start coming in  
Race Expo and Food Trucks at Whiteside Park  
8-3pm Bounce House Extravaganza at Whiteside Park  
10-3pm Dorothy Moller Beer and Drink Tent  
10-2pm Rhino Rocks Whiteside Park  
2pm Awards Ceremony at Whiteside Park

**OBSERVATION POINTS:**  
• Intersection of Echo Trail to Grant McMahan Blvd: Miles 11-12 of Ely Marathon/Miles 2-3 of Half Marathon. Cars will have to take 169 West out of Ely and take a right onto Grant McMahan Blvd - no traffic will be allowed on race course.  
• Winton Main Street: Mile 18 of Ely Marathon/Mile 5 of Half Marathon. Traffic will be allowed on 169 East of Ely.  
• Miners Drive: Miles 23-24 of Ely Marathon/Miles 10-11 of Half Marathon. Parking available at VCC and side street.  
• Whiteside Park/Finish Line: See the runners as they run up Sheridan Street for their last mile, then see them finish at the finish line. Parking available at Ely Memorial High School and side streets.

**ELY STREET CLOSURES:**  
The following streets will be closed from 8:30am to 2pm  
• East Camp Street from 17th Ave. to 15th Ave.  
• Sheridan Street from 2nd Ave. to 15th Ave.  
• Chapman Street from 2nd Ave to 7th Ave

Hwy 169 (Sheridan Street) detour will run from Central Ave. to Harvey Street to 17th Ave. (shown in green).

**Come And Cheer On The Racers!**

**NORTHERN LIGHTS 5K GLOW RUN**  
Friday, Sept. 20 @ 7 p.m.

- The 5K race will be in effect for 6:40pm to 8 pm on Sept. 20
- The entire course will be blocked off to traffic during the race.
- Barricades will be placed so that alleys south of Camp Street will be accessible.
- The course will be cleared as the last racers move throughout the route.
- Registration will be at Whiteside Park for this event this year, not at VCC



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## VOLLEYBALL

# Wolves improve to 11-0

Will face their toughest test at Burnsville showcase this weekend

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

ELY— The Timberwolves continued their perfect season in Section 7A volleyball as they won their 11th consecutive straight-set victory here on Tuesday, downing International Falls 25-10, 25-7, 25-11 in a contest that Ely dominated from start to finish.

Senior Lilli Rechichi led with nine kills and nine digs, while sophomore Audrey Kallberg added eight kills and nine digs. Senior Clare Thomas tallied five kills, five digs, and six ace serves, while Charlotte Hegman added eight kills. Sadie Rechichi tallied seven aces and four digs, while Peyton Huntington added ten digs. Sophomore setter Gretta

Lowe added 35 assists. Tuesday's result was just more of the same for the unbeaten Wolves. In action last Thursday, Ely notched another straight-set victory as they easily outpaced Mesabi East 25-15, 25-15, and 25-8 on their home court.

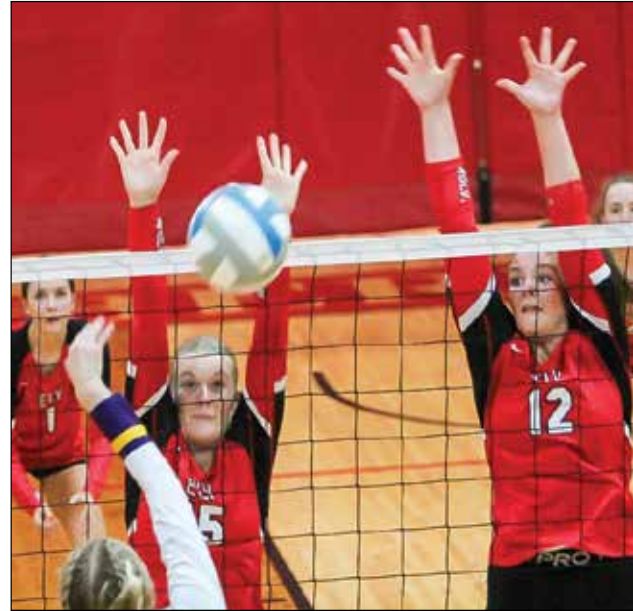
Sophomore Audrey Kallberg had a big night, posting 11 kills, nine digs and three solo blocks. Senior Lilli

**Right: Ely's Amelia Penke and Lilli Rechichi work the net for a block during Tuesday's contest with International Falls.**

photo by J. Greeney

Rechichi added nine kills and three digs, while senior Clare Thomas posted five kills and

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## FOOTBALL

# Miscues plague Ely in loss to South Ridge

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

SOUTH RIDGE— Miscues proved Ely's undoing in a disappointing 18-14 loss here to the Panthers last Friday. The Wolves arrived for the Section 7A contest fresh off a win over East Central, but penalties, fumbles, and interceptions kept the Wolves from putting the Panthers away.

South Ridge put six on the board midway through the second quarter, but the Wolves answered minutes later on a Sean Merriman out-pass to Brady Eaton that was good for six. Max Brandriet notched the conversion to put Ely up top 8-6 heading into the break.

In the third quarter, the Wolves were driving into Panther's territory when a South Ridge player picked a Merriman pass, returning it 70 yards for a touchdown, to put the Panthers up top 12-8.

Ely went four and out on the next drive, but with South Ridge in possession, Eaton forced a fumble, recovered by Alex Merriman, returning possession to the Wolves. Ely took advantage, with a 55-yard drive ending in a second Eaton touchdown, this time with a fullback run up the middle. The failed conversion left the

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## VOLLEYBALL

# Northeast Range off to winning start

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

SILVERBAY— The Nighthawks narrowly missed a three-match sweep in this week's volleyball action, even as they improved their season record to 5-4.

On the road Tuesday, they fell in five hard-fought sets to Silver Bay after falling behind 2-0 early in

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## VOLLEYBALL

# Best start in years for Grizzlies

Improve to 8-0 after topping Cherry in four

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook-Orr Editor

FIELD TWP- The North Woods volleyball team kept its spotless record intact on Tuesday with a 3-1 home win over the Cherry Tigers.

The Grizzlies took control early in the first game, pushing out to a 15-8 advantage. The Tigers clawed back to within 18-15 when Mya Kinsey slammed a kill to short-circuit the Cherry run, and with Lauren Burnett nailing a spike down the line the Grizzlies had a small three-point flurry that gave them the spark they needed to finish out the game with a 25-17 win.

The Grizzlies found themselves playing from behind in the second game, with Cherry going up 9-3 early. North Woods kept pace and chipped away at the lead, drawing even at 16-16 on another Kinsey kill. With the Grizzlies getting big hits from Burnett and Brittin Lappi, they closed out the game with a 9-3 run for the 25-19 win.

North Woods opened up a 6-2 lead in the third, but the Tigers hung tough, knot-

**Above: North Woods' Izzy Pascuzzi makes a pass off a Cherry serve.**

**Right: The Grizzlies' Mya Kinsey hammers a kill against Cherry on Tuesday.**

ting the score at 7-7. Cherry forged ahead and led by three when an Izzy Pascuzzi kill and two unforced Tigers errors brought the score even at 17-17. It was an all-out brawl from there to the finish, with Cherry coming out on top 25-23 to narrow the match to 2-1.

The Grizzlies came out of the break fired up and shot to an 11-2 lead, with Burnett sparking the team with a kill and a pair of aces. But the nine-point lead dwindled to just three when the Tigers reeled off six consecutive points. Pascuzzi ended the Cherry streak with a kill, and with Lappi serving the Grizzlies stretched

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## FOOTBALL

# Grizzlies hammered by Rangers 56-6

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook-Orr Editor

FIELD TWP- The Mt. Iron-Buhl Rangers football team came to

North Woods on Friday and showed why they're a contender for the state nine-man title this year by rolling over the Grizzlies 56-6.

The bigger, faster Rangers

scored every time they touched the ball in the first half, ringing up their first touchdown just over two minutes into the game with a five-play, 62-yard drive to go up

8-0. By the end of the quarter they were up 32-0, and scored three more touchdowns in the second quarter

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FISHING

DNR to take input on Basswood, Garden regulation changes

ELY—The Department of Natural Resources will host an open house in Ely next Tuesday to collect public comments and share information on proposed northern pike and sunfish regulation changes for Basswood Lake and on the proposed removal of northern pike special regulations on the Garden chain of lakes in St. Louis and Lake counties.

Open house set for Tuesday, Sept. 24 in Ely

purpose of the proposed changes is to provide quality northern pike and sunfish angling opportunities while also simplifying regulations. On all of Basswood Lake, the proposal would reduce the sunfish daily limit from 20 to five. The proposed change to the northern pike regulation

would mean that northern pike from 30-40 inches may not be kept and only one of the two pike allowed could be over 40 inches. The fishing season would become continuous to match other border waters' northern pike seasons.

On the Garden chain of lakes, the DNR proposes

to end the existing northern pike special regulations and replace it with the Northeast Zone regulations where fish 30-40 inches may not be kept and only one of the two pike allowed could be over 40 inches.

Next week's open house will take place from 6-8 p.m.

on Tuesday, Sept. 24, at MN North College-Vermilion campus at 1900 E. Camp St., in Ely. The open house will be held in room CL104 or CL110, so watch for signs. Please use the door that is closest to the main auditorium classroom, which is to the right of the campus's main entrance.

If adopted, the special regulations will go into effect March 1, 2025.

Comments can also be made online by taking the survey with the link available on the Minnesota DNR website (mndnr.gov/fishregs). People can also call the Tower area fisheries office at 218-300-7803, and emailed comments can be directed to tower.fisheries@state.mn.us.

CROSS COUNTRY

Wolves post strong showing at Grand Rapids meet

by DAVID COLBURN Cook-Orr Editor

REGIONAL- The Ely girls and boys cross country teams finished near the top of the pack at the Paul Bauer

Invitational in Grand Rapids on Tuesday, scoring fourth and fifth-place finishes respectively.

91 runners and 10 schools toed the line in the girls race, with Molly Brophy topping

the pack for Ely with a fourth-place finish with a time of 21:07.2 for the 5K run. Mattie Linday was three spots behind in seventh with a time of 21:39.1. Isabella Macho was the other Ely runner finishing

in the top half of the field, placing 28th with a time of 23:38.6.

Thirteen teams and 108 runners competed on the boys side, and all seven Ely boys finished in the top half of the

field. Caid Chittum led the way in 13th place with a time of 18:16.3. Silas Slocum came in 22nd with a time of 18:43.2. Other places and times for the Wolves included Otto Devine, 31st, 19:03.1; Brooks

Brenny, 32nd, 19:03.1; Mason Kurnava, 38th, 19:12.4; Oliver Hohenstein, 41st, 19:14.2; and Eli Olson, 19:53.1.

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to lead 56-0 at the half. Meanwhile, the Grizzlies could get nothing going on offense, failing to chalk up a first down in the first half against a totally dominant Rangers defense.

MIB was poised to continue the beatdown at the start of the second half after North

Woods surrendered the ball on downs at their own 33-yard line, but a fumbled pitch at the Grizzlies 7-yard line was recovered by Louie Panichi to snuff out the drive.

North Woods finally found success after the Rangers subbed in some second-stringers on defense.

Swinging out of the backfield, Talen Jarshaw pulled in a Panichi pass and dashed 50 yards down the sideline for the Grizzlies' biggest gainer of the night. Nick Abramson broke through the line for another big gainer to the MIB three-yard line, and scored the Grizzlies only touchdown

with 9:35 remaining in the fourth quarter.

With the running clock in effect, North Woods got the ball back one more time after Vinny Pascuzzi recovered an MIB fumble at the Grizzlies 35 with 2:13 remaining, and Head Coach Joel Anderson let his reserves get some time as

the clock expired.

Abramson was the only North Woods rusher with double-digit yardage, running for 68 yards on 13 carries. Panichi was two-of-nine through the air for 56 yards.

The Grizzlies will have another stout challenge when they hit the road on Friday

to take on 3-0 Littlefork-Big Falls. The Vikings rolled up 96 points in their first two contests before slipping past Cook County 20-13 last week.

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Wolves on top 14-12. The margin didn't stick. On the Panther's next possession, a missed assignment allowed South Ridge to turn a run up the middle into a 40-yard breakaway for their

third touchdown of the night.

The Wolves squandered several possessions that could have put them back on top in the fourth quarter. "We kept shooting ourselves in the foot with drive-stalling penalties,"

said Ely Head Coach Louie Gerzin.

It was the second game in a row that Ely's offense showed an ability to move the ball, even if the team again struggled to find the end zone.

Exact stats weren't available as of press time, according to Gerzin, but he said Alex Merriman led the team in rushing with about 80 yards on the night. Eaton added about 30 yards rushing and

20 yards receiving, including two touchdowns.

Eaton and Jesse Oelke led on defense with 12 tackles apiece, while Alex Merriman added eight tackles.

The Wolves, now 1-2 on

the season, were set to host Chisholm Friday night.

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the match. But the 'Hawks came back in the third set, winning 25-21 and cruised to a 25-16 win in set four. But the Mariners rebounded in set five, taking it 15-10 to claim the match.

"It's so great we were able to come back, but we just couldn't finish it," said NER Head Coach Misty Roseth.

Else Bee racked up 11 kills, four blocks, and 18 digs in the match, while Maizy

Sundblad posted 12 kills, three blocks, and 22 set assists. Danica Sundblad went 16-16 from the serving line while posting a team high 23 digs. Kaydence Hancock notched 7 kills and went 11-11 serving, while Peyton Roseth added five kills and 11 digs. Chloe Janeksela tallied 17 digs.

Tuesday's loss was the week's only disappointment as the 'Hawks looked strong as they notched back-to-back

wins at home earlier in the week, downing Duluth-Marshall on Saturday and Cook County on Monday.

"We are continuing to do great things defensively," said Coach Roseth after Monday night's 3-1 win over the Vikings. "As long as we keep putting the ball away, we stay on top of each set."

The 'Hawks racked up an impressive 50 kills in the hard-fought match with

Cook County, winning 25-19, 25-18, 28-30, and 25-21. Bee tallied 15 kills, 24 digs, and went a perfect 11-11 from the serving line. Roseth notched 14 kills and 20 digs, while setter Maizy Sundblad tallied 14 kills and 23 assists. Danica Sundblad added 17 digs and matched Bee's 11-11 record in serving. Janeksela added 16 digs.

The 'Hawks won another close home contest on Saturday

as they outpaced Duluth-Marshall 25-21, 25-21, 22-25, and 25-22.

"It was an amazing game for our seniors," said Roseth. "They got a lot of help from the underclassmen as well. Their defense Saturday night was top notch, with longer rallies."

Bee again led the way offensively for the 'Hawks with 18 kills, along with 19 digs. Roseth added six kills and 12 digs, while Maizy

Sundblad added three kills and 26 set assists. Janeksela posted four kills and 11 digs, while Danica Sundblad added 20 digs. Hancock tallied six kills while Anna Mancini added four.

The 'Hawks are set to face Rock Ridge on Saturday in Eveleth. They'll be back home to face North Woods next Thursday.

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eight digs. Sophomore setter Gretta Lowe added 23 assists and five digs on the night.

The 11-0 Wolves will put their unbeaten streak to its

toughest test this weekend, when they face several of the state's top Class A teams in the annual Minnesota High School Volleyball Showcase,

to be played at the Midwest Volleyball Warehouse in Burnsville. Eight of the 16 teams competing this weekend are currently ranked among

the top ten Class A teams in the state, according to the latest Minnesota Volleyball Coaches Association poll. The participants include last year's

Class A volleyball champions Russell-Tyler-Ruthton, 2022 state champions Minneota, and 2021 state champions Mayer Lutheran, currently

ranked first in the state.

The Wolves will remain on the road next week, heading to Duluth on Tuesday to take on Marshall.

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the lead to 15-8. It was the last significant run of the match, as North Woods kept up the pressure and pushed the lead to ten at the end, claiming the match with a 25-15 win.

Grizzlies Head Coach Kaileen Redmond used the match as an opportunity to install a few new wrinkles.

"We were trying out some new things offensively, trying to get some swings in a few other spots and seeing what we could do," she said.

Redmond said she wants her team that charge at the net.

"I would like to see our whole front row being a little more aggressive on the net," she said. "We have to stay aggressive and keep the other

team on their toes. We're just roll shotting and tipping over, and that gives them a whole lot of time to prepare. We want to keep everyone moving."

Greenway

The Grizzlies were on the road last Thursday to take on the Greenway Raiders, and came away with a solid 3-0 win. The Raiders presented a strong challenge, but the Grizzlies were up to the task, winning 25-20, 25-18, and 25-22.

Rock Ridge tourney

Standing at 8-0, this is the best season start for a Grizzlies team since a 7-0 mark to open the 2012 campaign. North Woods will try to extend the streak on Saturday when they

play in the eight-team Rock Ridge Invitational.

The key to the Grizzlies' prospects in the tourney came down to one word for

Redmond - energy.

"We definitely need to keep our energy up," she said. "This team is notorious for having slow starts first thing

in the morning. We have a bye in the first round, so I'm hoping that little bit of extra sleep will help them start off real strong and keep their

energy up throughout the day. I like our team dynamic, so as long as we can keep that high and mighty we're going to be sitting pretty this year."

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ADVENTURE

# Wintergreen's toboggan storefront catches fire on Sheridan St.

by CATIE CLARK  
Ely Editor

ELY- When the log cabin next to the Wintergreen retail store caught on fire Monday night, Ely firefighters had it out before Fire Engine One could arrive at the scene. The fire in Ely's downtown district was just one block away from the city's fire hall.

Ely's firefighters were paged at 8:09 p.m. for a fire reported on the porch at the Northern Toboggan Co. at 203 E. Sheridan St., next door to Wintergreen Northern Wear.

"The fire was on the outside of the building," said Assistant Fire Chief Ryan Callen, who served as incident commander. "The fire included a planter box," he said.

"We're lucky that someone called it in right away," Callen added. "If the fire had started at midnight, I think the outcome would have been more dire."

Firefighters on the department's hummer were the first on the scene along with two Ely police officers. Using fire extinguishers and hoses, the personnel on hand had the small fire out quickly.

The flower box that was on fire was detached from the wooden logs of the building's front façade and doused on the side lawn. The firefighters used a chainsaw to shave burnt wood off the log where the flower box was mounted.

Fire Chief David Marshall and Callen believe that the likely cause of the fire was a cigarette butt left in the flower box. The porch of the log cabin is a place where passers-by often stop in the evening to rest on benches and demo models of the store's furniture products.

Both the building at 203 E. Sheridan St. and the Wintergreen store next door are owned by the Northern Goods Company LLC, which is the business entity that

owns Wintergreen Northern Wear.

The Northern Toboggan Company wasn't open for business on Tuesday after the fire. The staff of Wintergreen had the door open and a fan set up to air out the smokey smell from interior. According to the sewing room manager at Wintergreen, the store doesn't open every day and operates more like a showroom for the toboggan, snowshoe, and furniture business also owned by Northern Goods Company.

**Ely firefighters doused the wooden logs on the front of 203 E. Sheridan St. where a flower box and a small portion of the front façade caught fire on Monday night. The remains of the burnt flower box, which the firefighters removed from the building's porch, are on the grass in front of Ely Police Officer Courtney Olson.** photo by C. Clark

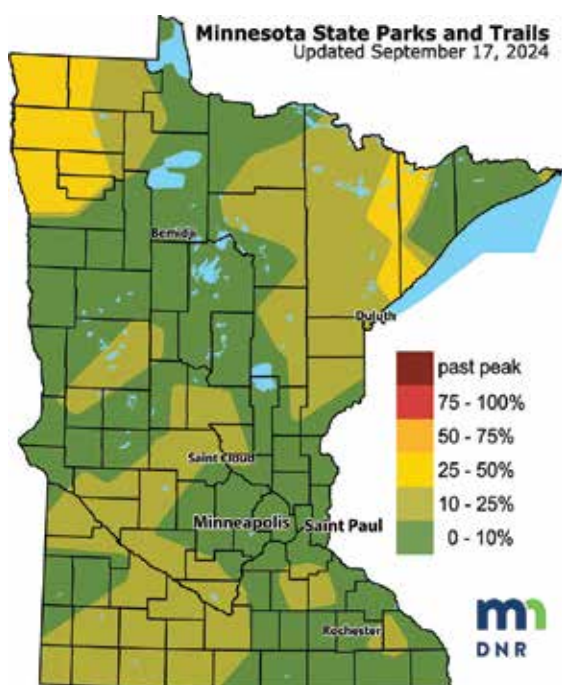


## DNR offers weekly fall color updates

REGIONAL- Timberjay readers have no doubt noticed that the leaves have started to turn. For those who enjoy leaf peeping trips and want to plan their drive for maximum color, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has a tool for you. It's called the Fall Color Finder, and it's online at [dnr.state.mn.us/fall\\_colors/index.html](http://dnr.state.mn.us/fall_colors/index.html).

The map shows the current and predicted intensity of leaf colors throughout the state. It updates every Thursday during September and October at noon.

**The Department of Natural Resources Fall Color Map for the week of Sept. 17.** courtesy of the DNR



## Ely Ice Arena repairs approved

ELY- With ice hockey season just weeks away, the Ely School District is faced with a foundation repair at the



Ely Ice Arena. The assessment of the district's athletic facilities last month uncovered cracks and spalling in three foundation piers at the arena. The Ely School Board held a special meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 17, during which it gave the go-ahead to Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. to design temporary foundation piers and footings to bolster the building's support columns. The school board also approved the solicitation of bids for the repair.

The assessment documentation on the damaged piers noted, "Permanent

foundation repairs of the piers ... will not be practical before winter." The temporary repair would allow the safe use of the ice arena during

the upcoming 2024-25 ice hockey season. The repair work will ensure the stability of the structure even in the event of "a design-level snow event or heavy snow season."

Because of the tight time constraints on installing the temporary piers and footings, the design work and repair must be started as soon as possible. The school board convened a special meeting on Tuesday instead of waiting for the next regular meeting in October.

## Obituaries and Death Notices



### Judith L. Tomsich

Judith L. "Judy" Tomsich, 80, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 22, 2024, in Chesterfield, Mich. A Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, Aug. 31 at St. Mary Queen of Creation Catholic Church in New Baltimore, Mich. The family appreciates memorial donations in Judith's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

Judy was born on March 25, 1944, to Linden B. and Lorraine A. Semon Burgess in Virginia, Minn. She grew up in Tower and graduated from Tower-Soudan High School in 1962. Judy led an adventurous life, having traveled to all 50 states, Canada, and of course, the Boundary Waters. Judy was appreciated for her amazing baking and cooking skills. Cakes and truffles, flavored with amaretto or rum, were her specialties. Her grandchildren were the recipients of any style and flavored birthday cake they desired. Judy instituted Experimental Friday where she would try a new recipe every week.

Judy was a caregiver for two of her friends, and their families, who became seriously ill, one with cancer and one with Guillain-Barre syndrome. She became a nanny for two families with young children. Judy's deepest love was her family. Her husband Len, always number one with her, was the love of her life. "Grammy", as the kids called her, especially delighted in her grandchildren. She enjoyed attending their sporting events, plays and musicals. She took great

interest in their successes in school and college, and getting their first jobs. Most of all, she enjoyed their visits and just being around them.

Judy's presence in our lives was a blessing. Judy will be remembered for her kindness and generosity, her cheerful nature, her sense of humor and infectious laugh, and her love of children. May she rest in eternal peace with much love and laughter in heaven.

Judy was the beloved wife of 60 loving years to her surviving husband, Leonard D. Tomsich; the loving and devoted mother of David (Cathy) Tomsich and Michael (Raequel) Tomsich; proud grandmother of Emma, Aiden, Ainsley, Isabel, Nicholas and Owen; and dear sister of Barbara (Bill) Durbin, Nancy (Peter) Yapel and Gary (Robin) Burgess. She is survived by her favorite Tomsich "outlaws", Barry (Gail Nelson) Tomsich, Cathy (Jim) Wright, Nancy Larson, Robin Majerle and Tim (Lori) Tomsich; and many special nieces and nephews who loved Judy dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lin and Lorraine Burgess; sister, Nancy Yapel; brother, Gary Burgess; mother- and father-in-law, Nelmi and Leonard Tomsich; and brothers-in-law, Dick Larson, Rick Tomsich and Sheldon Majerle.

### Brody J. Horn

Brody Jon Horn, 33, of Babbitt, died unexpectedly due to injuries sustained in an ATV accident on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024, near Babbitt. Arrangements are pending with Ziemer-Moeglein-Shatava Funeral Home of Gilbert.

### Linda A. Rafac

Linda A. Rafac, 75, of Embarrass, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024, at Essentia Health in Virginia. Funeral arrangements are pending with Landmark Funeral Home in Virginia.

### Jane A. Holm

Jane Anne Mealey Holm, 90, of Babbitt, passed away at her home on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2024, after a long battle with cancer. A special thank you to Essentia Health Hospice-St. Mary's East Range Team for

the wonderful care they provided. A Mass of Christian Burial for Jane and her son Jim will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 21 at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Babbitt, with visitation one hour before. Burial will be at Argo Cemetery following the service. A luncheon at the

church will follow the burial. Arrangements are with Landmark Funeral Home in Virginia.

She is survived by her children, Mary Stalcar, Gayle (Tom) Uren, Terry, Mike (Susan) and Carolyn; daughter-in-law, Dawn; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchild-

ren; brother, David Mealey; brother-in-law, Kenny Holm; sisters-in-law, Phyllis Mealey, Gerry Mealey and Judy (Leon) Francisco; nieces, nephews and cousins.

# FREE FLU SHOTS

**Friday, Sept. 20, 11-5pm** ..... Glow Run in Whiteside Park

**Thursday, Oct. 3, 8am-Noon & 2-6pm** .....Grand Ely Lodge

**Wednesday, Oct. 9, 3-7pm** .....ISD 696 Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Thursday, Oct. 10, 3-7pm** .....ISD 696 Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7-9am**..... The HUB on Miners Drive

**Wednesday, Oct. 16, 11:30-1pm** ..... Ely Senior Center

**Thursday, Oct. 24** ..... Business Wellness Days – Call 218-365-8739 to schedule an appointment for your business

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## HUNTING

# Bear hunters having one of their best seasons in years

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

**REGIONAL** — Bear hunters have recorded one of their best seasons in decades this year as bears, hungry from limited natural foods, have found hunters' baits irresistible in many cases. Bear hunters typically use baits to lure bears into view of their stands.

Hunters had registered 2,600 bears through the first nine days of the season. "That's

a big jump from last year," said Tower area DNR wildlife manager Jessica Holmes. "It's mostly explained by the poor food conditions reported."

Last year at the same time, hunters had registered just 1,082 bears, although unusually warm conditions last year likely contributed to the slow start. Temperatures were more seasonable for the first of the season this year, although summer-like heat returned for the second week of the season. Hunters found success

early on this year, registering nearly 1,200 bears on the first day of the season. "The most we've seen in a single day going back 20 years was 798 in 2007," said Holmes.

Typically, about 60-70 percent of the harvest is reported in the first week of the season. "At this point it may be too early to predict total harvest, but we're likely going to end up near 3,500 bears on the season," said Holmes.

Registrations by bear management units in northeastern

Minnesota include:

BMU 22 – 1 bear  
BMU 24 – 45 bears  
BMU 25 – 177 bears  
BMU 31 – 201 bears.

At the same point last year, hunters had registered 0, 20, 146, and 107 bears in those same management units respectively.

The bear season continues through Sunday, Oct. 13.

**Right: A brown-tinted black bear is lit by a setting sun. Bear registrations are up sharply this year.**



## THE CHANGING SEASONS



# Fall color comes early

Dry weather, early September cool snap combine for a sneak peak

**REGIONAL** — If you're hoping to enjoy the peak of the fall colors this year across northeastern Minnesota, you'd better get out soon. A combination of several cool nights in early September, including light frost, along with abundant sunshine so far this month has sparked a pronounced color change a bit earlier than usual.

Brian Feldt, area forestry supervisor with the Tower area DNR, puts the change about a week-to-ten days ahead of the average. Typically, the region sees two fall color peaks, with the maples peaking first, usually around the third to fourth week of September. The aspen and birch peak generally follows about a week-to-ten days later.

But many maples were already at or nearing peak color as of mid-September this year and even some aspen and birch were beginning to turn. The fall color portion of the DNR's website this week showed that virtually all of St. Louis County was experiencing significant color change, compared to only about half at the same time last year and none during the same period in 2022.

Feldt said the early

**Above: Many area maples, like these, exploded into color late last week, about ten days earlier than usual.**

**Right: Even the big-toothed aspen were changing colors, about two weeks ahead of schedule.**

**Lower right: The furrowed trunk of aspen contrasts with a backdrop of orange and red maple leaves.**

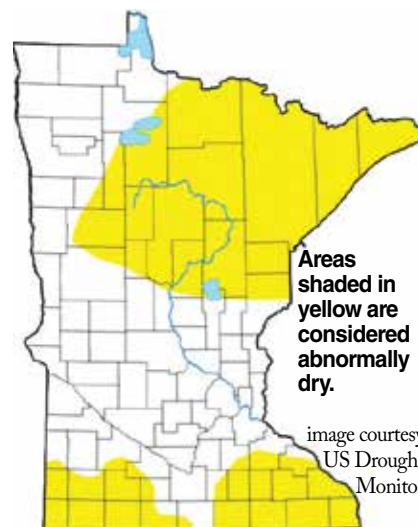
September chill combined with the abundant sunshine is likely behind the early change. That's because the chlorophyll that gives leaves their green color breaks down in the fall, and cooler temperatures at night and sunshine during the day tend to speed up that process. As the chlorophyll breaks down, other phytochemicals, like carotenoids and anthocyanins, which reflect yellows, oranges, and reds, come into the foreground, giving leaves their "fall" color.

This year's color change is not only early in our region, Feldt said it has the potential to be particularly dramatic, thanks to the wet summer, which typically encourages more robust foliage. "I think we could see some very brilliant colors this year," he said.

But an early change could mean an earlier than usual leaf fall. So, get out and enjoy the colors while they last.



## WEATHER



# Dry weather returns to area

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

**REGIONAL** — Drought is creeping back into the picture in northeastern Minnesota as above-average temperatures and limited precipitation in recent weeks has parched soils and elevated fire danger.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, the entire Arrowhead is now classified as "abnormally dry," the lowest level of drought category. Minnesota had been considered free of drought as recently as a few weeks ago after a wetter than normal start to the summer.

Much of that rain fell in a single event on June 18, when many parts of the region saw anywhere from three to eight inches of intense rainfall, which caused significant overland flooding. Rainfall in July was close

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## Wildflower Watch



This week's featured flower  
**PANICLED ASTER**

The **Panicked Aster**, *Symphyotrichum lanceolatum*, is one of the most common white asters in our region. The other common variety is the Flat-topped Aster, which has small (less than half an inch) cream-colored flowers that grow in a flat-topped cluster.

The Panicked Aster sports blossoms that are bright white and grow in a much looser arrangement than its flat-topped relative. It can be told from other white asters by its relatively long, narrow leaves that are typically no wider than half an inch.

This variety of aster can be found blooming right into October.



**Outdoors briefly**

**TESTING THE WATERS**



A young bull moose appears to playfully spar with a much larger bull, both still in velvet in this Aug. 6 trail camera image captured somewhere along the 200 Rd., south of the Echo Trail. The camera owner asked not to be identified but wanted to share the exciting image with readers. The moose rut will get underway in earnest in mid-October.

**Regular waterfowl season opens this weekend**

REGIONAL — Minnesota's regular waterfowl hunting season opens a half-hour before sunrise this Saturday, Sept. 21, and the Department of Natural Resources is reminding hunters about season dates, regulations and changes to stamp requirements in effect this season.

New this year, electronically issued federal stamps are now valid for the entire season. Pictorial stamps will be mailed to purchasers after the close of waterfowl seasons. The stamps are available through the Minnesota DNR electronic licensing system, in person or online (mndnr.gov/buylicense), and cost

\$29 per stamp. Federal duck stamps are also still available from local post offices. Federal duck stamps are required for all hunters ages 16 and older. Waterfowl hunters must also possess a small game license, state waterfowl stamp validation and Harvest Information Program certification. The state waterfowl stamp validation costs \$7.50 and is a requirement is for residents ages 18 to 64 and nonresidents ages 16 and older.

Full season dates and hunting regulations are available in the Minnesota Waterfowl Hunting Regulations booklet, available wherever hunting and fishing licenses are sold.

**You can Take a Kid Hunting for free this weekend**

REGIONAL — Young people hoping to get started hunting this fall will want to make note of a couple upcoming special hunts, including one happening statewide this weekend.

Youth hunting opportunities and dates this fall that are in addition to regular hunting seasons include:

► Take a Kid Hunting Weekend — Sept. 21-22. Adult Minnesota residents accompanied by a youth under age 16 may hunt small game without a license. Hunting regulations are available on the Minnesota DNR website (mndnr.gov/regulations/hunting).

► Youth deer season — Oct. 17-20. Statewide season for youth ages 10-17. Youth

ages 10-13 must be accompanied by an adult parent, guardian or mentor. More information is available on the Minnesota DNR youth deer season webpage (mndnr.gov/hunting/deer/youth.html).

For firearms hunting, young people generally need to complete required firearms safety training, or go hunting using the apprentice hunter validation, a short-term exclusion to the requirement for completing hunter firearms safety training that can be purchased where hunting licenses are sold. More information about both is available on the Minnesota DNR learn to hunt page (mndnr.gov/go/hunting/start-hunting.html).

**LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST**

from NOAA weather

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to average, but since Aug. 1, rainfall has been running only about 60 percent of normal and minimal rain has fallen so far in September. Many reporting stations in the region, including Ely, Embarrass, and Cook, had seen less than two-tenths of an inch of rain in the first two weeks of the month — about an inch and a half below average. Combined with warmer-than-average temperatures so far this month, conditions have grown dry quickly.

In areas with shallow soils, the impact of what is essentially a flash drought

has been dramatic, with many trees experiencing early color change and leaf wilt. The dry conditions have led to high fire danger across much of central St. Louis County, while

conditions remain listed as moderate in northern St. Louis County. The area with high fire danger includes the Mesabi Iron Range north to Bear River and Sturgeon Township, east

to Pike Township.

Lake and river levels are also falling quickly, particularly in central St. Louis County, where the St. Louis River is now well below its Q90,

which means it's lower than at present less than ten percent of the time. In northern St. Louis County, the Little Fork River's flow fell 25 percent in the past week and is now below its Q75

level. With a similar decline this week, the Little Fork could well reach the Q90 stage by early next week. The DNR issues updated stream flow levels every Monday.

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In the Matter of the  
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namely:

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Applicant vs. Shirley A.  
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Michelle Christenson; First  
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Western National Bank; City  
of Hibbing; and also all heirs  
and devisees of any of the  
above-named persons who  
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4th day of September, 2024

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**Position Purpose:** The Marketing/ Development Coordinator is responsible for developing and implementing fundraising, marketing, sales and event promotional strategies to generate revenue streams in support of Bois Forte Tribal Community Radio and its mission. The incumbent must identify and develop relationships with service area organizations and businesses supportive of KBFT's mission and programming. This position leads the station's membership drive planning team.

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Closes: 09/30/2024

**Position Purpose:** The Contract Manager will be responsible for overseeing contracts and agreements made by the Tribal Government with other entities. The successful candidate will manage the Tribal Government's contracting with vendors and contracted employees, ensure that contracts are in place when needed, and develop and implement a comprehensive contract development and tracking system to promote Tribal Government compliance with all relevant laws, regulations, and procurement policies.

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**A complete application must include the following:**

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- Resume
- 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)

**Starting Rate of Pay:** \$22.56/hour  
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## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: D equals F

MIPO MUTGZ RUT NPGG P  
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DGPODCHI OIPO HOPEO P  
NUKXPYR OUQJOIJE?  
NU-DGUTYZJEH.

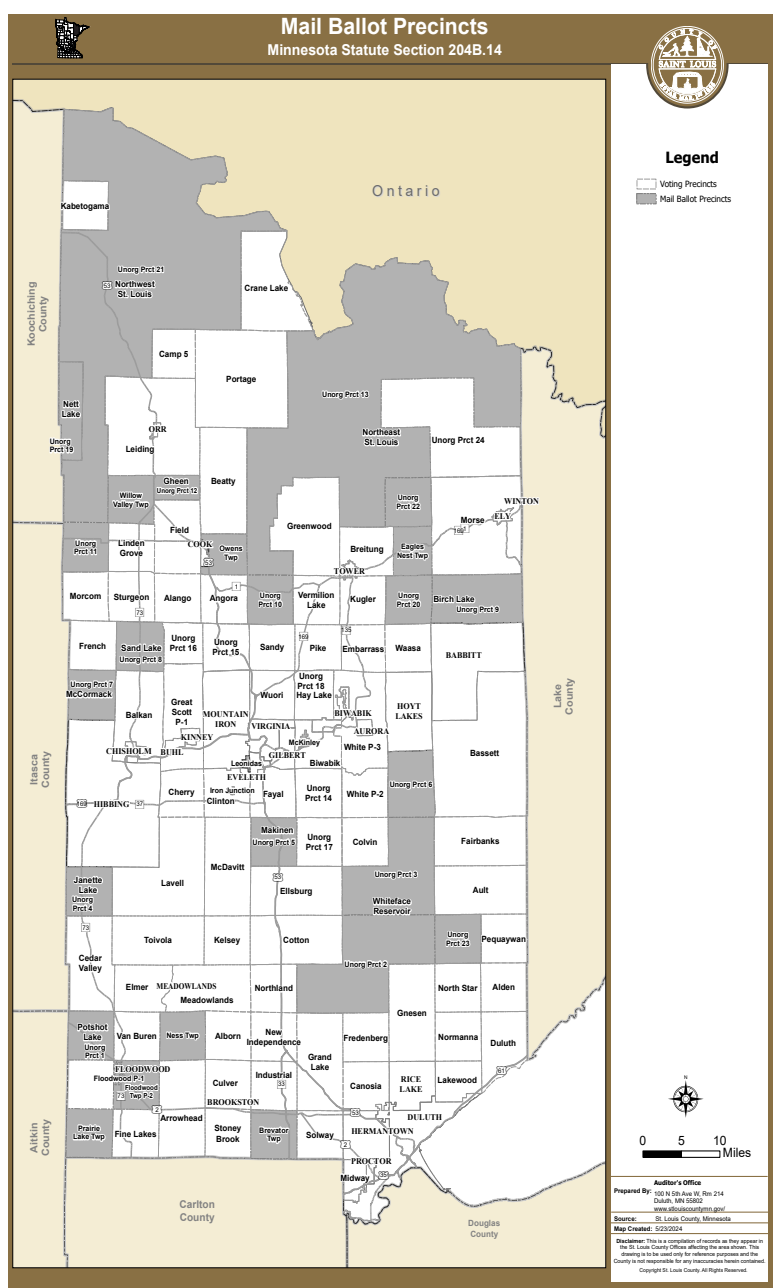
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## NOTICE TO VOTERS IN MAIL BALLOT PRECINCTS IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY

### 2024 STATE GENERAL ELECTION VOTING PROCEDURES

Voters residing in most unorganized areas within St. Louis County, and the Townships of Brevator, Eagles Nest, Floodwood, Ness, Owens, Prairie Lake, and Willow Valley, and the Cities of Floodwood, Iron Junction, Leonidas, and McKinley will vote as MAIL BALLOT precincts in 2024. MAIL BALLOT precinct areas are indicated by the shaded areas on the adjoining map.



Unorganized areas **NOT** voting by MAIL BALLOT include:

- Unorganized 14 (T57-R16) Votes at Lakeland Fire Hall, 4667 Vermilion Trl, Gilbert, MN
- Unorganized 15 (T60-R18) Votes at Sand Lake Chapel, 9038 Biss Rd, Britt, MN
- Unorganized 16 (T60-R19) Votes at Sand Lake Chapel, 9038 Biss Rd, Britt, MN
- Unorganized 17 (T56-R16) Votes at Makinen Community Center, 6601 Wilson Rd, Makinen MN
- Unorganized 18 (T59-R16) Votes at Pike Town Hall, 6862 Hwy 68, Embarrass, MN
- Unorganized 24 (T64-R12 and R13, T65- R13 and R14) Votes at Morse Town Hall, 911 S Central Ave, Ely, MN

**Notice of State General Election:** November 5, 2024. All persons registered to vote on September 20, 2024, in MAIL BALLOT precincts will automatically be sent a ballot at least 14 days prior to the election. If you are registered to vote and do not receive a ballot by October 22, 2024, please contact the Auditor's Office at one of the locations listed below.

Voted ballots may be returned by mail (stamped return envelopes are included with each MAIL BALLOT packet) or in person at one of the below listed locations. All returned ballots **MUST BE RECEIVED by 8:00 p.m.** on Election Day at one of the below listed Auditor's Office locations. Assistive voting equipment and witnessing of signatures is also available at the Auditor's Offices.

**NOTE: If you live in one of the mail ballot areas and are eligible to vote but are not currently registered, you may apply to the Auditor's Office in person or by mail for ballots and registration materials.**

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100 North 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, Room 214  
Duluth, MN 55802  
(218) 726-2385

or

Virginia Government Services Building  
201 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave West  
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Tuesday, October 29, 2024	8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 2, 2024	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 3, 2024	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Monday, November 4, 2024	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**The polling place will be at:**

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By: Phil Chapman, Deputy Auditor/Elections Supervisor

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by Linda Thistle

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8			6			1	
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	6			1	7		
2				4			9

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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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.

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.)

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS- East Range meetings and information, call 218-749-3387 or [www.district8online.org](http://www.district8online.org).

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

**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.

D TSSN XLGX XLS WFSGXSKX  
FSMGFY TZF YZDHW HZXLDPHW  
DK XLS ZCCZFXRHDUX Z  
YZ JZFS. - EZHGK KGNV

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**SNOWFLAKES**  
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.

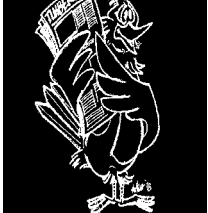
**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦♦♦  
♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦♦ Difficult

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**CryptoQuip**  
answer  
What would you call a group of certain small flatfish that start a company together?  
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## Super Crossword

### DISORDERLY CREATURES

- ACROSS**  
1 Old-time crooner  
7 James — Garfield  
12 Taxing org.  
15 Old newspaper section  
19 On cloud nine  
20 Having fine granules  
21 Refilled to the brim  
23 Nocturnal burrower wearing clothes?  
25 "Rocky" star  
26 French "a"  
27 Taking after  
28 Semiaquatic reptile that's really zealous?  
30 Big spotted cat released from jail early?  
34 Doc treating laryngitis  
35 Orig. texts  
36 Sports official  
37 Interprets  
39 Antifraud org.  
42 1990s Toyota coupe  
45 "McQ" actor Gulager
- 46 Ready- — (precooked)  
48 Region  
49 Tesla's Musk  
50 Lobe-finned swimmer turning red?  
54 Pioneering email co.  
55 One-eighty  
56 Mini-guitar  
57 Elizabeth — Browning  
58 Spiny ant eater on a leash?  
64 Put in very hot water  
65 Solid ground  
66 Actor Wallach  
67 Seat winners  
69 Florida city  
72 Quark's place  
74 Very small monkey from the red planet?  
79 Rhine siren  
82 "Sliver" writer Levin  
83 "Emma" has two of these  
84 Slalom, e.g.  
85 Whip-tailed marine menace going off course?  
90 Bard  
91 Composer Khachaturian
- 92 Fix up, as an old house  
93 Hard wood  
94 Actress Blair  
95 Kid's amuser  
96 Eighth Greek letter  
98 Mil. bigwig  
99 Irish dance  
100 Waterloo marshal  
101 Wheel-spinning rodent that's a Bay State college mascot?  
108 Large lizard from northern South America?
- 112 Dialect suffix  
113 Penny prez  
114 Electric circuit component  
115 Mimicking bird that's predatory?  
119 Classic typewriter brand  
120 TV show blocking device  
121 Text alterer  
122 Trait carrier  
123 Enervate  
124 Latin abbr. meaning "and the following"
- 125 Sailor's morning warning  
**DOWN**  
1 Starting boost  
2 Actress — De La Garza  
3 More scarce  
4 Gambling parlor, in brief  
5 "Look here, too," in a reference  
6 Befuddles  
7 Doc's gp.  
8 Shut-eye site  
9 Dust picker-upper  
10 Take — of faith  
11 Actress Loy  
12 "Agreed!"  
13 Campus mil. gp.  
14 Zoned (out)  
15 Ignited again  
16 2004-11 Laker Lamar  
17 Bluefin, e.g.  
18 Unbox, e.g.  
22 Schemes  
24 With 31-Down, it doesn't bode well  
29 Like the verb "go": Abbr.  
31 See 24-Down  
32 Humdinger
- 33 Aussie birds  
38 "... three men in —"  
39 She starred in "Room"  
40 — Actress (award for 39-Down)  
41 Thai currency  
42 Serenity  
43 "Hi," in Hilo  
44 Nonpolluting power source  
45 Bonnie's pal  
46 — torch  
47 Linear, briefly  
48 Sahara's land  
50 Agent's cut  
51 "Say what?"  
52 Seize  
53 Spruces up  
55 Sinful  
59 Group of PC gurus  
60 Hard wood  
61 Covert org.  
62 Actress Long  
63 Actress Jillian  
68 Fajita meat  
70 Was keen on  
71 Singer O'Day  
73 "Don't tell — can't!"  
75 Singer Coolidge  
76 Chi-Town daily paper  
77 Singer Janis
- 78 Novelist Tan  
79 Future atty.'s exam  
80 Other, in Oaxaca  
81 Pertaining to  
86 "Return to reality!"  
87 SeaWorld whale, once  
88 Leaves  
89 Vent vocally  
90 Sty animals  
94 Greenish citrus drink  
96 All wound up  
97 "Regency" hotels  
98 Pie charts, e.g.  
99 Quartz type  
100 Easily duped  
102 Presnell of "Fargo"  
103 Legislate  
104 That girl  
105 Petite pies  
106 Kindle buy  
107 New attempt  
108 Sailor's quaff  
109 700-mile-long Congolese river  
110 "The check — the mail"  
111 Ninth Greek letter  
116 Game draw before R  
118 Free (of)

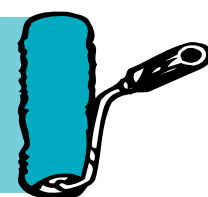
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### Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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1	8	5	9	7	2	6	4	3
9	6	4	3	1	8	7	5	2
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G	U	I	A	N	A	I	G	U	A	N	E	S	E	A	B	E			
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O	L	I	V	E	T	T	I	V	C	H	I	P	E	D	I	T	O	R	
G	E	N	E	S	A	P	E	T	S	E	Q	R	E	D	S	K	Y		