



2018 GOVERNORS RACE

# Otto outlines plan for single-payer health care

## “Healthy Minnesota Plan” would provide care for all, with no deductible

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— The push for a universal, single-payer approach to health care has entered the gubernatorial debate in Minnesota with a proposal put forward this past week by state auditor and gubernatorial candidate Rebecca Otto.

Dubbed the Healthy Minnesota Plan, Otto said her proposal would cover all Minnesotans with no premiums or deductibles and would reduce health care costs by about 15 percent, primarily through reducing administrative overhead and changing the economic incentives for health care providers.

While Otto said she agrees that a national solution would likely be the best path forward, she said Minnesota can't wait, or necessarily expect, that health

care solutions will come from Washington. “If we have to go it alone as a state, we will,” she said.

Otto said the inefficiencies of the current system are creating crippling cost increases and forcing health care providers to spend far too much of their time dealing with administrative issues rather than patient care. “Doctors tell me they’re spending 60 percent on paperwork and only 40 percent on actual health care,” said Otto. “That should be at least 90 percent on patient care.”

According to Otto, her plan would pay doctors based on their ability to manage the health of patients, rather than on the traditional fee-for-service. Patients would be free to choose their doctors, similar to how Medicare currently operates. Providers would bill a health care trust fund that would be established

under the plan.

Funding for the trust fund would come from a variety of sources, including a substantial portion from the federal resources that currently come to the state through the Affordable Care Act. While implementation of Otto's plan would require a federal waiver, she's confident that the plan would be allowed to go forward by Washington. The plan would also be funded by existing state resources as well as through unspecified tax increases. But Otto notes that any tax increases would be more than offset by the savings that individuals and businesses would accrue from no longer having to purchase health insurance privately. “Employers are already spending this money,” she said. “This merely takes existing resources and redirects them into the health care trust fund.”

Working through the details of such a proposal at the Legislature promises to be difficult, acknowledges Otto, particularly given the political power of the insurance and pharmaceutical industries. “It will require a careful and considerate conversation,” she said. “The prize is we’ll be able to spend less for a better outcome.”

Otto said the economic costs of health care are crippling small businesses in the state, which she believes stand to benefit significantly from her plan by making health coverage less expensive for employees. “It’s the small businesses that are really getting creamed,” she said. “I don’t want to lose our small businesses who are so frustrated already.” And Otto cites recent projections showing that health care spending in Minnesota is expected to jump from \$55 billion



Rebecca Otto spoke this summer to the Tuesday Group in Ely. file photo

this year to \$85 billion annually by 2023. “Imagine, if we could reduce health care costs by 15 percent, what that would do to help us fund other priorities,” she said.

While other states have proposed universal, single-payer

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### MAIN STREET

# Civic center paint job proves controversial

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
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TOWER—Members of the Tower-Soudan Community Development Corporation's Main Street Committee say they're unhappy with last week's decision by the city council here to award a paint job at the civic center, using grant funds the committee had obtained, without consulting with committee members.

The committee had presented a quote from Tower resident Doug Workman last month, that called for painting those portions

of the center's interior walls located above the dark wooden wainscoting. The work was also to include painting the building's metal heaters and doors. Workman had offered to do the job for \$2,000, plus \$400 for paint. He committed to \$500 worth of volunteer, in-kind labor on the project as well.

Committee members said they had enough grant dollars left over from their recent IRRRB enhancement grant to cover that cost.

At the time, Mayor Josh Carlson had urged the council to get a second quote, which com-

mittee members agreed was fair. “We’ve been told before, we need to get more than one quote,” said committee member Linda Haugen.

The new quote, however, was \$4,900, which the council approved at their last meeting, without discussing the matter with committee members. While the new quote included some additional work, committee members said it's work they don't believe is desirable or affordable. “The city will have to come up with the extra money. We don't have it,” said Haugen.

At a committee meeting on

Tuesday, members expressed their frustration. “What's the point of having a committee,” asked Joan Broten, “if it doesn't matter what we say?”

This past winter, the committee obtained a \$40,000 IRRRB grant for improvements to the Main Street corridor, including a new city entrance sign, improved grating around Main Street trees, traffic calming signs, additional crosswalks, and the design of a new welcome park. Progress on the project has been slowed from several factors, including having to consult with MnDOT on several components

on the project. The new entrance sign is expected to be completed by early November, but the location and actual installation can't be finalized until MnDOT gives it formal approval. The committee was also forced to delay its plan to apply for a second round of grant funds for its planned new welcome park, because the city is currently considering facilities changes around the civic center that could conflict with the park.

Mayor Carlson declined to comment for this story.

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LEARNING TO LOVE READING

# Students excited for new reading program

The youth readers awards program has come to northern Minnesota for the first time

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY - Ely area writers and educators have partnered with Piragis Northwoods Co. Bookstore to bring the Maud Hart Lovelace, Minnesota Young Readers Association youth book awards programs to Washington Elementary School.

Several boxes of reading materials were delivered to Washington School last week.

When Maud Hart Lovelace, a Minnesota writer famous for writing the Betsy Tacy series of books for children, died in 1980, the Maud Hart Lovelace Book Award came into being as a statewide children's-choice book award. The award is administered under the umbrella organization, Minnesota Young Readers Association.

"For over thirty-five years this award has been a way for children to have a voice about their taste in books, and to have fun doing it," said local organizer Polly Carlson-Voiles.

"Although this is considered a statewide award, until last year, participation had gone no further north than Cloquet," Voiles said.



"We decided it was time that kids in northern Minnesota joined the fun and made their voices heard."

Ely's Washington Elementary school has become a member of the Minnesota Young Readers Association, allowing the votes of Ely's children to be entered online and included along with votes of children across the state, she said.

"Donations for books, bookmarks and posters come from Lake Country Power, Piragis Northwoods Co., Ely Design Works and from area book clubs," Voiles noted. "Piragis provides additional generosity by allowing us to order our books at a discount through their bookstore," she said.

"With this year's donations,

**Right:** Four Ely Washington second-graders, Logan Kainz, Dawson Murphy, Stella Koivisto and Saylor Sandberg, opened boxes of books last week for the Minnesota Young Readers program.

**Above:** A nice selection of new books was on hand for the program.

photos by K. Vandervort



The original group organizing the book award program included Jordyn Stocks, Mary Groeninger, Polly Carlson-Voiles, Jeanette Cox, Rita Koch, and Chuck Plantz, media specialist for Ely Schools, plus the participation of Ely classroom

teachers. Koch, from the Story Portage Board, now administers the program.

For more information, and to donate, go to [www.givemn.org/organization/story-portage](http://www.givemn.org/organization/story-portage).

Briefly

## Community forum in Ely to address opioid drug epidemic

ELY — As people across the country continue to look for solutions to the

continuing crisis of illegal opioid and methamphetamine use, St. Louis County and area agencies are partnering to raise awareness about the dangers and effects here at home. This region has been hit hard by violent crimes related to drugs, overdoses, and a

skyrocketing number of children being placed in foster care due to parents battling addictions.

What can be done and what resources are available for people seeking help? St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services is partnering with

other local agencies to offer a forum on the issue. The event will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 25, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Ely Memorial High School, 600 East Harvey Street. The forum is free and open to the public.

The evening's agenda

includes:

➤ 5 p.m. - Informational booths and informal conversation time

➤ 6 p.m. - Panel discussion featuring representatives from St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services; law enforcement, the County

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## Editorial

### The DFL crackup

Years of divisive politics over the environment coming home to roost

Is the DFL headed for a crackup in the Eighth District? That appears increasingly likely as the divide within the party, particularly over the issue of sulfide mining, has become too vast and too personal for the current crop of political leaders to hope to bridge.

On one side is the party's blue collar base, centered on the union-heavy Iron Range, long a bastion of DFL strength. Many members of local trade unions and steelworkers, unhappy with the direction of the Democratic Party nationally, abandoned their DFL roots in November, in support of Donald Trump. Enough of them split their tickets to give Eighth District Congressman Nolan another razor-thin victory over Republican Stewart Mills.

But now, it's another important DFL constituency that looks ready to walk—progressives concerned about environmental protection and climate change, who make up a significant percentage of the party faithful.

Like union voters used to be, these are folks who the DFL in the Eighth has counted on for years to staff phone banks, door-knock, donate money, and spread the word to friends and neighbors. These are folks who helped get Nolan over the finish line the last three election cycles.

Yet as Leah Phifer discovered during her just-concluded listening tour across the district, Nolan's recent steps to advance sulfide mining in the Boundary Waters watershed and his support of controversial oil sands-related pipelines, have left many on the party's green flank ready to jump ship. It's no secret that Nolan has backed such projects for years, and most party progressives were willing to weigh his record in totality, which is progressive on many other issues.

Yet his recent alignment with some of the Republican Party's most radical anti-environment and anti-public lands members of Congress has left Nolan incongruously positioned to the right of the Trump administration on the environment—a spot on the political spectrum pretty close to the cliff's edge. Among Nolan's new friends is Rep. Paul Gosar, of Arizona, who Nolan brought on a tour of the Iron Range this past June. Gosar recently told news reporters that he believes the Nazis who marched in Charlottesville were organized by an Obama operative and

funded by George Soros, who he called a “jew” who turned his own people over to the Nazis. This is fact-free, Alex Jones-style conspiracy mongering at its worst. Even Gosar's own brother called on the congressman to apologize. Nolan may see such political allies as useful, but it's left many progressive DFLers questioning his judgment, and unwilling to back him in 2018. It's left Phifer worried that Nolan is little more than a dead man walking, and it's prompted her to challenge Nolan for the party's endorsement, she says in hopes of keeping the Eighth in the Democratic column.

Phifer's concerns are widely held. The D.C.-based Cook Political Report lists Minnesota's Eighth as one of the ten Democratic seats most at risk in 2018, and that analysis likely fails to account for the growing rebellion from the party's progressive wing.

There are many factors contributing to the DFL's fading prospects in the Eighth, including a decision by the party nationally to throw its support behind a growing professional and entrepreneurial class that has benefitted from globalization and other changes in the economy, without adequately considering the impact to the nation's blue collar workforce. At the same time, party leaders have focused on social issues and identity politics, at the expense of the traditional economic message that used to resonate with working class voters.

But political leaders in the district have added to the party's woes. Wise politicians, like the late Paul Wellstone, recognized that the district's blue collar workforce and environmentalists have plenty in common, and that any differences could be bridged with the right leadership and policies. Unfortunately, too many politicians in the region have, for years, failed to heed Wellstone's advice and have been content to drive a wedge between the party's disparate constituencies, casting those with environmental concerns as little more than villains out to destroy the region's economy. It's nonsense, but it plays well in certain crowds and politicians are usually eager to please. We've argued in these pages for years that this “us vs. them” rhetoric would eventually be harmful to the party's interests. It appears “eventually” may have finally arrived.



## Letters from Readers

### Rukavina should do a little research

When Mr. Rukavina assures us that 135 years of iron mining is proof that sulfide mining will never bring any problems - why do you suppose there are no insurance companies willing to insure over that issue? Go up to Sudbury, Ontario to talk with the people left behind by the nickel mining industry up there. And maybe ask around about how mining companies tend to file for bankruptcy protection whenever the bills come due?

Dave Porter  
Minneapolis

### Automation is decimating mining employment

Antofagasta, Twin Metal's Chilean overlord, must take sly pleasure at the tedious back-biting and in-fighting here in Ely. It certainly diverts our attention from the tsunami that's hitting the mining workforce world. “Taking the miner out of mining” is the theme these days among mining industry planners according to the “The Robots Are Coming” article in the current issue of Mining Magazine.

Industry news is abuzz with breakthroughs in automation and robotics. This is not pie-in-the-sky scheming: Four of Australia's open pit iron mines and an underground mine are already automated. Robotic excavators dig the ore, driverless trucks move it out of the mine, driverless locomotives take it to processing. Mining giant Rio Tinto, sensing the shock-waves this might send through its global workforce, is quick to note that some of the miners have been retrained to monitor this equipment - at a robotics control facility in an urban center 750 miles from the mines. One operator can monitor an entire fleet of trucks that run 24/7 with no need for lunch or bathroom breaks and no risk of on-the-job injuries.

A key engineering planning

study, titled “Mining a Mirage?,” concludes that automation is transforming the industry far faster than mining companies ever anticipated. And why wouldn't it since automated mining is slated to reduce operating costs by 50 percent? The efficiencies result largely from workforce reductions which could be as much as 75 percent according to references in the study.

When? It notes that these technologies “are likely to reach their peak rates of deployment in the next 10 to 15 years.” That is years before Twin Metals, even under its rosier projections, anticipates having a shovel in the ground. By then, how many of the mine-operator jobs the company promises will have been wiped out by automation?

In that same 10- to 15-year timeframe, driverless trucks are slated to eliminate the most common job in America, our nation's 3.5 million truckers. The driverless semi named “Otto” that transported 50,000 cans of beer across Colorado this summer might have been an Uber stunt, but it worked.

Rep. Nolan, who sits on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, is well aware that the equipment-operator workforce is facing its demise within the next decade or two. Yet he panders for the vote of mining proponents while giving no hint that the mine-operator jobs they hope for their children are rapidly destined for obsolescence - unless their kids want to monitor computers at a robotics control facility in an urban center hundreds of miles from Ely.

The ‘Mirage’ planning study also concludes that, in socio-economic terms, the traditional “social license” by which communities allows corporations to extract local resources in return for local jobs needs to be quickly renegotiated - because the next generation of mines will offer few local jobs. Here's another opportunity for Nolan, or whoever replaces him, to exhibit some political leadership.

These sweeping automation trends mean that, with or without Twin Metals, mining employ-

ment will never be a significant factor in Ely's workforce future. Every community in the country will need to reckon with this ‘mother of all’ industrial revolutions. Fortunately, Ely is ahead of the curve with our downtown revitalization and burgeoning small business movement. References to our ‘amenities-based economy’ may raise some eyebrows, but there's no denying the fact that if we take care of our woods and water, Ely will always remain a very appealing place to live, work and play. But its sustainability cannot rely upon the fading mirage of heavy industry jobs.

Paul Schurke  
Ely

### Cook Ambulance service deserves Greenwood's help

The Oct. 13 issue of the *Timberjay* reporting on the Greenwood Township Board of Supervisors meeting noted that the Tower Ambulance Service is looking to change the funding formula to provide additional revenue for the Tower Ambulance.

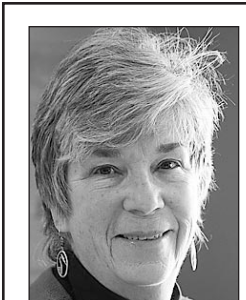
Ambulance response time can be critical to many medical emergencies such as potential strokes, heart attacks, chainsaw cuts, and auto accidents. Residents of Greenwood Township faced with a health emergency who live on the western side of the township and call 911 will be appropriately serviced by the Cook Ambulance. Cook Ambulance response time to western Greenwood Township is much better than the Tower Ambulance. The Tower Ambulance already receives a significant amount of monetary support from Greenwood but the Cook ambulance receives none. My question is a very simple one. Why doesn't the Cook Ambulance receive support commensurate with the Tower Ambulance?

Chuck Richards  
Greenwood Township

## We continue to yearn for transparency

The manipulative aspects of advertising and sales have always made me skeptical and resistant as a customer and a lousy salesperson for my own products and services as I avoid anything that sounds like a phony sales pitch.

In my 20s, I got to experience the classic sales pitch personally. My husband, Ralph, and I went out to buy our first car together, stopping at a large dealership. Ralph had some experience with the game that car salespeople played; he loved cars and he enjoyed being a player.



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We were very clear on what our dollar limits were, essential protection when walking into Intense Sales Pressure Territory. There was a beautiful Ford LTD on the floor that caught our attention, a much more luxurious car than we were looking for. The salesman came over and started his spiel: Isn't she a beauty? What kind of car are you looking for? Why don't you take it for a spin?

It was fun because I thought we were outgaming him, knowing we weren't going to fall prey to his tricky

but transparent strategies, while he probably thought we were young and naive. The sales guy, let's call him Charlie, started following the script that seems pretty standard, at least in large car dealerships: What's your best offer? Whoa, you're killin' me, but let me run in by my manager and see if there's anything we can do. Charlie would hustle into the manager's office, a crow's nest of glass sitting a level above the sales floor, then come back with: I want this to work for you, but my manager says this is it... and so on through many “final offers.” When we hit our limit, Charlie said, in an attempt to embarrass and question his manhood, “Ralph, maybe you're trying to buy too

much car.” Ralph just laughed and said, “I know I am.” After more tug-of-war, we actually ended up buying that car within the limits we set, quite a coup, although I was a little embarrassed owning it, as I was more egalitarian in my tastes.

Later car purchases, when I was on my own, were much more stressful as I knew little about cars and hated negotiating. There have been attempts to move to fixed-price automobile sales, the longest-running by GM Saturn dealerships from 1990 to 2009, but a current Autotrader.com survey found that 56 percent of all car buyers (including women) actually feel

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## Letters from Readers

### Local politicians have created a toxic atmosphere

I read Mr. Rukavina's letter in search of facts to dispute Mr. Carron's piece on the toxic effects of sulfide mining on our water. The letter, unfortunately, was short on facts and long on name-calling and demagoguery. The letter reflects an uncivil tone that many local officials have encouraged that is detrimental to a serious debate on this issue.

Stripped of the name-calling and platitudes (often with all caps and exclamation points to denote screaming, I assume), there is very little substance. First, Mr. Rukavina fails to dispute any facts concerning the dangers of copper nickel mining. Such mining has not been done safely anywhere. The Anaconda copper mine in Butte, Montana, was abandoned long ago and is still the largest ongoing taxpayer funded Superfund site of contaminated groundwater and rivers almost the size of the state of Connecticut. In August 2014, a tailings pond dam failed at the Mount Polley mine, releasing 326 tons of nickel, over 400 tons of arsenic, 177 tons of lead and 18,400 tons of copper with its toxic compounds into British Columbia's most pristine lake and surrounding watershed, causing an irreparable disaster. It is this history that makes the ongoing environmental study absolutely necessary before granting anyone the privilege of engage in such a dangerous operation, especially in the BWCA watershed.

Mr. Rukavina cites 135 years of taconite mining as a reason this can be done safely. Copper nickel mining is not taconite mining. Minnesota has zero years of experience with this most toxic industry. He states that real estate valuations are unaffected by sulfide mining. Valuations are already being negatively impacted in Stony River

Township where Twin Metals is engaged in mineral exploration. He falsely states that the aim of the BWCA study is to end taconite mining. This project has nothing to do with taconite, and Mr Rukavina knows it.

His comments about Mr. Nolan are even less convincing. The fact is that Rick Nolan told his constituents that he is protecting the wilderness and the integrity of the ongoing environmental study of the effects of copper nickel mining on the BWCA. He did so the day after he tried to eliminate the study entirely. He states that he wants science to decide the issue and yet does the exact opposite. This is evidence of deception, disrespect of constituents, and gives good cause to doubt his sincerity across the board.

By the way, for example, he did not end the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan either. No amount of lip-service to progressive issues can redeem one who seeks to deceive his constituents on important matters. Such deception alone supports Mr. Carron's position.

Most concerning is the tone of Mr. Rukavina's letter, which is sadly familiar. The letter is rife with the kind of unacceptable attacks that are all too common from officials who work for all of us. I was at the Virginia Forest Service listening session and witnessed such behavior first-hand. I saw our local elected officials inflaming a mob that boomed, hissed, and laughed as they disrupted the proceedings and treated their fellow citizens with disrespect, to put it mildly. Local officials decried the federal government from which the same officials seek funding and other benefits. They insulted employees of the Forest Service, the same people who fight wild fires to save their lives and property and who spend countless months away from family to do so. They vilified anyone who disagreed with their concerns about sulfide mining as "outsiders," unwel-

come here or bad people. Many local politicians, like Mr. Rukavina have been creating a toxic atmosphere for some time, pitting neighbor against neighbor.

Is it a surprise to anyone that after long enduring such abuse Mr. Carron would make a regrettable emotional statement to a newspaper, lashing out in frustration at those who are ginned up by such rhetoric? While I didn't like his comment, given the thousands of insults and slights from those inflamed by the likes of Mr. Rukavina which came before that, I understand why someone would finally lose his cool.

Before feigning outrage, local officials and sulfide mining proponents need to look in the mirror at their own behavior. Inciting a mob is not conducive to a civil debate. The blame squarely belongs to elected officials who claim to be leaders, but stoke anger and dissension. Let's move on to a civil discussion of the issue based on facts, based on the ongoing withdrawal study, which is what over 70 percent of Minnesotans want. Water contaminated by this type of mining can never be cleaned. A mistake on this issue is forever. Mining proponents have no right to deny us critical facts given the stakes here. They no more have a right to contaminate the BWCA watershed than they do any of our wells, lakes, rivers or streams. The BWCA does not belong to them; it belongs to all of us.

**Kelly Dahl  
Linden Grove Township**

### I'm always ready for a respectful conversation

The recent disparaging comments about the hardworking men and women working on the Iron Range are incredibly disappointing. But perhaps what is more unfortunate is these are not the first disparaging remarks I've

heard about new projects in our region. This type of rhetoric must stop. Reasonable people can disagree about important issues, but reasonable people can't declare their path to victory through "one funeral at a time."

To be clear, these are words of a fringe few that don't reflect the type of common courtesy and respect that we as Minnesotans value or how we treat our neighbors. Right now our community must come together to find solutions.

As a DFLer I am proud to stand with my hardworking union brothers and sisters who consistently train their skills to perfect their craft. I am a sportsman who enjoys Minnesota's natural beauty. In my family we eat the fish we catch and at dinner we serve the wild game we harvest. I respect Minnesota's natural beauty and its gifts because it is where I live and it is a part of my life. I know better than most that threats to our environment are threats to a way of life in Northern Minnesota.

That's why it is so important the major mining projects are done right. If a project needs to be done I trust the union workers in our community to do it safely and responsibly more than anyone else in the world.

I understand some people may disagree with me, but I am always ready to have respectful conversation. Anything less is unbecoming of us as Minnesotans.

**Rep. Rob Ecklund  
International Falls**

### The economy should serve both people and the planet's health

The American story of economic thought centers on scarcity; limited resources vs. unlimited wants. This religious-like belief is more blind faith capitalism than fact-based economics. A zero-sum game has one's gain as

another's loss, a win/lose proposition. Rules of this game stack in favor of corporate money-power against worker interests. Increases in worker productivity make the rich richer while worker share stagnates.

The fixed-pie metaphor is a dog-whistle tool of white supremacists; what poor, immigrant, black and brown Americans get, whites lose. Prejudice, class division and racial antagonism quickly turns into status protection. Job competition keeps wages low. Corporate monopoly-power over resources keeps prices up for profit. "Do it to them before they do it to you," is their credo.

Misplaced market subsidy leads to public illness and a sick planet. Enabling policies for engineered food and drink must give way to nutritious fruits and vegetables as fossil fuel supports must shift to green energy. Advertising sells unlimited wants as "needs," to show off your stuff for social status. Needs are things required, but wants make up an endless wish list of stuff to be desired.

Markets masquerade as free, but confluence of interests and collusion produce artificial scarcity. Planned obsolescence, managed supply, revved-up demand, withholding or gradual introduction of product line, and cornering the market are common practices. Mass markets, manipulated for private profit at public cost is crass commercialism, wasteful and environmentally destructive.

Green technology, recyclable and renewable resources bring us closer to abundance and further from scarcity. An economy that serves people and planetary health needs first, will only be built by cooperation and fair resource allocation. Sustainable energy (food and fuel) policy renders the zero-sum paradigm obsolete with win/win solutions.

**Harold Honkola  
Tower**

### Briefly

#### NAMI support group offered for families

VIRGINIA — NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness) sponsors free support groups for families and friends of individuals living with a mental illness. Led by trained

facilitators who also have a family member with mental illness, the support groups help families develop better coping skills and find strength through sharing their experiences. A family support group meets in Virginia on the second Tuesday of each month, from 6 - 7 p.m., at

Essentia-Health Medical Arts Clinic, 901 9th St. N, in McMillan Room B. For information, call Dan at 218-290-5461.

#### Sons of Norway to host meatball dinner

VIRGINIA- The Sons of

Norway annual meatball dinner and bake sale will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21, in the south room of the Miners Memorial Building in Virginia. The meal of meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, coleslaw, dinner rolls, lefse and cookies is \$9 for

adults and \$4 for children under 12. There will be a Scandinavian gift table and lefse and krumkake baking demonstrations. Take out dinners are available, and meatballs will be sold by the dozen. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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they have to negotiate to get a fair price, not trusting flat-rate pricing. Used-car superstore CarMax Inc., with 165 stores in 38 states, is the largest user of no-haggle pricing, and offers a five-day return policy. "This industry has historically taken advantage of the consumer's lack of knowledge," says Cliff Wood, CarMax executive vice president and chief operating officer. "I have no doubt that CarMax's no-haggle policy has contributed to our growth and popularity with customers."

Three hundred years ago, when bargaining was the norm, Quakers introduced the one-price system. Businessmen set a fair price, rather than inflating the price and then bargaining down, for they valued being truthful in all transactions and wanted to treat everyone as equals—employees, customers, and business associates. Quaker businesses often thrived, for people valued that honesty, knowing that even children would be treated fairly if they were sent to purchase something.

In modern times, we may wistfully yearn for the small, independent businesses of earlier days—the shoe store where they actually measured both your feet and knew something about proper fit. I remember when physicians had their independent clinics with HMOs on a distant horizon. When you called you were talking to a nurse or receptionist who knew who you were. It certainly is part of the appeal for visitors and residents that Ely and other small towns still have small, unique businesses, retaining personal connections with their customers.

We live in a fast-paced culture, surrounded by information coming from all directions and advertisers trying to get our attention to buy more, more, more, while we often feel we can't trust the companies, the products, the journalists or the news we are being fed. What we're yearning for is honesty and transparency.

Tristan Harris gives a compelling TED talk about how just the opposite is happening with a

handful of tech companies controlling billions of minds every day. He used to work at Google as a design ethicist, where he studied how to ethically steer people's thoughts. There's a concept to chew on. He says that technology is going in a very specific direction, pursuing the race for our attention, for every site must compete, and the best way to get people's attention is to know how minds work. He studied at a lab called the Persuasive Technology Lab at Stanford that taught covert ways of getting people's attention and orchestrating their lives.

Harris gives the example of how YouTube attempts to maximize the time you spend there by autoplaying the next video. We have all experienced how seductive the internet can be, sucking up your time before you know it. This is what he's talking about, covert manipulation. He gives the example of Snapchat, the number one way that American teenagers communicate. They invented a feature called Snapstreaks, which shows

the number of days in a row that two people have communicated with each other. Teenagers build up their days, and they don't want to lose that, taking meaningless photos of anything just to have a "contact." Some will give their passwords to multiple friends to keep the streak going when they can't do it. He stresses that this isn't like the old days when kids hung out gossiping on the phone, as some people argue. Not only are there not real conversations going on, there are hundreds of engineers behind those screens who understood the teenage psychology and orchestrated the "hook."

He proposes another direction, where technology could help us see other choices and find ways to accomplish them, to use the data and power to give us an incredible ability to focus and put our attention to what we care about, creating real connections. He stresses that our democracy needs us to use our attention individually and collectively to work on big issues like climate change.

I recommend listening to his whole talk, for he is envisioning some major shifts where technology could actually support positive goals in our lives. He affirmed for me my aversion to spending a lot of time with the gadgets and my frustration when I feel they are controlling me, my time and my attention way more than I desire. I seem to be one of the few people left on the planet who doesn't have a smart phone, and while I see the attractive features, I'm holding out, preferring my landline with an answering machine and the \$15 cell phone that I have for my convenience, to the expense and hassle of a complicated phone.

Harris says, "I think right now it's as if all of our technology is basically only asking our lizard brain what's the best way to just impulsively get you to do the next tiniest thing with your time, instead of asking you what would be the most well-spent time for you in your life."

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systems, without ultimately implementing them, Otto said she's worked extensively with health care experts and economists to assess why such proposals didn't move ahead and

avoid those mistakes. "Every state is different," she said.

And times have changed, said Otto, particularly with the problems inherent in the Affordable

Care Act and GOP attempts to repeal the law.

"I think we're at a watershed moment," she said. "Minnesotans are scared to death about the possible repeal and what it

means to them and their families."

Otto's health plan is the second part of a five-part "RenewMN" vision that she plans to issue as part of her gubernatorial

campaign. She faces several other DFL hopefuls, including St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman, House Minority Leader Paul Thissen, First District Congressman Tim Walz,

and Minnesota Reps. Erin

Murphy and Tina Liebling.

**Trick-or-treat on Main Street on Tuesday, Oct. 31**

TOWER- Area children are invited to trick-or-treat on Main Street after school on Tuesday, Oct. 31 starting at 3 p.m. Participating businesses will have signs on their doors welcoming children.

Any participating business who did not get a sign can pick one up at the Timberjaya office.

**Tower Fire Department hosting children's Halloween Party, Oct. 31**

TOWER- Area children and their families are invited to the Community Halloween Party sponsored by the Tower Fire Department. The party will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 31 from 4-6 p.m. at the Tower Civic Center. The event is free and all area families are welcome. Stop by for spooky fun and games, along with dinner!

**Red Hat Belles to meet Oct. 26**

TOWER- The Northern Red Hat Belles will meet on Thursday, Oct. 26 at the Tower Café at 12 noon. Please call Kay at 218-753-3202 or Barbara at 218-753-2091 to RSVP before Oct. 19.

**Annual Meeting of the Tower-Soudan Historical Society**

TOWER- Pam Brunfelt from Vermilion College in Ely presented on WWII and the Iron Range at the annual meeting of the Tower-Soudan Historical Society, held Sept. 19. SuLu's of Tower catered dinner, and President Doug Workman shared the annual report with the group.

Workman said there were 1,338 visitors who signed the guest book at the Depot Museum and about 3,000 visitors to the trains. 27 states and seven countries were represented.

A highlight of the summer was that one visitor turned out to be Queen Elizabeth's train engineer. He shared that he never knew ahead of time where the train would be going due to security issues. He enjoyed seeing our train cars.

ARI Historical Architects of Hibbing has finished documents on restoration of the historic Tower Fire Hall so the historical society plans to apply for grants next year.

The Laurentian Model Train Club will be building an H/O train layout in the central room of the depot this year. They will incorporate some of the Frandsen display models within the layout.

New Directors Diane Meehan and Barb Burgess were elected at the meeting. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful program, auction, dinner and meeting. Anyone interested in joining the Tower-Soudan Historical Society may do so by sending \$10 for a single membership or \$20 for a family membership to PO Box 465, Tower, MN 55790.

**Donations needed for this year's Operation Santa toy drive**

TOWER- It's not too early to start planning for this year's Operation Santa. Operation Santa is a local fundraiser which purchases Christmas gifts (toys, gift cards, and warm winter items) for children whose families use the Tower Food Shelf. Last year we served over 150 area children.

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

Lake Country Power's Operation RoundUp program has once again made a very generous donation to the Tower Soudan Civic Club (formerly the Tower Women's Club), to help cover the cost of purchasing warm items for the children.

Donations can be dropped off at the Timberjaya in Tower. We are looking at donations of toys, games, art supplies, and sporting equipment for children, and gift cards to either Target or Walmart for our teenagers (\$10 or \$15).

We also accept gently-used holiday decorations and gifts for the adults who use the food shelf.

GREENWOOD

**Playground fundraiser set for Oct. 21**

Saturday evening pizza fundraiser at the Vermilion Club

GREENWOOD TWP- The Greenwood Community Recreation Board is hosting a silent auction and All-You-Can-Eat Pizza Night at the Vermilion Club on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 4 - 7 p.m. Please note correct date is this Saturday (incorrect date reported in last week's Greenwood

Town Board story).

Please support our fundraiser to help build a playground for kids! Everyone is welcome! Free-will donation for pizza.

Silent auction include Minnesota Wild tickets, Lake Vermilion-Stuntz Bay black and white print by Lauren

Nelson, dock and lift cooler by Rhino, Wilderness round of golf for four, plus many more auction items. Raffle tickets are \$5. Separate drawings for a Crown Royal Quilt and an Apple Series 2 Watch. Get a start on your holiday shopping.

FAMILY FUN



**Tower-Soudan Early Childhood Family Education sponsored a free family fun night last week, and dozens of children had fun and games in the school gym, and then a pizza party.**

**Above: Parachute games are always a hit.**

**Left: Vincie Vesel had a great time going up and down the little slide.**

**Right: Dylan Crego played with a tunnel toy.**  
photos by J. Summit



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We are blessed to be able to continue on this journey called Life. It doesn't come with a map... you just hold on and go for the ride! We are truly humbled by the outpouring of support we have received. Thank You and God's Blessings to each one of you,

**Ted and Gail Esala**

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**Vermilion Housing renovations now underway**

TOWER- Vermilion Housing Apartments in Tower are now seeing their first major renovation project since being built in 1976. The renovations include newly paved parking lots, new sidewalks, new hallway carpeting, hallway lighting, staircase updates, and some apartment maintenance. The renovations were scheduled to begin earlier this summer but were pushed back due to funding issues. photo by S. Ukkola

**Christian Education set to begin at Immanuel**

TOWER- Sunday School has begun at 9 a.m. for children age three up to sixth grade. Classes are from 9-9:45 a.m. Worship begins at 10 a.m.

Students in grades 7-9 who are interested in confirmation classes, please contact Pastor Liz at 218-780-8907. We will be holding classes in conjunction with Trinity in Cook this school year. Pastor Liz has the class schedule and information and will be teaching one of the classes, so please contact her for more information.

All are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, feel free to call Pastor Liz or the church office at 218-753-2378.

TOWER FARMERS MARKET



From left: Food Shelf volunteers Kay Hanson and Marge McPeak, TFM board members Suzanne Winckler, Mickey White and Janna Goerd. Jasper (with check) and Milo Goerd-Strasser helped present the donation. photo by J. Summit

**Tower Farmers Market makes donation to Tower Food Shelf**

TOWER- The Tower Farmers Market closed out another successful season in September and presented a check for \$350 to the Tower Area Food Shelf this past Tuesday. Proceeds from BLT Night and the

Sharing The Harvest basket raffle helped fund the annual donation. The market board would like to thank everyone in the community who attended BLT Night, purchased raffle tickets, and supported vendors by

shopping on Fridays. Special thanks to Good Ol' Days and Zup's for their contributions to BLT Night. This year's raffle basket was won by Kassie Bjorgo of Tower.

TELEVISION NEWS

**Noel Sederstrom receives Silver Circle Emmy Honors**



ROCHESTER- Noel Sederstrom, son of Marion Sederstrom of Tower, and News Director at KTTC-TV in Rochester has received Silver Circle Honors from the Upper Midwest Regional Emmy Awards for his contributions to the television industry. Sederstrom has worked for KTTC as news

director since 2008, and his KTTC NewsCenter team has been honored with eight regional Emmys for morning, evening, and weekend newscasts.

The Silver Circle is not an award, but a society of honor and recognition of individuals who have made contributions above what is

required by their jobs.

Sederstrom grew up in Litchfield and has visited Tower-Soudan frequently over the years. His grandfather, Gust Saari, worked at the Soudan Underground Mine.

YOUTH ATHLETICS

**Tickets now available for TSAA Auction**

Annual fundraiser set for Thursday, Nov. 9 at The Wilderness

TOWER- Tickets are now available for this year's Tower-Soudan Athletic Association Auction Fundraiser, set for Thursday, Nov. 9 starting at 5 p.m. at The Wilderness.

This is the TSAA's single annual fundraiser. Money raised helps support local youth athletics and activities, including Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball, Tower-Soudan Elementary activities, uni-cycling and other Chimpy-related fun, athletic activities, environmental education, outdoors-related field trips for the Vermilion Charter School, and other

needs.

The cost for tickets is \$25 in advance, which includes a large buffet of hot and cold appetizers prepared by the amazing kitchen crew at The Wilderness. There will be silent auction items, games of chance, raffles, and live auction action. There will be homemade candies, jams and jellies, Minnesota-themed books, handcrafted items, gift certificates for favorites such as Firelight Galleries, Herberger's, Wilderness golf packages, hotel stays, and many other gift items up for grabs. LuAnn

Zaudtke will once again be the emcee and provide karaoke. The evening is fun for both women and men.

Tickets must be paid in advance. To reserve your spot, contact Jodi Summit at 218-753-2950, stop by the Timberjay in Tower during regular business hours, or mail your check and information to: TSAA,

c/o Jodi Summit, PO Box 636, Tower, MN 55790. The event is co-sponsored by TSAA and Friends of Vermilion Country School. Anyone interested in donating items for the auction can call Jodi at the number above.

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**AEOA Senior Dining Menu**

TOWER- Vermilion Country School and AEOA sponsor a senior dining site at the charter school in Tower. All meals include salad bar, fruit, choice of beverage and dessert.

Reservations are appreciated the day before, or morning of, but walk-ins are always welcome. Take-outs available. Seniors age 60 and older who have registered for the program and their partners qualify for special pricing of \$4 per meal, but all ages are welcome at the regular rate of \$5.75. There are no income guidelines.

Meals are served from 12:30 - 1 p.m. on days when the charter school is open. Call the school at 218-753-1246 ext. 1003 for reservations, or call AEOA at 1-800-662-5711 ext. 7323 for the one-time registration process.

**Week of Oct. 23**

Monday- Meat Calzone

Tuesday- Tater Tot Hot Dish, Dinner Roll

Wednesday- Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup

Thursday- Chunky Chicken Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Roll

Friday- Hot Italian Sub, Vegetable Soup

**Week of Oct. 30**

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Tuesday- Dinner with a Witch!

Wednesday- Taco Salad

Thursday- Chunky Pork Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll

Friday, Popcorn Chicken, Hashbrown Patty, Soft Pretzel

Week of Oct. 23

**Monday**  
 TOPS - Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tower, at 8:45 a.m.

**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 2:30-5:30 p.m. Located in the back of the Timberjay building on Main Street. Next food shelf day is Nov. 21.

**Greenwood Fire Dept.- Meetings on the first (drill) and third (business meeting) Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.**

**Wednesday**  
 St. Paul's Bible study-meets from 2-3 p.m. at the Soudan Apartment activity room.

**Tower AA- Open Basics- 7 p.m. at St. James Presbyterian Church. Questions, call 753-2332.**

**Thursday**  
 Vermilion Country School Board- Fourth Thursday of the month at 5 p.m. (except near holidays). Meetings posted online at vermilioncountry.org.

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

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Conference Room B

## Car show features burnout competition

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY - The Jake Forsman Memorial Car Show and Burnout Competition will be held on Saturday, Oct. 21 in front of the Ely City Hall on Chapman Street. Ely resident Al Forsman, a city council member and father of the late Jake Forsman, is organizing and coordinating the event in memory of his son.

The main event is set to begin at 11 a.m., and a second session at 2 p.m., along the 200 block of East Chapman in front of City Hall, where those who choose to may enter their vehicles into a burnout competition. A car show, beginning at 10 a.m., will be held in the parking lot of the Ely Public Library for car owners to show off their vehicles.

"The Jake Forsman

Memorial Car Show and Burnout Competition was created to commemorate the life of a young man who had consistently reached out to help and comfort people who needed it — whether he knew you or not," Al Forsman said.

"My son Jake had the aptitude, training, skills, attitude and smile to have a long career providing service for our area's heating and cooling systems. The void created when he died gave birth to the idea of The Jake Forsman Memorial Scholarship for Ely High School graduates pursuing vocational education in the blue-collar trades — especially those seeking a career in the heating and cooling field," he said.

In a burnout competition, one person at a time enters into a burnout pit and they have their opportunity to squeal tires, and lay down some rubber, Forsman explained. Some drivers may even attempt to do NASCAR-style circles. With safety the top priority, the burnout pit will be contained within an area enclosed by massive concrete barriers.

The burnout event will be held within the enclosed barrier comprised of huge interlinked blocks that

weigh nearly two tons each, according to Forsman. "These blocks come with a huge price tag, but I want to make sure this event is safe and successful," he said. "Only one vehicle will be allowed into the burnout area at a time. Because this is a small, closed course, speed is not really a factor in the risk. The cars will not have an opportunity to move fast enough to have a NASCAR-type accident. Each vehicle needs to be licensed and insured. Each vehicle will need to be legal to be driven on the street. All vehicles outside of the burnout area are expected to adhere to all traffic laws."

"Car shows have been attempted more than a few times in Ely," Forsman said. "They seem to be attempted in most towns. Some are successful, some aren't. I don't know if there is an equation to pre-determine what makes it a success. It seems to be important that there is something unique about the event. A lot of thought went into what it would take to make this a success for the whole city of Ely."

Admission to the family-friendly event is free. The Ely Fire Department will sell bev-

erages and hot dogs. Silent auction items will also be part of the activities.

Forsman said he expects as many as 60 participants in the event. Burnout contestants are required to take part in the car show. Car show registrants are not required to be part of the burnout competition. A \$10 registration is required to participate in the car show. Second Avenue East will be closed for the event, from Sheridan to Harvey Street, and car show participants are asked to enter Second Avenue from Sheridan Street.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Jake Forsman Memorial Scholarship, with an emphasis on attracting students to pursue trade-related jobs.

"Part of what drove Jake's mechanical knowledge and abilities was his love of horsepower," Forsman said. "What could be a better way to raise money for this scholarship than an event displaying the things that fueled his passion? Qualified heating and cooling technicians are hard to come by these days. Not enough young men and women are pursuing careers in the trades.

Jake's passion for cars, trucks, motorcycles and wheelers fueled the desire to understand mechanics and machinery. Many of the basic skills and aptitude needed to service furnaces and other appliances were developed through his love of motorsports and horsepower. I believe an event like this may inspire other young men and women to develop their mechanical skills."

Forsman said he is planning to make the Car Show and Burnout Competition an annual event. "This is the kind of thing that gets car enthusiasts to hold off storing their cars, a reason for seasonal local businesses to stay open a few more weeks, and something that gets spectators to drive to Ely just because the event is so different," he said.

If you have questions or would like to help make this event a success, please call Al Forsman at 218-235-3767.

You can register your vehicle online using a link on the facebook site. Search facebook@ely-carshow for more information. Donations can be sent to the Jake Forsman Memorial Scholarship, 641 E. Camp St., Ely, MN 55731.

## Breathing Out

by Cecilia Rolando © 2017



raven friend squawking  
in the boulevard maple  
neighborhood sentry

## ELY ROTARY CLUB

## Purple Pinky Pub Portage set for Oct. 24

ELY - The Ely Rotary Club is celebrating historic progress toward a polio-free world, while urging community support to end the paralyzing disease. Rotary members in Ely are among millions reaching out on World Polio Day to raise awareness, funds and support to end polio — a vaccine preventable disease that still threatens children in parts of the world today.

Local Rotary Club members and friends will host a Purple Pinky Pub Portage on Tuesday Oct. 24, from 4-8 p.m., starting at Zup's Food Market on top of the hill on Sheridan Street, and ending at the bottom of Sheridan Street.

Since Rotary and its partners launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative nearly 30 years ago, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases a year to just 37 cases in 2016.

To sustain this progress, and protect all children from polio, Rotary has committed to raising \$50 million per year over the next three years in support of global polio eradication efforts. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will match Rotary's commitment 2:1.



A photograph taken in the 1950s shows a girl paralyzed by polio. World Polio Day is Tuesday, Oct. 24. submitted photo

"Without full funding and political commitment, this paralyzing disease could return to previously polio-free countries, putting children everywhere at risk," said Ely Rotary Club President Sarah Guy-Levar.

"Ely Rotarians aren't afraid to put some fun in fundraising and we hope many community members will join us in our efforts to end this terrible disease," she said. "Most of us have participated in a Pub Crawl- well in Ely, we don't crawl, we portage. So we came up with the idea of a Purple Pinky Pub

Portage to raise awareness and raise funds."

Why Purple Pinky? "In areas with large populations when children and adults are immunized their pinky finger is painted purple to indicate they have received the vaccine," Levar said. "In Ely as we work our way from one establishment to another we will solicit donations and mark the pinkies of those contributing to this campaign."

Rotary International has contributed more than \$1.7 billion to ending polio since 1985, including \$1,000 annually con-

tributed by the Rotary Club of Ely.

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members of more than 35,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work improves lives at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world. Visit endpolio.org for more about Rotary and its efforts to



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## News In Brief

## Order pasta to support Music Boosters

ELY - The Ely Music Boosters Fall Fundraiser is underway. The Band, Choir, and Musical Drama students are raising funds for a fall trip to The Ordway and you can help by ordering packages of "fun pasta," with 40 percent of your order designated for the Music Boosters group.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.funpastafundraising.com/shop/ely-music-boosters-1>.

Orders can go to support an individual student or to the music program as a whole. Please contact elymusicboosters@gmail.com with questions or to volunteer to be a Booster.



## BRIDGE WORK

# Highway 88 and new bridge open west of Ely



The new bridge on County State Aid Highway 88 (Grant McMahan Boulevard) west of Ely opened last Friday. The bridge and road will need to re-close next spring, scheduled for May 21 to June 9, for the final road paving, marking and shouldering, and bridge painting. photo by K. Vandervort

ELY - Construction is done for the season and the new bridge is open on County State Aid Highway 88 (Grant McMahan Boulevard) west of Ely. A new 105-foot concrete slab span bridge now crosses the Burntside River, in place of a nearly 80-year-old bridge that had been subject to weight limitations.

The road reopening comes two

weeks earlier than estimated. Engineers had condensed the construction schedule, and financial incentives were included in the project contract to minimize the inconvenience for motorists who typically travel this route.

The bridge and road will need to re-close for approximately three weeks next spring, from May 21 to June 9,

2018, for the final road paving, bridge painting, installation of the bridge concrete wearing course, pavement markings and road shouldering.

In addition to no longer having the weight limitations that the old bridge had, the new bridge features heightened distance between it and the water for increased navigational use of the river.

The total project cost is \$1.26 million, with funding coming from State Aid dollars. Redstone Construction, LLC, is the project contractor.

To learn more about this or any other St. Louis County road construction project, or to sign up for email updates, visit [stlouiscountymn.gov/construction](http://stlouiscountymn.gov/construction).

## STUDIO NORTH MARKS 19 YEARS



Studio North marked 19 years of business with a grand-re-opening celebration, ribbon cutting and community appreciation event last Saturday. The party started with a free Zumba class. A ribbon cutting, featuring the newly-crowned Miss Ely and Little Miss Ely, celebrated the facility's newly-remodeled gym, which now includes free weights, weight machines, new televisions and other features. Live streaming of the "Polka Pal Ron Show" from WELY, featured polka dancing in the studio. Visitors had an opportunity to tour the remodeled gym and try out the equipment. A Bouncy House was available for children. The party continued with live accordion music by Bernie Palcher. The celebration also featured food, door prizes, games, fitness and fun. photo by K. Vandervort

## News in Brief

### EMPOWER meets Monday

ELY - Join EMPOWER on Monday, Oct. 23 at the Ely Folk School when Linda Ganister discusses Fair Trade businesses and the guiding principles they operate under.

The gathering begins at 5:30 p.m. with the meeting beginning promptly at 6 p.m. All women are welcome; you do not need to be a member to attend.

### Ely Free Clinic open Mondays

ELY - The Ely Community Health Center is Ely's Free Clinic. They are open every Monday evening from 5:30-7 p.m. in the lower level of the Frandsen Bank building on 1st Avenue in downtown Ely.

For more information, call 365-5678 or visit their website, [www.elycommunity-health.org](http://www.elycommunity-health.org), or Facebook page.

### Ely Women Who Care meets Nov. 5

ELY - The 100+ Ely Women Who Care group, formed to support our local nonprofits will meet on Sunday, Nov. 5, beginning at 3 p.m. at the Hidden Valley Chalet.

In response to their first event, held last April, 113 Ely women from all walks of life joined together and voted to contribute \$7,000 to Northern Lakes Arts Association.

This is how it works. Each member and each team pledge to donate \$100 to the 501(c)(3) public

charity selected at the event through a process of nominations and votes. Once a charity is selected, members write donation checks directly to the charity. By a group of women joining together and donating a significant sum at one time, the selected charity will be able to provide services and programs they may otherwise be unable to afford.

For more details and

to register, go to [www.100ElyWomenWhoCare.org](http://www.100ElyWomenWhoCare.org). Please register before the gathering even if you donated at the previous event. We need to confirm your membership status, plan the venue and refreshments. Hard copies of the registration form can be found around town.

For more information, email a request to: [Info@100ElyWomenWhoCare.org](mailto:Info@100ElyWomenWhoCare.org).

### Tuesday Group Schedule

ELY - The upcoming Tuesday Group schedule (subject to change) is listed below. All talks are at 12 noon on Tuesday at Grand Ely Lodge, unless noted.

**Oct. 24** - Lynn Rogers at the North American Bear Center. Bring your bag lunch and enjoy a Q and A session as well as a tour of the expanded facility.

**Oct. 31** - Meet New Elyites!

**Nov. 7** - Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL)

**Nov. 14** - Shawn Otto - "The War on Science"

## ATTENTION ELY RESIDENTS Input Needed On Broadband

The Ely Area Broadband Coalition (ELY ABC) has been working the past year to utilize and improve broadband in the Ely area. The Ely Area was selected as a Blandin Broadband Community and received grant funding to complete a broadband feasibility study. The feasibility study is being completed by Design Nine, a professional consulting firm with extensive knowledge and experience. If you are a resident or business within the Ely school district ISD 696 please visit the link to fill out a quick online survey concerning broadband. If you do not have internet access you can get a paper copy at Ely City Hall or the Ely Public Library. It is important to hear from everyone in the study area to complete the feasibility study.

**The deadline for filling this out is November 10, 2017. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Harold R. Langowski at 218-235-3083 or [elyod@ely.mn.us](mailto:elyod@ely.mn.us)**

<http://projects.designnine.com/survey/ely-residential-broadband-survey>

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## Thank You

Our hearts are full of gratitude when we say thanks to family members, friends and neighbors for all acts of kindness and caring: food, flowers, cards, visits, gifts, phone calls, driving to appointments, Caring Bridge comments, messages, thoughts and prayers. We would like to express special thanks to the Ely Ambulance, Ely Hospital ER staff, Life Link, Babbitt Police Department, Ely Police Department, Sheriff Department, Highway Patrol Department, EMT's and any other personnel who may have assisted in any way with our motorcycle accident on August 12 outside of Ely on Hwy. 1. We are blessed to be able to continue on this journey called Life. It doesn't come with a map... you just hold on and go for the ride! We are truly humbled by the outpouring of support we have received. Thank You and God's Blessings to each one of you,

*Ted and Gail Esala*

**St. Anthony's Youth Fall Boutique**  
**Sat., October 21 10 AM-3 PM**  
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 Crafters, Vendors, Bucket Raffles, Fantastic Prizes

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All proceeds support St. Anthony's Youth Group

## A Matter of Balance class beginning Oct. 25 in Cook

COOK- Stay active, maintain your independence, and manage concerns about falls. Have you turned down socializing and cut down on favorite activities due to falling concerns? A Matter of Balance is an award-winning program designed for older adults to learn to manage falls, increase confidence, and improve activity levels. The fear of falling is as dangerous as falling itself as people limit activities, resulting in physical weakness, making the risk of falling even greater.

Two trained coaches guide participants through learning and activities that emphasize strategies to reduce fear of falling and exercises to increase strength and balance. Find joy and activate your lifestyle. Participants will learn to view falls as controllable, set goals to increase activity, make simple home changes to reduce fall risks, and exercise to increase strength and balance.

The workshop consists of eight two-hour sessions on Wednesdays starting Oct. 25 from 3-5 p.m. in the lower level of the Pioneer Building at 131 5th St., in Cook. The class is recommended for age 60 or older adults. No cost is associated with this workshop. Matter of Balance was developed by the Maine Partnership for Healthy Aging and Boston University. Register today; space is limited. Contact Pam Rengo RN, at 218-361-3138 or PRengo@scenicrivershealth.org.

## Donations requested for assisted living residents for Christmas

COOK- Another year has gone by quickly and 2018 is almost here. We have had a great year filled with many wonderful events and activities. The residents and staff of Cook Carefree Living are looking forward to the holiday season. As always, it is a busy time of year with special events, visitors, and holiday music.

As in the past we would like to give each resident something to open at Christmas time. We are looking for donations from the community to help us achieve this goal. Any donated items such as personal care items, calendars, treats and snacks, tissues, lotions, dental care items, postage stamps, etc. are much appreciated. Monetary gifts are also accepted.

We know that is it not always possible to help but any donation you could give would be greatly appreciated. The residents would also appreciate time spent visiting with them.

We currently have 25 residents who call Cook Carefree Living home. Your donation will help make it possible to give each resident a gift bag to open at Christmas. Please contact us at 218-666-0200 if you have any questions.

Thank you so much in advance for any donations you are able to make. We wish each and every one of you a wonderful holiday season.

## "The Beliefs That Sustain Us" Oct. 22

VIRGINIA- As Unitarian Universalists we believe that each person is free to search for their own personal truth on issues such as the existence, nature, and meaning of life, deities, creation, and afterlife. Though we gather together as one congregation, we come from many different religious backgrounds and often hold beliefs and adhere to morals from a variety of cultures or religions. This service on Sunday, Oct. 22, will be a time for us to celebrate that rich diversity as individual members explain and share the beliefs that sustain them at this point in their life.

# Library hosts quilt lovers tea on Thursday



Everyone invited to see the quilts on display, and stay for coffee an'

COOK- Come to the Cook Public Library on Thursday, Oct. 26 from 4 - 6 p.m. to see quilts on display by local contributors. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate and goodies will be served. Feel free to browse the quilt magazine exchange. Check out quilt-themed books for a chance to win a prize.

## CRANE LAKE

# Crane Lake News by the Singing Teapot Dames

CRANE LAKE- There is a hint of snow in the air some nights. However, the days have been sunny with few clouds and little wind. We are having perfect weather



for doing fall chores, hunting and just enjoying the colors. The tamaracks are in full golden color and glisten on a sunny day.

The grouse hunters have not been very successful this year. Maybe the grouse are getting smarter. The deer seem to read the calendars as there are so many seen just before the season opener but on opening day they disappear and make the hunters work for their trophies.

Diane Finch and a friend were in town for a few days. It was great to have her visit with friends and she promises to be back next summer.

Get-well wishes go to Kim Cooke, the quilt lady. Kim is always noted for the beautiful quilts she makes and donates to the Chapel Bazaar and the Ladies of the Lake Luncheon. Kim, Carl Stanforth's daughter, has had foot surgery and will be unable to walk on her foot until the end of October. We all wish you a speedy recovery, Kim.

Bob and Emmy Lou Anderson were dinner guests of Sandy and Scott Lundgren on a beautiful Saturday evening. We are sure a good time was had by all.

Jennifer Mae has two red 1985 Voyageur Days tee shirts, one blue 1986, one light blue 1987 and one yellow 1988. She wants to put them to use but hasn't any ideas. If you are interested in them, contact Jennifer Mae at The Crane Lake Bar and Grill.

Visit your library on wheels, The Arrowhead Library System Bookmobile. The days in Crane Lake at the Ranger Station will be Thursday, Oct. 26, Nov. 16, and Dec. 7 from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. If you wish more information on the Bookmobile or Mail-A-Book services, write or call Arrowhead Library System at 5528 Emerald Ave., Mt Iron, MN 55768 or call 218-741-3840. This is a wonderful service for those of us living in the bush.

How many of you remember the resignation of Spiro Agnew? He resigned as Nixon's vice president on Oct. 10, 1973, amid a federal indictment for suspicion of tax fraud,

bribery, conspiracy and extortion. Agnew pleaded no contest to the charge of income tax evasion and was ordered to pay \$160,000 to the IRS, which he borrowed from singer Frank Sinatra. He was also fined \$10,000 and received a suspended sentence and three years' probation, and the government agreed not to pursue additional charges. After resigning, Agnew did not see Nixon again until 1994 — at Nixon's funeral. Politics seems to make enemies of friends, and friends of enemies. Who can figure it out?

Trails End was buzzing last weekend. Many of the patrons seemed to be bird hunters. Melanie and Melissa were bustling to get drinks and dinners out for the "packed house." The Dames don't know if any of the hunters were successful, but they surely were reported to be loud and having a very good time. Hunters, remember if you didn't have any luck, there's always peanut butter!

Speaking of which, do you know how many pounds of peanut butter and jelly the average American child will eat before graduating from high school? The flavor of the jelly isn't important, but

it is estimated that the average kid eats 1,500 pounds of these yummy sandwiches before wearing a cap and gown. Roasted peanuts originally were ground into a paste by the Aztecs. It is thought that PB&J's were first invented during the Civil War, when soldiers combined their protein-rich peanut butter ration with their jelly ration to make a quick treat out in the field.

Voyagaire Lodge was lit up last weekend — confusing some who thought they were closed for the season, which they were. Apparently, there must have been lodgers in the rooms, and like good hosts, Voyagaire "left the light on" for them!

Let us hear from you. If you are a snowbird, tell us what life is like in your area. Snowbirds like to hear the news of what is going on at Crane Lake; we like to know about you. The Dames have very lively imaginations which they may use if they do not hear from anyone. Send news by e-mail to info@thelakecountry.com, by fax at 218-757-3533 or by phone to Sandy at 218-757-3233 and it will be added. So fire away with your news. Until the next time, the Teapot Dames are singing off.

## DOMESTIC ABUSE

# Domestic Abuse Awareness Month: Information for our community

COOK- This week's column will focus on providing easy-to-access resources for victims of abuse. A free phone call to an 800-number is an easy first step. If you are a victim, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233, Teen Dating Violence at 877-923-0700, Teen Crisis at 800-999-9999, or go online for Teen Advocacy at www.IWIWS.org. If phoning from home isn't safe, use a friend's phone.

PAVSA in Duluth has a 24-hour helpline at 218-726-1931 and is NE Minnesota's aid agency to help victims navigate the state's help with domestic abuse, and stop sex trafficking. NW Minnesota also has a Safe Harbor office in Grand Rapids, reachable at 218-326-5008. On the Iron Range, Advocates for Family Peace offers safety and education, call 218-326-0388 or 218-263-8344 to contact. Anywhere in St. Louis County, anyone can call 844-880-1574 to report abuse.

Public libraries are another free source. Recommended reading: Keeping the Faith: Guidance for Christian Women Facing Abuse (by Marie M. Fortune, published by Harper Collins); The Courage to Change (by Marilyn Gustin, published by Liguori Publications); Love and Respect (by Emerson Eggerich); Domestic Violence: Assault on a Woman's Worth (by June Hunt); You Are Not Alone: Book of Prayers and Medications for Women (by Women Ministries of the Evangelical Covenant Church); A Kid's Guide to Understanding Domestic Abuse (by Jody Cowdin); Mending the Soul: Understanding and Healing Abuse (by Steven R. Tracy and Celesta G. Tracy).

What can a victim do? If you're involved in an unhealthy relationship seek the support of caring people in your church and community, don't

downplay or minimize your danger, know that God loves you and wants better for you, you are not the cause of the abuse, and connect with a local crisis counselor or therapist.

Are you struggling with finding a safe person to talk about an abusive relationship, sharing your experience with your pastor, or what the Bible says about marriage and divorce? If so, please feel free to call Linda Freeman at 218-666-2711 for a chat.

## The many forms of abuse

➤ Abuse can be physical, such as hitting, slapping, kicking, pinching, biting or corporal punishment.

➤ Abuse can be emotional, such as repeated or malicious oral, written, or gestured language or treatment that would be considered disparaging, derogatory, humiliating, harassing or threatening.

➤ Abuse can be mental, such as unauthorized aversive or deprivation procedures or unreasonable confinement or seclusion.

➤ Abuse can be sexual, such as criminal sexual conduct 1st - 5th degrees.

➤ Abuse can be involuntary servitude, such as forcing, compelling, coercing or enticing a vulnerable adult to provide services for the advantage of another.

➤ Abuse can be the use of drugs to injure or facilitate a crime.

➤ Neglect is also abuse which includes failure or omission to provide for basic needs: food, clothing, shelter, medical care, or supervision. Neglect is absence of care or absence of services essential to maintain health and safety. Neglect may be by caregiver or self-neglect.

➤ You can also be financially exploited. Financial exploitation can happen when a person has a fiduciary relationship: a guardian, conservator, power of attorney, joint

account, contract, documented consent, etc. and there is unauthorized expenditure of funds or failure to use funds for the victim, resulting or likely to result in detriment to the victim.

➤ Financial exploitation can happen when a person has no fiduciary relationship and willfully uses, withholds, or disposes of funds or property of victim, or obtains for self or another services to the detriment of the victim. Acquires possession, control, or interest in victim's property or funds through harassment, undue influence, duress, deception, or fraud and forces, compels, coerces, or entices victim to perform services for another's advantage.

## What to do if you suspect abuse

If you suspect maltreatment of a vulnerable adult in St. Louis County, contact the Statewide Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center (MAARC) at 844-880-1574. If you do not reach a worker, leave a message. If your situation is an emergency, call 9-1-1 to reach your local law enforcement.

When making a call, be prepared to report as much of the following information as possible, including time and date of report; name, address and phone number of reporter; time, date and location of incident; names, addresses, birth date or age of alleged perpetrator and victim; names of witnesses, and risk of imminent danger to alleged victim.

Submitted by Pastor Linda Freeman, Advocate for Victims of Abuse through the Evangelical Covenant Church. Next week, the final week of Domestic Abuse Awareness month, will cover why women stay in abusive relationships.

## Bookmobile schedule

Visit your library on wheels, the Arrowhead Library System Bookmobile. Local stops and times include:

Thursday, Oct. 26; Nov. 16; Dec. 7, 28

Nett Lake - Community Center 9:30-10:15

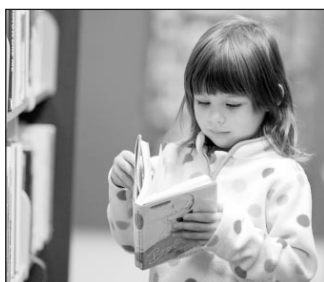
Orr - City Hall/Tourism Center 11:00-11:45

Buyck - Vermilion River Tavern 1:15-1:45

Crane Lake - Ranger Station 2:00-2:30

Kabetogama - "Town" Hall 3:45-4:15

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HOMECOMING



The 2017 Fall Homecoming Royalty

Above: Queen Grace Kisch and King Austin Chauklin attended by queen candidates Madison Rautiola, Korynn Fisher, Xari Simon and king candidates Daniel Koch, Dylan Kiehm, and Tanner Lokken. Newly-crowned Princess Zoe Kisch and Prince Austin Sokoloski attended by princess candidates Emily Fosso, Joey Lakoskey, Zuly Roach and prince candidates Charles Homes, Zach Cheney, and Cole Thiel. Crown Bearers were River Deatherage, Ayden Anderson, Abbigail Norman, and Nicholas Contreras-Pieratos.



Crown Bearers River Deatherage and Ayden Anderson



North Woods students were also treated to a school spirit night, thanks to the staff at North Star Credit Union, along with other volunteers.

photos by M. Roach

Peace Pole planted at Cook City Hall

by MELISSA ROACH  
Staff Writer

COOK-A Peace Pole now stands in front of the Cook City Hall. The pole connects the city with over 200,000 other cities and towns representing over 180 countries around the world, creating a visual universal message of world peace. Painter of the pole, Lisa

Simensen, brought up the idea of the peace pole to the Northwoods Friends of the Arts at a meeting a couple of years ago and the group took off with planning the project. As the crowd gathered around the newly-planted pole, Simensen dedicated the pole as a monument of peace. "We are gathered to carry forth a message of peace in our

hearts and to recognize our oneness." The words "May Peace Prevail on Earth" are written on the pole in four languages: Ojibwe, Finnish, English, and Sanskrit. She explained, "Sanskrit was chosen as a world sacred language that is not spoken, but is a vibration through chants and mantras."

Musician Paul Mesta performed his song "Ain't Whistling Dixie Anymore." He wrote the song after the Charlottesville, Va., protest at Emancipation Park where Heather Heyer was protesting hate and racism, and was killed as a white supremacist drove his car into the crowd. Metsa also honored his late father Elder Metsa's memory with the message he lived by, "Be kind, and make someone happy."

Retired teacher Charlene Luoma, of Britt, chronicled her journey of peace through her friendship with Lynn Elling, founder of World Citizen, Inc. Elling, who passed away in 2016, was a World War II naval officer and witnessed death and destruction of war firsthand. He traveled to Japan in 1954 and made a commitment to promoting a more just and peaceful world. He founded the Peace Site Program, which is an umbrella organization to

promote monuments, gardens, and Peace Pole sites around the world. Luoma shared his message, "If you really want to make a change, you have to start with the children."

Jim Aune said he came to the dedication in honor of his uncle George Aune, "who died because of war," and pointed to the mural dedicated to the decade of the 1940s where there is a picture of him.

Those in attendance at the dedication also became a "pop-up choir" with Cynthia Hannem leading them in 'Let There Be Peace on Earth.'

Future plans call for a small garden to be planted around the pole and people are invited to leave painted rocks and messages of peace. More information can be found at [peacepoleproject.org](http://peacepoleproject.org) and [peacesites.org](http://peacesites.org).



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# COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

## HOSPITALITY

### Spirit of Hospitality winners announced



**2017 Spirit of Hospitality Award winners, from left: Mary Keyes, Hibbing Volunteer, Hall of Fame Award; Sarah Sanchez, Holiday Inn breakfast attendant, Best Back-of-House; Carrie Ezell, Liquid Larry's in Kinney, Best Bartender; Jim Currie, Perkins-Mt. Iron manager, Best Guest Relations; Robin Burgess, Fortune Bay Resort Casino reservationist, Best Hotel Guest Services; Kirstie Kern, executive chef, Fortune Bay Resort Casino, Best Food Production; Patrica Paul, dishwasher at Michael's on the Course, Spirit Award. Not pictured: Best Server, Joseph Erickson, Subway-Virginia; Frank Malich, owner of Frank's Tire in Virginia, Best Retail.** submitted photo

**REGIONAL-** The Sixth Annual Iron Range Spirit of Hospitality Awards event was held Sunday, Oct. 8 at Fortune Bay Resort Casino. More than 225 attended.

"This was our most successful event yet," said Spirit of Hospitality Awards (SOHA) committee chair Jane Serrano. "Attendance was great, we had a record number of nominees at the event, and the ceremony went very well."

The awards event, hosted by Iron Range Tourism Bureau, recognizes excellence in customer service, knowledge of area attractions, events and activities, and outstanding hospitality.

A parade of nominees kicked off the night. More than 80 people were nominated in categories ranging from Retail to Bartender. In all, 63 individuals were interviewed by

judges and scored on their answers. The top-scoring person in each category receives a trophy and certificate.

"It's a fun event and a good way to call attention to the great work being done by our region's servers, retail workers, attractions staff, and hotel employees to make visitors and residents feel welcome and well-cared for," said Beth Pierce, Iron Range Tourism Bureau (IRTB) director.

The 2017 winners are: Hotel Guest Services, Robin Burgess, reservationist at Fortune Bay Resort Casino; Retail, Frank Malich, owner of Frank's Tire in Gilbert; Back-of-the-House, Sarah Sanchez, breakfast attendant at Holiday Inn Express and Suites of Mt. Iron; Server, Joseph Erickson, Subway-Virginia; Food Production, Kirstie Kern, catering manager with Fortune Bay Resort

Casino; Guest Relations, Jim Currie, manager of Perkins in Mt. Iron; Bartender, Carrie Ezell, bartender at Liquid Larry's in Kinney; and Hall of Fame winner, Mary Keyes, Hibbing tour guide. A Spirit Award was presented to Patricia Paul, dishwasher at Michael's on the Course.

Event sponsors included Dahl's Sunrise Dairy, Fortune Bay Resort Casino, Holiday Inn Express and Suites, Reinhart Food Service, American Bank, and Iron Range Tourism Bureau.

A list of all nominees can be found on the SOHA Facebook page. For more information about the event, or to nominate someone for a 2018 Spirit of Hospitality Award, visit IronRange.org and click on the SOHA logo.

## ELY FOLK SCHOOL

### Ely Folk School raises \$25,000 in Summer Fund Drive

**ELY-** If you visit the Ely Folk School you will notice a large mural created by local artist Shaun Chosa depicting images of the ravens, wilderness, and Voyageurs paddling through northern lights. In Native American lore, the raven is a creature of metamorphosis and symbolizes change, transformation, and harmony. This newest Folk School fundraiser was initiated by past board member Monica Steele and displays donor plaques around the edges. Many inscriptions are in honor or in memory of beloved craftsmen and women who inspired the donors. This project raised \$25,000 with proceeds funding the operations of the Ely Folk School. Through time, more donor plaques will be added to the mural wall. Forms are available at the school for interested potential donors.

This fall saw the birch bark canoe project closing without a fully finished canoe, but the project will start up again in the spring. The size of this year's canoe was larger and it will take more time to complete the final touches. The school continues to be a host to the Minnesota Canoe Museum, a fledgling organization without a physical space of their own. There are a variety of different



**Artist Shaun Chosa with his newly-installed mural at the Ely Folk School.** submitted photo



types of canoes on display in the Ely Folk School including the completed birch-bark canoe from last summer. Donations are welcome as visitors stop in to view the canoes on display.

The Harvest Moon Festival was a successful celebration with many demonstrators showing

their skills and artifacts throughout the weekend. A raffle was held to give away a pine needle basket, black ash pack basket, and a quilt. The raffle raised \$1,200, part of which will fund the birch bark canoe project.

Coming up on Sunday, Dec. 2, the school will host the annual Holiday Open House Party beginning at 7 p.m. There will be a silent auction with items from the instructors as well as free refreshments.

### Upcoming classes

- Friday, Oct. 20**
- 9 a.m. Create a Customized Pine Casket/Bookshelf
- 9 a.m. Sewing with Beaver Hides
- Saturday, Oct. 21**
- 10 a.m. Create a Customized Pine Casket/Bookshelf (contin-

- ues thru Sun.)
- 10 a.m. Make Your Own Snowshoes (continues thru Sun.)
- 10 a.m. Birch Bark Necklace Basket
- Saturday, Oct. 28**
- 9 a.m. Traditional Pit-Fired Pottery
- 10 a.m. Herbs for Winter Wellness
- 2 p.m. FREE EVENT - Pumpkin Carving (Bring your own pumpkin)
- Saturday, Nov. 4**
- 9 a.m. Craft a Custom-Fit Moccasin
- 9 a.m. Beginner Round Basket
- 10 a.m. Make Your Own Salve
- 12 p.m. Stained Glass
- Sunday, Nov. 5**
- 12 p.m. Embossed Leather Jewelry.

### Time to buy your ice candles for Embarrass Ice Candle Holiday Celebration

**EMBARRASS-** With the change of the season, we are now thinking about the Embarrass Ice Candle Holiday Celebration. This is a reminder to buy your ice candles! As in past years, they will be \$3 each. We will be selling ice candles until Nov. 1. If you plan to buy a candle in remembrance of a loved one, please let us know as soon as possible by stopping by the clerk's office or calling us at 218-984-2084. We would like to get all the marked stakes put out at the gravesites by the first week in November. The Ice Candle and Holiday Gathering will be held this year on Saturday, Dec. 16 at the Embarrass Cemetery with Christmas goodies to follow at the Embarrass Town Hall located at 7503 Levander Road. Mark your calendars!

### Watercolor Class by Lois Larson begins Nov. 8

**COOK-** Watercolor painting classes instructed by Lois Larson will be held for six weeks, every Tuesday beginning Nov. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery in Cook. NWFA Gallery is located on the main street of Cook at 210 S River St. next to Dream Weaver Salon.

Larson is an accomplished artist well known in the community. Beginners are invited to attend her classes, as well as experienced artists. Bring your watercolors and paper if you have them and join the group for a couple of hours on Tuesday, Nov. 8 for the first class. Participants are expected to supply their own paint and paper after the first class.

The cost of the six sessions on Tuesdays is \$40 payable prior to class. Lois Larson is a NWFA member encouraging artists of all ages by holding painting classes each Tuesday evening in November and into December. To register contact Larson by telephone at 218-666-5830.

Members of NWFA have worked to provide assistance to regional artists since 2010 when it was organized as a non-profit to inspire, nurture and celebrate the arts in all forms. The website is [www.nwfamn.org](http://www.nwfamn.org).

### Standing with Standing Rock speaker on Sunday, Oct. 22 in Ely

**ELY-** Learn about the Standing Rock protests and enjoy a dinner at St. Mary's Episcopal Church on Sunday, Oct. 22. The potluck dinner, with main dish and coffee provided, will begin at 5 p.m. and the speaker is from 6 - 7 p.m.

The Rev. Marta Maddy is an Episcopal priest, currently Vicar at St. Andrew's by the Lake in Duluth. She spent time at the Standing Rock protest location including service as chaplain to the veterans protest group. She will share her insights and pictures, and answer questions. St. Mary's is located at 715 S Central Ave. in Ely.

### Ruby's Pantry Oct. 28 in Babbitt

**BABBITT-** Ruby's Pantry will be distributing food on Saturday, Oct. 28 at the Babbitt Municipal Center, 71 South Drive from 10 - 11:30 a.m. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. A \$20 cash donation buys an abundance of food. There are no income or residency guidelines. Bring two large boxes or baskets. St. Pius X Catholic Church sponsors this event, which always takes place on the fourth Saturday of each month. Volunteers are always welcome!

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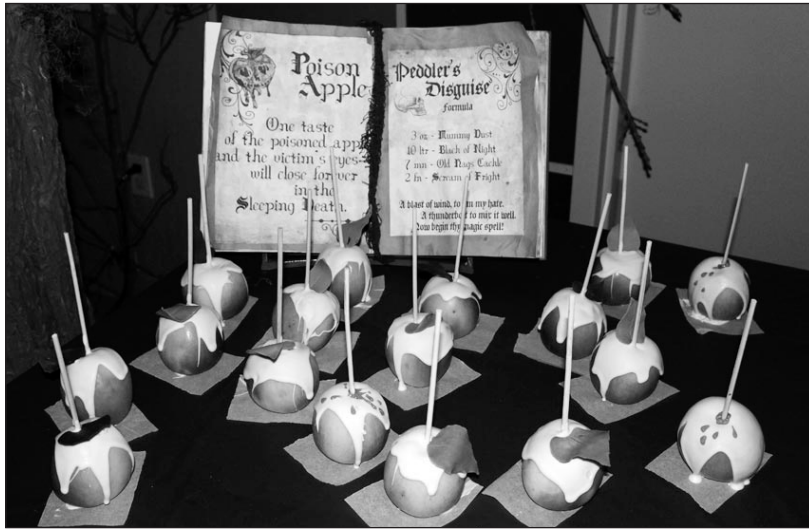
## VERMILION COUNTRY SCHOOL

### Dinner with a Witch set for Saturday, Oct. 28

Celebrate the season with a spooky meal and Halloween fun

TOWER- Get into the Halloween spirit at the Vermilion Country School's Dinner with a Witch on Saturday, Oct. 28. This multi-course meal, served up by a group of friendly witches, will contain eye-popping surprises as favorite foods get transformed into Halloween-themed treats. Eat up a tasty dish of eyeballs (or meatballs perhaps?), along with spooky side dishes, and plenty of dessert options. There will be a graveyard walk (one ticket free with each meal purchased) for the chance to win desserts to bring home. The VCS school choir will also be providing entertainment. The school will be decorated for the season.

Cost is \$9.95 for adults, \$8.20 for seniors registered with AEOA senior dining, and \$7.95 for ages 10 and under. Seatings are at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. There is a second chance to check out the meal on Tuesday, Oct. 31 at 12 noon.



Each year brings new surprises for Vermilion Country School's Halloween extravaganza. file photo

Reservations are required in advance. Limited seating is available. Please call 218-753-1246 ext. 1003 during regular school hours or email cpettinelli@vermilioncountry.org to

reserve your spot. Vermilion Country School is located at 1 Enterprise Dr. in Tower (behind the new harbor area).

## HELPING OUR CAREGIVERS

### 23rd Annual Family Caregiver Day program on Nov. 9

HIBBING- National Family Caregivers Month - celebrated each November - is a time to recognize and honor our family caregivers across the country. Range Respite, Home Instead Senior Care, and Fairview Greenview Residence join that tradition on Nov. 9, with a day-long event planned at the Hibbing Park Hotel & Suites, 1402 East Howard St. The theme for this year's event is: "Caregiving Around the Clock."

Celebrating Family Caregivers during NFC month advances Range Respite's objectives to raise awareness of family caregiver issues, celebrate the efforts of family caregivers, educate family caregivers about self-identification, and increase support

for family caregivers.

Caregiving can be a 24-hour a day, 7-day a week job as half a million Minnesotans know. Caring for a senior with Alzheimer's or a child with special needs can be non-stop. Providing care around the clock can crowd out other important areas of life. And you never know when you will need to rush to the hospital or leave work at the drop of a hat. What challenges do family caregivers face, and how do they manage them day and night? It is a herculean task that leaves many caregivers exhausted, stressed, and in poor physical and mental health. This actually results in the need of assistance for themselves.

The program this year will

feature speakers who are subject matter experts. It will also offer music and entertainment, a hot lunch and time to view the displays of many organizations sponsoring the event. Additionally, the naming of 2017's Caregiver of Excellence will cap the event. This event is funded in part by Lake Country Power Round Up and the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation, Central Mesabi Fund.

Call Range Respite to register for this event at 218-749-5051 or e-mail to hgrinage@rangerespite.org. Transportation from Virginia to Hibbing will be provided by Arrowhead Transit. Donations of \$6 per person can be offered at the door.

### Olcott Fountain Benefit Concert Nov. 4 with Pat Surface and Boundary Water Boys

VIRGINIA- Saturday, Nov. 4 will see a major fundraising event with Pat Surface and the Boundary Water Boys with Marina Whight at the Goodman Auditorium in Virginia High School at 6:30 p.m. Titled "From the Request Line: Favorites of the 60's and 70's," the concert will feature the timeless songs of John Denver, the Beatles, Simon & Garfunkel, Leonard Cohen, James Taylor, The Eagles, Jim Croce, Gordon Lightfoot, America, Bob Dylan and many more lyrics and melodies that are now embedded in America's DNA.

This concert has blossomed into much more than a benefit or concert alone. It has become a continuing

groundswell of community interest, support and participation for the fountain that is probably unrivaled in recent years. The support ranges from the gift of free use of the Goodman Auditorium by the Virginia School District, to print publicity designed and produced by the Mesabi Technical College Graphic Design Media program students as a "Shark Tank" class competition. The Virginia Family and Consumer Science students will be baking 100 dozen cookies for the intermission, plus a variety of ticket stub raffles will be held during the evening. Additionally, the Pat Surface and Boundary Water Boys concert is graciously underwritten by major contributions from

Cope and Peterson, Attorneys at Law; Sundell Eye Associates; Colosimo, Patchin and Kearney, LDT, Attorneys; Northern State Bank of Virginia; with additional support from Edwards Oil and Propane and The Trenti Law Firm. Tickets are \$15 and a sell-out is anticipated. Tickets are available at Schmidt Music, Irma's Finland House, Virginia Foundation at 519 Chestnut St., and Natural Harvest Food Coop.

The Olcott Park Fountain Restoration Fund is a component fund of the Virginia Community Foundation. All contributions made toward the project are considered a tax-deductible donation.

### Giants Ridge Fall Fest, Ski Swap this weekend

BIWABIK- Everyone is invited to join the fun as Giants Ridge kicks off the winter season with discounted winter sports season passes, a delicious Wild Game and Wine Dinner, 5K fun run, music, golf scramble and more. See more details at [Giantsridge.com](http://Giantsridge.com).

#### Friday, Oct. 20

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Season pass sale at the Main Chalet

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Ski Swap at the Burnt Onion Kitchen & Brews

6 - 8 p.m. Five-course Wild Game and Wine Pairings Dinner. Please make advance reservations by calling 218-865-8061, seating is limited.

#### Saturday, Oct. 21

Main Chalet

9 a.m. - Fall Fest Fun Run  
10 a.m. - Fall Fest 5K Fun Run, \$10 suggested donation, a portion of proceeds benefit local Breast Cancer Centers.

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Season pass sale  
1 p.m. - Guided waters hike, a one-mile beginner hike  
2 p.m. - Guided woods hike, a 3.5-mile intermediate/advanced hike

#### South Chalet

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Ski Swap outdoors

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Fall Fest Food Concessions including gourmet caramel apples, food on a stick, mini doughnuts, and cheese curds

11 a.m. - Kids Rampage Run,

free event for children under 12

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Rail Jam, register at Main Chalet. \$10 suggested donation, a portion of proceeds benefit local Breast Cancer Centers.

#### Quarry at Giants Ridge

12 p.m. - Shotgun, Two-Person Last Chance Golf Scramble presented by First National Bank of Gilbert. \$100 per team - includes lunch and prizes. Register at 218-865-8030.

#### Lodge at Giants Ridge

7:30 - 11 p.m. Christopher David Hanson Band at the Lodge

### Mesabi Symphony Orchestra celebrates 40 years Oct. 21 and 22

REGIONAL- We're celebrating 40 years on the Iron Range! Your Mesabi Symphony Orchestra starts the season with "A Celebration" on Saturday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. in Hibbing High School, and Sunday, Oct. 22 at 2:30 p.m. in Virginia High School's Goodman Auditorium. The concerts feature Brahms' Second Symphony, amazing young soloists, and coffee an'. More information is available at [www.mesabisymphonyorchestra.org](http://www.mesabisymphonyorchestra.org).

### Vermilion Dream Quilters meet Nov. 2

TOWER- Vermilion Dream Quilters will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 2 in the social hall at St. Martin's Catholic Church in Tower. Marlene Johnson and Kathy Sacchetti will lead the program on hand quilting. Any members who have samples of hand-quilted quilts, please feel free to bring them to share.

The BOHO bag challenge was extended to the month of November, and the Bull's Eye challenge is also due at this meeting. Coffee an' will be served during the intermission. Hostesses are Kathy Lovgren, Catherine Farley, and Joan Johnson.

Vermilion Dream Quilters is a guild with members from throughout the Iron Range and Arrowhead Region and is open to anyone interested in quilting and creative sewing. Members encourage and instruct each other and share tips. For more information, please contact Corrine Hill in Tower at 218-753-4600.

### Vendors needed for Tower Holiday Craft Show set for Dec. 9

TOWER- The Tower Holiday Craft Show will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Tower Civic Center. Tables are \$20 each (limit two 8-ft. tables per vendor) and must be reserved and paid for in advance. Checks can be made out to Friends of VCS and mailed to Vermilion Country School, PO Box 629, Tower, MN 55790 or can be dropped off at the charter school or at the Timberjay office in Tower. For more information, call Jodi Summit at 218-753-2950.

### When Grief is Complicated presentation on Oct. 30 in Virginia

VIRGINIA- The Hospice Foundation of America (HFA) program, When Grief is Complicated, will be presented locally on Monday, Oct. 30 at Essentia Health Virginia, Medical Arts Building in the McMillan A room on the lower level. There is no fee, registration is recommended either by email to

[mary.gregorich@essentiahealth.com](mailto:mary.gregorich@essentiahealth.com) or by phone to 218-749-7975 or 877-851-2213. Registration starts at 12:30 p.m. The two-and-a-half hour program starts at 12:30 p.m. and will be followed by a 30-minute panel discussion. CEUs are available for professionals directly from HFA; registration is required for these CEUs.

This program discusses the nature of complicated grief, which is a significant deviation from typical grief patterns and the typical grieving process and how it can result in additional complications. The program addresses risk factors, assessment, danger signs, and current treatments. Program panel experts are Kenneth J. Doka, Robert A. Neimeyer, and Therese A. Rando. The 30-minute discussion following the program includes local panelists. Each year this award-winning program is produced by the Hospice Foundation of America, a not-for-profit organization, which acts as an advocate for the hospice concept of care through ongoing programs of professional education, public information and research on issues relating to illness, loss, grief and bereavement.

This event is sponsored and facilitated by Essentia Health St. Mary's East Range Hospice. Contact Cathy Burt at 218-749-7975 for more information. For full program details, see HFA's website at [www.hospicefoundation.org](http://www.hospicefoundation.org).

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## FALLOUT...Continued from page 1

was born and built a successful outfitting business that today provides 18 local residents a full-time year-round job, with many more seasonal jobs during the busy season. Forsman called opponents of copper-nickel mining, particularly fellow Elyite Becky Rom, who chairs the Campaign to Save the Boundary Waters, "elitists" and "hypocrites" and said he's angered by their condescension and moral certainty. "The way she comes off, her attitude and way of doing this, it's part of the problem," he told reporter Forgrave.

Rom, and her husband Reid Carron, both retired attorneys, returned fire. "Danny Forsman drives to the mine in his truck, comes home and watches TV, and he doesn't know this world exists," said Rom, describing the Boundary Waters. Carron took a deeper shot, one that sparked outrage from many in the region, saying mining supporters appear motivated mostly by resentment of those who've succeeded in a changing Ely economy. "They want somebody to just give them a job so they can all drink beer with their buddies and go four-wheeling and snowmobiling with their buddies, not have to think about anything except punching a clock," he told Forgrave.

It didn't take long for the aftershocks to arrive, and some sought to connect all opposition to sulfide-based mining as sharing Carron's views. "In my opinion, and in my experience sitting through public hearing after public hearing listening to environmental activists dismiss and belittle construction jobs, the sentiments expressed by Rom and Carron very accurately reflect the way most anti-mining, anti-pipeline, anti-development groups really feel about the hardworking people of northern Minnesota," said Jason George, in a statement issued by the Operating Engineers Local 49. "It disgusts me. There is no other way to put it."

Ely Mayor Chuck Novak, in comments to the *Timberjay*, said he shared that disgust, both from the sentiment expressed as well as the negative perception the article put on the Ely community. "With those comments, we see their true feelings about Ely and those of us who live here," Novak said. "I am disgusted by these latest comments they made. They're all done. No one will listen to them from now on. No

one will respect what they have to say."

Justin Perpich, Chair of the Eighth District DFL weighed in as well. "These statements were cruel, excessive, and do not reflect the community values we hold dear on the Iron Range," he said in a statement he issued last Friday. "Republicans are salivating at the opportunity to use the mining issue to splinter our community. We must resist this temptation to belittle our brothers and sisters, and instead, stand together for good-paying union jobs that will support the next generation of Iron Rangers."

Politicians, including Eighth District Congressman Rick Nolan and his recently-announced DFL primary challenger, Leah Phfier, both weighed in as well, suggesting the comments were inappropriate and divisive. Sen. Al Franken urged a return to more civil debate on the issue. "Even in heated disagreement, that's not the way we do things in Minnesota, and I was glad to see an apology. It was the right thing to do."

Franken was referring to the apology issued by Rom and Carron shortly after the story appeared, calling their comments, particularly Carron's, disrespectful and untrue. "We respect people who get up at 4:30 a.m. to drive to work in Minnesota's taconite mines. Second, the statement is untrue because it does not reflect what we think. Living in the Ely community, we depend on people all the time who we know hold a different view than we do on whether copper mining would be a good thing. When we do business with them, they are helpful and generous, and we treat each other with mutual respect. For Reid to say that people like that are sitting around waiting for a big mining company to give them a job or Becky to question if Dan Forsman has been into the Boundary Waters is disrespectful. We apologize for these statements. The people and the communities in northeastern Minnesota are treasures that deserve to prosper."

Ironically, it was Forsman, portrayed as the blue-collar archetype by the *Times*, who faced his own moment of public ignominy this past winter for intemperate comments, when he posted a satirical meme on a private pro-Hillary Clinton chat group, that included many Ely area women, suggesting

the Clinton supporters should consider suicide. The incident prompted calls for Forsman's resignation from the city council. In the end, he apologized, and the issue largely faded away.

Whether the latest twist has long-lasting repercussions or quickly blows over remains to be seen. But it was at least a short-term blow to the campaign's efforts to hold onto the victories it achieved late last year. That's when the Obama administration announced it was cancelling two critical mineral leases for the Twin Metals project and would conduct a two-year study of the potential social, economic, and environmental effects of mining within the Boundary Waters watershed as the first step towards a possible 20-year suspension of mineral leasing within the wilderness watershed.

Nolan, along with Sixth District Rep. Tom Emmer, is currently seeking to undo those decisions through congressional action and their efforts have gained some traction in the GOP-dominated House.

### A misfire for campaign

For the Campaign to Save the Boundary Waters, the damage was largely self-inflicted. The campaign initially reached out to the *Times* in hopes of advancing their vision of the "amenity-based economy" that has grown up in the region in recent decades, particularly in the Ely area.

An economic study commissioned by the campaign this past summer put numbers to the impact, which is based not so much on tourism and recreation as it is the spending by the thousands of people who have moved to the Ely area in recent years, mostly to the townships surrounding Ely.

Yet while the *Times* story mentioned the study, it largely missed the point according to Spencer Phillips, of Key-Log Economics, the firm that prepared the analysis. "The story fell into a tired trope and false choice between jobs in one extractive industry and jobs in recreation and tourism," wrote Phillips in response to questions from the *Timberjay*.

Phillips notes that the *Times* reporter spoke to people who represented the local payoff of the amenity-based economy,

but apparently never made the connection. Kris Hallberg, a recently retired World Bank economist is one of them. She was quoted sympathizing with the plight of blue collar workers, a sincere position she said, but added that her overall views on the question of sulfide mining weren't represented in the story. "They kind of cherry-picked, without reflecting the totality of people's views," she said.

Phillips noted the many ways that people like Hallberg contribute to the local economy through the income she spends in the community.

"We can imagine that she spends a significant portion of her retirement income in the region year-round," he said. "Someone local, most likely, built her home, and another local resident handled the real estate transaction. Someone else may fix the plumbing or maintain the landscaping. Someone else repairs her car, bags her groceries, cleans her teeth, executes trades in her stock portfolio, or performs music for her entertainment."

Hallberg said that she and her husband, who moved to the area 11 years ago from the Washington, D.C. area, are "stereotypical cases" of the amenity-based economy. "I was with the World Bank and my husband was a water quality specialist with the EPA," she said. With the arrival of DSL at their renovated lake home, Hallberg and her husband realized they could live at their lake home year-round and work from there. She continued her consulting for several years and has now worked her way into retirement, but she and her husband continue to spend their annual incomes in the local area.

"We came here for the clean water, clean air and rocks and woods and wildlife and it's been great," she said.

It's stories like Hallberg's, multiplied many times over, that form the foundation of the amenity-based economy, notes Phillips. While tourism relies on outside income from visitors, the amenity-based economy relies on community assets, or amenities, to attract permanent residents who contribute to the economy through their local spending and business creation. In the case of Ely, a 2014 University of Minnesota study found that the vast majority of residents in the townships surrounding Ely were

attracted to amenities like clean water and ready access to a vast array of wild, public lands. And it's fueled a building boom in the townships, where 80 percent of the new housing in the Ely area has been built in recent years. That same U of M survey found that nearly a quarter of those new residents indicated new mining in the area would prompt them to leave, taking their incomes and businesses with them. And those incomes aren't the low wages that the *Times* story suggested. Residents of the surrounding townships have some of the highest incomes in the region, averaging well above the median household income in Minnesota. Those wages currently fuel the bulk of local year-round spending in the Ely area economy, impacting a broad cross section of businesses, from real estate, construction, finance, insurance, utilities, home furnishings and other retail.

To suggest that such an economy leaves workers with the choice between mining or working as "Sherpas" as County Commissioner Tom Rukavina stated, is a false choice, said Phillips. "A union member with the kinds of skills that would be useful in the mining industry might well find work in construction, as a mechanic, or in other skilled trades, or he might seek employment in mining in another place," he said.

Phillips also took issue with Rukavina's claim that 100 miners who live in the Ely area and commute to taconite mines on the Mesabi Iron Range, provide the bulk of the income that keeps the Ely economy afloat through nine months of the year. Economist Phillips ran the numbers and dismissed Rukavina's comment as nonsensical, noting that each miner would have to earn more than three quarters of a million dollars a year for such a claim to be true.

The *Times* story also suggested that the Twin Metals mine would be an underground operation, which is far from certain. As Congressman Nolan and others have noted repeatedly in opposing the two-year study of the proposed mining withdrawal, Twin Metals has put forward no mine plan to study. An initial pre-feasibility report produced several years ago, when the now-defunct Duluth Metals still controlled the

project, did propose an underground operation. But that proposal came with a \$3 billion construction price tag and would not be economically viable at metal prices anywhere close to today's levels. Chilean mining giant Antofagasta, which now owns Twin Metals, has not put forward a new mine plan. Some of the mineral deposits that the company is hoping to exploit do come close to the surface, which has led to speculation that an open pit mine is a likelier outcome due to economic factors.

### National debate in microcosm

While the local reaction to the *Times* story was perhaps predictable, the intensity came as a surprise to reporter Forgrave, who said he would be disappointed if the story's broader message was overshadowed by the sudden controversy over the comments by Carron and Rom. "I would hate to think that a story with a lot of complexity can be boiled down to one quote," he said. "I don't regret putting those quotes in there," he said. "I think they reflect the views up there," adding that the criticism of the opposition was sharp on both sides. "Not from everyone, but there was quite a bit of it," he said. "What was most fascinating to me about the story, was the cultural divide, the strange bedfellows and the way that this town of 3,500 reflects the political moment we're in right now."

Hallberg, who said the report glossed over the risks associated with sulfide mining, sees it differently. "I thought it was unfortunate that the story didn't delve into the more substantive issues, and opted to focus more on the personal side. It only served to inflame the situation."

Sen. Franken said he hopes the experience may still prove useful. "I hope that we can learn from this moment. I hope it allows us all to take a deep breath and realize that despite the passions people feel about this—or any issue—we must respect the perspectives of others in our communities. We all want the same things. Good-paying jobs. A strong economy. Responsible stewardship of our environment. I hope we all remember that even as we confront our most challenging differences, these are still our neighbors."

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may be the first time I have spoken to people who have actually graduated," he said.

He has spent parts of summers for the last several years aboard three different boats. He has participated in science cruises on the Lake Guardian, which sails all of the Great Lakes, as well as the Blue Heron, based out of Duluth, which sails Lake Superior.

Last summer, DeRemee spent a week on Wisconsin's flagship, the Denis Sullivan. It is believed to be the world's only replica of a 19th century three-masted Great Lakes schooner, and is based in Milwaukee, Wis. Today, the only schooner of its kind is used for a variety of purposes, including as an educational tool and scientific research station with a focus on environmental issues in relation to the Great Lakes.

DeRemee grew up in southeastern Minnesota, in the only county without a lake in it, and spent his summers in Iowa, not known for much water. "That state has just five lakes," he said. "Ironically, that is where I honed my sailing skills and developed my love for the water."

He earned his captain's license by the time he was 19-years-old and spent time moving boats up and down the Mississippi River.



**Ely High School science teacher Bo DeRemee spent a week in August aboard a science ship on Lake Michigan.** submitted photo

"That obsession or addiction is still with me today and I spend a lot of time on the water here in Ely," he said.

Being a high school science teacher, DeRemee had the opportunity to become involved with the Center for Great Lakes Literacy, which is organized as part of the Sea Grant program, part of the educational arm of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"There is as much shoreline along the Great Lakes as there is along the entire east coast of the United States," he said. "The irony is, I've never been on salt water."

His first summer

science cruise started in 2009. Funded through the National Science Foundation and the Environmental Protection Agency, he spent a week aboard the Lake Guardian. "These cruises are not to be compared with a Carnival cruise one takes to the Bahamas," he said.

Just two months ago, DeRemee had a last-minute opportunity to spend a week on the Denis Sullivan. "I applied last spring and was not notified until mid-June. I made some scheduling changes and off I went," he said.

Part of the mission of the cruise was to promote the new marine sanctuary off the coast of Sheboygan,

Wis. "This is a 1,000-square-mile area and the primary reason for the sanctuary is that there are over 40 ship wrecks in the area," he noted.

Monitoring the waters of the Great Lakes is the primary reason for these scientific cruises. Funding is provided thanks to the Clean Water Act of 1972 and the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement of 1978.

Sea Grant staff from Minnesota and Wisconsin provided resources for teachers to apply the Great Lakes Literacy Concepts to their own classrooms. The scientific theme of the voyage was to explore the change in the food web of Lake Michigan as a result of invasive species, how Lake Michigan transitioned from a pelagic to benthic-driven food web, and what it means. Aboard ship, the educators gained firsthand experience in freshwater ecology, Great Lakes maritime history and sailing, navigation, the physics of sailing and how the Great Lakes function.

"The ship runs 24 hours a day and we try to get to many areas on the lake," DeRemee said. "We do a series of sampling of basic lake parameters to give us a base line to see if the lake water is changing and how it is chang-

ing. Then we look for why it is changing."

Students from various schools around the Great Lakes, including high school freshmen from Ely, have a chance to participate in many science experiments. They provided Styrofoam cups that were lowered some 300 yards into the depths of Lake Huron. "A 12-ounce coffee cup is crushed by the pressure depth into something the size of a salt shaker," he said.

Part of the reason DeRemee participates in the science cruises is to bring the educational opportunity back to his students. "We have to document what we're teaching to our students, and it is particularly hit hard in the biology classes and some of the physical sciences," he said. "What we do is a direct connection to the students."

DeRemee said the collected water chemistry data clearly shows the Great Lakes are warming. "There is still freezing but the depth of the ice and thermal layer depth is changing and showing a gradual warming. This is a fact. The data are there."

Lake creatures and fish are collected and tested. "Zebra mussels are so 1990s," DeRemee said. "Now we have his evil cousin, the Quagga mussel.

He is much more destructive. We don't know how we are going to stop it. We might slow it down, but that is about it."

He noted that Lake Superior's calcium content is at a level that does not promote the reproduction of the invasive mussel species. "Life does find a way, so it may be just a matter of time," he said.

In close quarters, participants worked alongside Denis Sullivan crew and shared in components of the voyage, including raising and lowering sails, dropping and pulling up the anchor, swabbing the decks and even cleaning the bathrooms (heads).

He touched briefly on life aboard the sailing ship. "The rope, I mean line, maintenance is very meticulous," he said. "They have to be coiled in such a perfect way so they play out correctly when the sails are raised. And we actually did have to swab the wooden deck. We climbed down into the holds every hour to check for leaks."

The Sullivan is very true to a sailing ship from the 1800s, except for the two diesel engines. "The crew is very committed to what they are doing. The sailing life is for vagabonds. Settling down is not in their being," he said.

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Metsa combines a few of his favorite songs with storytelling and a background slide show that reflects years of history, from his childhood spent on the Iron Range, to his more recent years as a well-known performing artist based in the Twin Cities. It was rough around the edges at times, but it was only the show's second performance and Metsa acknowledged from the beginning that it's a work in progress. "You have to play in Peoria before you hit the Big White Way," he said.

Yet it was heartfelt throughout and an audience of about 50 people was enthusiastic to have Metsa back on the Comet stage. Metsa hit the highs, such as his successful and lucrative stint as musician in residence at Famous Dave's, to the lows, such as the death of his father and former Virginia Mayor Elder Metsa. Along the way he was laid off from Famous Dave's, wrote a successful book, Blue Guitar

Highway, and met Amy, the current love of his life at a rally in support of union workers in Wisconsin.

For those who have followed Metsa's career, the show offers a deeply personal glimpse at the man behind the music, blended into a guiding narrative about his improbable canine companion. Blackie, a mixed breed dog that Metsa obtained from Contented Critters in Makinen in 2002, had spent a full year living feral before ending up at the no-kill shelter, which Metsa likened to a kind of Noah's Ark, a place of rescue and solace for down-on-their-luck animals of all size and stripes. Yet even in such a place, Metsa said Blackie stood out as particularly troubled. He had a penchant for running, as if his feral nature was never quite soothed by the comforts of a real home. Metsa took Blackie's escapades in stride, even as the vet bills mounted from Blackie's

various encounters with vehicles during his run-arounds.

Yet Blackie eventually settled into domestic life, particularly as he came to spend more time at Amy's farm, which gave him plenty of room to roam. Even then, however, Blackie had his moments, when something or some memory would cause him to bolt and Metsa would find him standing in the middle of a busy highway. "He just had to show me what he could do," Metsa recalls.

It isn't entirely clear how old Blackie was when he died on April 7 of this year. Metsa said Blackie "rescued" him in 2002, but the dog had lived at least a year on its own before that.

In his final year or two, Blackie showed his age, with health problems mounting, including what appeared to be a stroke at some point that restricted his movement. Toward the end, Blackie could barely stand and Metsa eventually made that


painful call to the vet, setting the date for the big goodbye. Metsa slept beside Blackie those last few nights, comforting him and adjusting his position to reduce his pain. Dog lovers, who have experienced the loss of their own best and most loyal friend, would do well to bring a few hankies with them for this part of the show. Blackie is now at rest near a white pine at the Metsas' Lake Vermilion lake cabin, complete with a sitting area and small grave marker.

Metsa connects with his fans, and the hour-and-a-half long performance will undoubtedly be popular with many. It will no doubt evolve over time—the rough edges and transitions smoothed out with repeated performance—but hopefully without losing some of the raw emotion that Metsa displayed.

In keeping with his abiding love for his late companion, Metsa took up a collection and donated

proceeds from merchandise sales to Contented Critters. And he asked every dog owner to do him one favor. "When you get

home, give your friend a little attention, and an extra treat in honor of Blackie."





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## BLIGHT MITIGATION

## Ely council grants more time for homeowner to make repairs

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY – City council members postponed action Tuesday night on a blight mitigation order resolution they approved a year ago, to give the homeowner one more chance to improve the conditions at his residence before winter.

Brian Sherwood, 21 West Shagawa Road, appeared before the council to update the members on the work he did on his house and to plead his case for needing more time and money to complete the repairs ordered last year.

According to city building inspector Doug Whitney, the property remains in a blighted state as of this week, and while a new roof was installed, many items on the list of repairs, including the removal of the front and back porches, and the complete removal of the dilapidated detached garage, were not completed by the

May 1 deadline stipulated in the resolution. “Mr. Sherwood has not even taken out building permits to complete the work,” Whitney said. “In my opinion, he has not done what he agreed to do on the property.”

Sherwood said he shingled the roof last fall, and this year he removed a side porch and replaced the decking and removed a damaged cellar door. “I’m at a stalemate due to the fact that I’m not able to buy materials and building permits at the same time,” he said. “I’m ready to reattach and shingle the front porch. I have most of the materials. I could use the city’s help in financing the building permits necessary to get in compliance. I continue to work on it as best I can.”

Mayor Chuck Novak reminded Sherwood that the matter was disposed of by the council a year ago. He asked for a motion to reconsider the matter. “We

can then vacate the order, modify the order, or leave the order intact,” he said.

Jerome Debeltz made a motion to reconsider the order. Paul Kess supported the move. The council approved the motion 6-1 with Novak voting no.

City Attorney Kelly Klun said Sherwood had until May 1 to fix his dwelling. The matter was brought back to the council in July, and the council approved summary enforcement of the order with all costs being assessed against the property.

Whitney told council members that the only work completed on the house is the removal of the side porch. “He did open up the front porch, but nothing has been done about the back porch and the garage,” he said.

Sherwood contends that the garage is sound from the top plate down, and indicated he had no intention of removing the

garage. Instead, he requested permission to seal it and promised to fix it properly next year. “The back porch will be removed at the same time,” he said.

Whitney argued that the garage is not sound and demolition was ordered. “There are big holes in the roof. The wood beams are weathered. In my opinion, the garage is not sound,” he said.

Council member Al Forsman suggested Sherwood apply for a city rehabilitation loan to complete the repairs to the house.

Sherwood admitted he does not have property insurance on the dwelling, which is required for a rehab loan. “I can’t afford to even get the building permits,” he said. “I can’t afford the insurance.”

Forsman noted that Sherwood had made some progress on the required work and added, “I feel like you have made a mockery out of the city in taking as

long as you have to get this work done. I want to see more progress, and I don’t want to city to take the blight enforcement procedures.”

Clerk-Treasurer Harold Langowski said the blight order did not call for demolishing the house, only the garage, and to bring the dwelling up to code for safe entrance by emergency personnel. “This has been going on for years, not since 2016, but for years,” he said. “Sherwood has been given more time and more time to do his work and it always comes back to this.”

Novak said he was frustrated with the lack of communication on the issue. “We are past all the deadlines. We have to be consistent in our enforcement,” he said.

Council members agreed to defer action on the blight order until the Nov. 7 council meeting, and to defer payment on building permits for

Sherwood with the understanding that he will make the required repairs to the dwelling before winter.

## Other business

In other business, the council took the following action:

► Agreed to advertise for bids for the demolition of the properties at 122 S 1st Ave. E 205 E. Camp St., 1227 E Harvey St., and 51 Klondike;

► Approved a claim for payment of \$60,311 to Service Master Recovery Management for work on the Community Center which will be covered by insurance;

► Agreed to advertise to fill the opening on the city’s Charter Commission, created by the resignation of John Fossum;

► Approved the Understanding of Services with auditors Walker Giroux & Hahne for the year ending Dec. 31, 2017.

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date residents with private rooms that will be more family friendly. Each room will have a lift station and private bathroom. There are expanded open visiting and activity areas, including a family dining room that can be reserved by families for gatherings. Cooking and baking activities are now being planned with the new addition of two smaller kitchens.

The residents are expected to move to the new care center within the

next couple of weeks. Once the residents are moved in, phase two of the construction process will begin with plans for renovating the existing care center into space for Adult Day Services, as well as office and storage spaces that are presently located in the basement of the old care center. The \$9 million project was a joint effort of financial support from the IRRRB, W.C. Heiam Medical Foundation, Cook Area Healthcare Auxiliary,

and American Bank.

DSGW Architect Ryan Turner credited the Hospital Board for their vision. “The board understood the need. They went above and beyond the requirements and saw the importance of this center. It’s about the residents and the community.” City Administrator Theresa Martinson stated, “Once again, we have another reason to be so proud of our community.”



Residents of Cook Care Center will move into the new addition within the next couple of weeks. photo by M. Roach

## ARTISTIC ENDEAVORS

## Supporters meet to discuss the future of arts in Ely

ELY –The direction and the future of arts in this community was the topic of a recent community meeting. In attendance were artists, members of local arts groups and non-profit groups, as well as arts supporters. Their common goal was to enhance the sustainability of Ely as an community for the arts.

Jerritt Johnson facilitated the meeting with the premise that everyone in the Ely area would benefit from some type of arts collaborative: audiences, businesses, school children, visitors, the local economy, artists and arts groups.

“We want folks who are interested in talking about the arts and the arts community here in town,” Johnson said. “You will drive where the conversation goes.”

He asked the 70-plus community members in attendance at Amici’s events center, to think about how they feel about the term “local arts collaborative.” He asked a series of questions. “Are you really excited? Are you a little bit anxious? Are you feisty and bringing a little bit of energy with you? Are you grumpy because you tried this in the past and it didn’t go so well?”

Perhaps the goal for the gathering could have been summed up in one important question. “Are

you here to advocate for your group so you don’t get left out?” Johnson asked. Several arts organizations in the Ely community, it seems, continue to fight and compete against each other to make sure they get and keep their piece of the “arts” pie.

“The Ely area is an amazing and diverse arts community,” Johnson said. “Many people don’t stop to consider how lucky we are to live in a town where individuals value and participate in the arts.”

He said he knows of as many as 20 identified arts organizations and hundreds of individual artists in the area. As a disclaimer, he said, “There could be more, but I don’t want to offend anyone who may feel left off the list.”

He noted that there are many for-profit and non-profit arts entities in the Ely community. “We are all in this area together, and it is really key to acknowledge that and know that they can all exist together in a space that is working

toward a collaborative.”

Economic impacts of the arts, according to Johnson:

► Total direct expenditures by organizations in arts in the Arrowhead region: \$19 million;

► Total arts and cultural-related spending by audiences: \$20 million;

► Total economic impact of the arts in the Arrowhead region: \$40 million;

► Total government revenue: \$4 million.

“The arts have a big impact up here,” he said. “According to (creativemn.org), the Minnesota Arrowhead region is the third most active region in the number of people who make some revenue by arts, behind the Twin Cities and southeast Minnesota,” he said.

He said that equates to 1,000 full-time equivalent jobs; 3,500 volunteers; 140,000 volunteer hours; and \$24.8 million in resident household income generated by the art and culture sector.

He described Ely as having a unique arts culture. “Many people here have a full-time job and art is either a hobby or a side-hustle, but it is not unique statewide,” Johnson said.

He urged those arts supporters to think about how an arts collaborative

could help the community, what it should look like who should be involved, and how it could move forward.

Keiko L. Williams, the executive director of the Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust provided a summary of some of the ideas presented.

“Some ideas were that groups could share their calendars and either avoid conflict of event schedules or perhaps collaborate together to have more activities for one event,” she said. “People felt that collaboration would make marketing dollars go a lot further.”

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## VOLLEYBALL

### Grizzlies beat Panthers

Wrap up their regular season with an impressive 17-6 record

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

**NORTH WOODS**— The Grizzlies finished their regular season on Tuesday with their seventh-straight victory as they defeated South Ridge in five hard-fought sets before an enthusiastic parent's night crowd.

While the tight match was a crowd-pleaser, Assistant Coach Dee Ann Sandberg said it wasn't the Grizzlies best performance of late. "We still did not play at a level that we can. They were tipping a lot and we couldn't adjust for some reason. The last two games could've gone either way, luckily we got

the last two points."

The two team's traded sets all night long, but the Grizzlies took game one 25-22, game three 25-16, and the deciding fifth set, 16-14.

Several North Woods players put up big numbers, including Regan Ratai, with 24 kills, 18 digs, five blocks and two ace serves. Setter Claire Beaudry tallied 44 assists and four blocks, while Coley Olson scored 15 kills and two digs. Hanna Sandberg recorded 12 digs, Kayla Tschida had eight kills and three digs, and Kate Stone had five digs.

With Tuesday's win, the Grizzlies wrapped up their regular season with an impressive 17-6 record heading into next week's playoffs.

Playing on Monday in Chisholm, the Grizzlies rallied from an opening 25-12 loss to beat the Bluestreaks in four sets. North Woods took the final three sets 25-20, 25-12, and 25-18.

"We came out slow, and ended up playing the whole game slow," said Sandberg. "We seem to play at the level of our opponents, but we'll have to start picking up our pace here at the end of the season."

Coley Olson had a big day, with 15 kills and two ace serves. Claire Beaudry tallied 25 assists and a dig, while Regan Ratai notched 13 kills, six digs, and two blocks. Karlyn Pierce tallied five kills, two blocks, and two aces.

While final seedings weren't available as the *Timberjay* went to press, North Woods likely earned a bye in the first round of the playoffs and will begin their post-season at home in the quarter-final round on Oct. 25.

**Karlyn Pierce and Kayla Tschida at the net for a block.**

photo by C. Stone



## FOOTBALL

### Grizzlies win sixth straight

Top seed was on the line in midweek showdown with Ely

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

**ELY**— The top seed in the Section 7 Nineman rankings was set to be decided Wednesday night as the *Timberjay* went to press. North Woods and Cook County both headed into their final game of the season with 6-1 records, with Cook County's only loss coming at the hands of the Grizzlies. North Woods was on the road Wednesday, against the 4-3 Timberwolves, and the *Timberjay* will post results online following the game.

"With the way Cook County has been playing, we'll have to win to be the top seed," said North Woods Head Coach John Jirik on Monday. Cook County is no doubt looking at a similar calculation as the Grizzlies have won six straight after their season-opening loss to perennial powerhouse Cromwell.



**Grizzlies' junior tight end Chase Kleppe takes down Floodwood senior Cameron Goutermont.** photo by C. Stone

The Grizzlies continued their winning ways last Thursday night, as they ran over the Floodwood defense on route to a 50-20 pounding before an enthusiastic home crowd.

For the Grizzlies, the winning formula again centered around a remarkably balanced offensive attack, with 262 yards rushing

and 228 yards passing. Brendan Parson again led the rushing attack, racking up 101 yards and three touchdowns on seven carries. He had plenty of help from Jake Hyppa, with 55 yards on four carries, Garrett Abramson, with 46 yards and a touchdown on

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## FOOTBALL

### Wolves get back on track

Top Mariners in fourth shutout of the season

by JAY GREENEY  
Sports writer

**SILVER BAY**— After three straight losses, the Timberwolves desperately needed a win last Friday to hang onto hopes for home field advantage when the Section 7 Nineman playoffs get underway next Tuesday. Playing on the road, they regained their footing and their post-season prospects, shutting out the 2-4 Mariners, 38-0.

Following a quick three and out by the Mariners, Carter Gaulke connected with sophomore Josh Larson on a 30-yard touchdown strike. A two-point conversion run by senior Matt Gerzin put the Wolves on top for good. Silver Bay punted in its next possession and the Wolves drove to

the Mariners' four-yard line where Gerzin punched it in for six more. Carter Gaulke took it in for the conversion, leaving the Wolves up 16-0 to end the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Gaulke picked off a Silver Bay pass attempt and took it down to the 15-yard line. He completed the possession with a one-yard plunge for the touchdown. The two-point conversion attempt failed, leaving the Wolves leading at halftime 22-0.

The third quarter featured defensive adjustments from halftime as both teams had drives that stalled. Ely finally completed a long pass to set up first and goal at the Mariners' five-yard line. Gerzin took it on the next play followed by a Eli Conaway conversion to put the Wolves up 30-0.

Ely scored the capper in the fourth quarter, set up by a Blaise Lah interception

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## VOLLEYBALL

### Nighthawks fall to Tigers after strong start

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

**BABBITT**—The Nighthawks dropped a tough one to Cherry Monday night, losing in five sets. The Nighthawks came out fast in the first set to win 25-16, and lost the second set 25-13 before edging the Tigers 25-21 in the third. That's when the Nighthawks seemed to lose momentum, and dropped the final two sets 25-14, and 15-9.

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**Head Coach Jodi Reichensperger**

Jodi Reichensperger. "If we compare stats with Cherry stats, it shows just how close the match was."

Eighth-grader Hannah Reichensperger was on fire for the Nighthawks, notching 22 kills, 13 digs, and five blocks.

Sophie Lenz had a strong outing as well, tallying 11 kills and as many digs, along with two blocks. Senior setter Melissa Nelmark put up 36 assists and ten digs, while Jenna Smith notched ten digs. Maude Lenz and Maija Maki both tallied eight digs,

while Maki notched four kills and Lenz notched two.

Despite the loss, Reichensperger said she's seeing progress as the team heads into the playoffs. "It seems like this happens every year, we get to the end of the season and I wish that we had just a little more time because this is when things finally start to pull together," she added.

The first round of Section 7A playoffs begins Monday. Seedings were set to be announced after the *Timberjay's* Wednesday presstime.

## Sports week

### Football

Playoffs start Tuesday in Ely. Seeding will be determined this weekend.

### Volleyball

Opening rounds of play-offs start Monday with quarter-final rounds set for Wednesday.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# VCC scores first but can't pull off win

The Ironmen running game gained just 39 yards on 26 carries

by JAY GREENEY  
Sports writer

ELY - The Ironmen scored first with a field goal from kicker Joseph Jaramillo midway thru the first quarter. It was all Norseman after that as Mesabi won 28 - 3.

VCC has been plagued all season by slow offensive starts. Saturday they put the first points on the board forcing Mesabi to play honest defense. Unfortunately, the Ironmen couldn't add to their initial score and the defense couldn't keep the Norseman

out of the end zone.

Mesabi scored the next 28 points in a variety of ways. Down 0 - 3 the Norseman returned the ensuing kickoff to their own 37. On third down of the opening set of downs they threw a short pass to get a first down but instead took it 60 yards for a touchdown. The PAT kick was good putting them in front 7 - 3. On VCC's next offensive possession, Mesabi picked off a pass attempt and returned it for another six points. The extra point was good giving the visiting Norseman a 14 - 3 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter started with a trade of possessions before Mesabi scored on a touchdown pass from Deabrie Smith to Tenaj Robinson-Bowens. The extra point left the score at 21 - 3. The first half ended after a trade of interceptions.

The second half turned into a defensive battle. The Norseman added a final touchdown off a VCC fumble deep in their own territory. A short drive ended with a three-yard touchdown run.

On offense, VCC tried multiple lineup changes in hopes of putting points on the board. Three different quarterbacks completed a combined 15 of 40 passes for 202 yards. They were also sacked six times, and threw five interceptions. The Ironmen running game proved even less effective, gaining just 39 yards on 26 carries. Defensively the Ironmen were led by Cedric King and Danilson Da Veiga-Semedo with a total of five tackle points.

The 2-5 Ironmen will host 2-5 Minnesota West on Saturday in their season finale. Game time is set for noon.



Jackson Long gets tackled during a rush.

photo by J. Greeney

## CROSS COUNTRY

## Ely finishes season strong

Section 7A meet takes place Oct. 26 in Cloquet with a start time of 11 a.m.

by JAY GREENEY  
Sports writer

PROCTOR - Ely boys and girls cross country teams continued to show strength at this week's Proctor Invitational—the final tune-up before the section 7A state qualifier, set for Oct. 26 in Cloquet.

On Tuesday, both teams finished in second place.

"Decent races for all," said Ely Head Coach Jayne Dusich. "Half the course was super muddy and soft, so no one had great times."

Ryne Prigge was the only top ten finisher for the girls with a time of 20:57, good for seventh place.

The boys were again led by the sophomore tandem of Luke Olson who finished second with a time of 17:07 and James Schwinghamer who finished fifth.

Ely had another strong season both individually and teamwise. Each team will lose key seniors and will need to continue to develop young runners.

Ely seniors running in their last regular season race were Ryne Prigge, Emma Terwilliger, Evelyn Bercher, Anna Larson, and Lindy Dahlberg from the girls team. Ben Gustafson will be the only runner lost to graduation from the boys team.

With the section meet more than nine days away Ely will have plenty of time to prepare for it.

The Section 7A meet will take place Oct. 26 in Cloquet with a start time of 11 am. Qualifiers from sections will then participate in the MSHSL meet at St. Olaf College on Nov. 4 with a TBD starting time.

The complete list of Ely runners times are as follows:

### Varsity girls

- 7. Ryne Prigge 20:57
- 15. Emma Terwilliger 21:57
- 24. Zoe Devine 22:32
- 28. Kalyssa Eilrich 22:43
- 33. Evelyn Bercher 23:10
- 49. Sarah Isbell 24:21
- 50. Julia Schwinghamer 24:25

Ely Girls Team Score 107

### Varsity boys

- 2. Luke Olson 17:07
- 5. James Schwinghamer 17:34
- 22. Emmett Faltesek 18:18
- 24. Ben Gustafson 18:26
- 30. Raif Olson 18:43
- 51. Jasper Johnson 19:31
- 53. Gabriel Pointer 19:35

Ely Boys Team Score 80

## VOLLEYBALL

## Ely comes back to win match

Playoffs start on Monday, Oct. 23

by JAY GREENEY  
Sports writer

SILVER BAY - The Timberwolves were able to rebound from a 2-1 deficit to beat the Mariners in five hard-fought sets to wrap up their regular season at 19-7.

Ely took the first set 25-16, but fell behind in sets two and three. They regained the momentum in a back-and-forth game four, winning 30-28, and carried it through for a 15-10 win in the fifth and deciding set.

"Set four had an exciting end with Ely coming back from being down 18 - 22 and battling control until the end," said Ely Head Coach

Andrea Thomas. "The girls showed a lot of heart in that set."

With a hefty 26-match season, the young Wolves squad has gained lots of experience, which should help as the playoffs get underway on Monday.

"We definitely had our ups and downs tonight," said Thomas. "We had some great offense and struggled at times with our defensive coverage."

With a five-set match comes some huge stats as the Wolves were led by Lida Dodge with 52 set assists and 10 digs. Brielle Kallberg led in kills with 25 and added 18 digs. Erika Mattson notched 13 kills, 10 blocks, and 16 digs, while Jenna Merhar added 13 kills with Winter Sainio right behind with 11 kills.

Next up for the Wolves is the first round of the Section 7A playoffs on Monday, Oct. 23. Ely won't

know their status until Friday, Oct. 20 when playoff matchups are announced. As things currently stand, Ely sits in third place and would start the playoffs in the second round on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at home playing the winner of the sixth and eleventh-seed match.

Last Thursday, Ely battled with Nashauk-Keewatin for the second time this season, with similar results. Ely won in straight sets 25 - 16, 25 - 23, and 25 - 21.

"We had to do some battling back tonight," said Thomas. "We got behind due to passing and communication errors."

Ely showed lots of composure as they didn't get down when they lost a lead or gave up multiple points in a row. "Overall I was pleased with our effort," said Ely's head coach. "We had lots of girls on the board with both offensive and defensive stats."

## Sports in brief

### Injuries force second straight forfeit for Nighthawks

MT IRON - Northeast Range forfeited their second game of the season last Friday, with too few players left uninjured for the team to take on South Ridge.

It has been a long and tough season for the 0-6 Nighthawks as they started the season with a small roster and several underclassmen getting lots of playing time.

The Nighthawks lost a player to a season-ending injury on the second play

of their Oct. 6 match-up with the Rangers. When they lost two more players late in the first half, they threw in the towel, forfeiting the game after two quarters with the Rangers up 51-0.

With young players still suffering from injuries, the Nighthawks were hoping to have enough healthy players to play their final regular season game at home, said Northeast Range Head Coach Mark Fabish.

### GRIZZLIES...

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seven carries, and Nathan Crain, with 35 yards on eight carries.

Quarterback Tate Olson again proved effective behind the lines, completing 11 of 19 passes for 228 yards and two touchdowns. Olson's passing ability has improved noticeably over the season and he now regularly completes more than 50 percent of his passes. "That's really excellent for high school," said Jirik. "He has over 1,000

yards passing on the season, and I think he's only thrown one interception."

Olson has also enjoyed strong pass protection, notes Jirik. "Our line is pass blocking really well."

While most coaches, including Jirik, are usually reluctant to heap too much praise on their players, he said he's been pleased with his team's play in recent games—and not just on offense. "We improved our outside run defense, which has also really helped," said Jirik. "I just hope it continues as the weather changes and gets colder."

### WOLVES...

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with 8:51 remaining, which he returned to the Mariners' 35-yard line. Gerzin scored his third touchdown on the night on a run, with a Conaway conversion leaving the score 38 - 0.

"Defense played well and gave us another shutout," said Ely Head Coach Brian Lamppa. "The offense was able to move the ball and score some points."

On offense, Ely was led by Gerzin, with 126

yards rushing, followed by Conaway, who added 102 yards. On defense, Gerzin and Conaway had 10 tackles apiece to lead defensively.

Ely was hoping to boost its chances in the race for home field advantage as the Timberjay went to press. They were set to host 6-1 North Woods on Wednesday. The Timberjay will post results online following the game and will feature a complete write-up in next week's issue.

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BREITUNG

# Renovations to begin soon for Soudan Post Office upgrades

by STEPHANIE UKKOLA  
Staff Writer

**Soudan-** The Breitung Town Board discussed options for the interior renovations at the post office at their Oct. 17 meeting. The U.S. Postal Service leases space from the township for the Soudan Post Office. The township is updating the space to make it more modern, and to meet accessibility guidelines.

The township will ask for bids with alternate pricing for different options before making a final decision.

Countertop space will be available at both work level and handicap accessibility level. Colors for flooring and paint have

not yet been chosen but will likely be light colored to keep the room bright. Bids for the post office project are due before the next township meeting.

The township building's roof is currently under construction. Dale Swanson, head of maintenance, voiced concern that the chimney had been knocked off and not lowered like they had asked.

## Other business

In other business the board:  
 ▶ Heard that the flagpole at the baseball field will soon be erected. The base has been installed and the township is now waiting for the flagpole to arrive.

▶ Plans to merge the landfill road and Thompson Farm Road. The landfill road has been surveyed. Swanson will inquire with a logger about a timeline to remove trees and the price.

▶ Heard from Supervisor Chuck Tekautz that he went to the landfill to dispose of recyclables and had to return home because the containers were full. The attendant said that he called and asked for the containers to be emptied but they did not respond in a timely manner. Tekautz will follow up.

▶ Heard from John Jamnick of JPJ Engineering that he has set up a meeting with a county engineer to discuss options for finishing the bike trail loop.

Jamnick hopes to find out whether extending the shoulder of CR 697 or creating trail in the ditch area would be most feasible.

▶ Sue Chiabotti of McKinley Park asked the town board if they would consider renovating the McKinley Park showers. This spring the Chiabottis scraped the showers' cement walls and painted them, and the paint was peeling by July. Chiabotti said that the showers are now 24-years old and the floors, dividers, and walls are in need of an update. The town board asked Chiabotti to get estimates.

▶ Police chief Jesse Anderson asked the board to approve a purchase of furniture

from Range Office Supply to furnish the new police office within the MINOS building. The invoice came to \$3,869. The town board asked Anderson to come back with a sketch of the layout of the finished office.

▶ Responded to a donation request from Bois Forte for fire protection services and motioned to send a \$500 goodwill donation.

▶ Supervisor Greg Dostert will meet with Brian Anderson of Bois Forte to inquire about purchasing their unused hockey boards to replace the boards at the Soudan Rink.

▶ The Oct. 24 meeting has been cancelled and rescheduled to Monday, Oct. 30 at 1 p.m.

# Orr Council to apply for grants for sewer line repairs

by MELISSA ROACH  
Staff Writer

**Orr-**Hoping to put an end to the sewer problems on King Road and Pine Drive, the Orr City Council, on Oct. 10, approved starting the grant application process for sanitary sewer improvements. The city is seeking both Community Development Block Grant funds and IRRRB grant funds, hoping to split the cost for necessary repairs, which are estimated to cost \$357,955. The request details the need for a replacement of almost 2,800 feet of clay pipe for the two roads. The city has been dealing with the problems on the King Road for many months, and with three breaks in the pipe over the past year, it has become a health and safety issue. The city has been able to avoid an emergency situation, but

would like to secure the funding to move forward with the project before a major break compromises the whole system. Mayor Astleford commended Water and Sewer Supervisor Paul Koch for his work in dealing with the problems. In a related move, the council also approved a bid from Park Paving for \$5,530 for asphalt patches on King Road.

## Other business

In other business the board:  
 ▶ Reviewed a list of delinquent utility accounts and approved a special assessment of those accounts. Clerk Carter said she wanted to get the information to the county auditor by Nov. 30.  
 ▶ Approved the agreement between the city and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 49. The two-year agreement allows for a

three-percent increase in pay in 2018 and 2019 for the maintenance supervisor and assistant.

▶ Approved a request for city staff to attend respective trainings.

▶ Heard reports from department heads:

Water and Sewer Head Paul Koch reported to the council that the wastewater generator water pump went out and will need to be replaced. He also reported that the transfer switch went out, and he is getting estimates to either fix or replace. Koch told the council that the lift station would need a new call system. The electrical system goes out when switched, although it can be switched manually. He thought it might be less expensive to switch to a manual system. He said he didn't know the time frame between needing to be pumped before it backs up into

residential basements. He said he would look into the cost of a transfer switch. He also reported getting sewers and hydrants flushed in preparation for winter.

Rocky Hoffman reported the Airport needed 16 lightbulbs changed, and he ordered new parts for the lighting system. Hoffman is a new employee with the city, and he reported he is spending time learning the equipment and getting organized.

Jim Gray gave updates to the council for the Ambulance Department. He told the council the garage doors have been repaired although there is another door that looks like it has been hit. He didn't know how, or who had caused the damage; is still working but cosmetically unappealing. Gray asked Mayor Astleford if he wanted to pursue fixing the door. Astleford thought that the township should take care

of that. Gray also reported the department is at or above budget, although there was not enough budgeted for workman's comp and is "taking a hit for that." He told the council he would like to budget for a stair chair for 2018. Other updates to the department include \$8,500 from the sale of the old ambulance and \$4000 back from Ford for the new ambulance.

Cheri Carter reported the Tourist Information Center has been busy. Carter said people are used to coming in and getting maps of the park, "yet the park is urging people to use maps and information online using their smart phone, and there is no internet service most places when people get to their destination."

## Obituaries And Death Notices



### Robert E. Schley

Robert Edward "Bob" Schley, 68, of Orr, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 12, 2017, at his home. A private family graveside service with military honors will be held for Bob at the Leiding Cemetery in Orr. Family arrangements are with Mlaker Funeral Home in Cook.

Robert was born in Virginia on Nov. 6, 1948, to Leonard and Lucille (Feldmeyer) Schley. He attended school in Orr, graduating in 1966. He served in the United States

Army (assigned to Battery C, 7th Battalion, 67th Artillery) from 1969 until his honorable discharge in 1971. He was united in marriage to Ruth Anne Laakkonen on Sept. 4, 1971, in Buyck.

Robert worked for US Steel for 13 years and then for St. Louis County Public Works for 27 years, until his retirement in 2013. Bob (also known as "Toyman") enjoyed the great outdoors; he was a fisherman and hunter, and always loved to be outside. Bob was a real kid at heart and was a talented toymaker. He built wooden toys until his eyesight started to fail him. He also enjoyed collecting and refurbishing old Tonka toys. Bob followed in his father's footsteps and, like his father, was a talented sketching artist.

Bob's family lovingly remembers him as a hands-on, helping kind of man who always made you laugh. He cherished kids and family. Bob was a great

father and grandfather; his kids were his world. He had an outgoing and social personality, making lifelong friends from the days in the Army through his years working at Linden Grove. He had a quick wit, and was a bit of a prankster; not many who met Bob Schley ever forgot him. During the last few years, his health started to fail him and he was not able to do the things he loved. However, this did not change who he was. Bob was a friend to all and enemy to none. He was a member of the American Legion Post 408 for 46 years.

Bob will be greatly missed by his surviving family: wife, Ruth Anne Schley of Orr; son, Robert Schley of Hibbing; daughter, Becki (Jim) Peterson of St. Cloud; grandsons, Ryan, Zachary and Nathan Peterson; granddaughter, Elizabeth "tickiebug" Peterson; sisters-in-law, Dorothy Garland and Donna Laakkonen; broth-

ers-in-law, Jesse (Judy) Laakkonen and Walter (Mary) Laakkonen; very special friend and brother-in-law, Douglas Garland, who always came to check on Bob; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Lucille; and sister, Elizabeth Schley.

### David C. Johnson

David C. Johnson, 79, of Babbitt, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 15, 2017, at Ecumen North Branch with his family by his side. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21 at Grandstrand Funeral Home in North Branch with Pastor David Stertz officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Saturday. A reception will follow at Ecumen North Branch immediately after the service.

He is survived by his wife, Janis; son, Eric

(Kathy) Johnson of St. Francis; daughter, Beth (Gary) Fox of Linwood Township; grandson, David Fox; and sister, Joanne LaPatka of Mt. Iron.

### Linda L. Powers

Linda Louise Levar Powers, 69, of Esko, formerly of Babbitt, entered God's Kingdom on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017, at Essentia Health St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth surrounded by family after a year-long battle with Type AL Amyloidosis. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. with the recitation of the Rosary at 6:45 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19 at Atkins Northland Funeral Home in Cloquet. Visitation will continue from 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial on Friday, Oct. 20 at Queen of Peace Catholic

Church in Cloquet. A time of lunch and fellowship will follow in the church social hall. Burial will be in Babbitt.

She is survived by her husband, Phillip; sons, Erik and Christopher Dargontina, both of Chisholm; stepchildren, Scott (Jennifer) Powers of Omaha, Neb., and Christina Powers (Joshua Tocko) of New Richmond, Wis.; grandchildren, Lauren and Abigail Dargontina and Tristan and Owen Powers; brother, Lenard (Marcelle) Levar of Babbitt; Aunty Margaret Swindlehurst of Silver Bay; a nephew; and many cousins.

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# Outdoors

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## HUNTING

### Banner year for grouse? Not so much

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL — Wildlife officials with the Department of Natural Resources are acknowledging what most ruffed grouse hunters have already discovered for themselves — bird numbers appear to be much lower than the glowing predictions just ahead of the season.

Tower Area DNR Wildlife Manager Tom Rusch, who just returned from a week of grouse hunting in northern Wisconsin, said one hunter accused him

of leaving “because I didn’t want to hear all the complaints.” But Rusch, who normally enjoys plenty of grouse action in his Wisconsin outpost, said it wasn’t any better in the Badger State than here in Minnesota.

Rusch notes that the DNR’s optimistic predictions of the fall grouse harvest were based on the results of spring drumming counts, which indicated a 57-percent increase in drumming by males. “But that’s not an indication of reproduction,” he said.

It appears that the wet summer did

**Right: Maybe they’re hiding? A grouse appears to blend in against a backdrop of recently-fallen leaves.** photo by M. Helmberger

more to hinder the survival of young grouse than wildlife managers expected. Rusch notes that the Ruffed Grouse Society, which hosts an annual hunt based out of Grand Rapids, had the lowest success rate in the 36-year history of the hunt. On average, juvenile grouse com-

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## BOREAL SPECIES

### Up close with a fool hen

Spruce grouse seem to be on the decline

“How come he isn’t flying away?”

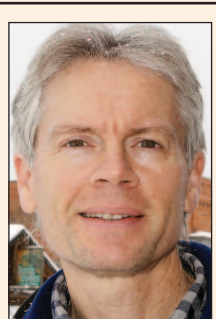
That was the question from a small group of hikers we encountered last weekend when Jodi and I visited the North Shore to enjoy the colors. They were standing about 40 feet down a trail north of Tofte. They’d been headed in our direction, but a grouse had them stopped in their tracks.

The bird appeared to pay no attention to them, or to us, who had come up from the other direction. Instead, it was happily picking at the trail surface, no doubt picking up bits of grit that help its gizzard grind up its food.

“It’s a spruce grouse,” I said to the other group. “They’re also called ‘fool’s hens’ for obvious reasons,” I added.

The other group seemed pretty pleased, but after a minute or so, they decided to make their way down the trail, assuming that the bird would finally take off as they did. Instead, he strutted a few feet off the trail, and watched as they walked past him.

As soon as they left, he was right back to the trail and we were able to watch him for several more minutes. All I had was a small point-and-shoot camera, not my Canon SLR, with the long zoom lens



**MARSHALL HELMBERGER**



**Above:** An immature male spruce grouse walks along a North Shore hiking trail.

**Left:** The same bird searches for grit along the trail’s surface.

photos by M. Helmberger

I usually use for wildlife photography. Turns out I didn’t need the big guns. I was able to walk right up to this bird, and got the pictures here from about ten feet away. This bird appears to have been an immature male, which can be determined by its dark plumage, particularly the black patch on its breast, which should extend to its throat region over the next several months. The red comb around its eyes is another telltale sign of the male, and they tend to be fuller come breeding season, when the males display. Females are a much drabber brown throughout the year.

Spruce grouse aren’t all that common anymore in northern Minnesota. Like a lot of boreal forest species, they seem to have declined in number in recent years. I used to see them pretty regularly while traipsing through the black spruce stands of the Lost Lake Swamp, but it’s been several years now since I’ve run across one out there.

They’re still around but, like moose,

just not in the numbers we used to see.

Spruce grouse, as their name suggests, are largely dependent on spruce and other conifers. They’ve adapted to a diet of spruce and pine needles and buds, which makes them pretty scarce in places where conifers aren’t the dominant cover type. As species like red maple, basswood, and oak increasingly invade our region, aided by warming temperatures and soil changes attributable to the spread of exotic earthworms, good spruce grouse habitat is growing scarcer.

Like ruffed grouse, spruce grouse have big broods and the young are pretty precocious, typically being able to fly within just a couple weeks. They stay with their mother for about three months, before their family covey breaks up, usually in late summer or early fall.

As spruce grouse head into winter, they’re bodies actually undergo some

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## Nature Notes

### Black Knot fungus



If you’ve spent time in the woods around here, you’ve probably noticed these strange black growths that appear to surround the branches of certain species of shrubs or small trees.

These growths, known as black knot, are caused by a fungal infection in the branch that causes the formation of these unsightly galls. These growths are almost always associated with shrubs and trees of the genus *Prunus*, which includes cherries, plums, and apricots. In our area, it seems most often to be found on chokecherries.

Left uncontrolled, the fungus tends to spread throughout the plant and can eventually kill it. Careful pruning of infected branches can help to reduce its spread.

## Outdoors briefly

### Don’t wait til the rush to buy your deer tag

With nearly 500,000 firearms deer hunters in the state, the Department of Natural Resources encourages hunters to purchase their licenses early to avoid long lines and any potential system issues associated with the high sales volume.

The 2017 Minnesota firearms deer season begins a half-hour before sunrise on Saturday, Nov. 4.

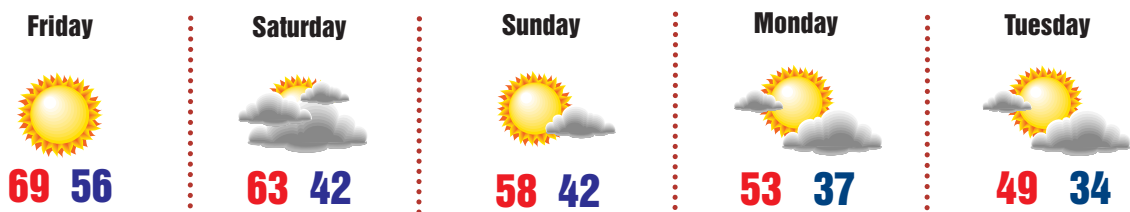
“Buying a deer license early gives you more time to pack that tater tot hotdish for deer camp, and do everything else associated with your deer hunting tradition,” said Steve Michaels, DNR licensing program director. “Every year people do wait until the last minute and last year we sold more than 140,000 licenses the Thursday and Friday before opener.”

Deer licenses can be purchased at DNR license agents across Minnesota, by phone at 888-665-4236, or online at [mndnr.gov/buyalicense](http://mndnr.gov/buyalicense). There are additional fees for telephone and internet transactions. Deer licenses and tags ordered by phone and internet take three to five business days to arrive, so hunters who choose these options should allow enough time for delivery. Hunters must have a valid deer license in their possession while in the field.

FISH OF THE WEEK

LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST

from NOAA weather



	Ely	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.	Emb.	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.	Cook	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.	Orr	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.	Tower	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.
10/09	60	34	0.00			10/09	56	49	0.00		10/09	60	40	0.02		10/09	46	34	0.00		10/09	51	34	0.00	
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Totals			26.66			Totals			33.95		Totals			25.94		Totals			NA		Totals				27.93

Outdoors briefly

Season wrap-up a good time to check for AIS

REGIONAL—While we most often think of aquatic invasives when we're launching boats and trailers, it turns out that the end of the season is another good time to pay close attention to the spread of aquatic invasives.

The Department of Natural Resources is reminding lake property owners to carefully check boats, trailers, docks and lifts, and other water-related equipment for invasive species when removing it for winter.

DNR officials note that lake

property owners have, on occasion, reported new zebra mussel infestations after inspecting equipment at the end of the season.

"These recent confirmations serve as a reminder of the importance of carefully examining all equipment when taking it out of the water," said Heidi Wolf, DNR invasive species unit supervisor.

The DNR recommends these steps for lake property owners:

►Look on the posts, wheels and underwater support bars of docks and lifts, as well as any parts of boats, pontoons and rafts that may have been submerged in water for

an extended period.

►Hire DNR-permitted lake service provider businesses to install or remove boats, docks, lifts and other water-related equipment. These businesses have attended training on Minnesota's aquatic invasive species laws and many have experience identifying and removing invasive species.

►Contact your area DNR aquatic invasive species specialist if you think you have discovered an invasive species that has not already been confirmed in your lake.

More information is available at [www.mndnr.gov/AIS](http://www.mndnr.gov/AIS).

GROUSE...Continued from page 4B

prise nearly three-quarters of the hunters' harvest on the hunt, but this year, juveniles made up just 56 percent of harvested birds, suggesting that poor reproduction was a significant factor in the disappointing grouse numbers this year.

But Rusch said it may be too

early to write the season off altogether, noting that it's been a late year with the leaves holding on longer than usual, which restricts hunters ability to spot birds. "And it's so wet there are places where hunters can't go, so they can't cover as much ground," he said.

According to Rusch, all that water is likely to affect deer hunters, who take to the woods in just over two weeks. "People need to be thinking about how to avoid getting stuck. It's going to be a problem," he said.

SPRUCE GROUSE...Continued from page 4B

significant changes. Their gizzard grows about 75 percent larger and the rest of their intestinal tract grows about 40 percent longer to accommodate the larger amount of food the birds must consume and digest to maintain their body temperature in the winter months.

While spruce grouse are found throughout most of Canada, they are found only in a few isolated parts of the lower 48, including far northern Minnesota, a small portion

of the far northern Rockies, and northern Maine.

According to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, the species does appear to have declined markedly in some parts of its range, particularly on the southern fringes. It appears that habitat loss is the biggest threat to the species. The spruce grouse is found only in North America, although a closely-related species, the Siberian grouse, is found in Asia.

Over the years, I've shot a few spruce grouse, mostly in low light where they can be tough to distinguish from their ruffed cousins. Their meat is considerably darker than that of a ruffed grouse with a gamier taste that some people don't like, although I find it perfectly palatable. Still, these days in particular, I'd rather watch them than eat them.



Kirsten Gee, of Bloomington, Ill., landed this beauty of a walleye during an outing on Lake Vermilion. submitted

Fishing reports

Lake Vermilion

Fishing on Lake Vermilion continues to be great and the fall colors keep holding on to make the adventure even better.

Walleyes are biting on rainbow chubs and pike suckers in 25 to 40 feet of water. Lindy rigs are working the best but jigs are also catching fish. Finding deep holes next to points and islands with

mud bottom seems to be the ticket.

Muskie fishing has been slow with a few lazy follows, but not many fish are getting into the boat.

The biggest change has been grouse hunting, with birds appearing almost everywhere, which is a big change from earlier in the season.

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## NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 707 ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA NETT LAKE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 707 (Nett Lake), Minnesota (the "School District"), on November 7, 2017, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to vote on the following question:

### SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION APPROVAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION

The School Board of Independent School District No. 707 (Nett Lake) has proposed to revoke the school district's existing referendum revenue authorization of approximately \$300.00 per pupil and to replace that authorization with a new authorization of \$1,547.00 per pupil. The proposed new referendum revenue authorization would increase annually by the rate of inflation and would be applicable for 10 years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

- YES** Shall the existing referendum revenue authorization be revoked and the increase in the revenue proposed by the School Board of Independent School District No. 707 (Nett Lake) be approved?
- NO**

### PASSAGE OF THIS REFERENDUM WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASE IN YOUR PROPERTY TAXES

For the ballot question, the property tax portion of the revenue authorized will require an estimated referendum tax rate of 0.437833% of the referendum market value of all classes of taxable property in the School District, as defined by Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.01, Subdivision 3, which excludes certain agricultural property, seasonal recreational residential property, and postsecondary student housing.

The projected annual dollar increases for typical residential homesteads, apartments, commercial-industrial properties, and most other classes of property within the School District are as shown in the table below.

FY 2018 2018 Pay 2019 Operating Levy Authority			
Referendum Market Value	Revoke Pay 2019	New Pay 2019	Net Change
	-.037722%	0.437833%	0.400111%
\$25,000	9.43	109.46	100.03
\$50,000	18.86	218.92	200.06
\$75,000	28.29	328.37	300.08

- (a) Taxable market value is the basis from which the net tax capacity is calculated. This value is not necessarily the price the property would bring if sold.
- (b) Tax rate increase is derived by dividing the levy on referendum market value by the total referendum market value. The dollar increase in taxes payable is derived by multiplying the tax capacity rate increase and the referendum market value by the referendum market value rate.
- (c) Residential seasonal recreational property and all but one acre and buildings of agriculture land are excluded from referendum market value tax.

The figures in the table are based on School District taxes for the referendum levy only, and do not include tax levies for other purposes. Tax increases shown above are gross increases, not including the impact of the State Property Tax Refund Program. Many owners of homestead property will qualify for a refund, based on their income and total property taxes. This will decrease the net effect of the referendum levy for many property owners.

NOTE: Agricultural property will pay taxes for the proposed referendum based only on the value of the house, garage, and one acre of land only. There will be no referendum taxes paid on the value of agricultural land and buildings. There will be no taxes paid for the proposed referendum for seasonal recreational residential property (i.e. cabins).

The election shall be conducted by mail and with no polling place other than the office of the School District Clerk located at 13090 Westley Drive, Nett Lake, Minnesota. No earlier than 30 days nor later than 14 days before the election, the School District will mail ballots by nonforwardable mail to all voters registered in the School District as of the 21<sup>st</sup> day before the election. Each qualified elector may cast their ballot only by completing the ballot in accordance with the directions thereon and (i) mailing the ballot in the pre-addressed and stamped envelope provided with the ballot to the office of the School District Clerk, 13090 Westley Drive, Nett Lake, MN 55772 so that the ballot is received by the last regular mail delivery by the United States postal service on election day or (ii) returning the ballot in such envelope to the office of the School District Clerk located at 13090 Westley Drive, Nett Lake, Minnesota between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on November 7, 2017. Eligible voters not registered at the time the ballots are mailed may apply to the School District Clerk, 13090 Westley Drive, Nett Lake, MN 55772, for a ballot and registered voters who will be absent from the precinct may apply to the School District Clerk at the address specified above to receive the ballot at a temporary address. Ballots will be counted at 8:00 p.m. on November 7, 2017, at the office of the School District Clerk, 13090 Westley Drive, Nett Lake, Minnesota.

If you have any questions, please contact James J. Varichak, Superintendent, Independent School District No. 707, 13090 Westley Drive, Nett Lake, Minnesota 55772, Phone: (218) 757-3102; Fax: (218) 757-3330.

By Order of the School Board

*[Signature]*  
Clerk, Independent School District No. 707

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## BIDS FOR CONCESSION OPERATIONS OF NATIONAL FOREST RECREATION AREAS USDA FOREST SERVICE

Bids are being solicited for the operation of four campgrounds on the Kawishiwi Ranger District of the Superior National Forest: Fall Lake Campground, Fenske Lake Campground, Birch Lake Campground, and South Kawishiwi River Campground.

Applicants can apply to operate any or all of the recreation areas (campgrounds) offered in the prospectus. The successful bidder will be responsible for operating and maintaining the recreation areas in accordance with the terms of a special use permit issued by the Forest Service. In consideration for the permit the permittee shall pay to the Forest Service a flat fee and percentage of gross receipts derived from camping and other concession operations.

A prospectus, sample permit and bid forms are available at the following link: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/superior/home/?cidf-seprd560775>. Hard copies will be provided upon request.

Sealed bids will be received by the Kawishiwi District Ranger until 4:30 PM CST on Friday, November 17, 2017; mailed or dropped off at 1393 Hwy 169, Ely, MN 55731.

The Forest Service reserves the right to reject any and all bids. If you have any questions on this bid solicitation please contact Carl Skustad (Kawishiwi Ranger District) at (218) 365-7615.

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Notice is hereby given that sealed Bids will be received by the City of Tower until 11:00 a.m., Friday, October 27, 2017, at the Tower City Hall, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud, for the furnishing of all labor and material for the construction of Hoo Doo Point Campground Improvements. Major quantities for the Work include:

Item	Unit	Quantity
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Bids shall be on the form provided for that purpose and according to the Bidding Requirements prepared by Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH®) dated October 2, 2017.

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Bid security in the amount of 5 percent of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

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This Work shall be subject to minimum wages and labor standards in accordance with State of Minnesota.

Bids shall be directed to the City Clerk - Treasurer, securely sealed and endorsed upon the outside wrapper, "BID FOR HOO DOO POINT CAMPGROUND IMPROVEMENTS, TOWER 138989."

The City of Tower reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract in the best interests of the City of Tower.

Linda Keith, City Clerk - Treasurer  
City of Tower, Minnesota

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by Linda Thistle

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#### Classroom Assistant

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For complete job description, responsibilities, and minimum and preferred requirements, email [littleeagleschildcaremn@gmail.com](mailto:littleeagleschildcaremn@gmail.com), or [marshall@timberjay.com](mailto:marshall@timberjay.com), or stop by the Timberjay office in Tower.



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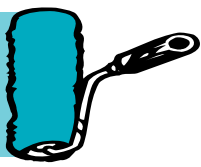
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11 Many a yellow ride  
14 Kickoff  
19 Pertaining to pitch  
20 Hits upon the answer  
21 Uplifting verse  
22 Pointer  
23 "Cleopatra" star  
26 "E pluribus unum," e.g.  
27 Horse-race bet taker  
28 Defeater of Al Gore in 2000  
30 Orator called "The Great Pacificator"  
33 Knitting supply  
34 Crooner Johnny  
36 Camera part  
37 Stew holder  
39 H lookalike  
41 Genoa gold  
42 Abbr. that saves space  
43 "Dallas" actress  
51 Triscuit alternative  
52 Liking a lot  
53 Bert who had a lion's lines  
54 "East of Eden" actor  
59 Walked over  
61 Mexican dish  
65 Vocalist  
66 Close-fitting, bell-shaped hat  
68 Keeps repeating  
70 Wee, briefly  
71 "Concord Sonata" composer  
73 Bit of ink art  
74 Put on the air  
77 "3 Women" director  
78 Ginger, e.g.  
80 One wooing  
81 J.D. Salinger  
83 "Wag the Dog" actress  
85 Mater  
87 Advance  
89 Go out  
90 "Lucy Gray" poet  
96 Booster for a rock band  
99 Punk rock variant  
100 China's Chiang — -shek  
101 Patriots' Day mo.  
102 Ending for buck  
103 Dirty mark  
106 Keep going  
110 "The Great Lie" Oscar winner  
114 "A Book of Nonsense" author  
116 Of a big artery  
117 Arbor array  
118 Namesakes of the 10 people featured in this puzzle  
123 Some equines  
124 Me, to Luc  
125 Vowel run  
126 Hay-bundling machine  
127 Just manage  
128 FWIW part  
129 Stickpin site  
130 Yukon vehicles  
**DOWN**  
1 Reversed Fr. woman  
2 Stephen who replaced Letterman  
3 Like negatively charged atoms  
4 Shaving tools  
5 Like many piecrusts  
6 See 11-Down  
7 Act the fink  
8 Guitar wood  
9 Mine shaft  
10 Like a ham  
11 With 6-Down, circular diagram of the spectrum  
12 Decorator  
13 Arctic mass  
14 Latin dance  
15 Game fish  
16 Place to buy paintbrushes  
17 Tax shelter named for a U.S. senator  
18 Binary base  
24 Brand of 4-Down  
25 "For" vote  
29 Gives out  
30 Hurry, old-style  
31 Well-chosen  
32 "— -hoo!"  
35 Note below la  
38 Prefix with angle  
40 Up to, in brief  
43 MasterCard rival  
44 "— help a lot if ..."  
45 Prague natives  
46 Winning  
47 Stationary  
48 Cutesy- —  
49 Burn a bit  
50 Food writer  
51 Pal of Stimpy  
54 Drops callously  
55 "Later, Luci!"  
56 Prefix with second  
57 Off to — start  
58 Here-there connection  
60 Armless sofa  
62 Cobwebby storage site  
63 Extract by percolation  
64 Perfumer  
67 Uproar  
69 Bill equal to two fins  
71 Toyota or Kia  
72 "— bad boy!"  
75 Abbr. ending many a list  
76 E. — (bacteria)  
78 — Tzu  
79 Pig, to some  
82 — -mo  
84 Interoffice phone no.  
86 Doc's org.  
88 Secret org.  
90 Director  
91 Dunk  
92 Most noisy  
93 Refuses to  
94 Typing meas.  
95 "... man — mouse?"  
96 "A" or "an"  
97 Sponged  
98 "— favor"  
102 Star-related  
104 Uncool type  
105 Long-winded  
107 Auspices  
108 "My Gal —"  
109 Juror's event  
111 Artist Dufy  
112 Over there, in poetry  
113 Most Iraqis  
115 Pop's Lovato  
117 Dog's ID site  
119 Briny body  
120 With it  
121 Singer  
122 Most coll. applicants

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