Buria announces campaign for Minnesota House

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Mountain Iron city councilor Julie Buria held a campaign kickoff event last week in Virginia to announce her intention to once again challenge Democratic Rep. Dave Lislegard for his 6B seat. Lislegard, now in his second term, defeated Buria in November 2020 by nine points, garnering 12,442 votes (54.72 percent) to Buria’s 10,265 votes (45.14).

According to a news release from the Buria campaign, about 50 “friends, family and supporters” attended a campaign kick-off event at Ronnie’s Kitchen Virginia. “I’m running to bring real representation to the Iron Range who will stand up for our values,” Buria said in a news release. “Right now we are represented by a Democrat who votes with his metro party, not with area leadership more than 90 percent of the time and has turned his back on the priorities of our district. I’ll be a strong voice for our Iron Range jobs, common sense, and values.”

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Festival of Trees Holiday Parade

The iconic Virginia Loon leads Saturday night’s Festival of Trees Holiday parade on Chestnut Street.

Families enjoy a horse drawn wagon ride through Silver Lake in Virginia Saturday afternoon as part of the 21st Annual Festival of Trees Celebration. See more photos on A8.

Families attending Saturday’s 21st Festival of Trees celebration spend some time with the Cook’s Country Connection petting zoo. Photos by Mark Sauer

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