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Rainy River First Nations Chief Jim Leonard, at left, listens as International Falls Mayor Bob Anderson discusses the future marketing of the site Tuesday.

## Plan to be developed for Grand Mound History Center

Rainy River First Nations may be a partner in the center

BY LAUREL BEAGER  
Editor

Moving forward with a plan for the Grand Mound History Center that can be sustained is key to opening the facility that was closed in 2003 due to state financial concerns, a Minnesota Historical Society official said Tuesday.

Koochiching County commissioners Tuesday met in committee with society officials, including John Crippen, director of historic sites & museums, Ben Leonard, manager of community outreach and partnerships, and National Register Archaeologist David Mather. Also attending Tuesday's discussion was Rainy River First Nations Chief Jim Leonard, International Falls Mayor Bob Anderson, Ed Orzechbauer, director of the Koochiching Museums, and International Falls Administrator Ken Anderson.

While all agree the site is very significant in many ways, how to provide the public with information about the site will take some planning, they agreed.



Minnesota Historical Society staff met with the Koochiching County Board Tuesday to discuss the future of the Grand Mound History Center. Society staff include from the left, Ben Leonard, manager of community outreach and partnerships, John Crippen, director of historic sites and museums, and National Register Archaeologist David Mather.

Chief Leonard said he was encouraged by the acknowledgment that the site must be protected and preserved.

"Our vision would be that the site be fully functional with an interpretive center and programming and things like that similar to what we do on our side," he said. "We would be more than willing to be a full partner in this venture."

He said programming could be shared between the two sites helping provide cost savings for both facilities.

The meeting was prompted by letters sent this summer by the county board and Anderson to D. Stephen Elliott, director and CEO of the Minnesota Historical Society, asking him to visit with

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### ELECTION 2014



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Retired Falls police officer Willie Kostiuk, left, shakes hands with Perryn Hedlund at Hedlund's election night campaign party Tuesday.

## County sheriff race down to the wire

BY SPENSER BICKETT  
Staff Writer

With a relieved smile on his face, Perryn Hedlund shook hands and took pictures with campaign supporters late Tuesday night.

The unofficial results were in, and Hedlund had been named the unofficial winner in the election

for Koochiching County sheriff, beating incumbent Brian Jespersen by a few hundred votes.

"It feels good, but it hasn't quite sunk in yet," Hedlund said.

As he navigated the crowd of well-wishers at his campaign's election night party at The Spot on Highway 53, Hedlund said

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## Some races close, others not so close

### JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Several local races in the Tuesday election were tight, while voters in other races indicated their support with wide margins. International Falls City Council

West Ward incumbent Cynthia Jaksa was returned to the council with 439 votes, over challengers

### More information

For more election results, see the Minnesota Secretary of State's website at <http://electionresults.sos.state.mn.us/>

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## Elections see power changing party hands

BY SPENSER BICKETT  
Staff Writer

The 2014 midterm elections saw sweeping wins for Republican candidates in Congress, as well as notable gubernatorial victories nationwide.

However, in Minnesota, fed-

eral and state races that had drawn national attention resulted in victories for Democratic and Democratic-Farmer-Labor candidates.

The governor's race, between DFL incumbent Mark Dayton and

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