

CLASSIFIED ADS

AA MEETINGS: TUESDAYS, 7:30 PM,
Sychar Lutheran Church, Silver Bay, MN.
218-226-3914 or 218-353-7340

Group Living with Anxiety and Depression
is online second and fourth Monday's at 6:30
pm. Contact North Shore Mental Health Group
on Facebook or email:
nsmentalhealth@gmail.com.

"The Welfare of the people is the ultimate law."
Cicero (6BC) Be calm and confident in your
vote. There will be a lot of BS and mud thrown
around, ignore it. ~ Christine Tetzlaff

WANTED

Friends of the Finland Community is seeking
Board members! Please visit [https://
friendsoffinland.org/about/board/](https://friendsoffinland.org/about/board/) for more
information and to fill out an application!

Disabled Veteran looking for a **Surveyor** to
survey a small residential Lot. Call 218-348-
0926.

Wanted YOUR STUFF. Clean outs of
residential/commercial/estate, automotive
cleanup, hauling/moving truck. We pay for
valued items, reuse/recycle. Call **Lick-It-
Split** for more info: **218.686.9589**

BUYING BALSAM BOUGHS
In Finland
CASH DAILY
Contact Gary @ 353.7395 before selling,
for regulations & specifications.

Silver Bay Veterans Home Welcomes New Administrator

Silver Bay, Minn. – As of Monday, Octo-
ber 19th the Minnesota Veterans Home - Sil-
ver Bay is under new leadership as Adminis-
trator Daren Rife assumed his new role.

Rife, LNHA, joins the Minnesota Depart-
ment of Veterans Affairs from Good Samaritan
in Jackson, Minnesota, with more than
eight years of experience with that organiza-
tion where he served at two different loca-
tions in southwest Minnesota.

“Daren has successfully served for over
eight years as the administrator of two Good
Samaritan care facilities in Southwest Min-
nesota,” said Douglas Hughes, MDVA
Deputy Commissioner - Veterans
Healthcare. “Daren will continue his suc-
cessful career as a long-term care adminis-
trator at the Silver Bay, Minnesota State Vet-
erans Home. He and his family are looking
forward to moving into the area and becom-
ing part of the community.”

Rife is looking forward to moving his fam-
ily to the Silver Bay area, leading and con-
tinuing the outstanding service to Residents,
families and staff at the Veterans Home. He
is also looking forward to continuing to
coach his two young boys in hockey.

The previous Silver Bay Veterans Home
Administrator Carol Gilbertson retired in
early September after serving for 12 years.
Since her departure, the home has benefitted
from the leadership of Interim Administrator
Craig Smith, LNHA. Craig successfully



New MN Veteran's Home Administra-
tor Daren Rife.

filled in at the Minnesota Veterans Home -
Hastings in the past.

The Silver Bay Veterans Home recently
received very positive feedback from the
Minnesota Department of Health staff who
completed a survey focused on infection
control and COVID-19. The survey results
included a rating of “total compliance” with
“no deficiencies.” “MDH staff were very
complimentary,” Hughes said. “We are do-
ing the right things and taking the right pre-
cautions in keeping Residents safe.”

The Minnesota Veterans Home - Silver
Bay is a skilled nursing facility with a focus
on memory and dementia services that cares
for up to 83 Residents and employs approxi-
mately 150 staff.

Candidates for Cook County Commissioner State Issues

By Kitty Mayo

Three seats for Cook County Commis-
sioner are open, with District 2 and District 4
fielding two candidates for each seat. In Dis-
trict 1 a special primary election is being
held, choosing two candidates from a field of
three to move forward. Below find responses
from each candidate stating what issues are
most important to them in their bid for of-
fice.

COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2

Myron Bursheim (incumbent)

I am running for re-election to give the
voters in District 2 a candidate with leader-
ship experience. I have served as Vice-Chair
2018-19 and as Board Chair for 2020. Two
of the most crucial issues to me are: Fiscal
Management: Projected revenues for the
state and federal government will decrease.
Experience is needed to secure additional
sources and implement cost saving strate-
gies. Affordable Housing: I will work with
Grand Marias and establish a Joint Powers
Agreement to establish Housing and Rede-
velopment Authority (HRA) which will:
Create jobs, Expand tax base, Eliminate
blight, Facilitate public improvements. Learn
more on Facebook - Friends of Bursheim.

Stacy Hawkins

I am a candidate for District 2 Commis-
sioner, not because I am a politician, but be-
cause I love our community and believe it is
time to focus and make decisions that sup-
port the people who make our county the
wonderful place it is and widen our eco-
nomic base. That means we MUST make lo-
cal workforce housing and accountable gov-
ernment spending a priority. We can develop
and encourage people to invest in housing
projects without only relying on increasing
our debt load to make that happen. You can
learn more about me on FaceBook
@staceyhawkinsforcookcount commissioner
or email me at skizzle0261@gmail.com

COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 4

Dean Berglund

- Associate myself with “common folk”.
- Have always been resourceful and hardworking.
- Practical experience - 36 years in straightforward private sector business.
- Believe the better informed I am, the better decisions I will make on behalf of those who place their trust in me.
- Believe being a good county commissioner means being available and responsive to people I am privileged to serve and their needs.
- Believe it's important to be up-front with people, saying what you honestly believe and not just what you think someone wants to hear.
- Committed to representing the needs of the people, not specific interest groups.
- Believe we need to find ways to conduct government business more efficiently and eliminate waste so that tax dollars are spent wisely.

One personal note, I am thankful for the
vast majority of voters who refuse to let
politicians divide us and who, while paying
attention to politics, refuses to derive mean-
ing from it; opting instead for finding pur-
pose in faith, family, friends and community.

Ann Sullivan

Effects of COVID-19 will be long term,
especially economic impacts. Cook County's
ability to support us in a time of need is the
most critical issue. Now, people rely upon
and expect more from government. I am
planning to address our challenges, includ-
ing affordable housing, and will start by lis-
tening! I am an experienced leader, who can
analyze complex information, build consen-
sus, and make tough decisions. I'll roll up
my sleeves and get to work for the health,
safety, and economic security of all. Cam-
paign website: voteannsullivan.com,
YouTube: Vote Ann Sullivan District 4 Com-
missioner, Facebook: Ann Sullivan, 612-
834-8972.

SPECIAL ELECTION (SPECIAL PRIMARY) FOR COOK COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1

Clark Bloomquist

We need to repair, and reuse, the buildings
and equipment we have. Most of the build-
ings we have built lately have lots of struc-
tural deficiencies that shouldn't exist in
buildings that are 20 years old. We need to
have an onsite manager, watching during
construction, to make sure we get the build-
ing we pay for. We pay a premium price, we
should get a premium building. We need to
reduce the cost of rural infrastructure, to en-
courage low income housing. Clark
Bloomquist 218-370-0892,
clarkbloomquist@hotmail.com

Paula Marie Powell

I'm dedicated to being a voice for District
1 in local government, and ensuring that
Cook County residents of all ages, races,
and income levels have the tools they need
to thrive here in our community. This means
different things for different people, but we
can start out by focusing on housing solu-
tions for folks with lower incomes and
younger people just joining the workforce.
This is just one of many ways we can pro-
vide a strong support system for our com-
munity members. Find out more about these
issues and my campaign by visiting
paulamariepowell.com.

Robert Svaleson

Issues most important to me in running for
county commissioner:

- Representing all of the people of District One in Cook County.
- Protecting the 1854 Treaty Rights for all planned land development.
- Working with the Cook County/Grand Marais EDA and nonprofit builders, like Hamilton Habitat for Affordable Housing, to develop low cost housing options for Cook County.
- Supporting our Cook County business owners during this pandemic with CARES ACT reimbursement and low interest loans to sustain them.
- Developing a strategic plan for Cook County capital assets with life cycle management to improve long range budgeting.