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## Vilas unemployment rate hit 3.1% for December 2021

State rate dipped to record low 2.8%

By MICHELLE DREW  
NEWS EDITOR

Good news for Wisconsin was announced last week as the state reported a record low unemployment rate, but that can also translate to bad news for area business owners suffering from the ongoing worker shortage in northern Wisconsin.

The Wisconsin Depart-

ment of Workforce Development (DWD) recently released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) preliminary data showing the state's unemployment rate declined to a record low of 2.8% in December 2021.

This is the lowest unemployment rate in state history, breaking the previous all-time low of 3% the state tied in November 2021. Additionally, as Wisconsin maintains

incredibly high labor force participation, BLS data also shows that the total number of Wisconsinites who are counted as unemployed also declined to 86,200 — the lowest in state history.

Locally, the DWD reported Vilas County's unemployment rate for December 2021 at 3.1%, which had risen from November's rate of 2.3%. Oneida County reported a rise to 2.8% up from

November's 2.1% rate. Both counties' unemployment rate had declined from DWD's December 2020 figures which were 5.7% for Vilas and 5.4% for Oneida county.

"As a tourist destination, the impact on North Woods hospitality businesses does matter when talking about record low unemployment," said Kathy Schmitz, executive

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COLD DEER — The recent cold snap last week made for chilly foraging for North Woods animals. —STAFF PHOTO



FAB LAB VISIT — Rep. Tom Tiffany visited the Three Lakes Fab Lab ahead of the listening session he held at the Three Lakes

High School on Jan. 25. See the full listening session story on page 3A. —Photo By Jennifer West

## Man killed in Conover snowmobile accident

By NEWS-REVIEW STAFF

A man was killed in a Friday night snowmobile accident on North Twin Lake in Conover.

According to Lt. Rob Minx, the Vilas County Sheriff's Office 911 Dispatch Center in Eagle River received an 11:30 p.m. 911 call reporting an unconscious male in an ice shack on North Twin Lake off Lakota Road in Conover.

"Upon arrival of emergency services, it was determined that the male was operating a snowmobile on North Twin Lake and crashed into his snowmobile trailer, which was parked on the lake next to the ice shack," Minx reported. "The driver was ejected off his snowmobile and landed on the

lake. Lifesaving efforts were unsuccessful and the operator was pronounced deceased."

Conover Fire and Ambulance, Phelps Fire and Ambulance, Eagle River Ambulance, the Wisconsin DNR, and the Vilas County Sheriff's Office responded to the accident.

The name of the deceased is being withheld at this time.

This is the fifth snowmobile death in the state this season as of Jan. 31 figures from the DNR. Previous incidents occurred in Langlade, Oconto, Iron and Forest counties. Of the four previous fatalities, three accidents involved collisions with trees while the other involved a collision with a moving motor vehicle.

## Radar Run returns to Little St. Germain West Bay Feb. 4-5

By DOUG ETTEN  
SPORTS EDITOR

Thousands of spectators along with hundreds of drivers are again expected to flock to the West Bay of Little St. Germain Lake this weekend as Discover Wisconsin, Boondock Nation and Clutch Energy Drinks present the 17th annual St. Germain Radar Run Friday and Saturday, Feb. 4-5.

This year's event, renamed the Hiller's Radar Run, will honor one of the event founders, Mark Hiller, who passed away unexpectedly in 2019.

Event coordinator Amy Greenberg said the two-day event again this year will be packed full of activities for the snowmobile enthusiast spotlighting St. Germain, Wisconsin as a premier snowmobiling destination. Hiller's Radar Run is considered the largest winter lake race in Wisconsin and has grown to draw thousands to the area over the two day event.

"We are excited for another year," said Greenberg. "The stage is being set for a great event, as current lake conditions and the buildup of the last two years of having to

cancel due to ice conditions and Covid are bringing an air of excitement back for another fun year."

New this year, the Radar Run is partnering with Straight Line Speed Association for the West Bay Maylay featuring ISR Pro racing on a shaved-ice track. Also featured will be fun runs open to all snowmobile enthusiasts able to run the track on their own equipment. Greenberg said any interested racers should have a tether that allows the machine to be stopped if a rider is ejected.

As a sanctioned ISR and Straight Line Speed Association event, racers will be competing for track records and bragging rights across two days of action-packed racing.

The event kicks off Friday at noon with fun runs on the snow track and the Pink Ribbon Riders Men's Swimsuit Run culminating the daytime events at 4 p.m. Friday night will also feature music by The Nicolet Dropouts in the Boondock Nation concierge

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## Sled dogs mush!

# Land O' Lakes to host sled dog races this weekend

By MICHELLE DREW  
NEWS EDITOR

The 41st anniversary Three Bear Sled Dog Races will return to Land O' Lakes this weekend with numerous community activities planned throughout the town.

After last year's cancellation, race organizer Jeff Lewison is excited to bring the event back for a thrilling weekend of sled dog races and more this Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 5 and 6.

Lewison explained that much planning, organizing and trail building goes into the event with help from numerous volunteers and area organizations, saying that the sled dog trails are in good shape especially in the wooded areas where snow depths were deeper.

This is thanks to Rob Spiotto, trail boss for the Land O' Lakes Frosty Snowmobile Club, who groomed the trails in the open areas where a groomer can go, and Brian Krause, who provided a variety of tools and drags to care for the wooded trails.

Most people don't think a lack of snow in northern Wisconsin in February would be an issue, but Lewison said that lately it has been challenging. "We canceled last year partly due



The ever-popular sled dog races that have entertained crowds in Land O' Lakes for more than 40 years return this Saturday and Sunday. —STAFFPHOTO

to Covid concerns, but the main fact was that there just wasn't enough snow," he said. "Even this year we're challenged to put on a good course," he said.

Lewison said more snow is always better, but despite this not being a

particularly snowy winter, things are in good shape. Organizers have been out packing down a good, firm base on the trails, and he said the extensive trail system in the woods is in great

To SLED DOG, Pg. 8A

# WEATHER CORNER



Note: Precipitation amounts are recorded at 8 a.m. for the previous 24 hours.

LAST SEVEN DAYS			ONE YEAR AGO				
	Hi	Lo	Prec.		Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues., Jan. 25	1	-17	0.2"S	Mon., Jan. 25	20	-6	0.3"S
Wed., Jan. 26	13	-27	None	Tues., Jan. 26	18	3	Tr. S
Thurs., Jan. 27	21	-11	Tr. S	Wed., Jan. 27	14	2	0.2"S
Fri., Jan. 28	11	-17	0.4"S	Thurs., Jan. 28	18	5	None
Sat., Jan. 29	20	3	None	Fri., Jan. 29	26	4	None
Sun., Jan. 30	21	0	None	Sat., Jan. 30	28	18	None
Mon., Jan. 31	28	22	0.2"S	Sun., Jan. 31	29	12	2.1"S

**LAST YEAR** The average daily high at this time last year for the next seven days was 20, while the average overnight low was -2. There was snow on three days measuring 1.2 inches.

**COMPARISON** Days precipitation recorded since Jan. 1, 2022, 16 days; 2021, 12 days. Average high of past 30 days, 2022, 17; 2021, 25. Average low of past 30 days, 2021, -3; 2020, 10.

**SNOW CONDITIONS** Snowmobile trails in the North Woods range from fair to excellent condition, depending on locale. Visit [travelwisconsin.com](http://travelwisconsin.com), [vilaswi.com](http://vilaswi.com) or local club websites for updates.

	'20-'21	'21-'22
Snowy days	39	46
Inches to date	33.8"	51.45"
Ground cover	8"	14"

**STREAMS AND LAKES** Anglers have been reporting an average ice thickness of 12 inches on Vilas County lakes. As always, take extreme caution whenever on the ice.

**FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK**

**Wednesday:** Mostly cloudy. High: 11° Low: -9°  
**Thursday:** Mostly cloudy. High: 7° Low: -10°  
**Friday:** Mostly cloudy. High: 13° Low: -7°  
**Saturday:** Mostly cloudy. High: 17° Low: 13°  
**Sunday:** Mostly cloudy. High: 19° Low: 2°

(PORTIONS OF THE WEATHER CORNER ARE THROUGH THE COURTESY OF DARYL RUTKOWSKI, EAGLE RIVER and NEWSWATCH 12 WEATHER.)

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# NEWS

## Radar Run: Bikini run on Saturday

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tent followed by a fireworks display in memory of Hiller at dusk. Music this year is presented by Badger Glass and Don Rick Insurance both of Baraboo.

Saturday events will get underway at 10 a.m. with the highlight of the day being the Knocker's Pizza Company Bikini Run set for 1 p.m. According to Greenberg the bikini run has become one of the hottest highlights of the St. Germain Radar Run.

"A host of ladies will be braving the winter chill in their bikinis to race and raise money for breast cancer patients in Wisconsin and to support local organizations," she said. "More than 30 women are already registered for this year's run."

In 2019, the last year the radar run was held, more than \$85,000 was raised for Wisconsin breast cancer survivors through this event. Proceeds from the bikini race will be donated to the Pink Ribbon Riders, St. Germain Fire Department and Plum Lake Ambulance.

Greenberg said the event continues to grow in both size and popularity. Three large tents were added which allowed for indoor heated areas for food and beverage as well as a concierge tent hosted by Boondock Nation. Vendor's Row sponsored by Hicks Fuel & Oil will feature Lakeland Powersports, Pink Ribbon Riders and Polaris ambassadors.

"Snow enthusiasts can stop in to warm up and check out what's new with the sport of snowmobiling," said Greenberg.

Hiller's Radar Run is not only an event designed for the whole family, but Green-

berg said it also crosses paths with so many attendees by supporting a number of area nonprofits, clubs and volunteer groups.

"Food and beverages will be available courtesy of the Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club in the Dean Distributing heated tent," she said. "Parking and shuttles will be run by the Bo-Boens trail assistance, Plum Ski-ers Water Ski Team and St. Germain ATV Club."

Greenberg stressed that safety is also a priority, and St. Germain Fire and Rescue and the Plum Lake Ambulance will be on site to assist in keeping the event as safe as possible.

Saturday's event will commence with an awards and trophy presentation beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Whitetail Inn on Highway 70 West in St. Germain. Racers will be competing for cash & prizes from Fly Racing and DSG Outerwear. Pink Ribbon Riders will be there to announce this year's Bikini Run overall fundraising total and to present trophies to honor the fastest Bikini girl and the one who raises the most Bikini Run pledges.

Event signs and directions will be posted. For parking, visitors can follow the signs for spectator and trailer parking. Signs will lead them to

The Community Center, Little Saint Express Mart-Mobil & The Red Canoe. Shuttle service down to the event site for spectators and racers will also be provided at the above locations. For more information about the St. Germain Radar Run or to volunteer, email Greenberg at [amy-jo05@gmail.com](mailto:amy-jo05@gmail.com) or visit [radarracers.com](http://radarracers.com).



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## NEWS



7th Congressional District U.S. Rep. Tom Tiffany (R) addressed constituent questions and concerns at a 71-minute listening session held Jan. 25 at Three Lakes High School.  
—Staff Photo By ERIC JOHNSON

## Tiffany addresses election, border security concerns

By ERIC JOHNSON  
Asst. Editor

With a wide array of current national issues having local rubber-meets-the-road impacts on northern Wisconsin residents, Republican U.S. Rep. Tom Tiffany recently hosted six listening sessions in the 7th Congressional District, including a Jan. 25 gathering in the Three Lakes High School auditorium.

Wisconsin's geographically largest congressional district at 18,787 square miles, the 7th Congressional District spans 20 counties in whole or part, including Vilas and Oneida. Legislative listening sessions were held by Tiffany at Phillips, Hurley and Three Lakes on Jan. 25, and at Laona, Antigo and Merrill on Jan. 26. Following each of the listening sessions, Tiffany staffers held mobile office hours for a half hour to answer additional constituent questions, address concerns and assist with casework.

"There's been really good attendance at all three of them," Tiffany said of the three Jan. 25 listening sessions. "Inflation, election integrity are two of the primary questions. Border/immigration has been asked a lot. When you have the current issues of the day, you're going to have many of those same questions, but there are a few comments made at most of these sessions which we maybe have not heard before and we can go back and treat them as actionable items."

Tiffany said the "really good" input from constituents at listening sessions like the one held at Three Lakes are "valuable" in informing his legislative work in Washington, D.C.

More than 40 constituents made their way to Tiffany's 4:30 p.m. listening session at Three Lakes, with attendees sharing numerous concerns during the 71-minute listening session, including Covid-19, election integrity, border security, inflation, human trafficking, immigration policy, President Joe Biden's proposed Build Back Better jobs and economic recovery plan, the pullout of U.S. troops from Afghanistan and the divisive state of national politics in Washington, D.C.

Three Lakes resident Butch Fitzpatrick raised

concerns about the growing problem of human sex trafficking, a problem he said has "skyrocketed" over the past several years.

"Human trafficking is a serious problem that many of us do not see," Tiffany said of the "horrific" problem, noting much of the problem is directly tied to the ongoing security issues at the nation's "wide open" and "lawless" southern border, issues he's seen firsthand during border visits at both Arizona and the Rio Grande in Texas.

"The human sex trafficking that is going on is unbelievable," Tiffany said, noting the problem extends south 3,400 miles from the U.S.-Mexican border to Panama's Darién Gap, which links the North and South American continents. "People are coming from all over the world to South America, through the Darién Gap, all the way up . . . It's estimated that 10% of the people coming through the Darién Gap die. Women are almost all sexually assaulted as they go through the Darién Gap. President Biden's action of Jan. 20, 2021, to have open borders here in our country, opened up the incredible amount of human trafficking that is going on."

Tiffany said a problem related to the open southern border is illegal immigration, calling it the "number one" issue facing the nation.

"The number of people coming into our country does not meet the need of the American people," he said. "Immigration should be about what makes America better. You do not have assimilation happening when people come into the country, like we grew up with. That's no longer an expectation coming into the United States, and that has serious long-term consequences. It's so important that they're

assimilating — and that's not happening."

Another problem tied to border security, Tiffany noted, is the "scourge" of illegal methamphetamine and fentanyl flowing into the U.S.

"The amount of drugs coming into our country — unbelievable," he said, noting fentanyl is being used to lace other drugs like marijuana, sometimes with "deadly" results. "They are making a fortune, both the Chinese and the drug cartels in Mexico, while killing American people. All you've got to do is talk to your local sheriffs and they can tell you story after story about the scourge that is meth and fentanyl."

Questioned about election integrity in the wake of the 2020 election, Tiffany said the "deeply concerning" issues raised merit "very strict scrutiny" given the "improprieties" that were documented in multiple states, including Wisconsin.

"My mantra is easy to vote, hard to cheat," he said. "Regardless of your political affiliation, if we don't have elections that are viewed as being honest and fair, people are going to give up on the system, and when they give up on the system, they're giving up on America and that is where lawlessness starts — and we don't need any more of that here in the United States."

Questioned about the U.S. economy, Tiffany said "inflation is just eating us up."

"Bill after bill in the House is coming almost directly to the floor from the Speaker's office with very little committee input," he noted. "There's very little deliberation that's going on, certainly in the House of Representatives at this point. That's not how the process should work. It's been going on now for a decade. If we're

going to get back to an effectively run Congress in the United States, we've got to get back to where the deliberative process is being used that allows for a full, robust debate. None of that's going on in Washington, D.C. right now, and that's a big part of the reason why our budget is in such serious trouble at this point — there's not a good deliberative process being used. It's a real problem. We need to get back to exercising the legislative process the way it should be."

Jean Fitzpatrick of Three Lakes addressed Covid-19, citing her concerns about a lack of open debate around a variety of aspects surrounding the ongoing pandemic.

Tiffany said he shared her concerns.

"Open inquiry has clearly been stifled through this whole process, which is deeply, deeply concerning," he said, referencing both big tech companies and federal agencies like the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH). "We are all about open honest discourse in this country — at least we always have been. We're all smart enough. Let's put the information out there and let the American people digest it and make their own informed decisions. That's what we've always been about. That's what's being squelched at this point. Here is my great concern as we go forward — public health has lost the trust of a lot of the American people. And what really concerns me is what about the next pandemic. Are people going to believe them? What about the next vaccine? You have a whole group of people that are going to be far more skeptical than they used to be. There's far more skepticism among people now. I know I'm more skeptical now."

## Vilas board waits to vote on ATV use on some highways

By KEN ANDERSON  
News Correspondent

The Vilas County Board postponed the vote on allowing ATVs and UTVs access on county trunk roads in four Vilas towns, but adopted allowing them on Highway J in St. Germain during its Jan. 25 meeting.

A motion was adopted to postpone action not more than six months for the reconsideration of four ordinance changes affecting ATV/UTV travel on selected county highways in Plum Lake, Boulder Junction, Manitowish Waters and Winchester. After about an hour of comments, the postponement was for a "day certain" to be acted upon within six months on or prior to the county board meeting on July 28.

The board then adopted an ordinance allowing them on Highway J in St. Germain due to support from the town. This short, 600-foot section would then allow access to the Oneida County system.

A number of supervisors voiced their support of ATV travel but felt the position of towns need to be considered.

Supervisor Mike Biszak's comment was typical. "I support ATVs but they should be off-roads and trails," he said. "I can't vote for this because I've always supported towns,

although I know ATVs are coming and we should work together."

Supervisor Jerry Burkett had a similar opinion. "I am pro-ATV/UTVs and Eagle River was one of the first to approve them on city streets. Towns should elect town boards that affect your views," said Burkett. "We need to work with the towns, not against them, and I understand they need the (tourism) tax dollars."

Supervisor Holly Tomlanovich was strongly supportive of allowing access to the county highway system.

"There are many areas on the eastern side of the county that have county highways open for ATV/UTVs and as these are county highways, it's the county that has discretion in allowing them, she stated. "We've asked towns to come to the table to work out a compromise but we can't even get them to come to the table. I rent a house and five more units for ATV users so there is an economic impact, and there have been no deaths in Vilas County."

Supervisor Marvin Anderson indicated that "there's room for all activities in Vilas County" but joined other calls to have all sides sit down together.

## Updates given on ATVs, area snowmobile complaints

By KEN ANDERSON  
News Correspondent

The Vilas County Law Enforcement Committee heard reports on a number of issues last week including ATVs on county highways and certain town roads, a snowmobile report on accidents and citations, and communication problems on aging towers.

Recreation officer Deputy Jason Molle responded to committee questions on allowing ATVs to travel on county truck highways and snowmobile trails during the Jan. 24 meeting.

"No ATVs are allowed on any snowmobile trail but they are allowed on all town/city roads year around in Eagle River and the towns of Lincoln, Cloverland, Washington, Conover and Phelps," said Molle. "They can't legally operate on the county trunk highways unless approved by the county board, that will be voting on adding highways at the full county board meeting tomorrow (Jan. 25)." (See related article in this week's paper.)

Sheriff Joe Fath said his preference is to develop ATV trails off-highway rather than allowing them on county trunk highways.

Molle reported that so far this snowmobile season

he has received 35 snowmobile complaints and had 220 hours of patrol. There have been 14 snowmobile accidents that included two through the ice, but no fatalities. He reported issuing 36 citations and 48 written warnings.

Jail administrator Bill Weiss indicated he currently had 68 guests in-house with the average daily population of 77, compared to the average daily population last year of 72.

"We experience Covid cases and currently have four positive and three probable," said Weiss. "We have two fully recovered and eight to nine staff that have recovered."

When asked about vaccination, Weiss added that the jail has had both prisoners and some staff that have refused to be vaccinated.

Communications Director Lt. Dale Soltow reported many of the communication towers were old and experiencing bending from the high winds this past year. When asked about "dead" communication zones, Soltow indicated they still have issues in the St. Germain area.

Committee Chairman Jerry Burkett felt it was "nice to have our own towers and communication system."

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# OBITUARIES

## Deloris 'Del' Lillian Gries

Deloris "Del" Lillian Gries, age 92, died on Friday, Jan. 7, 2022, at their winter home in Tucson, Ariz., comforted by her loving husband.



GRIES

Even though her failing heart took her away from this Earth, her dedicated love of faith and family left a profound imprint on those that knew her.

She was born on March 26, 1929, to Marie and James Corbin, of St. Paul, Minn., the eldest of four.

She was united in marriage to Gerald "Jer" Gries, in Las Vegas, Nev., on July 14, 1969.

Afterwards, they continued to reside and work in Menomonee Falls, Wis.

In 1972 they relocated permanently to their lake house in Three Lakes, Wis.

There they purchased and successfully operated a liquor store (Jer and Del's) for 26 years, prior to retirement.

Throughout these years they enjoyed annual vacations to San Benito, Texas where they owned a getaway property.

They spent many hours combing the beach of South Padre Island, Texas for shells and trinkets during their times there.

Upon retirement they chose a different vacation destination property in Tucson and this has been their secondary winter home ever since, living part time in Wisconsin and in Arizona.

Deloris is survived by her loving husband, Gerald "Jer"

Gries of 53 years; sister, Gloria (Arthur) Eichmann; daughter-in-law, Sandy Eichmann (wife of John); grandchildren, Sue, Julie, Jay, Justin, Wayde, Brittany and Chantel; six great-grandchildren; many friends and extended family.

She was preceded in death by sons, Robert (Linda) Eichmann and John Eichmann; her sister, Marie (James) McAleese; and brother, James (Bonnie) Corbin.

Del received extra loving care until her departure from her grandson, Justin, as well as Shawna Eichmann, ex-wife of grandson, Wayde, who she loved very much and considered a granddaughter.

Del was a founding member of the Three Lakes Fire Department Auxiliary nearly 30 years ago.

She was tirelessly proactive in fundraising and could always be found passing out fliers to promote Pumpkinfest and caring for customers at her table there.

She made numerous appearances on local television to promote fundraisers and became somewhat of a celebrity to her friends and neighbors in Three Lakes.

She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Three Lakes, as well as a member of the American Legion (Post 431) Auxiliary where she took on the responsibility of coordinating the baking assignments for the monthly meetings, and for years provided home-baked goods there and to many other functions.

Notification of a memorial service date and time will be provided at a later date.

PAID OBITUARY 6450

## Kathleen 'Kathy' Joanne Renkes

Kathleen "Kathy" Joanne Renkes, 69 of Eagle River, Wis., was called to her eternal rest surrounded by loved ones on Jan. 23, at Marshfield Hospital after suffering a catastrophic stroke.



RENKES

She is survived by her two sons, Ian (Jenni) Renkes and Josh (Kristin) Renkes both of St. Germain, Wis.; one daughter, Shannon (Jim) Lehmann of Eagle River; two sisters, Rosalie (Gary) Schiffman, St. Germain and Mary (Leo) Horant, Eagle River; a sister-in-law, Ginger O'Neill, Deerfield, Ill.; grandchildren, Zachary, Mackenzie, Ryan, Isabelle, Avery, Alexander, Mya and Isaac; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Rosalie O'Neill; her brother, Tim O'Neill.

Kathy was born on Feb. 16, 1952, in Marquette, Mich., the daughter of Joseph and Rosalie O'Neill (Hart).

She was raised in Ishpeming, Mich., and was proud of her "Yooper" upbringing but also had many fond memories of summers spent on Little St. Germain Lake with her brother, sisters and grandparents.

In 1967, her family moved to Davenport, Iowa, where she later graduated from Davenport Central and lived for many years raising her family.

She began a machinist apprenticeship at the Rock Island Arsenal as a civilian with the Department of the Army, where she excelled through many positions for over 30 years.

While working full time and raising three children she received her degree from Western Illinois University.

In her life, Kathy had the opportunity to travel to Korea, Germany and Hawaii as part of the Army Excellence Program and retired from Fort McCoy, Wis., in 2007.

After retirement she moved to Eagle River where she spent her time traveling including; Mexico, Alaska, Europe, Canada, as well as many cruises with great friends and of course weaving baskets.

She was involved for many years with the Relay For Life by giving weaving lessons at the event.

She also enjoyed reading and working with her sister at Horant's Garden Center, but her best time spent was at many sporting events, concerts and beach days with her "favorite" eight grandchildren.

Kathy was a member of St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church in Eagle River. She was a woman of strong faith and knew that God had a plan for her and she was not afraid to follow his path.

Services were held at St. Peter on Saturday, Jan. 29.

Kathy would have wanted to extend a thank you to the many nurses, doctors and other medical staff at the Marshfield Medical Clinic that worked so hard to save the viable organs that she was able to donate to save other lives.

The impact Kathy had on her community, friends, and family will carry on for generations.

The stories of her will fill our celebrations to the end of time and she will be dearly missed. We love you!

Arrangements by Gaffney-Busha Funeral Home, Eagle River. Online condolences may be expressed at [gaffney-busha.com](http://gaffney-busha.com).

PAID OBITUARY 6454

## Barbara Winifred (née Hansen) Zimmerman

Barbara Winifred (Hansen) Zimmerman, age 85, passed away peacefully on Jan. 20, 2022.



ZIMMERMAN

She was born on Oct. 26, 1936, in Waukesha, Wis., to Edward and Gladys Hansen.

She married Thomas Zimmerman on Aug. 11, 1956.

Barbara was known for her intelligence, spirit, and work ethic. Barbara was valued and successful at every one of her diverse career choices in her 50-plus working years: banking (Franksville, Wis.), small business owner (Heart O' the Woods, St. Germain, Wis.), real estate (Yeschek Realty, Minocqua, Wis., and Northern Title and Abstract, Eagle River, Wis.) and hospitality (Eliason's Someplace Else, St. Germain).

She was an active member of the St. Germain Lioness Club for many years.

Barbara was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Caledonia, Wis., prior to their family moving to St. Germain in 1975.

She was an active member of Christ Lutheran Church, Eagle River, until the time of her death.

Barbara is survived by her husband, Tom; and their five children, Kim (Dave) Casebolt, Karen Ziebell, Karyl Davis, Karl (Sandi Stern) Zimmerman and Kory (Julie Nelson) Zimmerman; eight

grandchildren, Adam Casebolt and Hailey DeGroot, Katy and Kelly Ziebell, Josh Davis, Hunter Zimmerman, Austin and Ryan Zimmerman; and great-grandchildren, Leo and Sosie DeGroot.

Also surviving is her sister, Judy and husband, Dick Cherf; brothers-in-law, and sisters-in-law, Richard and Maxine Zimmerman and Dennis and Cheryl Zwaga; along with nieces and nephews.

A very special thank you to the staff at Minocqua Health and Rehabilitation and the staff at Compass Hospice, for their loving and compassionate care of Barbara.

A memorial service will be held on April 2 at Christ Lutheran Church in Eagle River, 121 N. Third St., with Pastor Joshua Odell officiating. Visitation from 10 a.m.-11 a.m., followed by a service at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Barbara's name to the fka St. Germain Lioness Club, mailing address: St. Germain Northwoods Lions, President, 1398 Jackie Way, St. Germain, WI 54558, or made online to the Christ Lutheran Church Building Fund ([christeagleriver.org](http://christeagleriver.org)) > GIVE > A Time To Build) or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements by Gaffney-Busha Funeral Home, Eagle River. Online condolences may be expressed at [gaffney-busha.com](http://gaffney-busha.com).

PAID OBITUARY 6455

## James 'Jim' Kortez

James "Jim" Kortez, a resident of Chippewa Falls and formerly of Three Lakes, died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022 at Our House Senior Living in Chippewa Falls. He was 93.



KORTES

He was born Oct. 19, 1928, in Virginia, Minn. to Fred and Marie Kortez.

Mr. Kortez married Audrey Brazale in October 1951.

He worked in information technology at American Motors in Milwaukee until 1983. He had a second

career as a counselor after he and Audrey moved to Three Lakes in 1984.

Mr. Kortez was a dedicated walker, every morning either on the roads or on the treadmill if weather didn't permit. He also enjoyed golfing and playing dart ball for many years.

He was a member of American Legion Post 431 and was a member of St. Theresa Catholic Church.

Mr. Kortez is survived by two sons, Robert (Sandra) of Eau Claire and Jeffrey (Nancy) of Franklin; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Interment will be at Three Lakes Cemetery at a later date.

Gaffney-Busha Funeral Home in Eagle River is serving the family.

## Karl L. Vinger

Karl L. Vinger of Arbor Vitae died Friday, Jan. 28, 2022 at his home. He was 76.



VINGER

Mr. Vinger was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Roberta; one son, James; and one brother, Jay.

He is survived by one daughter, Malisa Vinger of Rhinelander; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A private family service will be held at a later date. His ashes will be interred at Evergreen Cemetery in Woodruff.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his name to a local Humane Society.

Bolger Cremation and Funeral Services is assisting the family.

## State troopers receive pay bump in new contract

Gov. Tony Evers' plan to increase pay for Wisconsin's state troopers was approved last week by the state Legislature when lawmakers signed off on a new contract for Wisconsin State Patrol troopers and inspectors.

"We are grateful state leaders have agreed to increase compensation for state troopers and inspectors," said Wisconsin Secretary Craig Thompson. "State Patrol plays a vital role in keeping Wisconsin safe. Whether they are patrolling the highways, responding to incidents or lending assistance to other law enforcement agencies, they put themselves in physical danger to do their job and protect others."

Thompson added that

contracts signed during the Evers administration made significant strides in making state trooper pay more competitive with other law enforcement agencies.

"State Patrol has a long history of excellence and service to Wisconsin," said State Patrol Superintendent Anthony Burrell. "We are grateful for the increase in compensation, which will help us to continue hiring and retaining high-quality candidates for this important job."

Under this new contract, about 400 Wisconsin State Patrol troopers and inspectors will receive an average pay increase of 8.5%. The previous contract, signed in 2020, included an average pay increase of 9.9%.

**Phelps Board** — Wednesday, Feb. 2, 5 p.m., Phelps Town Hall. Agenda: Sale of old dump truck and fireworks donation money.

**Vilas County Board of Supervisors Economic Development and Tourism Committee** — Wednesday, Feb. 2, 9 a.m., courthouse. Agenda: Vilas County Trails app and Torch Lake Campground marketing requests.

**Oneida County Forestry, Land and Recreation Committee** — Wednesday, Feb. 2, 3:30 p.m., Oneida County courthouse. Agenda: Highway Q withdrawal and Hanson parcel purchase concerns; and request to forward Wolf Management Resolution No. 14-10.

**Cooperative Educational Service Agency No. 9 Board of Control** — Wednesday, Feb. 2, 6:30 p.m., CESA 9 Office. Agenda: Staffing update and Kohl Scholarship-Fellowship regional results.

**Labor Relations Employee Services Committee** — Wednesday, Feb. 2, 9 a.m., Oneida County court-

house. Agenda: 2021 worker's compensation report and project/priority list review.

**Oneida County Planning and Development Committee** — Wednesday, Feb. 2, 1 p.m., Oneida County courthouse. Agenda: Discussion/decision concerning Section 9.58, Tourist Rooming House, and proposed ordinance amendment to create Section 9.59 Placement of Shipping Containers of the Oneida County Zoning and Shoreland Protection Ordinance; and discussion/decision/prioritization of projects.

**Vilas County Board of Supervisors Zoning and Planning Committee** — Thursday, Feb. 3, 9 a.m., courthouse. Agenda: Low-income housing project.

**Eagle River Planning Commission** — Thursday, Feb. 3, 5 p.m., City Hall. Agenda: Border Foods of Wisconsin LLC application requesting permission to construct a "drive-in restaurant" according to Article IV, Division 6, Section 106-443 Uses Permitted by Conditional Grant to be located at 205 W. Pine St. in Eagle River.



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## NOTICE: Obituary policy

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## NOTICE TOWN OF WASHINGTON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the public test of the automatic tabulating equipment, to be used in the Feb. 15, 2022 Spring Primary Election in the Town of Washington, will be conducted at 4:45 p.m., on Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022, at the Washington Town Hall, 2301 Town Hall Road, Eagle River, WI 54521.

Nancy Sobralski, Deputy Clerk  
Town of Washington

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# NEWS

# POLICE REPORT



CLEAN UP CONTINUES — Although no significant snowfall has hit the North Woods in the last few weeks, there is still plenty of residual snow to clean up. Vilas County crews cleaned up the

sidewalk at the intersection of highways 45 and 70 in Eagle River Monday morning.

—Staff Photo By MICHELLE DREW

## Vilas County court report

# St. Germain man deemed not competent to stand trial

A 34-year-old St. Germain man was deemed not competent to stand trial Jan. 27 in Vilas County Circuit Court.

Mark J. Wagner, faces two felony charges of battery or threat to judge, prosecutor or law enforcement officer and resisting an officer, substantial bodily harm/soft tissue injury; and one misdemeanor disorderly conduct charge stemming from an alleged incident Oct. 4, 2021.

A review hearing has been scheduled for May 9, at 1:30 p.m. with substitute Judge Scott M. Corbett.

Jeffrey P. Rupert, 35, of Eagle River, was bound over for arraignment on felony counts of operating while intoxicated, 7th, 8th or 9th; operating with a prohibited alcohol content 7th, 8th or 9th; multiple felony counts of bail jumping and other misdemeanor charges Jan. 25.

An arraignment and plea/sentencing hearing was scheduled for Feb. 18, at 3 p.m. before substitute Judge Katherine Sloma. The alleged charges took place between August 2020 and August 2021 in Vilas County.

Vincent D. Jensen, 54, of Eagle River, made his initial appearance on one felony possession of meth charge Jan. 24 in front of Vilas County Circuit Court Judge Martha Milanowski. A preliminary hearing was set for March 23, at 8:30 a.m.

Jeremy L. LaPalm, 31, of Eagle River, pleaded not guilty to one felony bail jumping charge and one misdemeanor resisting or obstructing an officer. A pretrial conference was scheduled for March 8, at 11 a.m. Cash bond of \$2,500 was continued.

A pretrial conference was scheduled for March 22, at 11 a.m. for Robin A. Werner, 43, of Woodruff, who pleaded not guilty to one felony count of possession of meth Jan. 24. Her signature bond of \$1,000 was continued.

Charles A. Watts, 36, of Mercer, pleaded no contest and was found guilty Jan. 25 of one felony count of failure to report to county jail, 10-plus days.

He was ordered to spend 60 days in Vilas County Jail, but the court will allow Watts to serve his sentence in Iron County Jail if it is acceptable by jail officials. He also is eligible for Huber. Watts must report within 30 days with a report date of Feb. 22. He also must provide a DNA sample and cover the DNA surcharge as well as court costs. The offense took place April 3, 2021.

Michael E. Stegura, 29, of St. Bowlus, Minn., pleaded

guilty to one felony charge of theft false representation, \$10,000-\$100,000. He was ordered to state prison for a two-year and six-month term with credit for 276 days served, followed by four years of extended supervision by substitute Judge Lamont K. Jacobson. He was remanded for transport to a Wisconsin correctional facility.

Stegura must complete Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) assessment, treatment and/or counseling as deemed appropriate; maintain absolute sobriety from and no possession of controlled substances/alcohol except prescribed medications taken as prescribed and with prior agent authorization; good faith effort at full time employment of at least 30 hours per week or if not, perform nine hours of community service per week; pay \$2,689 in restitution to the victim and \$1,260.90 restitution to Vilas County; and submit a DNA sample; as well as pay the DNA surcharge and court costs.

A felony charge of forgery-uttering against Stegura was dismissed. The offenses took place April 16, 2021.

A 24-month DEJ was approved for Matthew A. Kwietniewski, 43, of Woodruff, on one felony count of possession of meth, and two misdemeanors — resisting or obstructing an officer and possession of cocaine or coca. Three felony bail jumping charges and one possession of drug paraphernalia were dismissed.

Conditions of probation include completion of AODA, any counseling deemed appropriate, payment of court costs and submission of a DNA sample.

Patrick H. Williams, 31, of Lac du Flambeau, pleaded not guilty by video from Vilas County Jail and was bound over for arraignment on felony charges of possession with intent to deliver narcotics and maintaining a drug trafficking place with a repeater offender. Arraignment was set for Jan. 31. The alleged charges took place Dec. 1, 2021.

Nina L. Isham, 40, of Lac du Flambeau, made her initial appearance Jan. 26 on one felony possession of methamphetamine (meth) charge with a party to a crime modifier, and three felony bail jumping charges.

A preliminary hearing was set for Feb. 4, at 11 a.m. A \$500 signature bond also was set with the condition of absolute sobriety. The alleged charges took place in September and October 2021.

Elizabeth M. Nevill, 60,

of Lac du Flambeau, pleaded not guilty to a felony operating while intoxicated, 5th or 6th offense, and two felony bail jumping counts. A pretrial conference was scheduled for March 22, at 9:45 a.m. The alleged offenses took place Dec. 5, 2021.

Mary L. Saunsoci, 38, of Lac du Flambeau, received a deferred entry of judgement (DEJ) from substitute Judge Scott Corbett on one felony count of child abuse—intentionally causing harm, one felony bail jumping and one misdemeanor bail jumping.

Conditions of the DEJ include that financial obligations be paid directly to the clerk of courts by March 28 or payment arrangements to be made with clerk's office, parenting counseling and any other counseling deemed appropriate must be completed along with completion of an AODA assessment and follow up, and Saunsoci must provide a DNA sample.

Multiple charges of felony bail jumping and one neglect of a child charge were dismissed but read in. The alleged incidents took place between December 2019 and June 2020 in Vilas County.

Sentencing was withheld for three years probation for Travis M. Williams, 28, of De Pere, after he pleaded guilty to felony possession of meth and two felony bail jumping charges Jan. 26.

Conditions included that financial obligations be paid directly to the clerk of courts by March 28 or that payment arrangements to be made with clerk's office, Williams maintains full time employment or goes back to school, maintains absolute sobriety from alcohol and controlled substances unless prescribed a prescription which must be taken as prescribed, and completes an AODA assessment and follow up. He also must submit a DNA sample and cover surcharges.

Other drug-related charges and bail jumping charges were dismissed. These alleged incidents took place between August 2020 and May 2021 in Vilas County.

Paul T. Poupart, 26, of Lac du Flambeau, pleaded not guilty and was bound over for arraignment on one felony possession of narcotic drugs. A pretrial conference was scheduled March 22, at 9 a.m.

A DEJ was approved for Tori Rienow, 32, of Glidden, who pleaded no contest to possession of meth. The DEJ agreement is for 12 months with \$100 in fines plus court costs totaling \$263.50. Upon fulfillment of the DEJ, the charge will be dismissed.

Three charges of possession of a controlled substance and one possession of drug paraphernalia were dismissed.

Nicole A. Schutte, 37, of High Bridge, pleaded not guilty to one felony possession of meth that allegedly took place Nov. 11, 2021. A pretrial conference was scheduled for April 5, at 9 a.m.

Christopher A. Kappeler, 39, of Odanah, entered a plea of not guilty on a felony count of taking and driving a vehicle without consent and one misdemeanor bail jumping count. A pretrial conference was set for March 8 at 10:30 a.m. Bond was continued.

Lindy M. Bauman, 38, of Milwaukee, pleaded not guilty and was bound over for arraignment on felony possession of meth and misdemeanor resisting or obstructing an officer and theft of moveable property of less than \$2,500.

The final pretrial hearing was set for March 9, at 2 p.m. Bond was continued. The alleged incidents took place between June and August 2021.

### Vilas County Sheriff

Vilas County Sheriff's dispatchers last week reported at least 25 911 hangups, one abandoned snowmobile, one car vs. deer accident, one vehicle accident with personal injury, seven nonreportable traffic accidents, five vehicle accidents with property damage, two requests to assist another agency, eight burglar alarms, two ambulance requests, one dog bite, two animal problems, three violations of bond conditions, 14 requests to assist citizens, one civil complaint, two reports of criminal damage to property, one fish and game violation, three domestic violence complaints, one drug problem, one structure fire, one report of internet fraud, two reports of gas fumers, two juvenile problems, three Lifeline alarms, one drug overdose, one vacation check, one request for officer assistance, one lewd and lascivious offense, eight snowmobile accidents, five snowmobile violations, one fatal snowmobile accident, five reports of suspicious circumstances, one theft, one vehicle theft, one threats complaint, one report of hazardous conditions, eight traffic violations, one trespassing complaint, one unsecure premise and five welfare checks.

There were at least 32 informational or procedural entries.

In the past week, one or more persons were booked at Vilas County Jail for the following offenses: first-offense operating while intoxicated,

possession of illegally obtained prescription, battery, misdemeanor bail jumping, felony bail jumping, disorderly conduct, possession of drug paraphernalia, domestic violence and probation violation.

### Eagle River Police

Among the calls received by Vilas County dispatchers were at least 24 calls for the Eagle River Police. These included one alarm, one ambulance request, two animal problems, one request to assist another agency, four requests to assist citizens, one communications offense, one curfew violation, one disorderly conduct offense, one fire, one juvenile problem, two reports of lost or found property, one obstructing justice offense, three reports of suspicious circumstances, one traffic accident with property damage, three traffic offenses, one utility problem and two welfare checks.

One person was taken into custody and booked into Vilas County Jail.

### Three Lakes Police

The Three Lakes Police Department reported one vehicle accident, one alarm, four ambulance requests, one request to assist a citizen, 42 business checks, one domestic violence complaint, seven requests for extra patrol, one harassment complaint, one juvenile use of tobacco, two parking violations, one reckless driving offense and one vehicle in the ditch.

## NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the official public test of the automatic tabulating equipment to be used in the Feb. 15, 2022, Spring Primary Election for town of Lincoln will be conducted at the Lincoln Town Hall, 1205 Sundstein Road, Eagle River, WI 54521, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022.

Shelly Sauvola, Town Clerk

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## CITY OF EAGLE RIVER NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the official public test of the automatic tabulating equipment to be used at the February 15th, 2022 Election in the City of Eagle River will be conducted at City Hall, 525 E. Maple Street, Eagle River, WI. At 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022.

Becky J Bolte, Clerk – City of Eagle River

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# NEWS

# REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

## Overbey announces run for Branch 2 judgeship in Vilas

For many years the case-loads in Vilas County have necessitated a second judge — a need which is finally being met.

The newly created Branch 2 seat which will be up for grabs on the April 5 ballot is being sought by attorney Daniel Overbey, a long-time Vilas County attorney and court commissioner.

Branch One was vacated last fall by the retiring Judge Neal A. “Chip” Nielsen who was replaced by former District Attorney Martha Milanowski.

After graduating cum laude from Notre Dame University Law School in 1998, Overbey went to work for a large firm in Chicago where he practiced white collar criminal defense and product liability defense.

Prior to going to law school, he was a sergeant with the Daytona Beach Police Department. In his 15 years in

law enforcement, he worked in patrol, administration, the detective bureau, and ran the Special Response Unit.

Overbey’s private practice is primarily family law where he represents clients and children across the North Woods both as an attorney and a guardian ad litem. As a result, he has considerable experience not just with divorce and paternity cases, but guardianship, both child and juveniles in need of protection and/or services, adoption and much more.

In addition, for the past five years, Overbey has been a Vilas County Court Commissioner. In the judge’s absence, he presides over criminal, juvenile, guardianship and other matters including criminal intake, traffic court, bond hearings, commitment hearings, protective placement and initial appearances. He also reviews and approves search warrants and tempo-

rary restraining orders. This means being called upon after hours, on weekends, and sometimes in the middle of the night.

“The creation of the new Branch 2 creates a unique opportunity to be able to provide more services to the residents,” said Overbey. “With the addition of the new branch, there will be time and resources to do things that weren’t possible before. For example, there is a wellness court that operates in conjunction with Tribal court. A similar drug court could be made available to the entire county.”

Overbey said he has lived and worked in Vilas County for many years.

“I currently serve the county as a court commissioner and as a member of the Civil Service Commission. I look forward to the even greater opportunity to serve as a circuit court judge,” he



DANIEL OVERBEY

said. “Doing the job well means that, inevitably, I will sometimes have to apply law that I do not agree with. My experience in law enforcement coupled with my knowledge of the law will allow me to do the job of circuit court judge with objectivity, compassion and courage.”

## Pitlik & Wick honored in DOT statewide construction award

Six Wisconsin construction companies received Excellence in Construction Awards at the Wisconsin Department of Transportation’s (DOT) annual Contractor-Engineer Conference held last week in

Madison. Top winners include an asphalt paving project in Oneida and Vilas counties, a concrete paving project in Milwaukee County, a grading project in Menominee Coun-

ty, a small bridge project in Dunn County, a large bridge project in Sauk County, and a large contract project in Rock County.

“Coordination with industry is key to DOT’s mission to provide a safe, efficient highway system statewide,” said Beth Cannestra, director of DOT’s Bureau of Project Development. “DOT is fortunate to have strong working relationships with contractors to develop new ideas and innovations that result in great projects. These awards help to recognize a continued commitment to quality and public service.”

In Oneida and Vilas counties, DOT’s Excellence in Asphalt Paving Award went to Eagle River-based Pitlik & Wick, Inc. for work on a 17.4-mile section of Highway 17 between Rhinelander and Eagle River. The route sees high traffic volumes from both commuter and tourism traffic, especially during the summer months.

“Pitlik & Wick did an outstanding job to ensure access and limit impacts of construction while still delivering an outstanding project,” DOT officials said in announcing the honors.

### POSITION REQUESTS FOR ADVERTISEMENTS

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

(Three Weeks, 1/19-2/2/22)  
STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY  
Case No. 2021CV000086

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Trustee of RMF Buyout Acquisition Trust 2020-2,

Plaintiff,

v.  
The Maurine Biedermann Irrevocable Income Only Trust, dated October 24, 2013, et al.,

Defendants.

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COMBINATION CLASS B  
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/s/ Shelly D. Sauvola, Town Clerk  
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(Three Weeks, 2/2-2/16/22)  
STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY  
— PROBATE —

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)  
Case No. 22PR06

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Gail K. Jones DOD: 11/12/2021

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:  
1. An application for informal administration was filed.  
2. The decedent, with date of birth 05/12/1943 and date of death 11/12/2021, was domiciled in Vilas County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1420 Shields Road, Saint Germain, WI 54558.  
3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent’s estate is May 13, 2022.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Probate Office.

/s/ Dawn Halverson  
Probate Registrar  
January 26, 2022

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(Three Weeks, 2/2-2/16/22)  
STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY  
— PROBATE —

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)  
Case No. 22-PR-05

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Judy A. Leach DOD: 11/29/2021  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.  
2. The decedent, with date of birth 10/18/1942 and date of death 11/29/2021, was domiciled in Vilas County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 5476 Cloverland Dr., Eagle River, WI 54521.  
3. All interested persons waived notice.  
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent’s estate is May 6, 2022.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Probate Office.

/s/ Dawn Halverson  
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## NEWS

# Pro Vintage Racing comes to Eagle River for World Series

By DOUG ETTEN  
SPORTS EDITOR

The World Series of Snowmobile Racing (WSSR) is returning to the World Championship Derby Complex (WCDC) as action is scheduled both Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 5 and 6 at the famed ice-oval in Eagle River.

The Pro Vintage Racing (PVR) circuit will takeover the high-banked oval Saturday with over 40 races scheduled beginning at 9 a.m. Drivers from across the midwest will battle for cash and season-long points in 340 Super Stock, Super Mod 800, F-500, Pro Mod 340, Super Stock 440, Masters, Juniors, Seniors and many other divisions.

Sunday races will include many of the same divisions which battled for World Championships in January as Pro-Champ 440, F-500, F-500 Sport, Sportsman 600 and the World Championship Formula III class will all compete for cash prizes. Race director and WCDC co-owner Craig Marchbank said he's excited for another great weekend of racing.

"With 31 classes on Saturday and then intermix of 10 vintage and five modern classes on Sunday we're looking forward to a great weekend here in Eagle River," said Marchbank. "After two great events already behind us, we're really excited to have PVR here this weekend. These guys are just so easy and fun to work with and always put on a great show for race fans and drivers."

Vintage racing classes sanctioned under PVR will bring a large contingent of competitors who are trying to assemble season-long



Pro Vintage Racing comes to Eagle River this weekend as the World Championship Derby Complex is set to hold events Saturday and

Sunday at the famed ice oval. Along with vintage racers, Sunday will offer five separate modern classes of racing as well.

—STAFF PHOTO

points in a large number of categories. PVR began in 1995 with a group of 12 individuals set out to organize the sport of vintage racing. The group currently offers three to five races per year with 35-40 snowmobile racing classes.

"Our membership is a robust 200 members and growing, making PVR the largest vintage snowmobile racing organization," said president Bruce Kilmer. "Snowmobiles from 1985 and earlier racing are eligible for vintage racing."

Kilmer said he is expecting more than 150 drivers from Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan. Those drivers will account for well over 400 entries. He said racers love coming to the venue in Eagle River.

"The Derby Track is legendary in all of motorsports," said Kilmer. "There is nothing like pulling out on to that big track, rounding turns three and four and

the flag man bringing you up to the line to race. It's a moment like no other."

Kilmer said watching vintage racing is like stepping back in time, while still offering some of the most competitive events that any fan can be entertained by.

"You will see Ski-Doo, Moto-ski, Arctic Cat, Polaris, Yamaha, Skiroule, Rupp, Mercury, Sno-Jet, John Deere and Chaparral snowmobiles turning laps on the Eagle River track this weekend," he said.

The racing group has a number of specialty classes, including Juniors, Womens, Seniors and Masters.

Juniors racers can take part in two divisions. Juniors 1 drivers are ages 11 to 17 and can race a Pure Stock 400 fan or Pure Stock 400 Free Air. Juniors 2 is a Super Stock 340 Free Air class is for drivers 13 to 17 years of age.

The women's class is a

Super Stock Snowmobile class while the senior class for drivers 60 years of age and older is also a Super Stock Class.

Masters divisions are for drivers 50 years of age and older. It is a Pro Mod Class with snowmobiles that are year 1985 and older. IFS Masters is one of the newest PVR classes for drivers 50 years of age and older running a 340cc IFS snowmobile.

General admission to the complex for Saturday or Sunday is \$25 per day, or \$40 for a two-day pass. Hot seats will also be available for one- or two-day passes. Single day hot seats are available for \$50, or are \$90 for the weekend. Along with racing, the Derby Expo Hall will be open with full concessions and bar, along with vendor displays.

For information or to purchase tickets for the weekend go to derby-complex.com.

## The GRID expands North Woods services with \$35,000 state grant

Advancing the culture and economic benefits of entrepreneurship in the North Woods will take another step forward in 2022 thanks to a \$35,000 grant The GRID recently received from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.

"Small businesses are at the core of our economy in the North Woods," said Toni Van Doren, Innovation and Business Development manager at Nicolet. "These funds will help us provide resources for both existing enterprises and those just launching their business ventures. It's all about building that support structure, that strong base, if you will, to get entrepreneurs the resources they need to be efficient, productive and profitable."

The latest grant will address some of the challenges that come with launching and running a business in a rural area with dispersed and sometimes sparse populations.

"So many great ideas gain traction and problems get solved when people communicate directly with one another," said Van Doren, who is also one of the founders of The GRID, which stands for Guiding Rural Innovation and Development. "This collaboration can be through organized networking events or through what we call 'creative collisions' that occur by happenstance when entrepreneurs are working in close proximity with one another."

To foster this essential communication, over the next year The GRID will organize

and support a variety of virtual and in-person networking events for entrepreneurs and the numerous public and private organizations that support the business community.

Other grant-funded activities will include completing a thorough inventory of business incubation spaces available to entrepreneurs to launch a business in the North Woods and create a variety of business education materials and training opportunities relevant to entrepreneurs.

All of the resources provided by The GRID are either free or offered for a modest fee.

"In many respects The GRID serves as a clearinghouse for a wide variety of information for entrepreneurs to first get their business off the ground and then stay in businesses with sound

management and wise use of resources," Van Doren explained.

This latest grant is just one of six applied for and received from 2020 to January 2022. Combined, the grants total more than \$1.14 million to support entrepreneurial advancement in the North Woods.

In 2021, The GRID either provided services or consulted with 954 individuals representing 726 businesses.

Based at Nicolet College, GRID partners involved in administering grant services include the Florence, Langlade, Oneida and Vilas County Economic Development Corporations, Grow North Regional Economic Development Corp., Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council Inc., and the Lac Du Flambeau Tribal Community through their

Business Development Center.

Van Doren also noted that grant funds can only be used to develop businesses services and cannot be used for direct financial support of business ventures.

For more information, a full list of services and a calendar of upcoming events, visit thegridwi.org or contact Van Doren at (715) 365-4425 or tvandoren@nicoletcollege.edu.

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director of the Vilas County Economic Development Corporation (VCEDC).

She also explained what these numbers mean for local workers and businesses in the North Woods, saying that there are different ways to interpret them.

"There are a couple of ways to look at this though — one is on the demand side, since more people employed means more discretionary income. It means more potential customers with more to spend," she said.

"On the other side, less people being unemployed means less available workers at some of the lower wage levels that the hospitality industry often depends on."

Schmitz added that overall, low unemployment is challenging for businesses looking for low-cost labor. This would include many of the tipped employees who work in the service and hospitality industry in the North Woods which has led to many "help wanted" signs in area businesses.

These record-low unemployment numbers came after Gov. Tony Evers announced in June 2021 a \$130 million investment in major initiatives to support innovative, statewide solutions to workforce challenges, including the Workforce Innovation Grant program, Worker Advancement Initiative, and Worker Connection Program.

The Workforce Innovation Grant program has since provided \$59.5 million in grants to 12 projects throughout the state aimed at developing community-led solutions to longstanding labor challenges.

These record-low numbers also come as the state's General Fund last month recorded the largest positive balance in Wisconsin state history at the end of the 2020-'21 fiscal year using Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

This positive balance of \$1.18 billion was the second consecutive year under Evers' leadership that the state recorded a positive GAAP balance after the governor announced in 2020 that for

the first time since the state began publishing its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) in 1990, the state was no longer running a deficit.

"Folks, this is great news that everyone in our state should celebrate, and it's evidence of the resilience and innovation of Wisconsinites across our state," said Evers. "I'll keep doing everything I can to bolster our state's workforce and address the economic challenges facing our communities, whether it's keeping more money in folks' pockets as everyday costs go up, investing in child care and community-led solutions for reducing barriers to employment, or continuing to work to bring skilled workers to our state."

In addition to the low unemployment rate, DWD also reported the BLS Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS) data for November 2021.

In brief, the JOLTS data for Wisconsin showed that Wisconsin hires declined slightly to 119,000 over the month. Hires decreased over the month in Iowa and Michigan as well.

Job openings in Wisconsin decreased month-over-month to 209,000, with openings in all Wisconsin border states and the United States also declining month-over-month.

Wisconsin quits increased over the month to a record high 97,000, with many of those quits reported in the hospitality industry. While quits tend to be higher in lower-paying sectors, quits have been rising across nearly every industry. The accommodation and food service industry, which includes restaurants, bars, and hotels, had the highest quit rate for 2021.

All Wisconsin border states and the U.S. as a whole saw increases in quits over the month, with the national numbers also reaching a record high.

Other Wisconsin labor data can be viewed on DWD's premier source for labor market information at wisconsin.gov.

## Kleefisch to speak at caucus

The Republican Party of Vilas County will hold its caucus Saturday, Feb. 12, at 10 a.m. at The Rock in Eagle River.

Candidate for governor Rebecca Kleefisch is a confirmed guest speaker, and Congressman Tom Tiffany

also has been invited to speak at the caucus.

For more information, contact Carol Cady at (715) 356-1950.

The Rock is located in St. Mary of the Snows Anglican Church at 1019 E. Wall St.



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## NEWS

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The Wisconsin Department of Tourism presented a \$39,550 Joint Effort Marketing (JEM) grant to Vilas County Tourism & Publicity for brand development and demographic research to attract more visitors to the area. Pictured from left are Jeff Anderson, Wisconsin Department of Tourism; Krystal Westphal, Let's Minocqua Visitors Bureau & Chamber of Commerce; Theresa Smith, Boulder

Junction Chamber; Stefan Anderson, Land O' Lakes Chamber; Cindy Burzinski, Vilas County Tourism & Publicity; Laura Boll, Phelps Chamber; Patty Gauthier, Manitowish Waters Chamber; Penny Strom, St. Germain Chamber; and Dina Casso, Boulder Junction Chamber.

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## State awards \$39,550 to Vilas County Tourism

The Wisconsin Department of Tourism recently presented a \$39,550 Joint Effort Marketing grant to Vilas County Tourism & Publicity for brand development and demographic research to attract more visitors to the area.

The JEM Grant will fund a research project to

learn more about the Gen Z and Millennial markets and use the data to develop to target these prospective travelers more effectively.

Vilas County Tourism will take on this project with help from the Vilas County Chamber of Commerce, an organization made up of the twelve countywide Cham-

bers of Commerce. The grant will fund the county's first rebranding process in over a decade, the Department of Tourism said.

Preparations for the project began last summer with strategic planning meetings, internal branding sessions and review of baseline visitor data. The

next step, funded by the tourism grant, is a brand perception survey aimed toward millennials and those labeled Gen Z.

Vilas County hopes to complete the entire research and brand development process before the start of the 2022 summer travel season.

## Tiffany introduces bill to prohibit race-based priority in health care

U.S. Rep. Tom Tiffany (WI-07) on Jan. 20 introduced the Medical Equality and Discrimination Stoppage Act, (MEDS Act).

The legislation, if enacted, would prohibit the Biden Administration, states, U.S. territories, or any other recipient of federal funds from intentionally discriminating against or granting a preference to any person based on race in connection with the distribution of, or access to,

medical treatment.

Tiffany introduced the bill in response to reports that several states are rationing monoclonal antibody treatments, vaccines and other forms of care based on skin color.

In Minnesota, for example, Tiffany said health authorities openly declared that "race and ethnicity alone, apart from other underlying health conditions," will be considered when determin-

ing access to monoclonal antibodies, with Black, Indigenous and People of Color ("BIPOC") status" carrying more weight than Covid risk factors such as age and some pre-existing conditions. Under threat of lawsuit, however, he noted the policy was recently put on hold.

"Denying life-saving medical care to Americans based on skin color is wrong, it is illegal and it is un-American," said Tiffany.

Tiffany said this is not the first time that progressive Democrats have sought to use race as a determining factor when it comes to dis-

tributing government assistance. Last year, he said the Biden administration moved forward with a program that earmarked billions in agricultural aid that explicitly excluded white farmers. Courts have moved to halt the controversial program after Tiffany introduced legislation to repeal the program.

"Our constitution guarantees equal protection under the law for all Americans without regard to race, color or creed," said Tiffany. "It is long past time for the government to get out of the business of state-sanctioned racial discrimination."

## Aspirus adds first hybrid vehicle to fleet

Aspirus Health recently added the first hybrid vehicle to its fleet of company vehicles in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan (UP). It arrived Jan. 18 and is being used for travel across the region.

"This hybrid vehicle has the capability to run on gas and electricity," said Jason Bessner, director - regional facilities and Green Team co-chair. "Adding this new vehicle will allow for lower gasoline use in the region. Many of our team members travel across the UP to provide care at our hospitals and this is one way we can continue to be environmentally responsible. We expect to save 10 to 15% on gasoline consumption with the hybrid vehicle compared to the previous model."

The Aspirus Sustainability Initiative was established in 2018 as a coordinated, strategic effort to identify and implement sustainability initiatives across the Aspirus Health system, serving Wisconsin and upper Michigan, with the aim of improving the lives of patients and the health of communities.

"The teams in the Upper Peninsula have been working on sustainability initiatives including recycling, landscaping, energy conservation and incorporating plant-forward menus," said Jenn Jenich-Laplander, regional communications lead and Green Team co-chair. "It's exciting to see it all come together. This is a win for our sustainability goals and reducing our carbon footprint."

shape where snow depths are a bit deeper.

"We work together to get the best possible trail we can," said Lewison.

Some of the events have been scaled back, but he still expects big crowds this weekend for the popular event, especially if the weather cooperates.

"If the weather is nice it is much busier," he said. "We see huge crowds on Saturday — I'm not going to warrant a guess on how many — but it drops off a bit on Sunday."

### The schedule

Races are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 5 and 6, starting at 10 a.m. and 9 a.m., respectively. Races will begin at the Land O' Lakes Town Hall and organizers said more than \$7,000 in cash and prizes are being awarded.

Race times listed below are approximate and depend on the number of entries registered for each race.

Saturday's events will kick off at 10 a.m. with adult skiing, followed by the adult 4-dog class which will begin at about 10:30 a.m.

A possible junior 3-dog class will be held at 11 a.m. based on the number of entries.

Then at about 11:40 a.m., the adult 8-dog speed class will take place followed by a break for lunch during which the Schindelholz family will put on a special Kid's Mutt race at noon. Registration for the mutt races will be open from 11 to 11:45 a.m. at the corner of Town Hall Road and Olympic 76 St.

Dog sled race action will resume at approximately 1:15 p.m. with the adult 6-dog speed class, the adult 2-dog speed class at about 2:10 p.m., and wrap up with the junior 2-dog speed class.

Also planned on Saturday is the Poker Derby where participants with two or more dogs can stop at five stations along the trail to collect playing cards. The participant with the best five-card hand will win a \$25 gas gift card from BP Gateway.

Drivers can enter for the poker run Saturday morning for a \$5 entry fee. All entry fees will be donated to the Vilas County Humane Society.

Alongside the Three Bear Sled Dog races, other town activities will include free ice skating at the Snowflake Ice Rink from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., a bonfire and hot chocolate near the starting gate put on by the Frosty Club from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and a special free Valentine's Day craft project at Land O' Lakes Arts from noon to 2 p.m.

Saturday night will feature the Musers Ball held at the historic Gateway Lodge. This event is free and open to the public and will showcase live music by Sons of Legend.

Sunday's schedule will follow the same time line but races will be moved up by about an hour due to the earlier start time of 9 a.m. The Kids Mutt races will again be offered at noon with registration the hour beforehand.

### Sign-up

The registration deadline for those who would like to take part in the races is Wednesday, Feb. 2, at 8 p.m.

All classes except the 2-dog adult class are International Sled Dog Racing Association (ISDRA) sanctioned, and drivers must be ISDRA members to earn points.

4 and 6-dog adult sled classes are International Federation of Sleddog Sports (IFSS) accredited including Nordic breed. Drivers must have a current IFSS driver identification number to earn World Cup points.

Drivers entered in the registered breed classes must be prepared to present registration papers to race officials.

For the latest information on the Three Bear Sled Dog Races and activities, visit [facebook.com/threebearsleddog-races/](https://facebook.com/threebearsleddog-races/).

This event is sponsored by NutriSource, Headwaters State Bank, the Land O' Lakes Chamber of Commerce, Gateway BP gas station, and TJ Grizzlies.

## Public service gives tips to stay warm in winter weather

Severe cold can send a shiver down the spine and through a home.

This winter, Wisconsin Public Service (WPS) shares tips on how to stay safe and warm in the frigid arctic air:

- **Space heater safety:** Only use newer models with safety features like automatic shut-off. Keep it at least 6 feet away from flammable materials like drapes or blankets. Plug heaters directly into the wall, not into extension cords or power strips. Place the heater on a flat surface away from children and pets.

- **Safe sleeping:** Turn off electric blankets when they are not being used. Keep pets away from electric blankets, as their teeth and claws can puncture wire insulation and cause damage.

- **Prevent carbon monoxide dangers:** Make sure carbon monoxide detectors are working properly and learn the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning.

- **Oven safety:** Never use a stove or oven to heat your

home. Not only is it inefficient, it could lead to carbon monoxide poisoning.

- **Let the sun in:** Open curtains or blinds when the sun is out to help warm your home. Close them at night to help retain heat and cut down on drafts.

- **Bundle up:** Add a layer instead of turning up the thermostat. A sweater or blanket will help keep you warm without adding to your energy use.

- **Be prepared:** WPS has one of the most reliable power grids in the country, but outages in extreme weather can happen. Be prepared for winter power outages by assembling an emergency kit with blankets, flashlights and battery-powered chargers for your cellphones.

- **Energy assistance:** WPS offers numerous resources for customers, including budget billing, payment plans and heating assistance. For more information visit [wiscpublicservice.com/payment-bill/assistance](https://wiscpublicservice.com/payment-bill/assistance).

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## NEWS



Ray Weber receives his top producer awards from Eliason Realty Broker Richelle Kruse during a recent awards ceremony. Weber received the awards for achievements during the 2020-'21 sales years. —Contributed Photo



David Eliason receives his top producer awards from Eliason Realty Broker John Misina. Eliason was honored for his achievements in 2020-'21. —Contributed Photo

## Weber, Eliason both recognized for recent real estate sales effort

Eliason Realty of Eagle River and St. Germain recently presented two real estate agents with top sales award for efforts across the last two years.

Both David Eliason and Ray Weber were honored, Eliason for the Eagle River office and Weber for the St. Germain location. Over the course of the last two years, Eliason has sold over \$37 million in volume which

according to broker John Misina makes him not only the top agent in the Eliason Eagle River office, but one of the top agents in the entire North Woods.

"His dedication to client focused service, real estate knowledge, and tireless work ethic is why he has a five star client satisfaction with his clients and why they say they would recommend David to their friends," said Misina.

Weber was equally as successful over the course of 2020-'21, selling more than \$33 million in volume over those two years.

"Those totals made Weber not only the top agent in our St. Germain office, but also one of the top agents in the entire North Woods," said Broker Richelle Kruse. "His over 40 years of experience selling real estate in the North Woods not only

makes him one of the premier experts on the area lakes and communities, but one of the most experienced negotiators you will find. He treats his clients and customers as if they are close friends and that is why many become just that."

To contact Eliason, call or text (715) 493-9141 or email david@eliasonrealty.com. To contact Weber, call or text (715) 892-3935 or email ray@eliasonrealty.com.

## Felzkowski submits medical marijuana legislation Jan. 26

Sen. Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk), along with Representative Patrick Snyder (R-Schofield) and several other Republican colleagues, introduced legislation Jan. 26 to legalize and create the framework for medical marijuana use in Wisconsin.

"A large part of my policy focus this session has been health care access," said Felzkowski, who represents the state's 12th Senate District, which encompasses Florence, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Menominee and Oneida counties, and most of Marinette, Oconto and Vilas counties, as well as parts of northern Marathon County and Shawano County.

"To me, a conversation on health care access leads directly to a conversation about medical marijuana. This is a matter of permitting an available, recognized pain alleviation tool to be used by Wisconsinites who are undergoing grueling medical treatments, facing daily chronic suffering, or struggling with the debilitating effects of PTSD. This bill lays out the framework for a well-regulated industry that empowers health care providers and patients, all while keeping public safety at the forefront."

The bill would create a Medical Marijuana Regulatory Commission housed under the Department of Revenue. The commission would oversee a tightly-regulated control structure, administering licenses, enforcing the law and determining most aspects of the medical marijuana industry in Wisconsin.

Qualified primary care providers would have the option to provide marijuana recommendations to their patients in a liquid, oil, pill, tincture or topically applied form, tax-free to the patient. All revenues collected from licensing fees would go towards state drug and alcohol abuse, prevention and treatment programs.

"Thirty-six other states have taken this compassionate, reasoned and logical step forward, providing Americans with the opportunity to work with their doctors to treat their pain and alleviate their suffering," Felzkowski said, noting the bill is currently out for circulation to give representatives and senators the opportunity to sign on and show their support. "It is long past time for Wisconsin's government to provide Wisconsinites with this hope for the future."

Legalizing marijuana is a popular move among voters in the state, as demonstrated by a Marquette University Law School poll in 2019, which found 59% of voters think marijuana use should be legal while a significant majority — 83% — believe medical marijuana should be legalized. Democrats don't think Felzkowski's bill goes far enough.

In response to the bill, Sen. Melissa Agard (D-Madison) released a statement saying that Wisconsin will best move forward through fully legalized cannabis for adult, responsible usage.

"That is where I am putting my time and energy. The most dangerous thing about cannabis is that it is illegal. I appreciate that more folks are coming to the table to address cannabis prohibition including my republican colleagues — however this policy is not the direction Wisconsin should go," said Agard.

She noted that both she and Gov. Tony Evers agree that full legalization is right for Wisconsin, adding that Evers included it in his most recent biennial budget.

"The path forward for Wisconsin is full cannabis legalization for responsible adult usage. The bill introduced only addresses a small fraction of those who will benefit from a legal medicinal market. It prioritizes pharmaceutical companies, not our farmers or our Main Streets," said Agard.

"Wisconsin is ready for legal cannabis. Communities most affected by over-enforced and outdated drug policies are ready. Our farmers are ready. Our Main Streets are ready," she said. "Let's do this together — let's legalize cannabis."

## DWD enables online filing for civil rights complaints

As part of continuing, agency-wide modernization efforts, the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) has expanded its equal rights complaint filing system to accept online applications for the department's most common civil rights complaints.

"DWD is continuing to expand access to resources that provide for the protection and economic advancement of all Wisconsin workers, employers, and job seekers," said DWD Secretary-designee Amy Pechacek. "From enforcing fair housing laws to investigating civil rights complaints to supporting employers that play by the rules, DWD helps ensure that Wisconsin is a fair and just place for all people to live and work."

DWD's Equal Rights Division launched a pilot program in April 2021 allowing indi-

viduals to file labor standards complaints securely online. Labor standards complaints include those for unpaid wages and overtime, plant closing and mass layoff notice violations, and other wage-related claims.

The pilot was well received by users. By the end of 2021, online submissions accounted for 75% of all new labor standards complaint filings. DWD upgraded the online filing system in November 2021 to accept civil rights complaints related to Fair Employment Act, Family and Medical Leave Act, and Fair Housing Act violations. Since the November launch, DWD's Equal Rights Division has received more than 170 online civil rights complaints.

"The DWD Equal Rights Division is making services more accessible to the modern workforce," Equal Rights

Division Administrator Jesús Villa said. "The addition of our online complaint filing program and other digital processes such as online hearings and mediations help us better serve the people of Wisconsin."

DWD is currently exploring further enhancements to accommodate other types of complaints and adding functionality to upload documentation to online civil rights complaints.

The online complaint filing application can be found at [dwd.wisconsin.gov/er/](http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/er/). To file a labor standards or civil rights complaint online, users must first create a DWD ID which can be completed in less than 10 minutes.

Questions about the complaint filing process and how to enforce rights may be sent to the Equal Rights Division at [erinfo@dwd.wisconsin.gov](mailto:erinfo@dwd.wisconsin.gov).

## Aspirus optimistic about Covid trends

Top government health officials have expressed optimism about recent Covid-19 data which points to encouraging news about the Omicron variant wave.

Data from around the country and the southern part of Wisconsin indicates that hospitalizations are trending down as well as positivity numbers in the Badger state. However, indicators within the Aspirus system are not yet as encouraging.

"We're cautiously optimistic about the Omicron variant and what we're seeing compared to Delta," said Jeff Wicklander, Aspirus senior vice president and president of Aspirus Wausau Hospital. "Yes, we have a lot of patients that are coming to be tested [and] in our emergency departments and even some are hospitalized, however the level of ICU acuity is less."

There were 139 (86 unvaccinated) patients hospitalized across the Aspirus system as of Jan. 27. That number is on par with the highest level of Covid-19 patients in the Aspirus system throughout the pandemic.

The number of Covid-19 patients across Aspirus requiring ICU-level care, however, was down to 30 from a January peak of 43 just two weeks prior. Only five patients were on a BiPap machine Jan. 27, compared to earlier in the month where it was common to have more than 20 patients requiring BiPap assistance.

The Aspirus Reference Lab reported a 3% decrease in Covid-19 positivity rates among tests processed between Jan. 16-22 compared to the previous week that produced a pandemic-high positivity rate of 39.3%. These numbers have been good indicators for future hospitalizations throughout the pandemic, Wicklander noted.

"Typically, when we have a big increase in our community positivity rates, for the next two weeks we'll see an increase in hospitalizations," he said. "However, we're really not seeing that with Omicron."

Aspirus' southern-most hospital, Aspirus Divine Sav-

ior in Portage, is experiencing a steep decrease in average length of stay for Covid-19 patients.

"We've seen a lot of the surge come up from the south up to the north and as an example with Divine Savior, their ICU length of stay has gone from about 8.5 days down to three days," said Wicklander.

Southern parts of the state such as Dane County have higher vaccination rates compared to most northern parts of the state.

"We've known from the very beginning that vaccinations provide the safest environment for each and every community member, for our patients and for our staff," said Wicklander. "We also recommend those who are vaccinated greater than six months to get a booster. It's very effective against Omicron."

Covid-19 vaccinations are available through Aspirus Health and numerous pharmacies in area communities. Boosters or initial vaccination series can be scheduled through Aspirus using the MyAspirus online patient portal or mobile app. Appointments are also available by calling the Aspirus Covid-19 Call Center at (844) 568-0701 or (715) 843-1454. The call center has been experiencing high call volumes, so community members are encouraged to use MyAspirus for convenience.

## Tax-filers can donate to endangered resources on Wisconsin tax form

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) encourages the public to give back to nature by donating to the Endangered Resources Fund on their Wisconsin income tax form.

The Endangered Resources Fund helps support conservation efforts for rare plant and animal species in Wisconsin, many of which are also declining or absent in other parts of the country, such as the eastern prairie white-fringed orchid and rusty-patched bumble bee.

The fund also helps Wisconsin care for the nation's oldest and largest set of state natural areas that protect unique ecosystems and natural features, such as the canyons of Parfrey's Glen, undeveloped lakes, remnant prairies, diverse wetlands and ancient forests. Nearly 75% of endangered and threatened wildlife species and 90% of endangered and threatened plant species are found on these sites.

"These donations greatly support our efforts to protect and restore some of our state's most at-risk species," said Drew Feldkirchner, DNR Natural Heritage Conservation Bureau director. "You can help ensure that these species survive and thrive now and for generations to come."

To make a donation, look for the Endangered Resources Fund in the "donations" section on the Wisconsin income tax form. For tax year 2021, the Endangered Resources donation is found on Form 1, line 20a. For part-year/non-residents filing Form 1NPR, it is on line 53a.

State taxpayers can also look for the donations section on their tax software or let their tax preparer know you want to donate to the Endangered Resources Fund. Donations to the Endangered Resources Fund are tax-deductible and matched dollar for dollar.

Tax-form donations have helped the DNR restore bald

eagles, trumpeter swans and osprey to Wisconsin skies and have kept more than 400 other endangered wildlife species and 300 plant species from vanishing from Wisconsin. Donations to the Endangered Resources Fund are not used for wolf management purposes.

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# SPORTS

## Pines ski team fares well in first meets of season

By DOUG ETTEN  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northland Pines ski team, which combined with Rhinelander competes in the Northern High School Ski & Snowboard Conference, has had a number of notable performances across the first few weeks of competition on area ski hills.

In the second conference race of the season, athletes made their way to Christie Mountain Jan. 24, with the ski team coming home with a second place finish in the high school boys division. The girls team placed third.

A total of five teams competed at the event. Out of the five, only the Rhinelander/Northland Pines squad had enough snowboarders to score as a team in the conference.

Reese Frisque led the snowboarders with a first place finish. Owen Repenshek, Brady Frisque and Ryder Will placed sixth, seventh and 10th, respectively. Also competing from Rhinelander was Max Durkee and Isiah Willoughby.

Northland Pines skiers Brandon Bacon and Jason Linn contributed to the teams second-place finish with overall rankings of sixth and eighth, respec-



Northland Pines middle school athlete Jessica Linn takes part in the Slalom event at the Pine Mountain Invitational held recently. Linn would finish third in the event.

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tively. According to coach Rod Olson, Bacon had an excellent Super G run, placing third in that event.

AJ Gillespie of Rhinelander led the team, finishing second overall. Riley Zarm of Rhinelander placed 13th to round out the scoring.

"I was pleased with the team's performance and am looking forward to the next conference meet at Ashwaabey Resort, Feb. 1," Olson said.

In the first conference meet of the season, the

Pines and Rhinelander varsity boys ski team finished top overall racing at Indianhead Mountain in Wakefield, Mich. The girls ski team would also put a good effort on the board, placing third overall.

The coach said Bacon and Linn both did well for their first race of the season. Bacon placed fourth overall with Linn right behind him in fifth place. A total of 30 skiers took part in the composite event which takes times from three different disciplines to amass a final score.

Rhinelander skiers Riley Zarm, AJ Gillespie, Brody Kowieski and Lucas Bishop rounded out the individuals scores as they were third, 14th, 19th and 24th place, respectively.

The snowboard team also had a strong showing with Northland Pines students Owen Repenshek coming in third place, Reese Frisque taking fourth and Ryder Will coming in sixth overall. Pines junior Brady Frisque also had a good day, placing eighth.

Rounding out the team from Rhinelander was Max Durkee and Isiah Willoughby, who took the top two spots in the competition. No team scoring was provided due to number of participants from other schools.

### Middle School results

The combined Northland Pines and Rhinelander middle school ski team competed in the Pine Mountain Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 22. Teams and independent racers from all over the Upper Peninsula and northern Wisconsin participated in the event. Representing Northland Pines was Jessica Linn and Eli Repenshek. Each skier completed two runs of Slalom and two runs of Giant Slalom. Their times were combined to determine placement.

Seventh-grader Repenshek competed in the Under 14 division while sixth-grader Linn competed in the Under 12 division.

Both skiers successfully completed all four runs as Repenshek posted a combined time of 109.10 seconds in Slalom and 69.21 seconds in Giant Slalom, good for ninth place overall in his division. Linn made the podium in a crowded girls U12 division with a combined Slalom time of 95.17 and a Giant Slalom time of 64.91, good enough for third place in both events.

Also competing from Rhinelander was Cameron Olson in the U10 division, Henry Schmitz in U12 and Holden Schmitz, Garrett Hall and Robert Goulee in U14.



Northland Pines junior Brandon Bacon tucks into position during the Super G competition at Christie Mountain last week. Bacon would finish in third place.

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## Three Lakes boys stack up three straight wins on court

By DOUG ETTEN  
SPORTS EDITOR

The season of streaks is continuing for the Three Lakes boys basketball team who after a big win in Elcho last week, continued their consistent play this week with back-to-back home wins over Gresham and Crandon.

After starting the season with three straight losses, the team won four straight to get back above .500. After another three losses, the Bluejays are again sitting on a three-game winning streak.

"The boys have been working extremely hard and that payoff is finally showing up in the win column for us," coach Brian Diorio said. "We're on a pretty good roll now, and the kids are really buying into what we're trying to do on both ends of the court. We're hoping to continue the win streak this week."

At home against Gresham, a team that came to Three

Lakes having won five of their last six, the Bluejays controlled the defensive and offensive glass — out-rebounding the Gresham team 41 to 27. Eight of Three Lakes' nine players grabbed at least three rebounds.

"We were able to use a quick start along with our rebounding and balanced scoring to come away with our best win of the year," said Diorio. "We had six players score at least eight points, and when you get that kind of production from that many players it shows we moved the ball well and Gresham wasn't able to really key on any player in particular."

Sam Eppler and Logan Erikson led the way on offense, scoring 18 apiece. Eppler added eight rebounds to go along with Jared Kaufman who also grabbed eight boards and added 10 points.

Days later in a home conference matchup against Crandon, the Cardinals came out ready to play, as expected

according to Diorio. Three Lakes weathered a couple of offensive surges from their Northern Lakes Conference (NLC) rival, coming away with a 69-47 win.

"Against Crandon for our homecoming game, we knew Crandon would come out ready to play and we weren't wrong," he said. "They gave us their best shot early in the first half and we found ourselves tied halfway through the first half."

Three Lakes outlasted the Cardinal's initial surge as Diorio said his team settled in midway through the first half and took a 15-point lead into the break.

"Crandon gave us their best shot starting out the second half, getting the lead down to 10, but we were able to regroup and execute our offense from there and came away with a nice win," said Diorio. "Again, it was nice to have the offensive balance on our end."

Eppler led the way with

17 to go along with eight rebounds. Kaufman had another nice night, contributing 16 points and six rebounds to go along with a team-high five steals.

Erikson added 14 as he connected on 4-of-7 from deep. Cole Melton was also in double-digits with 11 to go along with six rebounds. Toby Volkmann scored six to go with three steals while Ashton Maney and Austin Adams had two and Josh Cogar added one.

Three Lakes will continue a busy schedule this week as they take on Wakefield, Mich, on Tuesday. They get two home NLC matchups with Goodman/Pembinie coming to town Thursday and Elcho Friday.

Laona-Wabeno remains perfect atop the NLC standings with an 8-0 mark. They are followed by Florence (6-2), Goodman-Pembinie (3-2), Three Lakes (2-3), Elcho (1-7) and Crandon (0-6).

## Sports Sidelines

By Doug Etten



### Marshfield's Stenavich promoted by Packers

It was reported Monday the Green Bay Packers were promoting current offensive line coach Adam Stenavich to offensive coordinator.

Born in Marshfield, Stenavich earned first-team All-State honors as a senior at Marshfield High School before earning a scholarship to Michigan. He started 39 of his 42 career games for the Wolverines and was a two-time All-Big Ten first-team selection.

He's the second Wisconsinite to hold the title of offensive coordinator for the Packers and first since Jeff Jagodzinski in 2006.

Stenavich's promotion was the latest in a list of Packers' coaching staff to move positions or exit to other teams in recent days. Most notably, Stenavich will replace Nathaniel Hackett, who left to become the Denver Broncos' head coach.

Green Bay also lost their quarterbacks coach Luke Getsy, who departed over the weekend to become the Chicago Bears' offensive coordinator. Green Bay also announced that Packers assistant offensive line coach Luke Butkus is expected to be promoted to Stenavich's previous position.

According to the those in and around the organization, head coach Matt LaFleur is expected to continue calling plays, but Stenavich will have a key role in game-planning and scheme installation.

Stenavich was part of LaFleur's original Packers staff in 2019, and had the title of run game coordinator added to his responsibilities in 2021. Before that, he spent two seasons as an assistant offensive line coach with the San Francisco 49ers and six seasons as a coach in the college ranks.

Stenavich had big shoes to fill when LaFleur hired him to replace James Campen, one of the longest-tenured assistant coaches in franchise history. Stenavich was up to the task, shepherding left tackle David Bakhtiari and center Corey Linsley during their All-Pro seasons, while also helping develop 2019 second-round pick Elgton Jenkins into a Pro Bowl guard.

He had run game coordinator added to his title in 2021 after coaching an O-line that helped the offense lead the NFL in scoring (31.8 PPG) and time of possession (32:29) and tied for second in sacks allowed (21).

Stenavich, 38, has only been coaching in a full-time capacity for the past eight years. After an NFL career that spanned five seasons, Stenavich spent two years as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, the University of Michigan, before landing his first job as the offensive line coach at Northern Arizona in 2014.

He coached the O-line at San Jose State for two seasons before catching on with the San Francisco 49ers in 2017. He served as the assistant O-line coach to John Benton before LaFleur hired Stenavich as his O-line coach in 2019.

Count Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers among those impressed by what Stenavich has done during his short time in Green Bay. Stenavich signed with the Packers as an undrafted free agent in 2006.

"Steno's a fantastic coach," said Rodgers in October. "He's not just a good man, but he's a really bright coach, and I think he's got a future above offensive line coach, for sure. I'm proud of those guys and that they battled really well."

## Bay Area too much as Pines girls team nears stretch run

By DOUG ETTEN  
SPORTS EDITOR

Another tough test didn't play out in favor of the short-handed Northland Pines girls hockey team last week as the always-tough Bay Area Ice Bears came to Eagle River and skated to an 8-0 win.

"We had a good first period, but then we started finding ourselves in the penalty box on a regular basis," coach Jeff Stebbeds said. "When we have small numbers and find ourselves in the penalty box often, we have a hard time competing. This is especially true against a strong team ranked No. 1 in the State."

Stebbeds said playing a powerhouse team like the Bay Area squad means his squad needs to skate perfectly in every facet of the game in order to keep pace.

The Ice Bears would get the first goal just over midway through the first period, then use the power play three more times over the next 20 minutes

of ice time to pull ahead 6-0 after the second period.

Pines offense managed just 13 shots on goal across three periods. That was in contrast to 36 for the Ice Bears as they kept the Eagles Ashlynn Boxrucker busy in goal for the majority of the game.

Green Bay Area would add two more goals in the third, ending the game with the 8-0 victory.

"Games like this are the ones where we have to have a short memory and start getting ready for the next one," said Stebbeds.

After a home matchup with Medford on Monday night, the Eagles will hit the road to face the Western Wisconsin Co-op Friday. They are scheduled for two Saturday matchups at home to end the regular season. The first will be Feb. 5 against the Stoughton Icebergs and the next Feb. 12 against the Arrowhead Co-op.

## SPORTS

# Raiders capitalize late to win in double overtime, GNC tourney next for Pines

By GARY RIDDERBUSCH  
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

After beating Hayward in the Pines Classic last weekend, the Northland Pines Eagles lost to Medford 5-4 in two overtimes last Tuesday in the Dome.

"We missed a great opportunity to string two wins in a row, but fell short tonight," said Pines coach David Cox. "I thought we brought good energy into the game, but our failure to finish and score cost us in the end."

Pines jumped out front three times in the game, but could not score the big goal to pull away.

The game had lots of exciting moments for fans and players, highlighted by Medford tying the game in the last minute and winning in a 3-on-3 double overtime format.

"That one got away from us and cost us a position in the GNC seeding," said Cox. "Regardless, we knew we were going to be facing a tough first round game in the

GNC tournament."

Matthew Szafranski continued his scoring touch, pacing the Eagles with a four-point night on a three-goal hat trick and one assist. Pines' fourth goal was scored by Gaige Marien.

Pines led 1-0 after the first period and 4-3 after two periods before Medford tied the game on a late goal by Cameron Bull. Connor Gowey got the game-winner in the second overtime. Eli Kerner made 21 saves for Pines and Ben Brunner made 44 saves for the Raiders.

"We had our moments, but just never have been able to play three consistent periods two games in a row. We had some great looks in OT and continued to just miss closing Medford out," said Cox.

Pines also played a non-conference game against Ashland at Pat O'Donnel Civic Center last Friday night, with the Oredockers coming out on top 6-3.

Ashland took a 2-0 lead in the first period and Pines could not make up that deficit.

"We needed a goal in the first period and could not connect early. We had three great looks, but failed to punch one across the line," said Cox. "It was a great game at a packed house facing the Oredockers. They are an old Lumberjack Conference opponent that was good to play again after many years. They were honoring their players from the Hurley school whom they co-op with. It was a great atmosphere and experience for our kids to play in."

After Ashland took a 3-0 lead, Anderson Kieley got Pines started on a loose puck in the slot that he fired home to make it 3-1 on an assist from Matthew Szafranski. In the third, it was Sammy Warner scoring two late goals to make it a bit respectable.

"Sammy made a nice play beating the defender through the legs and then beating the Ashland goaltender over the shoulder. That was a beautiful goal that got the kids really excited for Sam," said Cox.

Logan Kramsvogel and Tyler Beitler assisted on Warner's second goal that closed

out the Eagles scoring. Kerner finished with 12 saves on 18 shots.

"We played much better as the game went along. The line of Tyler Beitler, Derek Buckton and Julian Merschdorf played really well tonight allowing us to play three lines and conserve some energy in the middle game of a three-game week," said Cox. "We had some great contributions from everyone, but we allowed two goals in all three periods and struggled to break the puck out during inconsistent periods throughout the game."

Pines finished up a long week on the road dropping a 9-1 decision to a very solid, senior heavy Superior team at Wessmann Arena on Saturday.

"They were big and fast and had a good nucleus of players. We skated with them in the first period even though they carried the play heavily out shooting us 19-4," said Cox. "I thought it was by far Eli's best game of the

season. He has been working extremely hard the past month and the results are starting to show. He made some big-time saves today and stole a couple of goals from Superior.

Kerner finished the game facing a total of 64 shots — by far the most this season.

"In the end, it was a pretty lopsided affair on the score board, but we felt the kids battled right to the end. We had some great take-aways from this game defensively. We will not face anything like that the rest of the season," said Cox.

Warner scored the lone goal for the Eagles, making the game 2-1 at the 8-minute mark of the second period, unassisted, and that is when the Eagles ran into a buzz saw.

"Our team defense was great up to that point, blocking shots and weathering the storm brought on by the Spartans, but numbers and a couple of great looks put this one out of our reach," said Cox.

The Great Northern Conference tournament is next for Pines, with the Eagles scheduled to face top-seeded Lakeland Tuesday night at 7 p.m.

"We had incredible balance at the top of our conference this year and five teams all battled to the last night for the top seed," said Cox. "It will take a total team effort and consistent play if we want to compete to the end. Our second period has been our nemesis all season, so hopefully we can take the positive play this week and turn it into an underdog win."

In other first-round games, No. 2 Rhinelander will host No. 7 Medford, No. 3 Mosinee will host No. 6 Tomahawk, and No. 4 Antigo will host No. 5 Waupaca. The second round games will be played Tuesday, Feb. 8.

Pines also will play a pair of nonconference games this week, hosting Pacelli Thursday, Feb. 3, at 6 p.m. and playing at New Richmond Saturday, Feb. 5, at 2 p.m.

## Two more victories help Falcons trend to the top in Great Lakes league

By DOUG ETTEN  
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With another pair of quality wins in Great Lakes Hockey League (GLHL) action this past weekend, the Eagle River Falcons have perched themselves atop the league standings with 15 total points after 11 games played.

The team is close in company however with both Fond du Lac and Mosinee, who with 15 points also are putting themselves in position for a run at the regular season league title.

"It was nice to be able to get those two wins this weekend," said manager Bob McDonald. "Especially after controlling most of the game down in Fond du Lac, and then losing it in overtime."

Friday night at the Eagle River Dome, the Falcons grabbed control of the contest with Calumet from the start, getting goals in the first period from Dylan Weber, Tanner Litvinoff and Mitchel Idalski to take a 3-0 lead with seven minutes to play in the first.

Calumet would notch a quick strike before the end of the first, but another Kennedy goal in the second followed by a short-handed score from Weber quickly made the count 5-1 in favor of the Fal-

cons.

The visitors closed the gap to 5-2 to start the third, but Derek Tijan would end the scoring near the expiration of the third to end the night with a 6-2 Falcons advantage.

Tijan would add three assists on his night to go along with his late goal as he contributed four points overall. Mike Otto also added a pair of assists. Richard Yeshe picked up the win in goal, stopping 32 of 34 shots on the evening.

Saturday night was a rematch with the Fond du Lac Bears, who stole an overtime win in their rink back in December.

Tijan continued his offensive assault from Friday as he opened the game with a goal, assisted by Alex Kornely, to give Eagle River a 1-0 lead midway through the opening period.

Fond du Lac then tied it up with less than a minute to play in the first, and followed it with a goal five minutes into the second period to get out in front, 2-1.

Alex Hauswirth then knotted the game back up at two apiece, scoring on assists from Alex Racino and Bryan Kronberger with 10:38 left to go in the second period.

With just under five minutes to go in the second the

Falcons were able to get on the power play. Lucas Otto didn't waste any time taking advantage as he deposited a shot to put the home team up, 3-2.

The lead was brief as the Bears responded just a minute later, tying the game once more, this time at 3-3 with a Mitch Grebe score. The scoring continued as Todd Koritzinsky then put Eagle River up 4-3 with a goal, assisted by Racino and Mike Otto.

Things stayed that way well into the third period before Fond du Lac notched the game-tying score with 5:14 left to play.

The final goal of the night came off the stick of Hauswirth, who connected for the game-winner, assisted by Racino and McDonald.

Yeshe was busy in the net once more, though he stood tall in stopping 37 shots on the night. Eagle River put a total of 50 shots on goal to win the shooting battle there.

The team will be back home this weekend, welcoming the Portage Lake Pioneers to town for a game Saturday at 8 p.m. The team will then be home for two more Feb. 11-12 as the annual Pond Hockey games are set Friday and Saturday night at the Dome. Games will all start at 8 p.m.

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# SPORTS

## Pines boys recover following Mosinee loss with tough home win over Hodags

BY GARY RIDDERBUSCH  
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Following a three-point loss to conference-leading Mosinee and a 20-point victory over Rhinelander last week, the Northland Pines boys basketball team remains in second place in the Great Northern Conference (GNC) with a 5-1 record.

Northland Pines hosted rival Rhinelander at the fieldhouse on Friday as both teams came in with a 4-1 GNC record. The Eagles came away with a convincing 70-50 win.

Both teams started the game shooting the ball well. The Hodags hit four 3-pointers and the Eagles responded with good shots around the hoop to take a 35-24 lead with 5 minutes to play in the half. The Eagles would go into the break up 43-33.

"I thought we did a great job with our ball movement and game plan," said Pines coach Terry Klemett. "They shot the ball very well in the first half, making eight 3-pointers. Our guys responded well on both sides of the ball."

The Eagles continued their hot start in the second half, going on a 16-4 run to take a commanding 58-36 lead and eventually build a 24-point lead up 62-38 with 9 minutes remaining.

The Hodags would get a few easy baskets in the paint and cut the lead down to 18 with 2:30 remaining, but the Eagles did a great job of moving the basketball and long

possessions to win the game 70-50.

The Eagles went 10-for-22 from the 2-point line and a solid 12-for-15 from the free throw line. Ryan Muench had a fine floor game leading the Eagles with 22 points and 10 rebounds.

"Ryan was great tonight and he just does so many things. But this was his best game by far this season and didn't disappoint," said Klemett.

Griffin Stiemke chipped in 18 points, followed by Nolan Lurvey's 13 and Gabe Smith's 12.

"Anytime you get four guys in double figures you give yourself a really good chance and despite us playing seven games in 12 days, we showed some really nice poise and energy," said Klemett.

### Mosinee loss

Pines opened the week with a tough 59-56 loss to Mosinee at the fieldhouse, the first conference loss of the season for the Eagles. Mosinee remains unbeaten in league play.

The Eagles started the game with a 9-2 lead with 14 minutes to go before Mosinee made a couple 3-pointers to cut into the lead 12-11. Pines then went up 22-12 with 8:47 to go in the half.

A Pines scoring drought and some hot shooting by Mosinee allowed the visitors to get back into the game, down 24-19 with 5:43 to go. The Eagles would make another run late in the half, pushing the lead to 33-19 after a Ryan Muench triple

with 1:23 to go.

A tough three-pointer by Mosinee and a missed layup by the Eagles with 53 seconds left allowed Mosinee to get another layup to drop. Pines had one more possession get away from them and Mosinee hit a late 3-pointer to cut Pines' lead to 33-27 at the half.

"The last minute of the half was a dagger for us. We had them on their heels and I wanted to hold the ball for one shot," said Klemett. "I like when our guys stay aggressive and I thought we had a couple nice opportunities, but they didn't fall, and credit Mosinee for taking advantage of their possessions and making shots. We can't let teams come back that quickly."

The second half saw Pines take a 35-27 lead but Mosinee would score on back-to-back possessions to cut into the Eagles lead 35-34. Mosinee took advantage of an Eagles' scoring drought taking the lead for the first time of the game up 39-35 with 11 minutes remaining.

The Eagles then caught fire. Back-to-back triples from Stiemke and a corner three from Muench put the Eagles ahead 46-39 with 8:11 on the clock. Mosinee then made their own 6-0 run, cutting the lead down to 46-45.

A deep triple from Lurvey put Pines up 49-45 with 5 minutes to go. Mosinee then went to their center inside and scored six straight points

to go up 51-49.

The Eagles were held scoreless for over 3 minutes while the visitors took a commanding 57-49 lead. A Lurvey layup and some missed free throw shooting by Mosinee allowed the Eagles to get back into game. Lurvey buried a long three pulling the Eagles to 57-54 with 1 minute on the clock.

Another round of missed free throws by Mosinee and a Muench layup had the Eagles down 57-56 with 30 seconds remaining. Pines then would foul on an attempted steal and Mosinee would bury both free throw attempts to

go up 59-56.

Pines had one attempt to tie the score, but a missed 3-pointer by Lurvey was blocked.

"This was a disappointing loss for sure. We didn't shoot the ball well all night and that hasn't been us. Give Mosinee credit, they hit some tough shots and it was their night from behind the arc," said Klemett. "We can't shoot 20% from three and expect to beat good teams. We took good shots but they just weren't falling. Our guys battled and didn't give up. The last minute of the first half was the dagger though.

We can't let teams come back into the game that quickly."

Following the loss the Eagles traveled to play the Wausau East Lumberjacks in a nonconference game and came away with a solid 67-59 road win.

"I thought our guys did a really good job of playing through the tired legs and the loss from the night before to Mosinee," said Klemett. "We did some nice things and East's zone defense was a problem."

Stiemke finished the game with 24 points. Smith added 17 points and six rebounds, and Lurvey had 14 points.

## HOCKEY SCHEDULES 2021-'22

— NORTHLAND PINES HIGH SCHOOL — BOYS —					
Date	Opponent	Time	Date	Opponent	Time
Tues., Nov. 16	Antigo	5:00 pm	Sat., Jan. 8	Waupun	2:00 pm
Tues., Nov. 23	DC Everest	7:00 pm	Fri., Jan. 14	at Waupaca	7:00 pm
Thurs., Dec. 2	at Rhinelander	7:00 pm	Tues., Jan. 18	Lakeland	7:00 pm
Sat., Dec. 4	Merrill	7:00 pm	Tues., Jan. 25	Medford	7:00 pm
Thurs., Dec. 9	at Tomahawk	7:00 pm	Fri., Jan. 28	at Ashland	7:00 pm
Thurs., Dec. 16	Mosinee	7:00 pm	Sat., Jan. 29	at Superior	1:00 pm
Tues., Dec. 21	Marshfield	7:00 pm	Thurs., Feb. 3	Pacelli	5:00 pm
Thurs., Jan. 6	at Antigo	7:00 pm	Sat., Feb. 5	at New Richmond	2:00 pm

— NORTHLAND PINES HIGH SCHOOL — GIRLS —					
Date	Opponent	Time	Date	Opponent	Time
Sat., Nov. 20	DC Everest	6:00 pm	Sat., Jan. 15	Black River Falls	1:00 pm
Tues., Dec. 7	Rhinelander	6:00 pm	Mon., Jan. 17	at Rhinelander	7:00 pm
Fri., Dec. 10	Marshfield 6:00 pm		Fri., Jan. 21 at Chippewa Falls	6:00 pm	
Mon., Dec. 20	at Medford 6:00 pm		Sat., Jan. 22	at Superior	2:00 pm
Tues., Dec. 28	at Stoughton	7:15 pm	Mon., Jan. 24	Medford	6:00 pm
Wed., Dec. 29	at Baraboo 5:00 pm		Sat., Jan. 29	Green Bay East	1:00 pm
Tues., Jan. 4	at DC Everest	7:00 pm	Fri., Feb. 4 at Somerset	7:00 pm	
Sat., Jan. 8 Xavier		4:30 pm	Sat., Feb. 5 Stoughton	1:00 pm	
Mon., Jan. 10	Hayward	5:30 pm	Sat., Feb. 12	Arrowhead	1:00 pm
Thurs., Jan. 13	at Marshfield	7:00 pm			

— EAGLE RIVER FALCONS —					
Date	Opponent	Time	Date	Opponent	Time
Sat., Nov. 27	West Bend Bombers	8:00 pm	Sat., Jan. 29	Fond du Lac Bears	8:00 pm
Fri., Dec. 10	at Mosinee Papermakers	8:00 pm	Sat., Feb. 5	Portage Lake Pioneers	8:00 pm
Sat., Dec. 11	Mosinee Papermakers	8:00 pm	Fri., Feb. 11	Fox Cities Ice Dogs	8:00 pm
Fri., Dec. 17	at De Pere Deacons	8:00 pm	Sat., Feb. 12	De Pere Deacons	8:00 pm
Sat., Dec. 18	at Fond du Lac Bears	8:00 pm	Fri., Feb. 18	at Portage Lake Pioneers	6:30 pm
Fri., Jan. 7	at Mosinee Papermakers	8:00 pm	Sat., Feb. 19	at Calumet Wolverines	6:30 pm
Sat., Jan. 8	at De Pere Deacons	7:30 pm	Sat., Feb. 26	at Marquette Mutineers	6:00 pm
Sat., Jan. 15	Marquette Mutineers	8:00 pm	Sat., March 5	De Pere Deacons	8:00 pm
Sat., Jan. 22	Mosinee Papermakers	8:00 pm	Fri., March 11	at Fox Cities Ice Dogs	7:30 pm
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Griffin Stiemke lines up a free throw shot during last Friday's league win over Rhinelander. —Photo By Gary Ridderbusch

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Tues., Nov. 23	Three Lakes	8:00 pm	Thurs., Dec. 2	at Laona-Wabeno	7:15 pm	Tues., Nov. 23	at Northland Pines	6:30 pm
Fri., Dec. 3	at Tomahawk	7:15 pm	Tues., Dec. 7	Tomahawk	5:45 pm	Tues., Nov. 30	Phillips	7:15 pm
Fri., Dec. 10	at Rhinelander	7:15 pm	Thurs., Dec. 9	Suring	5:45 pm	Fri., Dec. 3	at Laona-Wabeno	6:00 pm
Tues., Dec. 14	Wittenberg-Biramwood	7:00 pm	Thurs., Dec. 16	at Elcho	7:15 pm	Tues., Dec. 7	Wittenberg-Biramwood	7:15 pm
Mon., Dec. 20	Hurley	7:00 pm	Thurs., Dec. 23	Gillett	7:00 pm	Thurs., Dec. 9	Suring	7:15 pm
Tues., Dec. 28	Peshigo	6:00 pm	Tues., Dec. 28	at Niagara	5:00 pm	Tues., Dec. 14	at Crandon	7:15 pm
Tues., Jan. 4	Mosinee	7:15 pm	Thurs., Jan. 6	at Florence	7:15 pm	Thurs., Dec. 16	Florence	7:15 pm
Fri., Jan. 7	at Medford	7:15 pm	Mon., Jan. 10	Goodman-Pembine	7:15 pm	Tues., Dec. 21	at Gresham	7:15 pm
Tues., Jan. 11	Lakeland	7:15 pm	Fri., Jan. 14	Laona-Wabeno	7:15 pm	Thurs., Dec. 23	Antigo	5:45 pm
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Tues., Jan. 18	at Merrill	7:15 pm	Thurs., Jan. 20	Watersmeet	5:45 pm	Sat., Jan. 8	at Coleman	3:00 pm
Fri., Jan. 21	Tomahawk	7:15 pm	Tues., Jan. 25	Gresham	7:15 pm	Mon., Jan. 10	Hurley	7:15 pm
Tues., Jan. 25	at Wausau East	7:15 pm	Fri., Jan. 28	at Crandon	7:15 pm	Tues., Jan. 11	Goodman-Pembine	7:15 pm
Fri., Jan. 28	Rhinelander	7:15 pm	Tues., Feb. 1	at Wakefield-Marenisco	6:30 pm	Thurs., Jan. 13	Laona-Wabeno	7:15 pm
Tues., Feb. 8	Mosinee	7:15 pm	Fri., Feb. 11	at Goodman-Pembine	7:15 pm	Mon., Jan. 17	at Crivitz	7:15 pm
Fri., Feb. 11	Medford	7:15 pm	Tues., Feb. 8	Florence	7:15 pm	Thurs., Jan. 20	Elcho	7:15 pm
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Thurs., Feb. 24	Antigo	7:15 pm	Tues., Feb. 17	at Prentice	7:15 pm	Thurs., Feb. 3	at Elcho	6:00 pm
			Tues., Feb. 22	at Hurley	7:15 pm	Sat., Feb. 5	N.E.W. Lutheran	12:30 pm
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# SPORTS

## Pines girls looking for more consistent play as WIAA postseason approaches

BY DOUG ETTEN  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northland Pines girls basketball team has shown its potential in stretches, and with some manageable games ahead, coach Josh Olivotti said his hopes are that the team can build a more consistent model of success, especially heading into the postseason.

"The big thing for us going into the last few weeks of the season is consistency," he said. "I know we can do this with our upcoming stretch and if we do we can roll into playoffs in a good spot."

Friday night on the road in Rhinelander, Pines struggled against a tough Hodag's defense that ruled in a 67-24 Great Northern Conference loss for the Eagles.

"It just was not a very good night for our team,"

said Olivotti. "From minute one we played right into their defense and committed turnover after turnover."

Olivotti gave a lot of credit to Rhinelander for how well they played defensively.

"You simply cannot do much better than they did," he said. "Our mental focus was not good. I know the team was frustrated with this game as well."

Olivotti said earlier this year, Pines executed well against Rhinelander for more than half the game.

"So of course the goal was to apply that, and build off it in the second matchup," he said. "That didn't happen, and we just have to understand where the adjustments have to happen and make them quickly."

Emma Weber led the Pines offense with eight points. Rhinelander (6-2) remains within striking distance of

Mosinee (9-0), though they'd need to beat them this Friday and then have the Indians, who are a perfect 18-0 so far on the season, to slip up against either Pines next week or Medford to end the regular season.

Pines, after facing Antigo at home this past Monday night, will face Prentice on the road, Feb. 1. They will then take on Wakefield-Marenisco this Friday on the road.

### Loss to Mosinee

Aubrey Beyer scored eight points followed by Carly Huelskamp with seven and Emily Rottier-Douangmala with six but it wasn't enough to stop the steamroller that is Mosinee as the Indians continued their perfect GNC and regular season mark with an 81-39 win over Pines last Monday night.

"We knew their quickness,

physical play and depth were going to be tough to contend with," said Olivotti. "And they were. They score a majority of their points in the open floor because of their defense. We struggled early and committed too many turnovers."

Pines did have some opportunity offensively against the Mosinee press, but Mosinee's ability to control the pace of the game prevailed.

"When we got Mosinee into the half court, we did play some solid defense in stretches and executed what we wanted," he said. "I was very happy with the three different runs

we put together in the game, and they were pretty solid runs against the likely conference champions."

### Wausau East Wins

Northland Pines hung in with Wausau East through the first part of the game, but the Lumberjacks broke free in the second as they put distance between themselves and Pines on their way to a 76-52 win.

"We fell off in the second half with our rebounding and scoring," said Olivotti. "In the first half we set a great tone with our physical play, we challenged their perimeter

movement very well and battled hard on the glass."

Samantha Huelskamp led Pines with 13 points. Carly Huelskamp would add 11 to go with nine from Rottier-Douangmala, eight from Paige Hodkiewicz and six from Hadley Olivotti.

"Aubrey and Samantha were especially effective on the offensive glass in the first half," said Olivotti. "I thought the activity by Paige, Kelty (Neff) and Hadley was good. All three were flying after the ball and either getting the board or creating an opportunity for their teammates."

## STANDINGS

### THREE LAKES POOL LEAGUE

Results of 1/26/22

Team results: Legion Eagles 13, Mollyville I 3; Rendezvous 11, Tavern on the Loop I 5; Legion OV 11, Spiritview II 5; Spiritview I 11, Tavern on the Loop II 5; Spiritview IV 11, Hide Away 5; Spiritview III 9, Mollyville II 7.

Hot shots: Roger Camellino 15, John Kuglitsch 14, Patti Gerlach 13, Jim Bollmann 12.

Eight-ball runs: Justin Pollack, 10th; Spencer Bolte, fifth; Brian Hoff, fourth; Dave Hintz and Richard Wilson, second.

STANDINGS	W	L
Rendezvous.....	161	79
Spiritview I.....	159	81
Spiritview IV.....	144	80
Tavern on the Loop II.....	146	94
Legion Eagles.....	133	107
Legion OV.....	113	111
Tavern on the Loop I.....	105	135
Spiritview III.....	103	137
Spiritview II.....	99	141
Mollyville I.....	95	145
Mollyville II.....	93	147
Hide Away.....	73	167

### EAGLE RIVER POOL LEAGUE

Results of 1/27/22

Results: Denoyer's I 12, Finish

Line 4; Shotskis 10, Denoyer's II 6; Lumpy's 9, Club 45 7; Brew's Pub I 12, Uncle Kent's II 4; Dublin's 11, Tiny Tap 5; Uncle Kent's I 9, Brew's Pub II 7.

Eight-ball runs: Don Kleinelder, Frank Sarkauskas, Richard Wilson and Richard Wilson Jr.

STANDINGS	W	L
Shotskis.....	180	76
Brew's Pub II.....	157	99
Uncle Kent's I.....	146	94
Denoyer's I.....	143	113
Denoyer's II.....	133	123
Brew's Pub I.....	130	110
Lumpy's.....	116	140
Club 45.....	114	142
Dublin's.....	109	147
Finish Line.....	106	150
Uncle Kent's II.....	102	154
Tiny Tap.....	84	172

### EAGLE RIVER DARTBALL

Results of 1/26/22

Team results: Club Denoyer 3, Lakeland Monuments 0; Shotskis 2, Sweetwater 1.

Top women shooters: Mabel Ernst 8/23, Tina Aiello 4/19.

Top men shooters: John Ariola 13/23, Bill Ernst 10/23, Dan Welzien 7/18, Frank Merkel 6/20, Bob Wise 6/22, Rob Govek 5/17.

Homerun: Frank Merkel

### STANDINGS

	W	L
Club Denoyer.....	33	6
Shotskis.....	30	9
Sweetwater.....	23	16
Lakeland Monuments.....	20	19
Nomads.....	9	30

### LADIES NIGHT OUT

Eagle Lanes

Results of 1/26/22

Team results: Northern Art and Design 2, Bacon Construction 5; 6 Newitt North 5, Lanny's Fireside 2; Preuss' Pub 5, Harry's Fireworks 2.

High team game: Northern Art and Design 875.

High team series: Preuss' Pub and Bacon Construction 2441.

High games: Dawn Greenman 254, Sharon Molinaro 219, Susie Erickson 212, Sue Soderberg 211, Karen Koskelin-Weaver 209.

High series: Dawn Greenman 618, Susie Erickson 585, Karen Koskelin-Weaver 560, Sue Soderberg 546, Deb Preuss Rattenbach 544, Sharon Molinaro 535.

STANDINGS	W
Preuss' Pub.....	97
6 Newitt North.....	82
Northern Art & Design.....	69
Harry's Fireworks.....	61
Bacon Construction.....	61
Lanny's Fireside.....	50

## Fast start fizzles for Three Lakes as Rhinelander takes 65-41 win

BY DOUG ETTEN  
SPORTS EDITOR

It was the tale of two contests last week for the Three Lakes girls basketball team who after coming out of the gates on fire in Rhinelander, struggled with turnovers in the second half in route to a tough 65-41 non-conference loss to the Hodags.

Days later that memory was short-lived however, as Three Lakes dominated on their home court in a Northern Lakes Conference (NLC) contest, drubbing rival Goodman-Pembine by a score of 64-6.

Kara Sowinski led with 16 points. She was followed by Kallie Volk with 11, Olivia

Terlizzi with eight, Kaya and Mari Szews with six each, Sara Gruszynski with five and Jasmine Neumann, Karlee Weavers and Jenna Erikson with four each.

In the loss at Rhinelander, Three Lakes was able to assert themselves on both ends of the floor early, and held a lead into the second half before the wheels fell off.

"If we could have called the game after the first two minutes in the second half, we would have had a win," said Brown. "I thought we played really well in the first half. Between the turnovers and them connecting on eight three-pointers in the second half, we just couldn't hang in there," said Brown."

Rhineland took the

offense out of the hands of Sowinski, held scoreless for the first time this season.

"When they take away your best player you have to get other kids to step up," said Brown. "We have seen tremendous strides from Sara Gruszynski as of late, but we need to get the other kids on the court doing what we know they're capable of doing, on a more consistent basis."

Gruszynski finished the night with 20 points, 10 rebounds and three steals. Volk added 11 points, four rebounds, and two steals. Mari Szews had eight points and 12 rebounds. The Jays will head to Elcho this Thursday for a NLC matchup. The team will then host GB N.E.W. Lutheran Saturday at 12:30 p.m.



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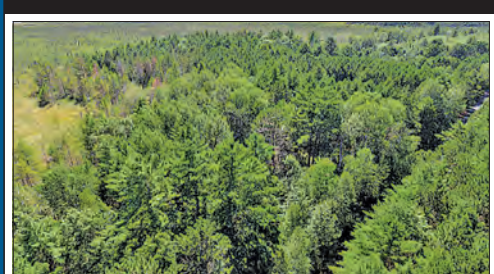
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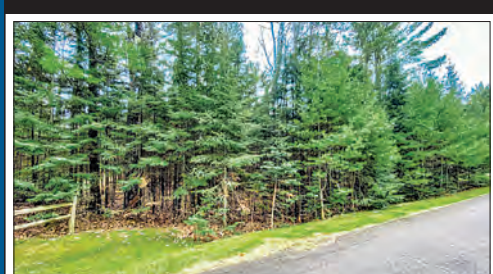
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- 1.23 AC heavily wooded vacant lot
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- 100' frtg., master suite, fireplace
- Finished lower level, fireplace, bonus rooms

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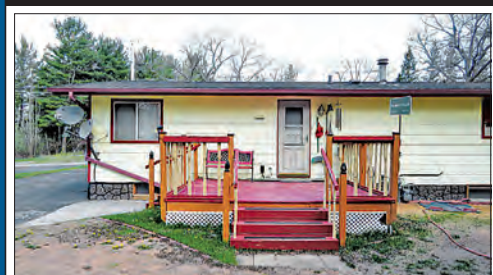
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- 3 BR/1 BA ranch, part finished bsmt. w/office
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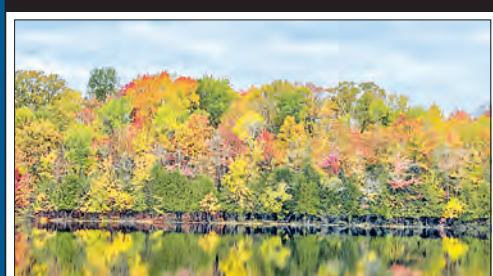
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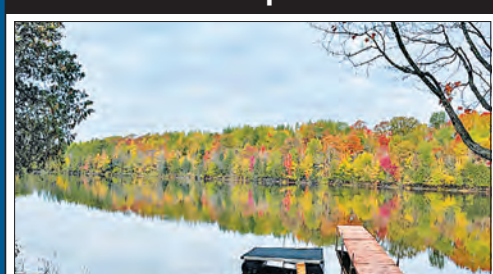
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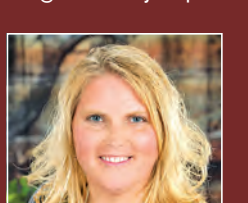
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## Chamber to host new Moscow mule contest March 12

Tickets are now on sale for the first-ever Moscow Mules Up North which will take place Saturday, March 12, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Chef Rene's at Eagle River Inn & Resort. The event is hosted by the Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center.

"People love our Old Fashioned Up North tasting competition in November," said Kim Emerson, executive director of the Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce. "We see this as a great way to bookend our eventful winter season by showcasing another chamber member during a fun mixer."

Bartenders from Eagle River area bars and restaurants will mix two different types of mules in this new mix-drink competition. The three-hour event includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and live entertain-

ment throughout the evening. Event patrons will sample drinks and vote on their favorite Moscow mule (sometimes referred to as a vodka buck) and winners will be announced at 8:30 p.m.

The Moscow mule is traditionally served in a copper cup. Participants will drink from sample cups throughout the evening and will get to take home a souvenir copper mug commemorating the event.

Tickets can be purchased online only for \$85. Patrons must be at least 21 years old. Tickets will not be available at the door.

For tickets, more information about Moscow Mules Up North or other Eagle River area winter activities and events, contact the Eagle River Chamber of Commerce at 1-(800) 359-6315 or visit eagleriver.org.



**WOMEN ON SNOW** — A total of 121 women from across Wisconsin and the Midwest traveled to Eagle River last weekend to take part in three days of sledding at the 36th annual event, headquartered at Eagle Waters Resort.

**Above:** Women on Snow participants ready to head out Friday morning for sledding on area snowmobile trails.

**Left:** Lisa Herrick of Chilton, a 25-year participant and first-time group leader, heads out with her 19-sled entourage.

**Below:** Corine Meyer (left) of Oconomowoc and Denise Adamus of Wisconsin Rapids collaborate on troubleshooting.

—Staff Photos By ERIC JOHNSON



## Trees to offer paid educator internships

The Trees For Tomorrow (TFT) environmental education center has announced the opening of two paid environmental educator internship positions for the summer of 2022. Interns will work closely with TFT's professional educators and instruct groups of all ages on a wide variety of topics and activities.

Starting June 6 and running until Aug. 12, these intern positions will offer college students the opportunity to experience the environmental education profession hands-on. There may be some flexibility with start and end dates at the discretion of the program coordinator. Housing is included and located on TFT's historic Eagle River campus in a dormitory-style building. Interns are also welcome to eat meals in the dining hall with all groups for

which meals are provided.

Internship responsibilities include working alongside TFT educators, assisting with summer programming that includes day camps for children ages 4 to 12, family programs open to all ages, and outreach programming at local resorts and libraries. There may also be opportunities to work with adult-based recreational groups. Interns will be taught skills such as handling and care of TFT's live ambassador animals, beginner archery, canoe paddling, tree identification and much more. A final project is required to be completed by the end of internship in order to receive the full \$1,500 scholarship.

No experience is required to apply for these internships, only a positive attitude, will-

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## Not that you asked, but...

By Eric Johnson



### Warm memories

"I'm Mister White Christmas, I'm Mister Snow. I'm Mister Icicle, I'm Mister Ten below."  
— "The Year Without a Santa Claus," 1974

Ten below would have been an improvement, my thermometer bottoming out at an eye-popping -27° the other day.

To call the weather "bone-chilling" and "bracing" didn't quite do it justice, particularly when the morning commute to work feels like a -77.8° commute to Echo Base on Hoth, the "Star Wars" ice planet.

Driving to work in my rolling metal box freezer of a compact SUV, teeth chattering like castanets in a paint mixer despite the heater being set to broil and the fan knob turned to the hurricane-force convection setting, I attempted to keep warm on my 34-mile, 48-minute commute with a few colorful George Carlin-esque sentence enhancers about the @#ing weather, words like !@#%&\* and #@\$%\*! coming to mind and lip.

I think the animated conversation with myself as I drove down the highway was something akin to "slippin'-rippin'-dang-fang-rotten-zarg-barg-a-ding-dong cold weather" — or something to that effect. It's a family paper after all.

As the North Woods winters roll by and my blood and hair inexorably thins by the year, I admittedly seem to grouse more and more about the sub-zero cold. Not surprisingly, I find myself increasingly fantasizing about

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## North Woods native Kevin Bolger reaches new heights as Olympian

By DOUG ETTEN  
SPORTS EDITOR

Anyone who's reached the level of competition Kevin Bolger has attained is likely to have a laundry list of memorable moments, both fortunate and unfortunate circumstances alongside more than a few vivid conversations.

Two unforgettable moments, and specifically conversations though stood out like the North Star on a calm, clear winter night as the 28-year-old Minocqua native reminisced some this week as Bolger learned that he'd be representing the United States at the 24th Winter Olympics in Beijing this February, skiing as a member of the six-person men's cross-country ski team.

"I was in my apartment here in Livigno (Italy) when my coach Matt Whitcomb walked in and told me that I was going," said Bolger. "I was just getting my day started, making my morning coffee at the moment he stopped by. As soon as he



Kevin Bolger (Minocqua, WI) of the Univ. of Utah wins gold in the classic sprint at the L.L.Bean U.S. Cross Country Championships at the Soldier Hollow Nordic Center near Midway, Utah. (USSA - Tom Kelly)

told me, all I remember was looking down at my coffee cup, taking a sip and saying "f--- yeah."

Bolger is very in tune with his family. Although they're spread across the United States and Europe he admits

he's fortunate to have unbiased support, critique, love and empathy whether it be from one of his two sisters (Erin and Hannah), his older brother (Connor), or his mom and dad. So of course the second Bolger had a

moment to himself following the news, he immediately recollected a conversation that hit just a bit closer to the heart, and carried with it a much more sentimental feel of accomplishment.

"I remember years back now having a talk with my Grandma before she passed away and she said to me, 'Kevin, if you don't make it to the Olympics some day I am going to haunt you in your sleep'. She literally made me promise I would make the team," said Bolger.

For well over a week now the calls, texts, emails, social media messages and out-pouring of well wishes to Bolger have come across countless channels. He admits that when thinking about them he's tried hard not to use just any old cliché to describe the feelings washing across him. He still works hard during each free moment to wrap his head around the gravity of how things in his skiing career and life have suddenly escalated.

"After I found out it was

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# LIFESTYLE

## Johnson: The sub-zero blues

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taking early retirement in Matalava as an unshaven South Pacific beachcomber ala Cary Grant's Walter Eckland character in the 1964 Oscar-winner "Father Goose," skipping a vintage wooden cabin cruiser bought off old Van Der Hoeven. Or failing that, supping on "Southern Pâté" pimiento cheese spread and Sweet Tea in Mississippi, lazily fanning myself in the shade of the magnolias.

But thinking back to my youth, I don't remember my friends or I being fazed by such cold snaps. As I recall, we not so much tolerated them as veritably relished them.

A hearty lot, we faced blizzards, sub-zero temperatures and plunging wind chills with aplomb, snugly outfitted in our boots, snowsuits, mittens, knit scarves and pom-pom topped mail order Albert the Alleycat stocking hats from Milwaukee's Channel 6, home of the world's first — and only — prognosticating weather cat.

Down in Beer City in those days, weather as cold as the -27° logged on Jan. 21 would have meant a day off from school for my "Sandlot" gang on Milwaukee's northwest side and, naturally, an extended play day reveling in the great outdoors with Norman Rockwell-esque rosy red cheeks and frost-kissed noses.

Much of the day was spent by Ken, Brian, Brad and I with our sleds, saucers and toboggans at "The Hill," a death-defying vertiginous drop that rivaled Mount Everest's 29,032 feet — or so it seemed in those days of shorter stature.

Riding down The Hill on my rocket-shaped blue plastic sled from W.T. Grants was an exhilarating ride, especially when the snow conditions were optimal for



Who says you're only a kid once? Getting out the ol' 1970s vintage Albert the Alleycat hat just might be the retro nostalgic cure for the sub-zero winter blues. —Staff Photo By ERIC JOHNSON

building up the required head of forward momentum steam that would propel me, not only down The Hill, but across frozen Beaver Creek just beyond, a cattail-filled glorified urban drainage ditch that seemed awesomely primeval back in the day. At least the hope was that Beaver Creek was frozen. Mother Nature being a fickle adversary on our juvenile adventures, more than a few boots over the years went through thin ice into the frigid shallow water below, including mine.

Runny-nosed from the cold, icicles hanging from the front of our scarves from our exhalations, we'd warm inside for awhile with mugs of hot cocoa provided by an obliging mom before heading back out for more winter adventures.

Taking inspiration from the "Hogan's Heroes" reruns on Channel 18, another favorite snow day diversion was building a vast network of underground tunnels in the towering mountain ranges of plowed snow — minus

Colonel Hogan's printing press, machinery shop, steam room and barber shop, of course. Our battery-operated walkie-talkies were more than enough to spur the imaginative playtime storylines.

After that we were off to building snowmen and snow forts and staging epic snowball fights before eventually circling around to sledding on The Hill and another round of hot cocoa.

Warmed by my old memories, maybe I'll put on my old Albert the Alleycat hat and venture out into the frozen tundra, raising a steaming mug of hot cocoa in tribute to old pals Ken, Brian and Brad, long dispersed to the four winds of frigid winters past.

Who says you're only a child once?

Maybe it's time to dust off the 70s-vintage metal runner Flexible Flyer serving as a rustic décor piece in my living room and head off to the Winter Park sledding hill.

But the adult realist in me will have an ambulance on standby just in case.

## Trees provides careers student exploration week

Trees For Tomorrow (TFT) Environmental Education Center in Eagle River is announcing this year's return of its annual Natural Resources Careers Exploration Week (NRCEW).

NRCEW is a week-long experience that provides a unique opportunity for high schoolers from across the Midwest to learn about a variety of careers in natural resources. This program is targeted to sophomores, juniors and seniors who have expressed an interest in an outdoor profession for their career choice.

This year, NRCEW will be held June 12-17 on TFT's campus. Throughout the week, program participants stay in TFT's dormitories with adult chaperones, eat homemade meals in the dining hall, and participate in a fully-immersive week of learning about natural resources professions.

Each year, TFT accepts approximately 30 students into the NRCEW program, a group size that allows students to make connections with other like-minded peers from different areas in the state and surrounding communities.

Activities that students participate in vary throughout the week, with a common thread being resource professionals from a variety of disciplines (including forestry, wildlife, law enforcement, hydrology, paper/wood products and recreation) and organizations (state, federal, and local levels, private for-profit companies and nonprofits) sharing details on their careers, including job responsibilities, what a typical work day might look like, and how they came to be employed in their positions.

"The great thing about this week is that students get to hear the information directly from the professionals who have experienced these things for themselves," said program coordinator Todd Starling.

In addition to time for



Natural Resources Careers Exploration Week (NRCEW) at Trees For Tomorrow in June will provide an opportunity for students to gain hands-on experience in a variety of natural resource careers directly from the people that perform that work on a daily basis.

—Contributed Photo

questions and answers with resource professionals, each class session also includes an interactive component or demonstration for students to participate in to see if they are interested in doing the work of that featured professional.

"We really do strive to have a hands-on component to each class so our students are engaged and learning through doing," said Starling.

Cost for the week is \$200 per student, which includes lodging, meals and all expert instruction for the week.

Interested students should visit [treesfortomorrow.com/h-s-careers-week/](http://treesfortomorrow.com/h-s-careers-week/), download and complete an application that also requires a teacher/counselor recommendation, and send it back to TFT no later than April 8. Additional questions can be directed to Starling at [todd@treesfortomorrow.com](mailto:todd@treesfortomorrow.com) or (715) 479-6456 Ext. 230.

Trees For Tomorrow is an accredited nonprofit environmental education center that teaches the science of nature to groups, families and adults.

## Internship: Applications due March 18

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ingness to learn and the ability to be flexible within the workplace.

"When I accepted a TFT internship in 2011 I didn't even think I wanted to work in education," said program coordinator Bethany Heft. "I just knew I needed to broaden my resume and work on

my public speaking. Little did I know that this program would cause me to change career paths completely."

TFT is an equal opportunity employer committed to making outdoor environmental education experiences accessible for all groups of people. Those interested in applying for an intern position should send a cover let-

ter, resume and list of three references by March 18 to [beth@treesfortomorrow.com](mailto:beth@treesfortomorrow.com). For more information email Heft, call (715) 479-6456 or visit [treesfortomorrow.com/jobs/internships/](http://treesfortomorrow.com/jobs/internships/).

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Eagle River campus includes national forest property under permit from the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Forest Service.

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## LIFESTYLE

## Olympics: Nerves are building

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just a shock. And I remember then one day I just came back to my room in Italy, and just sat there, alone. Alone laying on my bed looking at the ceiling and I just started crying," said Bolger. "And it wasn't like a deep, deep emotional cry, but more just like a holy sh\*t this is happening type of feeling.

"I think what it was I had just found another level of gratitude regarding everything and everyone. And then to be able to tell my mom and dad that I was going. It just all started coming full-circle. I mean, they were the ones driving me to ski races, spending all the money on gas and lodging and equipment. They really were putting in the hours just like I was. And just being able to give it back to them and show them it was all worth it. That's a feeling I can't describe. And it's still sinking in."

Bolger grew up in Minocqua, attended Lakeland Union High School and was very much a North Woods kid through and through.

In the summer's you'd find him hanging out with his friends, skiing for the Min-Aqua Bats water ski team or working out as he knew making it to the next level was going to demand nothing more than 12 months of commitment.

His family stayed very involved through it all. His parents, Mike and Sandy, owned and operated Bolger Cremation and Funeral Services until last year when they sold the business and began transitioning to retirement.

"When (Kevin) first started concentrating on (making it to the Olympics) about four years ago, knowing it was a sprint-skate event, we started saving a few bucks here and there just in case we needed that travel fund," Mike Bolger said this week. "While we aren't able to make the trip of course because of the pandemic, we're hoping to go over to Finland and Norway to visit afterwards."

And in the meantime, Mike and Sandy will head west this week to Bozeman, Mont., and then to Park City, Utah where families of other U.S. Ski Team members will gather in their own Olympic-style village to view the competitions together.

"It's not really the same obviously," said Mike. "But it's probably the next best thing. We're just really excited for Kevin. He's earned it."

Bolger has been working for more than half his entire life at perfecting his trait of skate skiing, all along being right there in the conversations with groups of elite-level skiers who all were working to show and prove



Kevin Bolger skis toward the finish line at a World Cup event in Europe while competing as part of the United States Cross Country Ski Team this past winter. —Contributed Photo

they had what it takes to make it to the Olympic level.

"So it's sort've funny because there was objective criteria in order to make the team, and I sort've knew that I had met that criteria and was pretty sure that I was going. Of course, I wasn't counting my chickens just quite yet," said Bolger. "After I got the official nod it sort've sank in. All cliché's aside, it was literally a dream come true. It's been Beijing or bust for me pretty much for the last few years. I knew this was pretty close to happening, and I simply just told myself I wasn't going to settle for anything less."

After graduating from Lakeland Union High School, Bolger took two years off to hone his skiing skills as part of the Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation, competing with some of the highest-level skiers in both the country and world at his age level.

Following a standout two years in Idaho, Bolger was invited to join the team at the prestigious University of Utah in Salt Lake City, where he was a two-time All-American and National Champion. The road kept on as Bolger next competed inside the international federation on the World Cup circuit. Bolger's World Cup debut was in Lahti, Finland in 2018, where he finished in 11th in the freestyle sprint — the same event he'll be taking part in this month as he hopes to be one of the top-10 in a field of 80 Olympic skiers fighting for a gold medal.

After working inside the World Cup circuit for a few years, Bolger was named a member of the United States Cross-Country Ski Team in 2020. There he competed for two full seasons, working and hoping that a situation like last week would come and his name would be called. When it was, he immediately started thinking of where it all started and

where it all could end up.

"Any athlete I think goes back to the beginning and looks at the push he or she got," said Bolger. "I was no different. My teammates, coaches, both high school and after. Then the next person and next person. If it wasn't for everyone along that path I would have never had this amazing experience."

"Where the road leads after the games, who knows. I am still on top of my game I feel, so I usually re-evaluate every May and this year will be no different. I'd like to be able to do this for a few more years at least and then see what happens."

Turning to the actual Olympic event, Bolger said he's as focused on this race as he's ever been. Which he said doesn't necessarily bring with it any added pressure.

"I think the most nerve-wracking thing is making sure I have two negative (Covid-19) tests in a row and can make the trip to Beijing," he said. "That right now is my biggest hurdle. I mean I'd be lying if I didn't say the nerves aren't building more and more, but I don't think I've ever been really nervous for a race when it came down to start time. I've always just trusted my work I've put in and let whatever happens happen. I will still have that same mentality going to Beijing."

"I've already had some of my best results I've ever had come this season. I am feeling really good. My training is going in the direction I want to go in, and I've put in a lot of work with my coaches, both on the skis and in strength and conditioning. (My coaches and I are) all super psyched, and sort've know I could be a dark horse in this competition."

Bolger admits he doesn't know much about the course he'll be competing on at the 2022 games, located at the Zhangjiakou National Cross-Country Centre about a 2-1/2 hours drive northwest of Beijing.

"Here in Italy we're a couple hundred feet higher than what the course is at there," he said. "I know it's a flat downhill start, then a turn around and climb. This last year has been a lot about dialing in techniques that we'll be using at the Olympics. I've put a little more focus on skate sprinting the last two years with this possibility of making the team lingering out there."

Those hoping to catch Bolger live during the 1.8 kilometer race event will have to stay up late, or get up early. His scheduled preliminary time is set for

2:50 a.m. CST. The qualifying rounds will whittle an 80-racer field down to 30. From there it's a series of six-athlete heats where the top two in each race move on, eventually getting to the final six racers who will compete for the bronze, silver and gold medals.

"The set up fits my style of racing," said Bolger. "You have to be technical, read the field and react to different situations and opportunities. It's not just raw power or speed, but who's got the level-headed reaction."

As has been the case with any race he's ever taken part in, Bolger said he's got expectations of his own he's putting forward, and like any other they're both realistic, but ambitious.

"One-hundred percent a top ten in the skate sprint is an attainable goal," he said. "I've had two top-15's (at the World Cup races) which I feel like equates to a top-10 at the games. If I am having a good day and my skiing is on, I don't rule out being in the final and having a top six."

Bolger will have along with him a team of five other male athletes that mix from the veteran racer Scott Patterson, a 30-year old who competed at the 2018 games in PyeongChang, to the youthful speed of 21-year old Gus Schumacher.

"Gus is sort've the new fast stud in town," said Bolger. "Kid can flat-out fly. Scott is definitely the veteran, which I see myself sort've in the same category. Scott is a distance guy and I'm a sprinter, so we each bring something different, but a lot of the same views on a lot of things. It's a really great, tight-knit group overall."

Another skier the Bolger family will have their eyes on during the Winter Games will be Swedish sensation and Bolger's girlfriend Maja Dahlqvist who will be competing in both the team and individual sprint events. Her team is the No. 1 ranked sprint group in the world currently. Dahlqvist also won her first-ever individual sprint World Cup a year ago and is one of the gold medal favorites heading into the games. And the proof is in the pudding as this season Dahlqvist became only the third woman ever to win the opening three sprint events of a World Cup schedule.

"She's been a phenomenal support as well," said Bolger. "She actually left for Beijing this week, and though we can't connect in person due to the bubble we're both in, we'll be each other's biggest fan when it comes time. She's just as excited for me which is pretty neat."

## Blizzard Blast slated Feb. 19 in Conover

The eighth annual Northwoods Blizzard Blast is planned for Saturday, Feb. 19 at Conover Community Park, featuring activities for winter enthusiasts of all ages.

Chilly Charlie's Children's Carnival features winter-themed games for children such as Snowman Pong, Ring Toss, Chilly Charlie's Challenge, Find my Buttons, and more. Youths can create Snow Art Fun using nature's own materials to create art in the snow. The Dogsled Dash is a popular attraction, where children take home their own Master Musher's certificate and medal. Talented face painting artists will be on site.

Recliner Races, Ice Bowling and Slap Shot Hockey events, along with open skating, will be held on the ice rink in the center of the park. The baseball diamond will host the Firefighter Challenge Competitions. Demonstration and instruction in snowshoeing and archery will be held throughout the day.

For a more serene activity, horse-drawn sleigh rides will depart the park every 15 minutes, traveling through scenic forest lands. Cross-country ski enthusiasts can check out the Pioneer Creek Recreation Trail which is groomed for both classic and skate ski enthusiasts.

The Northwoods Blizzard Blast Artisan Bazaar is held the same day from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the Conover Community Center, located adja-

cent to the park. Handcrafted winter wear, seasonal crafts and nature-inspired jewelry will be showcased along with samples of featured dips, desserts and drink mixes. Authentic fur hats, muffs, headbands and gloves will be available. Home décor, Wisconsin sports team items, weather stations and weaved rugs will also be for sale. Offerings will also include goat milk lotions and soaps, as well as alpaca products.

Activities on the park grounds kick off at 10 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. There is no admission fee to the park and all events are free for spectators to enjoy. Single event tickets will be available for purchase for those who want to get in on the action. Refreshments will be available all day along with warming bonfires and heated restrooms located throughout the park.

Conover's popular sledding hill and ice rink will have open areas for free use all day with loaner skates and sleds available on site. The town park also features nighttime lighting.

By Conover town ordinance, dogs are not allowed on the park grounds during events. Working huskies, horses and ponies will be at task in their event space.

Proceeds raised at the event go to area fire and EMS departments. For more information call (715) 547-8120 or visit Northwoods Blizzard Blast on Facebook.

## Open Mic Lab event set Friday at Warehouse

The Warehouse Community Arts Center's monthly Open Mic Lab event will take place this Friday, Feb. 4, at 7 to 9 p.m., hosted by local musician Amber Beth.

This event, part of the Warehouse's weekly Friday music series, is traditionally held on the first Friday of every month.

Open Mic Lab is open to the public and provides opportunities for artistic sharing and experimental performance of all kinds including comedy, film, music, poetry, storytelling and theater. Pieces do not need to be finished or perfected to participate.

Those interested in per-

forming are encouraged to sign up for a free time slot ticket online at eagleriverart.com/events/open-mic-lab-the-warehouse-7/.

This free, family-friendly event will also be virtually live streamed on The Warehouse Art Center Facebook page at facebook.com/WarehouseArtCenter.

The Warehouse's Inspiration Bar will be open and drinks will be available for purchase.

The Warehouse is located at 107 S. Railroad St. in downtown Eagle River.

For more information call (715) 479-4060 or visiting info@eagleriverart.com.

## ON CAMPUS

LA CROSSE — Evan Janet of Eagle River was named to the dean's list at UW-La Crosse.

Janet is attending the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities' School of Visual and Performing Arts.

MADISON — Ethan King-Polich and Jacob Wild, both of Conover; and Jackson Smith of Eagle River were named to the dean's honor list at UW-Madison.

King-Polich and Smith are attending the College of Engineering.

Wild is attending the School of Nursing.

Emily Kitslaar, William Kitslaar and Olivia Polich, all of Conover; Kevin John, Taylor Madl, Malcom McCandles and Liam Oas, all of Eagle River; Cameron Ramesh of Land O' Lakes; Grace Crossin and Elizabeth Gauthier, both of St. Germain; and Daniel Goldsworthy, Chloe Tatro and Karlie Volk, all of Three Lakes were named to the dean's list.

Emily Kitslaar, Madl, Crossin, Gauthier and Goldsworthy are attending the College of Letters and Science.

William Kitslaar, John and Oas are attending the School of Business.

Polich, McCandles, Ramesh, Tatro and Volk are

attending the School of Education.

MILWAUKEE — Jack Gremban of Eagle River, Althea Berry of Phelps and Colby Kruse of St. Germain were named to the dean's list at Marquette University.

Gremban and Berry are studying for a Bachelor of Science in biomedical sciences.

Kruse is studying for a Bachelor of Science in finance.

MILWAUKEE — Jace Cole, Courtney Ebin and Dylan Haagen, all of Eagle River; John Lindemann III of Land O' Lakes; and Kortnie Volk of Three Lakes were named to the dean's list at UW-Milwaukee.

Cole, Haagen and Lindemann are studying business.

Ebin is studying letters and science.

Volk is studying health sciences.

RIVER FALLS — Kimberly Beenken of Eagle River, Emma Nackers of Land O' Lakes and Kate Fath of St. Germain were named to the dean's list at UW-River Falls.

Beenken, Nackers and Fath are studying animal science.

GALESBURG, ILL. — Natalie Fluegel of Eagle River was named to the dean's list at Knox College.



The ski family that surrounds Kevin Bolger (right) includes, from left, girlfriend Maja Dahlqvist, sister Erin, brother Connor. Connor and his wife (not pictured) live in Norway while Dahlqvist skis for the Swedish National Team.

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## The Almanac

This space is reserved for recurring events and services. Listings which are not updated or confirmed annually will be removed after one year. Call (715) 479-4421.

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#### Events

**GED PREPARATION** — Nicolet College classes are available at Olson Memorial Library in Eagle River, Mon. and Wed., from 9 a.m.-noon. Call (715) 365-4455 or 1-(800) 544-3039.

**NORTHWOODS CHILDREN'S MUSEUM** — Hands-on educational exhibits and programs. Fun for all ages. Prime ages 1-10. Call (715) 479-4623 or visit northwoodschildrensmuseum.com.

**PLUM LAKE LIBRARY** — Preschool Story Hour and Playgroup meets Wed. from 10-11 a.m. at the library in Sayner. Call (715) 542-2020.

**VILAS FOOD PANTRY** — Open Wed. from 8:30-10 a.m. and the first and third Tues. of each month from 3-5 p.m. in Eagle River. Call Sandy, (715) 479-9581.

#### Health

**MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH HOT LINE:** For mothers in need of health and nutrition information, financial aid or advocacy. 24-hour hot line at 1-(800) 722-2295. mch-hotlines.org.

#### Meetings

**BOOK CLUBS** — Olson Library Afternoon Book Club meets the second Thurs. of each month from 1-3 p.m.; and Facts and Fiction Book Discussion Club, second Monday of each month, 1-3 p.m. Contact the library at (715) 479-8070 for more information.

**CIVIL AIR PATROL** — Military-based organization for ages 12-18, located at Eagle River Union Airport, meets the second, third and fourth Sun. of each month. Contact public affairs officer at eagleriver-sqnpao@gmail.com.

**DOLL CLUB** — The Enchanted Doll Club meets the fourth Thurs. of each month at 1 p.m. at Kalmal Community Center. Call Judy Wainwright, (715) 482-9804.

**EAGLE RIVER GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** — Meets the second Mon. of each

month at 5 p.m. at Walter E. Olson Memorial Library in Eagle River. Email eaglerivergenealogicalsociety@hotmail.com.

**EASY EAGLES** — Meets every other Wed. at 11:30 a.m. at Chef Rene's at the Inn in Eagle River. Call Mike Erstad, (414) 840-3338.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** — Meets the first Thurs. of each month at 6 p.m. at St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church in Eagle River. Call Brian Haberser, (715) 477-1396.

**LAKELAND ART LEAGUE** — New members and visitors welcome. Call Eileen, (715) 358-3010. lakelandartleague.org or lakelandartleaguewi@gmail.com.

**LIONS CLUB** — The Eagle River club meets the second Wed. of each month at 6:30 p.m. Call (715) 479-2666.

**LIONS CLUB** — The St. Germain Northwoods club meets the first Wed. of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church in Sayner. Call (715) 891-4061.

**LIONS CLUB** — The Three Lakes club meets the first Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. Call for details for place to meet. Call (715) 360-3751. threelakeslci@gmail.com.

**MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS** — Meets the first and third Fri. of each month Sept.-May from 9-11 a.m. at St. Germain Evangelical Free Church. Call (715) 522-0900.

**MUSKIES INC.** — The Headwaters Chapter meets the first Wed. of the month at the VFW in Eagle River. Call Bill, (715) 891-5574, to confirm.

**NAMI** — Meets Tues. and Thurs. from 12:15 to 2 p.m., on Zoom. Call Mary at (715) 362-8972, Linda at (715) 420-1700 or email northernlakescenter@gmail.com.

**NORTHLAND PINES MUSIC BOOSTERS** — Meets the second Thurs. of each month during the school year. Call Forrest Mann, (715) 479-4473.

**ROTARY CLUB** — The Eagle River club meets Thurs. at noon at Chef Rene's at the Inn in Eagle River. Visiting Rotarians are welcome.

**SERVE INC.** — Senior Eagle River Volunteer Enterprise (SERVE) meets the second Tues. of each month at 10:30 a.m. at Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. Call Kalmal Center, (715) 337-2510.

**ST. GERMAIN PRIMETIMERS** — Meets

the first Wed. of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the St. Germain Community Center. Call (715) 479-6550. stgermainprimetimers.org.

**ST. GERMAIN WOMEN'S SERVICE CLUB** — Meets the third Tues. of each month at the St. Germain Community Center. Social hour at 11 a.m. Meeting at noon. Call Barb, (715) 479-6550.

**THREE LAKES CENTER FOR THE ARTS** — Meets monthly at the arts center in Three Lakes. Contact Collette at (715) 477-0001 or sorget.tlca@gmail.com.

**THREE LAKES GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** — Meets the fourth Mon. of each month at 1 p.m. at Demmer Library in Three Lakes. Call Nancy Bailey, (715) 479-8971.

**THREE LAKES GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** — Ask Your Genealogist, meets Thurs. from 2-4 p.m. at Demmer Memorial Library in Three Lakes. No appointments necessary.

**THREE LAKES WOMEN'S CLUB** — Meets the third Wed. of each month at 1 p.m. at the Reiter Center in Three Lakes. Contact Eileen at threelakeswomen@gmail.com.

**VFW** — Eagle River Post 8637 meets the fourth Thurs. of each month at 6 p.m. Call (715) 479-8810.

**VILAS COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB** — Meets the second Wed. of each month at 7 p.m. at the Eagle River Fire Station. Call Fred Bouwman, (715) 546-3221. vcarc.net.

**VILAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS** — Meetings are held at various locations and times. Call Shirley Egan, (715) 891-1771.

#### Recreation

**BADGER BRIDGE** — Duplicate — Meets Mon. at 12:30 p.m. at Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. Call Bob Dow, (414) 758-6411.

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE** — Meets Thurs. at 12:30 p.m., at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Eagle River. Call (715) 546-8306.

**CRIBBAGE/SCRABBLE** — Meets Wed. at 12:30 p.m. at Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. Groups playing any other board or card games welcome. Call Kalmal Center, (715) 337-2510.

**HAPPY HATTERS** — Meets the last Wed. of each month at 9 a.m. at the Eye on Entrepreneurs building in Eagle River to make hats for distribution to patients and newborns at local hospitals. Call Bonnie Kegley, (715) 617-0130.

**HEART AND SOUL QUILTERS** — Meets Wed. from 9 a.m. to noon at Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. All ages welcome, beginner or advanced. Call Cheryl Brietenfeldt, (920) 973-5489.

**ISLAND CASINO TRIPS** — Monthly. For details, call (715) 337-2510.

**KNITTING CLUB** — Northwoods Knitters and Purlers meets the fourth Mon. of each month at the Woodruff Town Hall in Woodruff. Call Carol Clauser, (715) 453-8055.

**MAHJONG** — Meets Thurs. at 11:30 a.m. A 2021 card is required. Experience preferred. Want to learn Mahjong? Call Joy Vandenhuevel, (715) 573-8836.

**NORTHWOODS CARVERS** — Meets Wed. at 12:30 p.m. at Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. All ages welcome, beginner or advanced. Call John Modjewski, (715) 479-6093.

**NORTHWOODS SCALE MODEL PHANATICS** — Meets second Sat. of each month at 3:30 p.m. at 3824 Tecumseh Lane in Eagle River. Scale modeling of all types. Learn how to build, or improve skills. Call Tom, (715) 479-4988.

**NORTHWOODS SINGERS** — Meets Tues. at 6 p.m. at Ely Memorial Church in Land O' Lakes. New singers welcome. Call Bill Morgan, (847) 254-9623.

**OUTDOOR WOMEN'S GROUP** — Activities are held monthly. Call Deb Stolze, (715) 480-4188.

**PICKLEBALL** — For times of open play and beginner lessons at Riverview Park, visit eagleriverpickleball.org. Call Judy, (715) 337-2003.

**PINES COMMUNITY WELLNESS CENTER** — Hours, Mon.-Fri., 5:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat., 7 a.m.-noon. Office hours, Mon.-Fri., 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Call (715) 479-4473.

**REDDY FOR ANYTHING** — St. Germain-area Red Hat group. Meets the third Wed. of each month for breakfast. New members welcome. Call Barb, (715) 479-6550.

**SHEEPHEAD/MAHJONG** — Meets Thurs. at 12:30 p.m. at Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. Call Don for Sheephead, (715) 337-2265; for mahjong, call Joy, (715) 573-8836.

**SQUARE DANCE LESSONS** — For fun and fellowship; lessons start at various times of the year. Open to singles and couples. Call Judy, (715) 337-2003.

**SQUARE DANCING** — Held second and fourth Sat. of each month from 2-4:30 p.m. at Woodruff Community Center. Open to singles and couples. Call Judy, (715) 337-2003.

**WINTER BINGO** — Meets Tues. at 1 p.m. at Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. Call Kalmal Center, (715) 337-2510.

#### Support Groups

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** — Closed discussion meeting, Mon., 7 p.m., First Congregational United Church of Christ, Eagle River; open big book study, Tues., 7 p.m., First Congregational United Church of Christ, Eagle River; closed discussion



Eagle River Elementary students make valentines for Milestone Senior Living residents. —Contributed Photo

meeting, Wednesday, 5 p.m., Kalmal Community Center, Eagle River; closed discussion meeting, Fri., 7 p.m., First Congregational United Church of Christ, Eagle River; closed discussion meeting, Tues., 7:30 p.m., St. Theresa Catholic Church, Three Lakes; closed discussion meeting, Thurs., 7 p.m., St. Germain Community United Church of Christ; closed step meeting, Sun., 2 p.m., Land O' Lakes Town Hall. northwoodsaa.org.

**BREAK FREE ADDICTION PROGRAM** — Personalized meetings at 5257 Highway 70 W. in Eagle River. Call (715) 479-7870.

**CANCER SUPPORT** — Meets the second Thurs. of each month at 10 a.m. at James Beck Cancer Center at Ascension St. Mary's Hospital in Rhinelander. Call (715) 361-2027.

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT** — Meets the third Thurs. of each month from 10:30-noon at the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Eagle River. Call Amie, (715) 479-3625.

**CARITAS OF EAGLE RIVER** — Interfaith outreach center, open Wed. from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Eagle River. Call Janon, (715) 480-5683.

**GENERAL CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP** — The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Vilas County's program, meets the third Thurs. of each month from 10:30-11:30 a.m., online. Caregivers will need to have access to a computer or iPad and have internet access. Minimal computer skills are necessary. Call Amie, (715) 479-3625.

**GRIEF SUPPORT** — Open to any adult experiencing grief, meets the second Thurs. of each month from 1-2:30 p.m. at Ascension At Home in Arbor Vitae. Call 1-(800) 234-3542.

**GRIEF SUPPORT** — Healing Hearts, a free group helping participants process grief through creative means, meets the first Tues. of each month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Old School Arts & Learning Center in Rhinelander. Call 1-(800) 643-4663.

**GRIEF SUPPORT** — Open to any adult experiencing grief, meets the third Tues. of each month from 1-3 p.m. at Ascension At Home in Rhinelander. Call 1-(800) 643-4663.

**MENTAL-HEALTH SUPPORT** — Open to anyone affected by mental illness. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)-Northern Lakes Chapter meets twice weekly at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rhinelander. Call NAMI, (715) 420-1700 or Mick, (715) 369-4740.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** — Call 1-(866) 310-9077.

**NORTHWOODS AREA PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT** — Call Denny Leith, (715) 358-2207 or Norma Semling, (715) 545-3414.

**SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE SUPPORT** — Meets the third Sat. of each month from 10 a.m. to noon at Curran Building in Rhinelander. Meetings are free and open to the public. Call Sue Mackowski, (715) 275-5399 or Tina Werres, (715) 499-3002.

## Three Lakes finance team advances to state competition

By ERIC JOHNSON  
ASST. EDITOR

Advancing to state competition for the first time, Three Lakes High School was the Challenge Cup winner of the 10th annual Rhinelander/Northwoods Regional Tournament of the Finance and Investment Challenge Bowl (FICB), held Jan. 4 at Nicolet College's Lakeside Center.

A charter FICB participant, Three Lakes sent five four-student teams advised by business teacher Bobbi Pulver to the five-hour regional competition. Team Four, comprised of Three Lakes business students Sylvia Klotz, Margaret Mouw, Kaya Szews and Mari Szews, earned first place honors, advancing to the state championship set for May 18 at the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions in Madison.

A team from Rhinelander High School — Sam Rutkowski, Koldyn Gechas, Jason Zheng and Hunter St. Louis — placed second, also advancing to state.

"We are extremely excited that we earned our way to the state competition," Pulver said, noting four of Three Lakes' five teams made it to the winner's bracket at the Rhinelander/Northwoods Challenge Bowl. "Three Lakes students are respectful, kind and fair competitors and always make our district proud."

Pulver said the Challenge Bowl lives up to its name.

"I like that the questions are varied, so you never know what is going to come up," she explained. "The students

may know it or not, during the challenge, but oftentimes when they are back in class we will go over new information and the students will say, 'That was a question in the challenge bowl,' so reinforcement from the knowledge that they learned in the competition is wonderful."

Participating in the Rhinelander/Northwoods FICB also brings other benefits for participating students according to Pulver.

"The fact that they can go see Nicolet College and see what it's all about before they may decide to go to college is a great opportunity," she noted. "They gain some confidence from going into an unknown environment and being successful. The ability to meet other students from different schools, challenge themselves, learn financial information and have a great time is really an amazing experience for them all."

Rhineland High School business teacher Patrick Kubeny served as faculty advisor for the 11 teams representing Rhinelander in the 2021-'22 regional Challenge Bowl.

"Students form their own teams," Kubeny noted of Rhinelander High School participants. "Most students have taken the money management graduation requirement course, but not all. It sure helps their chances if they have taken it, along with accounting and economics."

Rhineland High School has historically dominated the Rhinelander/Northwoods FICB since its establishment in 2012-'13, sweeping both first and second place honors with the exception of Three



A total of 24 four-student teams from Northland Pines, Three Lakes, Rhinelander, Bowler and Laona high schools participated in the 10th annual Rhinelander/Northwoods Finance and Investment Challenge Bowl on Jan. 4 at Nicolet College in Rhinelander. —Contributed Photo

Lakes' Jan. 4 first place win, Merrill's second place showing in 2013-'14, and Merrill's first place finish in the inaugural regional Northwoods FICB in 2012-'13.

"It's really a great event and learning experience," said Mike Cheslock, Community Education coordinator for the School District of Rhinelander. "It's exciting to see the students get into the competition."

Returned to its in-person format after a virtual tournament last season, the 2021-'22 Rhinelander/Northwoods

pete for trophies and prizes in "an atmosphere of friendly competition" according to Entenmann. "It's fun for the kids. It's educational. It's competitive, but respectful. There's a fun sense of competition."

Entenmann said the Rhinelander/Northwoods regional FICB tournament was supported by 15 to 20 volunteer quizmasters, scorekeepers and judges drawn from Rhinelander PIE, Wisconsin Public Service and local banks, credit unions and financial advisors.

"It's really all for the benefit of the students and teachers, because what we're doing basically supplements what's already going on in the classroom," he noted. "The community has come together, supported this and really helped us work hard to create a successful event that benefits the kids."

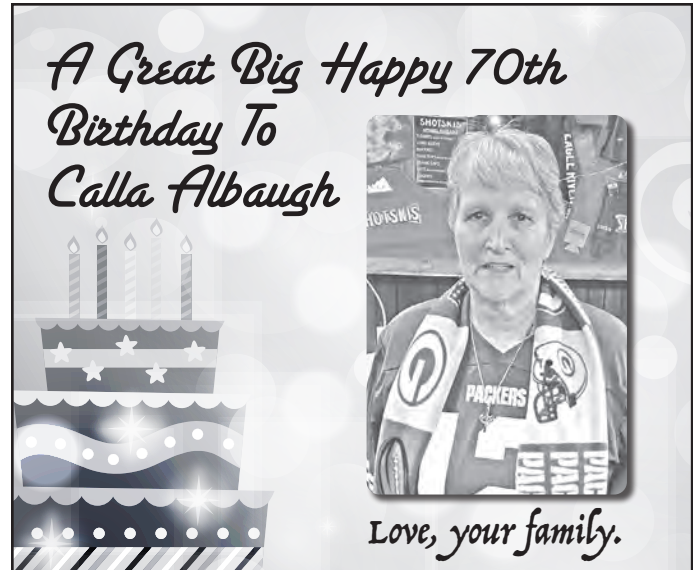
Northland Pines High School sent Cailyn Kohn, Maggie Reppert, Kimberly Tomaszewski, Evelyn Wirth,

Eleanor Wirth and Madison Wakeley to compete in the challenge bowl according to business education teacher Paul Logan, Pines' Distributive Education Clubs of America advisor.

"Cailyn Kohn, Maggie Reppert, and Kimberly Tomaszewski won their first match, which was exciting," Logan noted. "We hope to have a team place once we have some juniors and seniors in the future."

A total of 24 teams from across Wisconsin will compete at the 2021-'22 State Finance and Investment Challenge Bowl, with the top two teams advancing from 12 regional tournaments including Rhinelander, Wausau, Wisconsin Rapids, Eau Claire, Green Bay, Appleton, LaCrosse/Coulee, Sheboygan/Manitowoc, Milwaukee, Racine/Kenosha, Rock County and Madison.

For more information about the Finance and Investment Challenge Bowl, visit ficbonline.org.



## LIFESTYLE

## Wisconsin Brass Quintet scheduled to perform February 14 at Nicolet

North Woods audiences will have the opportunity to experience cinematic musical masterpieces when the celebrated Wisconsin Brass Quintet performs "A Night at the Movies" Monday, Feb. 14 in the Nicolet College Theatre.

Selections for the 7:30 p.m. concert will include pieces from "Austin Powers," "The Incredibles," "La La Land," "On the Waterfront," "Raiders of the Lost Ark," "Soul," "West Side Story" and more.

Regarded as one of the "superb brass ensembles in the USA" by MusicWeb International and praised for "remarkable musicianship and versatility" by International Trumpet Guild Journal, the widely-acclaimed Wisconsin Brass Quintet (WBO) has maintained a position at the forefront of brass chamber music since the group's founding in 1972.

Current members include Jean Laurenz, trumpet; Gilson da Silva, trumpet; Daniel Grabis, horn; Mark Hetzler, trombone; Tom Curry, tuba; and special guest Matthew Endres, drum set.

The Wisconsin Brass



The Wisconsin Brass Quintet will perform "A Night at the Movies" concert at the Nicolet College Theatre Monday, Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online at [nicoletlive.com](http://nicoletlive.com).

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Quintet is a faculty ensemble-in-residence at the Mead Witter School of Music. Over the years, the ensemble has performed throughout the Midwest and nationally, including appearances at New York's Carnegie Recital Hall and Merkin Concert Hall, and the Wisconsin Brass Quintet's

programs and master classes have been presented in such prestigious settings as The Juilliard School and the Yale School of Music.

Current Quintet members have performed with artists such as Adele, Doc Severinsen, The Hanson Brothers, The Boston Pops, and the

Hong Kong Philharmonic, and have shared their talents on international stages.

Masks are required inside all Nicolet College buildings and seating is limited to allow space for social distancing. All tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online at [nicoletlive.com](http://nicoletlive.com).

## College students urged to apply for scholarships

Anyone planning on attending Nicolet College during the 2022-'23 academic year is encouraged to apply for a scholarship from the Nicolet College Foundation to help cover college costs.

"We've heard time and again from students how scholarships have been such a tremendous financial help for them to get the education they need to get ahead in life," said Heather Schallock, Nicolet College Foundation executive director. "Every year we award hundreds of scholarships. Our donors want Nicolet students to receive this money, but first students need to fill out the scholarship application, which is fairly easy to complete."

The application period will run from Feb. 1-28 to cover costs from Fall Term 2022 through Summer Term 2023. The online application is available at [nicoletcollege.academicworks.com](http://nicoletcollege.academicworks.com).

Scholarships range from \$250 to \$2,500. The funds are available for both new and returning Nicolet students to help pay for tuition and books.

Both part-time and full-time students with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher are eligible to receive scholarships.

Scholarship recipient and University Transfer Liberal Arts student Emma Rose said she was grateful for the funds and happy with her decision to enroll at Nicolet.

"I transferred to Nicolet this past fall, and I can truly say it was one of the best decisions I made for my academic future," said the 2020 Lakeland Union High School graduate. "This college gave me the flexibility to continue at my job as well as go to school, all without sacrificing classes with incredible professors and benefiting from a positive learning experience."

Schallock noted that the scholarships are available only because of the generosity of Nicolet College Foundation donors.

"They truly believe in the value of a Nicolet College education. They see how it can improve the lives of individuals and also benefit the communities in which graduates live and work," she said.

For more information, follow the Nicolet College Foundation online or contact the Nicolet College Foundation office at (715) 365-4518, 1-(800) 544-3039, ext. 4518; TTY 1-(800) 947-3529 or 711 relay; or [hschallock@nicoletcollege.edu](mailto:hschallock@nicoletcollege.edu).

## Theater troupe holds open cast call

The Border Troubadours, based in Vilas County, welcomes new cast members to join their local volunteer theatre troupe for the upcoming spring performance and other shows planned in the 2022 season.

Their March performance, "Dating Fiasco: Sweet Revenge," written by Cindy Pesek, is a humorous story about a friendship, online dating exploration and ultimate success — or not? Weekly rehearsals will begin in February until the performance date, scheduled for the week of March 27. Rehearsal and performance dates will be finalized according to cast availability.

"With Cindy's direction and the support of other cast members, the troupe has elevated into entertaining virtuoso thespians," said Pat MacIntosh, cast member.

Adds cast member John Oliver, "The productions give our lives opportunity, enrichment and fellowship".

Other planned 2022 shows include, "College Donations: A Life of Their Own," written by Pesek, and Dr. Caro-



Members of the Border Troubadours perform "Marie and Sal: A Retrospective" in November 2021 at Three Lakes Center for Arts. The Border Troubadours have issued a casting call for their 2022 season.

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lyn Harper's abridged version of William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

To learn more, contact Border Troubadours director

Cindy Pesek at (906) 366-0054 or [pesekspace@aol.com](mailto:pesekspace@aol.com).

The Border Troubadours is a volunteer-based theatre

troupe which celebrates the arts, connects people and supports the community by offering free access to local theatrical productions.

## Nonsmokers can be at risk for lung cancer

Thousands of nonsmokers are diagnosed with lung cancer every year and Aspirus Health urges North Woods residents to learn what they can do to reduce their risk.

On the topic of lung cancer, chances are what immediately comes to mind is smoking, and it should. Up to 80% of lung cancer deaths are thought to result from smoking according to the American Cancer Society.

"But lung cancer can also occur in nonsmokers," said Dr. Justin Asquith, an Aspirus Health medical oncologist. "These cancers can result from certain substances in the environment, both indoors and outdoors, that we breathe into our lungs. As with all cancers, lung cancer begins when the genetic material in cells is damaged. There are several possible causes for this damage."

A family history of lung cancer may slightly raise a person's risk for the disease, especially if the member of

the family was diagnosed at a young age. However, most non-smoker lung cancer comes from breathing cancer-causing substances, such as radon.

Radon is the second-leading cause of lung cancer. It is an odorless, colorless gas that rises from the soil and can enter buildings through gaps or cracks in the foundation. About 1 in 15 homes in the U.S. has excessive levels of radon.

Do-it-yourself testing kits are available for purchase to measure the amount of radon in a home. Professionals can also be hired to measure radon levels. If radon is found to be a problem, there are measures that can be taken to address the problem, including hiring a qualified contractor with the required special knowledge and skills needed to lower radon levels.

Those who have experienced a prolonged exposure to radon should schedule a lung cancer screening.

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**WALTER E. OLSON**  
MEMORIAL LIBRARY

AARP will offer free tax assistance by appointment at the library starting Feb. 8. Call (715) 479-3727 to make an appointment.

Free Gale Courses start Feb. 9. Browse courses at [education.gale.com/l-nwater](http://education.gale.com/l-nwater).

Funding grants for an organization or project can be found on the library's Foundation Directory Online database. The Olson Memorial Library is one of only five locations in Wisconsin to offer this resource.

Story time with Ms. Tori is held Tuesdays at 10 a.m., featuring stories and songs. The library also has take-and-make crafts to enjoy every week.

The "Library of Things" offers a family pass to the Northwoods Children's Museum, cake pans, children's STEAM kits, ukuleles and more.

New TV shows on the library shelves: "Masterpiece Mystery: Unforgotten, Season 4" and "Saved by the Bell." Other offerings can be viewed at [eagleriver.northernwaters.org](http://eagleriver.northernwaters.org).

All are welcome at the library's book groups. Contact the library for location details and to reserve copies of the current discussion books.

The Afternoon Book Group will meet Thursday, Feb. 10, at 1 p.m., to discuss "The Invisible Life of Addie Laree," by V.E. Schwab. The March discussion book will be "Bark of Night," the 19th book in David Rosenfelt's Andy Carpenter series.

The Fact & Fiction Book Group will meet Monday, Feb. 14, at 1 p.m., to discuss "Eleanor," by David Michaelis. March's book selection is "Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women," by Kate Moore.

Book sales are ongoing in the library lobby during open hours.

The library is open for in-person visits and curbside service with around-the-clock Wi-Fi and digital services.

For more information, contact (715) 479-8070 or [olsonlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:olsonlibrary@gmail.com), or visit [olsonlibrary.org](http://olsonlibrary.org).

## Registration open for 2022 Wisconsin Civics Games

The Wisconsin Newspaper Association Foundation (WNAF) has announced the return of the Wisconsin Civics Games in 2022.

The competition, which aims to promote civics education and encourage Wisconsin high school students to develop an interest in public service, returns after a two-year hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The registration deadline is Tuesday, Feb. 22.

A team shall consist of any number of players who meet all eligibility rules. However, no more than four players may actively compete at any one time. Teams may compete with fewer players, with a minimum of one player. This year, schools will be allowed to enter multiple teams in the regional competitions.

Teams can sign up to participate online at [wnanews.com/wisconsin-civics-games/registration/](http://wnanews.com/wisconsin-civics-games/registration/). Following registration, participating teams will receive "The Framework



Annalise Callaghan of Northland Pines High School in Eagle River prepares to ring her bell during the Wisconsin Civics Games state finals

on March 29, 2019. The 2022 Wisconsin Civics Games' regional competitions will be held virtually on Friday, April 22. —Contributed Photo

of Your Wisconsin Government" textbook and access to several online resources to help them prepare for the competition(s).

Individuals interested in receiving general email alerts regarding civics games news and information can do so at [wnanews.com/wisconsin-civics-games/civics-games-email-signup/](http://wnanews.com/wisconsin-civics-games/civics-games-email-signup/).

Although Covid-19 restrictions and considerations prompted the WNAF to temporarily suspend the civics games, the foundation has continued to encourage civics education and engagement in the interim period through an

editorial-writing and cartoon contest. Students were asked to convey their thoughts on the First Amendment through a writing sample or illustration. Thirteen students, including middle schoolers, received cash awards and the opportunity to be published by newspapers across the state.

## LIFESTYLE

# Boulder Junction library hosts quilting art exhibit

The Boulder Junction Public Library's January/February "Art in the Library" exhibit will feature quilts from Boulder Junction resident Luella Doss.

The art is on display during regular library hours — Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"Luella Doss is renowned as an internationally-celebrated fiber artist who has built a career from her lauded art quilts, life-like soft sculpture and astounding tribal wearable art creations," said library director Cherie

Sanderson.

Four quilts that Doss has designed and made are on display in the library:

- "Orbs with Castle Keep." All fabrics in this quilt are from the "EyesWise" fabric collection designed by Doss for Free Spirit Fabrics in New York City, with technical assistance from Bobbie Fleming.

- "Poultry in Motion." All fabrics in this quilt are from the "Fowl Play Made from Scratch" fabric collection designed by Doss for Free Spirit Fabrics.

- "Tree of Life." All fabrics in this quilt are from the "Hot Flash" fabric collection

designed by Doss for Free Spirit Fabrics, with technical assistance from Andrea Schuster.

- "Jungle Fever with Elephants." All fabrics in this quilt are from the "Jungle Fever" fabric collection designed by Doss for Free Spirit Fabrics, North Carolina.

Backed by a Bachelor of Science in occupational therapy from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Doss commenced her career by spearheading her own business, Luella Doss Designs, in 1973. She continues with the company today, though she has tak-

en on parallel roles over the years. From 1974 until 2013, she worked as a director with Christmas in the Country, and as a designer with Simplicity. In 2000, she became the curator and board member for the Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts, where she remained until 2015. Doss wrote the introduction for the publication "Stories in the Stitches," and has earned an Academy Award from the American Fabric Counsel, as well as been honorably named the Wisconsin Gallery Artist of 1995.

Looking back on her career, Doss said she attributes her success to her pas-

sion and dedication to her work, noting she feels fortunate to have been able to build a career in a field that she admires, which is why she has never taken it for granted.

In the future, Doss said she looks forward to continuing to work while also traveling the world and highlighting the enormous benefits that wool fabric has had on humanity.

Locally, Doss has served as the president of the Friends of Boulder Junction Public Library and as chair of the Christian Education Committee at the Community Church of Boulder Junction.

Applications are being accepted for upcoming Art in the Library exhibits. The application form is available in the library or on the library website. The exhibits can be a single artist or a group of artists representing a theme or medium.



LUELLA DOSS

The Boulder Junction Public Library is located at 5392 Park St. (Highway M) in the Boulder Junction Community Center.

For more information about Art in the Library exhibits, the application process, or the library's artwork policy, email [info@boulder-junction.wislib.org](mailto:info@boulder-junction.wislib.org) or call (715) 385-2050.

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1) We are looking for a chair-side dental assistant to join our team (3-4 days/week). Previous dental experience would be helpful, but not necessary. If you are an energetic, detail-oriented multitasker who is interested in dentistry, a fast-paced work environment and love for helping people we could be looking for you!

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## UW System board selects Rothman as next president

Jay O. Rothman will take office as the next University of Wisconsin System president after a unanimous Jan. 21 Board of Regents vote to offer him the position.

Rothman, 62, is chairman and CEO of the law firm Foley & Lardner LLP in Milwaukee. His appointment begins June 1 and he will earn \$550,000 annually. He was recommended to the full Board of Regents by a Special Regent Committee following interviews with the committee, chancellors, shared governance representatives, and UW System executive leadership.

"I am humbled by the opportunity to lead the UW System and approach this role with profound respect for the unparalleled role public higher education plays in the lives of our students, alumni, and communities," said Rothman. "I intend to lead by listening first, so that the experience I have gained over my lifetime in Wisconsin can help us build a great UW System together. This is not an original sentiment, but I want to say it because I believe it: the UW System is our state's crown jewel, and a vibrant UW System builds a strong Wisconsin."

"The regents appreciate Jay's willingness to serve the UW System and the people of Wisconsin," said Regent President Edmund Manydeeds III, chair of the Special Regent Committee. "I am confident that, in partnership with our chancellors, faculty and staff, he will strengthen the UW System for the students and people of Wisconsin we serve."

"Jay is a servant leader who has chosen to dedicate the remainder of his outstanding career to our students, our faculty and staff, and our taxpayers," said Karen Walsh, Regent vice president and chair of the Search and Screen Committee. "He has the leadership and executive management skills our university system needs. He understands organizations. He builds consensus. He believes in the profound value of higher education."

Rothman will be UW System's eighth president, succeeding current interim



JAY O. ROTHMAN

President Tommy Thompson, who has been in that role since July 1, 2020. Thompson has announced that he will step down on March 18.

Rothman has been chairman and CEO of Foley & Lardner since 2011 and has been a member of the firm's Management Committee since February 2002. He joined Foley in 1986 and has been a partner since 1994. He earned a bachelor's degree from Marquette University and a law degree from Harvard Law School.

Rothman was raised on a small operating farm outside of Wausau, where his family raised beef cattle and horses. His parents attended UW-Stevens Point, with his mother receiving her bachelor's and master's degrees there. His mother is a retired schoolteacher, and his father was a dentist. He has two adult children. His daughter is a graduate of UW-Madison.

Manydeeds has asked Mike Falbo, a former Regent president, to serve as interim president from March 18 until Rothman takes office June 1. Falbo is a UW-Parkside graduate who served 11 years on the Board of Regents, including two terms as president. He also attended UW-Whitewater before being drafted to serve during the Vietnam War as a combat medic.

A 1971 state law unified two public university systems under a single Board of Regents. The UW System educates approximately 165,000 students at 13 universities across 26 campuses, serves more than 1 million Wisconsin residents through statewide outreach programs, and employs about 39,000 faculty and staff statewide. The total estimated annual economic impact of the UW System exceeds \$24 billion.



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A job description is posted on the Vilas County website.

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## CAREER OPPORTUNITY POSTING

**Position:** Receptionist  
**Status:** Part-time; 20 hrs/wk  
**Position Classification:** 21  
**Salary Range:** \$10.76 - \$13.45  
**FLSA Status:** Non-Exempt

**Department:** Aging and Disability Resource Center  
**Manager:** Sue Richmond  
**Schedule:** Monday - Friday  
**Hours:** Flexible  
**Posting Expiration:** Feb. 18, 2022

### Position Summary

This position serves as the primary point-of-contact for the Aging and Disability Resource Center for both phone and walk-in inquiries. This is a part-time employee position. Work requires independent judgment. All duties and responsibilities are performed under and subject to the review and guidance of the Aging and Disability Resource Center Director.

### Major Areas of Accountability

1. Professionally manages multiple incoming phone lines and greets the public providing accurate basic information or evaluating the inquiry for referral to the appropriate department staff.
2. Performs general office work including typing correspondence and reports, answering and routing telephone calls, sorting and distributing mail, etc.
3. Arranges for volunteer drivers as requested through the volunteer transportation program.
4. Provides basic information to and answers the basic questions of older adults and their families about programs offered by the Aging and Disability Resource Center.
5. Maintains confidentiality regarding Aging and Disability Resource Center records, operations and clients.
6. Maintains front desk resources for easy access to current department information and programs.
7. Performs general secretarial duties for department staff including but not limited to copying, filing, collating folders, faxing, typing, etc.
8. All other duties as assigned.

### Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- One year work experience in an office as a secretary or typist preferred.
- Knowledge of general office operations and work with a high level of accuracy.
- Must have good computer, typing and writing skills
- Must have the ability to understand the basics of Receptionist position.

Interested individuals must complete and sign an *Application for Employment* form. Application materials, including a full position description are available on the county website at [www.vilas-countywi.gov](http://www.vilas-countywi.gov), applications can be sent to: [apply@vilascountywi.gov](mailto:apply@vilascountywi.gov), Human Resources, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, WI 54521 or faxed to 715-479-3799. Deadline is February 18, 2022.

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# LIFESTYLE

# BACKWARD GLANCES

Compiled by  
Eric Johnson



The Badger Bridge Club gathers weekly year-round on Mondays to play duplicate bridge at the newly-rebuilt Kalmar Community Center in Eagle River. Pictured, from left, are Suzanne

Wallace of Conover, Badger Bridge Director Ed Stoever of Rhinelander, Joe Wallace of Conover, and Badger Bridge Director Bob Dow of Eagle River. —Staff Photo By ERIC JOHNSON

## Seniors meets at Kalmar to play duplicate bridge

The Badger Bridge Club, a socially-oriented club, brings together North Woods residents and visitors for weekly games of duplicate bridge.

The club meets in the newly-rebuilt Kalmar Community Center, 1013 N. Railroad St. (Highway 45 North) in Eagle River. Players do not need to be members of Kal-

mar to play.

Attracting players from within a 40-mile radius of Eagle River, club games are held from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Mondays year-round. Free bridge enhancement classes are provided Monday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The games are run under the general rules and regula-

tions of the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) by certified ACBL directors.

Players do not need a partner to attend. Members of the Badger Bridge Club take turns alternating with players that don't have a partner.

For more information call Badger Bridge Club Director Bob Dow at (414) 758-6411.



BADGER BRIDGE DONATION — Jan. 24, Badger Bridge Club Director Ed Stoever (left) presented a \$500 donation to SERVE Inc. Pres-

ident Don Anderson for the purchase of a new sidewalk awning for the Kalmar Community Center. —Staff Photo By ERIC JOHNSON

## ADRC accepting applications

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Vilas County committee is accepting applications from

interested Vilas County residents for committee vacancies. The ADRC committee is appointed by the Vilas County Board of Supervisors and is the policy-making body for the ADRC of Vilas County department.

The ADRC committee represents Vilas County residents regarding programs and county policy for the ADRC department related to services for older adults and adults with disabilities. This committee meets monthly to approve department financial and program reports, makes policy decisions and plans for future needs.

The vacant seats are for citizen members specifically interested in representing Vilas County citizens ages 60 and older and the physically disabled. Membership on the

ADRC committee requires attending monthly meetings in Eagle River. Members receive mileage reimbursement to travel to the meetings.

Interested Vilas County residents should contact the ADRC of Vilas County to receive an application packet. Applications are due back to the department on or before 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 18. The ADRC committee will then review the applications at their February meeting and candidates will be selected to recommend to the Vilas County Board chairperson for official appointments.

For more information contact the ADRC of Vilas County at (715) 479-3625, 1-(800) 374-1123 or adrc@vilascountywi.gov.

## Easy Eagles set meeting

The Easy Eagles men's luncheon group will meet Wednesday, Feb. 9, at noon at Chef Rene's, located at Eagle River Inn.

Doors open for members and visitors at 11:30 a.m.

The Easy Eagles is a group of predominantly retired men who meet twice a month on Wednesdays to socialize and share lunch.

The Easy Eagles have a speaker at each luncheon to share timely and interesting

noncontroversial subjects.

Other upcoming meetings will be held Feb. 23 and March 9.

Eagle River Inn is located at 5260 Highway 70 West.

For more information, call Mike Erstad at (414) 840-3338.



**Safety First**

Remember: 55 at Night



Driving for fledgling snowmobile manufacturer Yamaha, Woodruff resident Mike Trapp repeated at the World Championship Snowmobile Derby for the second consecutive year in January 1972. —News-Review Archive Photo

### One Year Ago - 2021

Public health officials in Vilas and Oneida counties began Covid vaccinations for residents age 65 years and older after receiving their first vaccine allotments . . . Feed Our Rural Kids (FORK) Inc. announced plans to expand its nutritional support programming into the Phelps School District.

### 10 Years Ago - 2012

A record 285 teams were slated to compete at the seventh annual Labatt's Blue/USA Hockey Pond Hockey National Championship on Dollar Lake . . . The St. Germain community mourned the loss of Edward "Spang" Reid, owner of Spang's Italian Restaurant.

### 20 Years Ago - 2002

The mildest winter in 80-plus years saw the complete suspension of snowmobile trail grooming in January for the first time . . . Three Lakes volunteer firefighter Glenn Bennett drove the lead fire engine in a four-truck convoy of post-Sept. 11 replacement apparatus headed from manufacturer Four-Wheel Drive Seagrave in Clintonville to New York City, N.Y.

### 30 Years Ago - 1992

Stop Treaty Abuse-Wisconsin filed an appeal to the U.S. 7th Circuit Court of Appeals on the spearfishing protest injunction issued in January by Federal District Judge Barbara Crabb . . . One person was killed in a total-loss home explosion near Arbor Vitae.

### 40 Years Ago - 1982

An 18-year-old Janesville man was being held in Vilas County Jail on a \$50,000 cash bond, charged with the alleged armed robbery of Lakeland State Bank in downtown Boulder Junction . . . Parental complaints of money-saving "leftover concoctions" of hot dog-topped pizzas and "hodgepodge" chili gave Three Lakes school board members some insight into the district's 13% "year to year" drop in hot lunch participation.

### 50 Years Ago - 1972

Planned construction of a new supermarket in

Eagle River was announced by veteran Milwaukee grocer Jerry McKeever, with McKeever's poised to enter a competitive grocery market that included national supermarket chain A&P and independent stores including Bonson's Shop Rite and Holprin's SuperValu . . . Plans were announced by Joe Harding of St. Germain and Harry Pride of Eagle River for the development of a 5,000 square-foot, eight-office professional office plaza south of Eagle River on Highway 45.

### 60 Years Ago - 1962

News came of the death of early pioneer Sayner resident Silas Monroe Sayner, survived by his wife, Winnie, daughter of D.C. Menefee, early owner of the Vilas County News . . . Eagle River's undefeated Northrenaires, Wisconsin's top senior U.S. hockey team, was scheduled to play Minnesota's famed Taconite hockey team at Eagle River Stadium.

### 70 Years Ago - 1952

Eagle River Rotarians went on record strongly opposing any move that would withdraw Chicago and North Western Railway service from the Monico to Watersmeet, Mich., branch line serving Eagle River . . . Vilas County had 13 patients cared for in tuberculosis sanitariums and 22 new reported cases of the disease, according to statistics from the Wisconsin

Anti-Tuberculosis Association.

### 80 Years Ago - 1942

Operating from October 1934, the Alvin Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp 20 miles east of Eagle River was disbanded, with "enrolled boys" being transferred to other Wisconsin CCC camps . . . With English language worship services offered Sundays, at 10:30 a.m., Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Eagle River held German language worship services the first and third Sundays, at 9:15 a.m.

### 90 Years Ago - 1932

Veteran Eagle River-area farmer Arthur Radcliffe, one of the nation's largest seed potato producers, announced plans to ship some 25 carloads of Wisconsin-certified seed potatoes to southern growers in Florida, Alabama and Mississippi . . . Sayner businessman Carl Eliason won a contract with the Milwaukee Road to cut and ship thousands of tons of ice from Star Lake to Milwaukee, with about 25 boxcars of ice shipped south daily.

### 100 Years Ago - 1922

While only eight days were below zero, snow was nevertheless plentiful, averaging 2 feet on the level . . . Vilas County agent O.E. Gibson advocated the clearing of 5,000 acres of land in Vilas County for agricultural use.

## Iron Mountain VA center updates urgent care hours

Effective Monday, Feb. 7, the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center will change the operating hours of its Urgent Care Clinic to 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, including holidays.

After hours, emergency and urgent care services are available in the community. Eligible veterans can find in-network care clinics online using va.gov/find-locations to locate the nearest urgent care provider.

Veterans can contact the VA's Telephone Care Service to talk to a medical professional about new and worsening symptoms and assess their need for urgent care by

calling 1-(888) 598-7793. Same-day services are often available through Primary Care and can be scheduled by calling (906) 774-3300, Ext. 33115.

Those experiencing a life-threatening emergency should call 911 or go to the nearest emergency department. Veterans, providers or caregivers should notify the VA within 72 hours of accessing emergency care by calling 1-(844) 724-7842.

Veterans in mental health crisis can also access support and assistance around-the-clock via the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-(800) 273-8255.

The Oscar G. Johnson VA

Medical Center is located at 325 E. H St. in Iron Mountain, Mich.

### BADGER BRIDGE IN EAGLE RIVER

Results of 1/24/22

North-South, first place, Edward Stoever and Bob Busakowski; second, Dan Del Ponte and Richard Nelson.

East-West, first place, David Hill and Lorette Sneec; second, Bob and Marcia Holt.

Bridge is played at Kalmar Community Center, located at 1013 N. Railroad St. For information, call Bob Dow, director, at (414) 758-6411.



## Puzzles that rock!

Check out these new 550 piece puzzles that depict Lake Superior agates, Petoskey stones, rainbow sea glass, driftwood, starfish and shells.

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# THREE LAKES

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FAB LAB VISIT — Rep. Tom Tiffany completed a quick tour of the Three Lakes Fab Lab last Tuesday where he learned about some recent upgrades to the facility. To tour the facility, stop by the open lab on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m. — Photo by Jennifer West



**What's New at the Library?**  
The Edward U. Demmer Memorial Library in Three Lakes is hosting its Winter Olympics reading program from now through Friday, Feb. 25 to coincide with the Winter Olympics being held in Beijing, China.  
The library is using the Beanstack app to keep track of minutes read. Readers can log minutes by downloading the app, visiting demmerlibrary.beanstack.org, or picking up a paper reading log.  
The Winter Olympics reading program is for all ages and will have a prize drawing Feb. 25. There will be three winners in each of four age groups.

Story hour is a free program for preschool age children and caregivers held Tuesday mornings from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. in Three Lakes, and Wednesday mornings at Sugar Camp School starting at 8:30 a.m. Miss Candice will have books, songs and crafts.  
Teens are invited to come to the library for Dungeons and Dragons play on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until noon. Participants can play at slaying dragons and fighting goblins, and never have to leave the safety of their chair. For more information, email librarian@demmerlibrary.org or call the library.  
The library is offering "Crafternoons" for crafters on the second Tuesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. in the Demmer "Library." Registration is required as supplies may be limited. Contact the

library for more information.  
Tabletop Tech will be offered Fridays, Feb. 4 and 18, from 2 to 4 p.m. where community members can take along their tablet, laptop or smart phone and ask questions.  
Demmer library will host Lego Club Monday, Feb. 14, from 3 to 5 p.m. All ages are encouraged to attend and participate in a Lego challenge.  
Books the Other Channel book group will meet in the lower level in the Maple Room on Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss "The Bad Muslim Discount" by Syed Masood. All are invited to attend. Contact the library for a copy of the book.  
For more information on any of these programs, call (715) 546-3391, visit demmerlibrary.org, or follow the Demmer library on Facebook.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

(One Week, 2/2/22)  
**REGULAR MEETING** Board of Education December 15, 2021  
School District of Three Lakes  
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Kwaterski.  
Board members present: Mike Kwaterski, Stacey Klein, Josh Kral, Terry McCloskey and Collette Sorgel.  
Others present: T. Maney, District Administrator; S. Gruszynski, T. Riha, and J. Szewc, Principals; R. Bock, Dean of Students; K. Volk, Special Education Director; C. Volk, Activities Director; J. West, Communications Coordinator; K. Ison, District Secretary and (1) visitor.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.  
Maney reported on the agenda posting and notification of the meeting to the media.  
Motion by McCloskey/Klein to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 5:0.  
Motion by Klein/McCloskey to approve the minutes of November 17, 2021. Motion carried, 5:0.  
Motion by Kral/McCloskey to approve the checks dated November 11, 2021 through December 9, 2021 for accounts payable checks #212200049 - #212200079, regular checks #125677 - #125834, and manual checks #5248 - #5257 in the amount of \$619,150.78 and ACH payroll checks #900036438 - #900036687 and regular payroll checks #59170 - #59179 in the amount of \$294,156.43 for a total amount of \$913,307.21. Motion carried, 5:0.  
There were no visitor comments.  
Maney shared the following information:  
• Going forward the District will be using the BoardDocs platform for Board agendas and meeting materials.  
• Governor Evers announced an increase in school funding. The District has received \$66,324.  
• Hirings: Shannon Votis, Paraprofessional; John Fink, Assistant Wrestling Coach; Alan Votis, Trap Club Advisor; Bethany Puffer, Band Director; and Jason Schreiber, Vocal Music Director.  
• Resignations: Christine Clough, Paraprofessional.  
The January regular meeting date is during the State Education Conference. Motion by Sorgel/Klein to change the regular meeting to January 25, 2021 at 6:00 PM. Motion carried, 5:0.  
C. Volk presented information for a Hockey Co-op with Rhinelander/Laona for 2022-23. This is a renewal for Three Lakes and adds Laona to the co-op. Motion by McCloskey/Kral to approve the Hockey Co-op with Rhinelander/Laona for 2022-2023. Motion carried, 5:0.  
C. Volk reported varsity volleyball players have been invited to participate in a tournament in Green Bay which requires an overnight stay on 8/28-29/22. The school will provide transportation. Lodging/meals will be paid by the volleyball activity account. Motion by McCloskey/Sorgel to approve the volleyball tournament overnight stay in the Green Bay area in August 2022. Motion carried, 5:0.  
As a follow up to last month's meeting, Kwaterski read excerpts from the November 2019 Board of Education minutes where the Board granted conceptual approval of the addition of the aquatic center as a mutual relationship and that the preferred location was off of the south side of the parking lot. Kral questioned the location and it was clarified that property is owned by the school and town.  
Maney discussed the policy for granting honorary graduation diplomas and shared a draft proposal for review prior to the next meeting. She discussed the criteria used in issuing an honorary diploma by the Board of Education.  
The Board reviewed the WASB resolutions which will be acted upon at the upcoming State Education Conference in January.  
C. Volk reviewed the fall sports report in detail.  
Maney reported the school report cards were recently released. The following overall scores are as follows: District - 73.7 (exceeds expectations); Three Lakes Elementary - 80.5 (exceeds expectations); Sugar Camp Elementary - 76.6 (exceeds expectations); Junior High - 59.5 (meets expectations); High School - 74.5 (exceeds expectations). Administrative staff shared detailed information for each of their schools/areas.  
Parent-teacher conferences were held 11/11-12/21 with options to participate in person, virtually or via telephone. Participation rates are as follows: Three Lakes Elementary - 95%; Sugar Camp Elementary - 97.1% and JH/HS with approximately 12 visits per teacher. Parents are appreciative of the different options to participate.  
Maney reported 85 responses were received for the ESSER III survey. Top responses included additional staffing and mental health issues. Results were provided to the Board for their review. Maney reminded the Board this is one-time funding and 20% must be spent on educational support. She also indicated there are many more requirements for this funding than the past ESSER I and II grants. Discussion followed.  
Staff shared District Related Positive Happenings.  
Maney reminded Board members of the State Education Conference next month.  
Motion by Sorgel/McCloskey to adjourn at 8:41 PM. Motion carried, 5:0.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Kerri Ison  
District Secretary

be unsealed (electronically opened) as provided above and will be publicly read. The bid opening will be broadcast live via Teams. The correct meeting and call-in information for the bid opening is:  
Microsoft Teams meeting  
Join on your computer or mobile app  
Or call in (audio only)  
+1 608-571-2209\_926244708#  
United States, Madison  
Phone Conference ID: 926 244 708#  
Bid results will be posted as soon as practicable after the close of bids.  
The bid results will be posted to the Bureau of Aeronautics' website and BidExpress.com here:  
<https://wisconsin.gov/Pages/doing-business/aeronautics/airports/airpt-bidinfo.aspx>  
<https://bidexpress.com/business-es/51671/home>  
Electronic Bid submission: Bids must be submitted via the bidexpress.com bidding service. No paper bids will be accepted. Bids will not be accepted past the established deadline for the close of bids.  
Description of work:  
Base Bid: Runway Lighting for Runway 3/21 and Electrical Building  
Alternate A: PAPI Runway 21 and Wind Cone  
Alternate B: Beacon  
Estimate of major quantities:  
• BASE BID: 7.7 LF Trench or Plow; 8,180 LF 5000 Volt Cable No. 8; 7,910 LF Bare Counterpoise Wire, No. 6; 1 LS Turf Restoration; 1 LS Prefabricated Airport Equipment Building; 1 LS Regulator, 6.6A, 4 KW; 1 EA L-854 Radio Interface Control Panel; 3 EA Electrical Handhole 36x72x30-Inch Composite Type Divided; 32 MIRL, L-861 LED; 12 MITL L-861E LED  
• ALTERNATE A: 1 LS PAPI LED L-881, Style A, Class I, Runway End 21; 1 LS Airport Wind Cone L807, LED Style 1-B, Size 2  
• ALTERNATE B: 1 LS Airport Rotating Beacon and Tower; 1 LS Remove Existing Airport Rotating Beacon and Structure  
DBE Goal: N/A  
Contract Completion Time: 25 Working Days (Base Bid)  
5 Additional Working Days (Alt B)  
Proposals: Proposal forms are included with the plans and specifications, and are subject to the provisions of Wis. Stat. §66.0901(7).  
Plans and specifications: Plans and specifications can be obtained free of charge and at the following site: <https://bidexpress.com/business-es/51671/home>  
PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL: This contract is being electronically bid. The bid template within BidExpress.com platform established for the project includes all elements required to be submitted with the contract. Required fields are established within the template. Automatic checking of the bid proposal will identify if any required fields are missing and alert the bidder to complete the missing information prior to final submission. Submission of an incomplete bid will result in the bid not being opened, and/or rejected as non-responsive.  
Plan holder registration required: Plans and specifications are available to anyone after completing a simple registration. There is NO cost to obtain a registration. Registration is required to be recorded as a plan holder. Registered plan holders will be notified of important project information such as issuance of addendums or other critical information. Only the prime or general contractor selecting to submit a bid is required to obtain additional Digital ID credentials. Please see the BOA website notice 2 for information on how to register. **Bureau Transition to Electronic Bidding - Notice 2 (wisconsin.gov)**  
Bidder Digital ID Required: Firms who select to submit a bid MUST also obtain a free digital ID in addition to registering. Obtaining a digital ID is relatively quick, however it may take a couple of days to complete the process. Please request an obtain registration and digital ID's as early as possible to not jeopardize your ability to submit a bid. There is NO cost to obtain a digital ID. Please see the BOA website Notice 2 for information on how to obtain a digital ID. **Bureau Transition to Electronic Bidding - Notice 2 (wisconsin.gov)**  
Cost to bid: There are two options for bidders to submit bids: A cost of \$25 per project, or a monthly subscription where the bidder is able to submit bids for all projects in bidexpress.com system for \$50 per month. Subscriptions can be turned on and off at any time by the registered user. Only the prime or general contractor submitting a bid are responsible for payment.  
Proposal guaranty: A bid security in the amount of 5% of the total amount of the bid is required for the contract. Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid bond, certificate of annual bid bond, a certified check, bank's draft, or postal money order made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary for 5% of the total amount bid.  
The electronic template will allow the following options for meeting the proposal guaranty: E-Verify bid bond (Surety2000 & SurePath), uploading a copy of the bid bond or certificate of annual bid bond, certified check, bank draft, or money order.  
Any bid security, other than an E-verified bond or certificate of annual bid bond is provided, the department will require that the applicant be the lowest bidder to mail or hand-deliver the original bond, certified check, bank draft, or money order to the Bureau of Aeronautics by close of business two business days following the close of bids and must be received by the Bureau of Aeronautics no later than 5 days from the posting of the bid results.  
Importation of bidders:  
**IMPORTANT: A paper hard copy prequalification is required to be submitted PRIOR to the bid opening.** The proper prequalification form must be sent to the DOT to establish prequalification and remain valid prior to the deadline for prequalification indicated below. Prequalification's submitted after the deadline will be processed but a bid from that firm will not be opened for any project where the deadline has been exceeded. The following prequalification is required for this contract:  
TWO prequalification methods are acceptable for this project. EITHER Bureau of Aeronautics "Statement of Bidder's Qualifications and Experience" (AKA: "Short form") will apply. OR the Bureau of Project Development "Prequalification Statement" (AKA: "Highways"). If your firm does not already hold a valid WisDOT

## Arts center to show two films at theater

Three Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCFA) offers movie screenings during the winter and has scheduled two films for the coming weeks.  
Starting Wednesday, Feb. 2, the theater will screen the film "Belfast," about a young boy and his working class Belfast family who experience the tumultuous late 1960s. The film stars Jude Hill, Lewis McAskie and Caitriona Balfe.  
A matinee showing will be presented Feb. 2 at 2 p.m., and night showings will be

Feb. 3-6 at 7 p.m.  
Then, "West Side Story" will be offered Wednesday, Feb. 16 at 2 p.m. and Feb. 17-20, at 7 p.m.  
"West Side Story" is an adaptation of the 1957 musical that explores forbidden love and the rivalry between the Jets and the Sharks, two teenage street gangs of different ethnic backgrounds and starring Ansel Elgort, Rachel Zegler and Ariana DeBose.  
In addition to movie showings, the Marie Moore Gallery is open each Satur-

day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
The gallery showcases local artists as well as a myriad of other artwork including sculpture, fabric art, jewelry, pottery, photography, prints, drawings and watercolors. Also available is the ever-popular line of local artist's cards.  
For more information on TLCFA such as artist offerings, volunteer offerings or how to donate, visit [tlcfa.org](http://tlcfa.org), call (715) 546-2299 or stop in at 1760 Superior St. in downtown Three Lakes.

## Fundraiser set Sunday night

Northern Lights Snowmobile Club will host a spaghetti dinner fundraiser Sunday, Feb. 6, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Pike's Pine Isle in Three Lakes.  
The cost of the dinner is \$12 and will include spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread and salad. Beverages and dessert will be available for an additional cost. Meals can be purchased either for dine-in or carry-out.  
The evening also will offer raffle prizes to attendees.  
Funds raised will help cover maintenance costs for area snowmobile trails.

## Three Lakes Senior Citizen Nutrition Menu

Reservations and cancellations must be made 24 hours in advance. Phone Diana Kern, site manager, at (715) 546-2959 or (715) 891-2413. Delicious Meals by Lynn's Catering. Suggested donation for age 60-plus is \$3.50 for on-site dining and \$4.25 for Meals on Wheels. Required payment of \$8.15 if younger than age 60. Chef salad available upon request when reservation is made.

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| <p><b>THURS., FEB. 3</b><br/>Beef stroganoff<br/>Mashed potatoes<br/>Broccoli and cauliflower<br/>Biscuit<br/>Grapes</p> <p><b>MON., FEB. 7</b><br/>Meatloaf<br/>Mashed potatoes and gravy<br/>Country-trio vegetable blend<br/>Whole-wheat bread<br/>Applesauce</p> | <p><b>TUES., FEB. 8</b><br/>Turkey a la king<br/>Wisconsin-blend vegetables<br/>Biscuit<br/>Mandarin oranges<br/>Peach upside-down cake</p> <p><b>WED., FEB. 9</b><br/>Hamburger<br/>Baked beans<br/>Peas<br/>Potato salad<br/>Kickoff cake</p> |
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## ST. GERMAIN/SAYNER

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ST. GERMAIN, WI 54558

**St. Germain Senior Café**  
St. Germain Community Center  
Serving at noon  
Sponsored by ADRC of Vilas County

Congregate dining is still closed. Participants may order a carry-out meal. Call Nancy Moser at (715) 617-2795 to reserve your meal. Donations are accepted. No one will be denied service because of inability to contribute. All meals served with whole-grain bread or roll, butter or margarine, coffee and low-fat milk. Lighter substitute of grilled-chicken salad or healthy salad available.

**WED., FEB. 9**  
Hamburger  
Baked beans  
Peas  
Potato salad  
Kickoff cake

**THURS., FEB. 10**  
Lasagna  
Carrots  
Salad  
Garlic breadstick  
Fruit gelatin dessert

**FRI., FEB. 11**  
Ham and scalloped potato casserole  
Broccoli  
Pineapple  
Multigrain bread  
Chocolate pudding

**TOWN OF PLUM LAKE NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Sec. 5.84, the Public Test of the voting equipment, to be used at the Spring Primary to be held on February 15, 2022, in the town of Plum Lake will be conducted in the Town Hall, 8755 Lake Street, Sayner, WI, at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022.

**TOWN OF PLUM LAKE NOTICE OF ELECTION**  
LOCATION AND HOURS OF POLLING PLACE

At the Spring Primary to be held on Feb. 15, 2022, in the town of Plum Lake, the polling place location will be the Town Hall at 8755 Lake Street in Sayner. (The town is no longer split into two wards, based on the 2020 Census.) The Polling Place will be open at 7 a.m. and will close at 8 p.m. If you have any questions concerning your polling place, please contact the Municipal Clerk, Sharon Brooker, P.O. Box 280, Sayner, WI 54560, or by phoning 715-542-4531 or 715-892-7049.  
All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

6438 Sharon Brooker, Clerk/Treasurer

**NOTICE TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the public test of the ImageCast Evolution (ICE) voting machine will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022 at 11 a.m. in room #5 of the St. Germain Community Center.  
Dated this 2nd day of February 2022.

6444 June Vogel, Town Clerk

(Two Weeks, 1/26-2/2/22)  
Advertisement for Electronic Bids For Construction at Three Lakes Municipal Airport

Three Lakes, Wisconsin  
Project no. SAP-53 / 40D1001  
THIS PROJECT WILL BE ELECTRONICALLY BID. Paper bids will NOT be accepted or allowed.  
Sealed ELECTRONIC proposals for the work described herein will be received until 2:00 p.m., local time, Thursday, February 17th, by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aeronautics, on behalf of the Secretary, authorized agent for Town of Three Lakes, in accordance with Wis. Stat. §114.32(3). Bids will

(Two Weeks, 2/2-2/9/22)  
Town of Three Lakes-Medicine Lake 2022  
Boat Landing Improvement Project

The Town of Three Lakes in partnership with Three Lakes Fish & Wildlife Improvement Association, Inc. will be making improvements to the Medicine Lake boat landing in 2022. The project will consist of ten 5' x 12' boat landing pads with 6" thick of rebar. The lakebed will be prepped with 5" breaker run (30" wide by 55" long) and a new concrete deck pad will be poured. For the Department of Natural Resources this project must commence after June 1st, 2022.  
If you have any questions, please contact the Three Lakes Town Shop at 715-546-3530.  
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(Two Weeks, 1/26-2/2/22)  
Notice of Public Hearing  
NOTICE TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN  
PUBLIC HEARING FOR  
ZONING DISTRICT MAP AMENDMENT  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the St. Germain Town Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing at 7:00PM, Tuesday, February 08, 2022, in the St. Germain Community Center pursuant to section 1.601 of Chapter 1 - Zoning, Town of St. Germain Code of Ordinances, to consider re-zoning parcel numbers 24-1761 and 24-1763 on Highway 70W in St. Germain, owned by Peter Baltus, from "Residential Medium Density" to "Community & Highway Business".  
The Town Board will deliberate the disposition of the proposed re-zone immediately following the public hearing. Virtual public observation and participation will be enabled via the Zoom meeting platform using meeting ID #475-154-5821 and pass-code #092607.  
In lieu of attending either live or virtually, persons wishing to submit written comments regarding the proposed re-zone may do so by letter to the Town Clerk at P. O. Box 7, St. Germain WI 54558 or email to June.Vogel@stg.town. Written comments must be received no later than 5:00PM, Monday, February 7th to be considered by the Town Board.  
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**WNAXLP**

**BOB HUGHES**  
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# LAND O' LAKES

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A large crowd of North Woods residents and visitors filled the dining room at historic Gateway Lodge in Land O' Lakes on Jan. 22 as volunteer Land O' Lakes firefighters and EMT's hosted their Flap Jack Frenzy fundraiser. —Photos By Bob Hughes

## Flap jack fundraiser draws large crowd

Land O' Lakes Fire Department firefighters and EMT's hosted a Flap Jack Blast pancake breakfast fundraiser on Jan 22, drawing a large crowd of more than 150 North Woods residents and visitors to historic Gateway Lodge.

The event included a breakfast of pancakes, sausage and beverages, 50/50 raffle drawings, a donation bake sale featuring a variety of homemade baked goods including breads, cookies, pies and cakes.

The first 50/50 raffle was won by St. Germain volunteer firefighter Tim Clark, who donated back \$205 of his \$215 in winnings. The second 50/50 raffle drawing was won by Jack Garbarek, who donated

back \$55 of his \$75 in winnings.

Event organizers thank all the volunteers and attendees that made the 2022 Flap Jack Blast a success, with the donation bake sale alone raising nearly \$500.

Flap Jack Blast is Land O' Lakes' contribution towards the fundraising Northwoods Blizzard Blast festival that will be held at Conover Community Park on Saturday, Feb. 19. The communities of Land O' Lakes, Conover and Phelps all have fundraising events prior to Blizzard Blast. Proceeds from the four fundraising events are divided in support of the fire and EMS departments in Phelps, Conover and Land O' Lakes.



The breakfast menu at the Jan. 22 Flap Jack Blast fundraiser at Gateway Lodge included pancakes, sausages and beverages.

## Arts center plans growler painting

Land O' Lakes Arts (LOLA) will host a Paint a Growler acrylic workshop Tuesday, March 1.

The cost for the 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. workshop is \$30, with a registration deadline of Friday, Feb. 25. All supplies will be provided, including a Tribute Brewing Co. growler. No experience is necessary.

Artist Sue Schurch will lead students in painting and repurposing an empty used growler donated by Eagle River-based Tribute Brewing.

"Paint a loon, flowers, fish, lake or family name," said LOLA marketing communi-

cations coordinator McCall Hocking. "Let us know your design choice ahead of time so that Sue can have a graphic prepared for you to sketch on the growler. This class will be self-paced, with Sue giving each student individual attention as they work on their project."

It's suggested that students wear a smock, apron or other appropriate protective clothing and also bring a lunch.

For more information or registration, visit [lolaartswi.com/events/paint-a-growler](http://lolaartswi.com/events/paint-a-growler) or call (715) 547-3950.

## LOLA now seeking three summer interns

Land O' Lakes Arts (LOLA) is looking for three summer interns to share their creativity and passion for the arts through teaching.

All summer interns will earn a stipend, be mentored by LOLA staff, and have the option of free lodging provided during their employment.

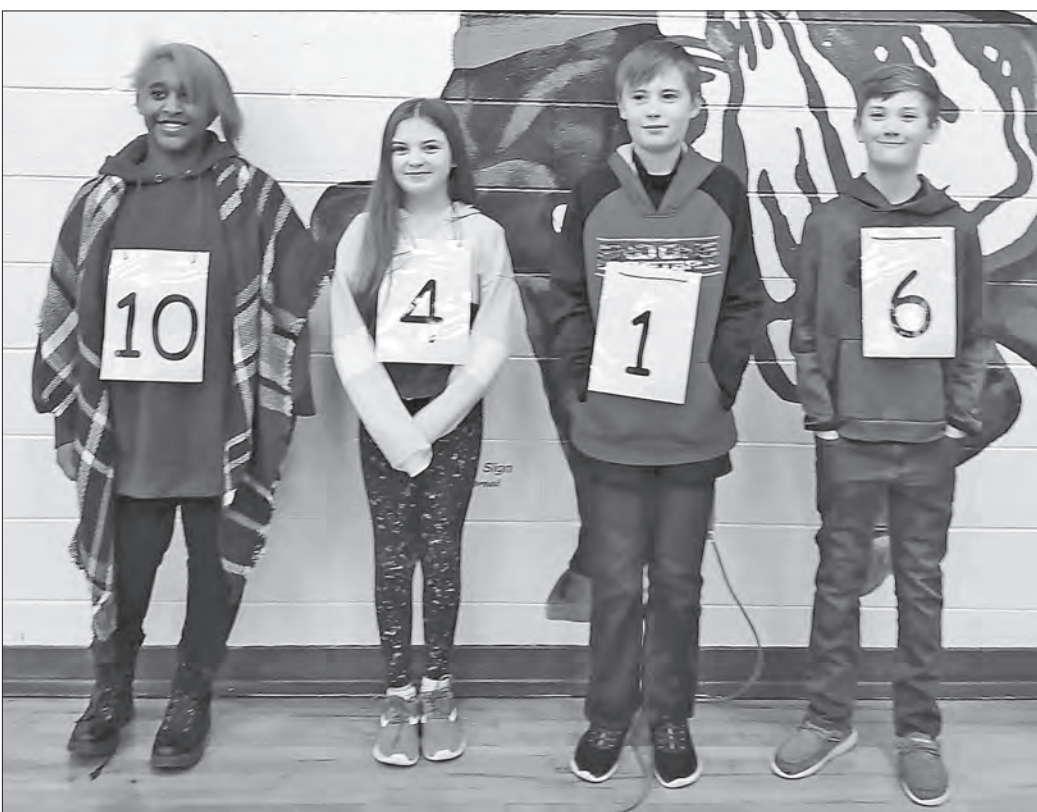
Applicants should have completed at least one year of college/technical school and have experience/expertise in one or more of the following: visual art, dance, theater, performing arts or creative writing.

For more detailed information and to apply, visit [lolaartswi.com/about/internships](http://lolaartswi.com/about/internships).

SHARON GIFFORD  
(715) 617-0308

**PHELPS**  
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2462 ST. LOUIS RD.,  
PHELPS, WI 54554



**TOP SPELLERS** — The School District of Phelps recently held a Scripps Spelling Bee for Grades 5-8, with 14 students competing. Winners advancing to the Feb. 7 regional spelling bee, to be hosted by Phelps School, were (from left) Terefetch Snook, 6th grade, alternate; Autumn Stevens, 5th

grade, third place; Ryker Hafer, 5th grade, second place; and Bodde Regenfuss, 6th grade, first place. The school bee was coordinated by Joe Crownhart. Pronouncer was June Franzen and the judges were Laura Myszka, Kathy Mesun and Kaye Petts. —Contributed Photo

## Oscar night fundraiser set

A "Night at the Oscars" is planned at Sand Lake Pub in Phelps Sunday, March 27, beginning at 5 p.m.

This is a fundraising event organized by Laura Aldridge in support of the Northwoods Animal Shelter in Iron River, Mich., and Wild Instincts in Rhinelander.

Attendees are encouraged to come dressed like a celebrity, character or starlet, with voting for nominees and prizes awarded. There also will be 50-50 raffles, basket raffles featuring homemade items by local artisans, silent auction items, swag and door prizes.

Wish list or donation list items for each shelter also will be accepted. For needed items, visit [northwoodsanimalshelter.com](http://northwoodsanimalshelter.com) and [wildinstinctsrehab.com](http://wildinstinctsrehab.com).

Sand Lake Pub is located at 851 Highway 17 in Phelps.

At the last fundraiser event in October for these two shelters, \$3,340 in donations were collected.

**Land O' Lakes Senior Dining**  
Love of Life Café  
Gateway Lodge  
Serving at 11:30 a.m.  
Sponsored by ADRC of Vilas County

Participants who have not been fully vaccinated will be asked to wear a face mask. Carry-out meals will be available. Call Anna Moore at (715) 547-6076 to reserve your meal. Donations are accepted. No one will be denied service because of inability to contribute. All meals served with coffee, fat-free milk, butter and margarine. Lighter substitute of grilled-chicken salad available.

<b>TUES., FEB. 8</b> Pork shank with cherry rosemary glaze Garlic mashed potatoes Vegetable mix Whole-wheat bread Melon Cookie	<b>WED., FEB. 9</b> Lemon pepper cod Salad Garlic-roasted asparagus Rye bread Pumpkin mousse
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**CONOVER**  
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## Conover Lions to hold Feb. 6 tailgate meat raffle

The Conover Lions Club will hold a tailgate meat raffle this Sunday, Feb. 6, starting at noon at Burnt Bridge Tavern.

The raffle features a variety of items for the Feb. 13 "Big Game," including steaks and

chops, as well as raffles and many surprise items. More than 80 items will be raffled.

Burnt Bridge Tavern is located at 5920 Hwy. K West, two miles west of Conover.

For more information call (715) 479-2885.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
TOWN OF CONOVER  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the official public test of the automatic tabulating equipment to be used at the Feb. 15, 2022 Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022 at the Conover Center, 4665 CTH K East at 11 a.m.  
6448 Kendra Lederer, Town Clerk

**ELEANOR ELLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
PHELPS, WI 54554

The Eleanor Ellis Public Library now offers self-paced online music lessons by @ArtistWorks, taught by the masters. Players of all levels will improve skills, get feedback and practice with purpose. Find it under "Extras" in the #LibbyApp, free with your library card. The Libby App can be found by clicking "Online Resources" at [phelpspubliclibrary.org](http://phelpspubliclibrary.org).

Storytime with Laura Myszka is back and in-person beginning Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 2 p.m., for children ages preschool and up. All participants will receive a take-and-make craft for home.

The February meeting of the Next Chapter Book Club

is set for Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 6 p.m., at the library. The featured discussion book will be "Carnegie's Maid" by Marie Benedict. The March discussion book, "Girl in Disguise" by Greer Macalaster, is also available at the library for pick up. Call the library to sign up and reserve a book.

The first meeting for the Write On Writer's Group is set for Saturday, March 5, at 1 p.m., at the library. This group is open to adults who write or would like to write, and for the purpose of improving one's craft through peer evaluations, inspiration and encouragement. Call the library to register or for more information.

For those unable to get to the library during regular business hours or wishing a non-contact pickup option, call the library to request materials for pick up via the

library's outdoor locker system. The lockers are secure, accessible around the clock and easy to use. Materials are also available for delivery and pick up through Eleanor Ellis Homebound. Call the library for details.

Library hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays

and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesdays, 2 to 6 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wi-Fi and digital services are available around the clock.

For more information, call (715) 545-2887, visit [phelpspubliclibrary.org](http://phelpspubliclibrary.org) or Eleanor Ellis PL on Facebook.

**Golden Years Café**  
Northern Exposure Restaurant  
Serving at noon  
Sponsored by ADRC of Vilas County

Participants who have not been fully vaccinated will be asked to wear a face mask. Carry-out meals will be available. Call Judi Heikkinen at (715) 547-3697 to reserve your meal. Donations are accepted. No one will be denied service because of inability to contribute. All meals served with fat-free milk and whole-grain rolls or bread with margarine. Lighter substitute of healthy salad available.

<b>MON., FEB. 7</b> Kielbasa with sauerkraut Boiled potatoes Cottage cheese Peaches <b>WED., FEB. 9</b> Baked chicken	Baked potato Salad with tomato Fruit <b>FRI., FEB. 11</b> Beef and bean burrito Fruit
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**4K SCREENING FOR FUTURE PHELPS KNIGHTS**

The 4K screening will be held on Friday, Feb. 18, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Contact Phelps School at 715-545-2724 to schedule an appointment today!  
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**TOWN OF LAND O' LAKES NOTICE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the official public test of the automatic tabulating equipment to be used at the Feb. 15, 2022, Primary Election will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022, at the Land O' Lakes Town Hall, 4331 County Rd. B, starting at 10 a.m.  
6435 Lynn Jolin, Town Clerk-Treasurer

# OUTDOORS

## Freezer stirs some fall memories

OLD traditions die hard and so it is with the winter practice of discovering a package of grouse breasts in the freezer that were labeled months back, in the heat of the season, providing a great meal and stirring some memories from the grouse woods.

This particular package was marked with the simple words "Star Lake," and I can vividly remember the mid-morning walk that took me deep into the Northern Highland American Legion State Forest.

Brief glances of the highlights were popping in and out of my mind as the scribbler managed to please his bride with a mouthwatering meal you can't buy in any store or restaurant, an accomplishment that should be celebrated.

Lying across both of my feet was the lovable little Lab that made the meal possible, Gracie, for without her nose there would be no tender, lightly-breaded grouse chunks swimming in a sea of heavy whipping cream.

If you've never dined on creamed grouse or pheasant, served over a mixture of brown and wild rice with a side of sweet corn, you're missing out on one of Wisconsin's greatest culinary treasures.

This hunt started about as slow as it gets with a four-mile hike down a promising skid trail between young aspen and a pine plantation, some of the best habitat I've ever seen that didn't hold even one grouse or woodcock on this morning.

We hit this trail system well beyond the gate after trying to chase a grouse that flushed wild, the cross-country hike leading us into unfamiliar territory. And we turned to walk deep into the habitat because it was a new trail that needed inspection.

And wouldn't you know it, like an hour later, we backtracked

toward the gate on this dead-end system only to discover some fresh grouse scent in the old two-track about 30 yards from where we, in hindsight, went in the wrong direction.

Gracie was working the edges of this clover-seeded trail, the morning dew still heavy, getting hotter and hotter as we neared the gate.

And then suddenly, without warning, a grouse explodes about 30 yards out in the aspen and fires left to right across a valley filled with young aspen trees.

Two shots barked from the 20 gauge over/under and the big bird dropped on the second, way out in heavy cover, and Gracie had no clue because she didn't cause the flush.

So we trekked into the ravine in order to get her on a scent trail that she could run down, and it turns out there was more than one trail to follow. A second grouse flushed across the ravine, headed toward a pine ridge on the opposite side, and one shot put it down. This one flushed closer and Gracie marked it, so she made that retrieve before running into the first bird.

A third grouse had run and flushed out of range, so it took a minute or two of sorting out tracks before she finally stuck her head into a windfall and pulled out a big brown-tailed grouse, and that bird was still very much alive.

She made the retrieve behind me and above me, coming to me with the morning sun directly behind her.

**And the brownish tail on what they officially call a "red-phased bird" was fully fanned and illuminated from behind, by the sun, and what a photo it made.**

The bird's eyes were open and the toes on its feet were tensed and moving slowly, just waiting to hit ground or something solid so it



Gracie the wonder dog, at age 12, holds the first of four grouse she flushed and retrieved for the scribbler on a memorable morning hunt on state forest land near Star Lake in late October. —Photo By The Author

could resume its getaway run. But no such luck this time.

We were soon on the chase again, wandering out in a mix of aspen and pine trying to figure out where that third grouse might have gone. We came over a ridge, and there below us was a pretty decent logging road.

I took a moment trying to figure out the best route or direction while Gracie got hot on scent in the road below, which made little sense across from a big opening where pine slashings from a selective harvest provided nothing but short ground cover.

But always believe a dog's nose, they say, and moments later a grouse exploded just across the road and attempted to dart straight away through the opening.

The 7 1/2 shot caught a wing and down it went. Another bird

flushed, just a giant of a bird, going left to right across the opening.

Two shots were fired...a clean miss. My swing started behind it and it never caught up.

She found that third grouse hiding under pine branches. Three or four other grouse that had wisely run before flushing took off out of range and flew deep into the scattered pines that were left as part of the logging job.

The big grouse I missed had flown in the direction of another road so we scooted up the road and hung a left at the intersection, getting closer but really not knowing how far it had flown.

Ends up the big bird landed in heavy brush just past the road. It flushed from a slight hillside and the glimpse it gave me was enough for a quick point and single blast, which put it on the ground for

Gracie.

A tired old 12-year-old dog, 84 years old in dog years, made her final retrieve of the day. We headed for a nearby lake so she could cool off.

Four grouse were far more than we expected on a walk that took less than two hours. Grouse hunting just happens like that. We've walked all day for one bird and been happy with it. And then there are those rare outings where the stars and planets align, and the game bag gets filled in a hurry.

The dead of winter is a great time to rekindle memories of the hunt. It would be a shame to experience all that glory just once, without tapping the memory banks for a second look at each shot and retrieve.

**There's got to be some time to celebrate the hunt.**

## DNR to hold two virtual public meetings on CWD

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Vilas County Deer Advisory Council will host a virtual public meeting on the status of chronic wasting disease (CWD) in wild deer in Vilas County from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 9.

The public is invited to watch the meeting via Zoom or by dialing (312) 626-6799. The meeting ID is 818 3007 9040.

The DNR and County Deer Advisory Council members will also discuss disease surveillance options in response to the detection of CWD in Vilas County. Each county in Wisconsin has a County Deer Advisory Council that provides input and recommendations to the DNR on deer management within their county.

Councils work with local DNR staff to schedule meetings, provide community outreach and an opportunity for public input, review population data and deer impacts on forests and agriculture, develop 3-year recommendations on county population objectives and create annual antlerless harvest quotas.

The DNR will provide information about the results of recent local CWD testing efforts and discuss sampling goals for the coming season. The public is invited to provide remarks during the meeting's public comment period.

In December, a three-year-old buck tested positive for CWD in the town of Lincoln in Vilas County. The DNR



The DNR will discuss disease surveillance options at its virtual meeting Feb. 9. This comes after CWD was discovered last fall in a Vilas County deer. —STAFF PHOTO

sampled additional deer in the area to better understand the prevalence and distribution of the disease in Vilas County. This is the first confirmed wild positive case of CWD in Vilas County.

As required by state law, the DNR enacts three-year baiting and feeding bans in counties where CWD has been detected and two-year bans in adjoining counties that lie within 10 miles of a CWD detection.

Following state law, the DNR will renew a three-year baiting and feeding ban in Vilas County as well as a two-year ban in Forest County, as the deer was harvested within 10 miles of the county line. Oneida County is also within 10 miles of the Vilas positive harvest location, but is already under a longer three-year baiting and feeding ban due to a positive CWD detection at a

game farm there earlier this year.

Chronic wasting disease is a fatal, infectious nervous system disease of deer, moose, elk and reindeer/caribou. The Wisconsin DNR began monitoring the state's wild white-tailed deer population for chronic wasting disease in 1999. The first positives were found in 2002.

### Virtual response plan

Also on the schedule is a virtual CWD Response Plan Committee meeting this Thursday, Feb. 3, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The public is invited to watch live on the DNR's YouTube channel. There is no registration required to attend, and a recording of the meeting will be posted to the DNR website.

The DNR's 15-year CWD Response Plan, in effect

through 2025, helps guide the department's approach to addressing CWD in Wisconsin. The plan was developed to fulfill its public trust responsibility to manage wildlife and ensure the health of Wisconsin's wildlife populations. As part of the plan's implementation, the department will review progress toward meeting its goals and objectives every five years.

The committee is comprised of a group of stakeholders representing conservation, business and hunting organizations and tribal governments. During its meetings, the committee will develop input on the plan's implementation and actions to consider as it completes this second five-year review.

More information on chronic wasting disease is available at [dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/wildlife/habitat/cwd.html](http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/wildlife/habitat/cwd.html).

## Fishing with the Guides

By George Langley



## Cold weather slows fishing, somewhat

This recent cold weather has slowed fishing down some, all except those anglers with shacks and portable heaters. Cold weather is expected this time of year, but also that in February we'll get paid back by getting some really nice weather; we hope. To this point we've had a good ice fishing season. It will be very interesting to see what the late winter and spring conditions bring us. That late ice can be a gamble, but the fishing can be the best of the year.

Over the weekend, we certainly saw a great number of anglers out on the ice. The walleye fishing in the evenings has been good, with some nice "fishy" runs on most evenings if you are in the right place. Catfish and Yellow Birch have been producing nicely. The usual techniques of tip-ups with medium shiners is the preferred manner, but some guys go with sucker minnows. On many of the midsized lakes there has been very good northern pike action. These fish prefer large minnows, so most guys will take large shiners for them. Lakes such as Boot, Muskellunge, Pickerel, Anvil and Pioneer are all producing midsized fish. For larger northers we suggest Franklin and Dam lakes.

The panfish season hasn't been quite as "hot" as it was last year, but we've still had some nice action reported. Both ends of the Chain, specifically the holes have been the most productive areas, using either tip downs dressed with minnows or just jigging with vertical jigs tipped with waxies. Bluegill action has as usual been good in the weeds with waxies or spikes and the red spikes have been very popular. You'll get perch in the weeds and deeper water. Generally, you'll find larger perch out in the holes acting like small walleye.

Ice conditions are still far above-average with plenty of ice for motorized equipment and limited slush. We have a month of game fishing season left. After it closes down up here, anglers start thinking about river-walleye fishing a little south of here. There is always something to look forward to, but don't forget about that absolute great crappie last ice fishing up here.

Good luck and good fishin'.

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## OPINION/COMMENTARY



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### Our View

#### Weather, waning Covid revive two major events

Improved weather conditions and a waning pandemic are credited with bringing back two major winter events that were canceled a year ago — the 41st anniversary Three Bear Sled Dog Races in Land O' Lakes and Hiller's Radar Run in St. Germain.

The sled dog races were canceled last year due to both the pandemic and a lack of snow. The radar run was canceled two years in a row due to ice conditions and Covid.

It doesn't happen often in the North Woods but a year ago, snowmobile clubs didn't groom a trail until early February due to poor snow conditions. That's not the case this year, though organizers say it still took special grooming care from the Land O' Lakes Frosty Snowmobile Club and volunteer Brian Krause to prepare the ideal sled dog course.

In St. Germain, the ice condition problems included too much slush one year and not enough ice another year for the incredible amount of vehicles, trailers, drag strips and staging areas that are needed on West Bay of Little St. Germain Lake.

Conditions this year are excellent and when you add in the pent-up demand for the event after missing two years, radar run officials are expecting record entries and thousands of spectators.

One of the spectator highlights is the Knocker's Pizza Company Bikini Run on Saturday afternoon, where a host of ladies will be braving the winter chill in bikinis to race and raise money for breast cancer patients in Wisconsin.

The Land O' Lakes event will include sled dog racing on Saturday and Sunday in several classes along with free ice skating, a bonfire, Kids Mutt races and a Musher's Ball Saturday evening at Gateway Lodge.

These community events, organized by nonprofit groups, are key to winter tourism and the economic health of the North Woods. We encourage our readers to not only support these groups, but to get out and enjoy winter.

#### Slow down, ride sober

With the fifth snowmobile-related death of the new season reported in Vilas County last Friday, it's time to repeat the urgings of state officials — slow down and ride sober.

The concern is that there were 13 snowmobile fatalities in Wisconsin last winter in a season that lasted less than a month due to lack of snow. And this season, with great conditions, we already have five fatalities.

Because the well-groomed trail systems utilize private lands, we also urge sledders to stay on the marked trails.

#### Behind the editorial 'we'

Members of the Vilas County News-Review editorial board include Publisher Kurt Krueger, News Editor Michelle Drew, Assistant Editor Eric Johnson and reporter Doug Etten.

### Life is good when you are golfing

WHAT STOPS GOLFERS from giving up the game? Some people would say the answer is a short memory, but for many others the answer is a good drive on the 18th hole of the last round of the season has stopped many a golfer from giving up the game.

Yes, it's still winter, but many men and women can't wait until spring arrives. The grass turns green and the local golf course managers put out the open sign. Scott Soder passed along the following morning thoughts on golf. Maybe it's time to head south for a week of practice rounds.

Golf balls are like eggs. They're white, sold by the dozen and a week later, you have to buy more.

The pro shop gets its name from the fact that you must have the income of a professional golfer to buy anything there.

It's amazing how a golfer

#### People Make the Difference

By Byron McNutt



who never helps with house or yard work will replace his divots, repair his ball marks and rake his sand traps.

Did you ever notice that it's a lot easier to get up at 6 a.m. to play golf than at 10 a.m. to mow the yard or go to church?

It takes longer to become good at golf than it does brain surgery. On the other hand, you seldom get to ride around in a cart, drink beer and eat hot dogs while performing brain surgery.

A good golf partner is one who's slightly worse than you and has perfect eyesight for following the ball flight.

Never wash your ball on the tee of a water hole. Why

is the rake always in the other trap?

If there's a storm rolling in, you'll be having the game of your life.

If your opponent has trouble remembering whether he shot a six or seven, he probably shot an eight.

Golf appeals to the child in all of us. This is proven by our frequent inability to count past the number five.

It's easy to keep your ball in the fairway, if you don't care which fairway.

If profanity had any influence on the flight of a ball, most everyone would play better.

The greatest sound in golf is the "whoosh" of your

opponent's club as he hurls it across the fairway.

A recent survey showed that of all jobs, caddies live the longest. They get plenty of fresh air and exercise, and if there's ever a medical emergency, a doctor is always nearby.

The best wood for lowering your score is a pencil with an eraser. Many golfers also make frequent use of the foot wedge.

You may need lessons if you had to regrip your ball retriever, ever.

It's difficult to decide which is more stressful, hitting three off the tee or lining up your fourth putt.

With practice and strength training you can easily get more distance off the shank.

The only sure way to get a par is to leave a 4-foot birdie putt 2 inches from the hole.

Nothing straightens out a nasty slice like a sharp dogleg to the right. Nothing is more

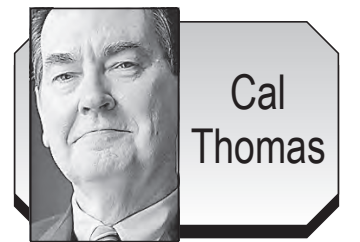
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#### Ice castle still draws a crowd

The many man hours put in by volunteers and members of the Eagle River Area Fire Department have paid off in spades at the Eagle River Ice Castle. Visitors flock from near and far to visit the famed structure which is even more popular this year after being on hiatus for the last few winters. This is the first time the castle has been erected since 2018.

—Photo By Gary Ridderbusch



#### Leader McConnell responds to Biden

THE ART OF deconstructing an argument by refutation and holding a person accountable for previous statements that the person now contradicts was once an honored tradition. It has now mostly gone the way of other traditions in favor of sound bite statements formulated in political party meetings and used to confuse the public.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Kentucky) unpacked this once great technique when he responded to some of President Joe Biden's outlandish claims over his first year in office that included his inaugural address and remarks made at his news conference last week and in an Atlanta, Ga., speech about minority voting rights.

McConnell said the Biden on display at these events was not the Biden he has known for decades. Anyone who has known or observed Biden during his 50 years in politics would have to agree.

McConnell began his Senate floor speech by recalling Biden's promise in his inaugural address to unite the nation. Instead, said McConnell "that very same man delivered a deliberately divisive speech that was designed to pull our country further apart."

One year ago, said McConnell, Biden said "we should not see ourselves as adversaries, but as neighbors." Now, he calls millions of Americans his domestic enemies.

McConnell noted a year ago the president called for lowering the rhetorical temperature, but now says "if you disagree with him, you're George Wallace. If you don't pass the laws he wants, you're Bull Connor. And if you oppose giving Democrats . . . one-party control of the country, well, you're Jefferson Davis." He might have mentioned that these, as well as many other elected officials who opposed

To THOMAS, Pg. 13B

### Time keeps flying on by

THE PERSON WHO coined the term "time flies" knew what he or she was talking about.

Yesterday, the sun was shining, it was 80 degrees and I was drifting my fishing kayak around a tiny north Wisconsin lake with fishing pole in hand.

As I paddled with just a ripple of gentle wavelets barely wiggling the kayak, I was casting a soft plastic lure on the end of my line catching largemouth bass after bass.

The next thing I knew, I was slogging through 50 yards of cattails surrounding my favorite North Dakota slough to set up with a few decoys for an afternoon of trying to bring a mallard or two back to the little white house on the prairie for supper.

Then, as if it were only a day or two later, the dawn of a new day saw me sitting on a swivel chair, surrounded by a piece of north Wisconsin deer



#### Trails & Tales By Will Maines

woods where an eight-pointer walked into my sights the last time I hunted that particular spot. That buck did not walk away.

During last year's opening day of deer season, actually during the entire season, every deer I saw, which weren't many, walked away while I waved a friendly good bye.

Fast forward to today and more than six weeks of cross-country ski season has slipped away from me. I'm better off in my preparations for the American Birkebeiner's Kortelopet 29-kilometer ski race Feb. 25 than I was at this stage of winter last year, but I have a long way to go

and not enough days to get to the fitness stage I want to be in. Time is flying by a little too quickly.

Sometimes, grooming ski trails gets in the way. Sometimes, it's days that struggle to reach the top side of zero on the thermometer that keeps me in the house with dogs curled up on both sides of me on the couch. Whatever the cause, I am only about half-ready for this year's race.

The Birkebeiner and Kortelopet have been a part of my life since 1984. Twenty Birbies are down and this year will mark my seventh Kortelopet finish. Who knows how many more will follow, but I expect there will be several. Time flies.

A couple weeks ago, I found something else I need to start preparing for. A little white card came in the mail telling me I have drawn the second week of the Wisconsin turkey season this spring as

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## OPINION/COMMENTARY

### Lack of bipartisanship regrettable in politics

Letter to the Editor:

The collapse of bipartisanship is a regrettable reality in American politics today. While explanations abound — the internet, campaign financing, economic inequality, racism, political toadyism — and may have validity, these “macro” maladies may not be the entire story.

Behind these factors lie our own attitudes and perspectives, traits that help define our own character and outlook. Call them “micro” matters that either contribute to political divisions or can be used as points where meaningful discussion can lessen them.

Consider the current failure of Congress to adopt significant climate legislation. Those arguing for carbon taxes, clean energy subsidies, or green infrastructure, have placed their trust in science (including economics), and the knowledge and guidance it offers. Those opposing such actions fall back on their trust

in the “magic of the market,” the power of unfettered capitalism to solve the very problems it creates. Science or ideology? Where is our argument grounded?

Additionally, those advocating strong climate legislation know that only a short time remains to avert future catastrophic events. Those obstructing this legislation often exhibit a “What me worry?” attitude. The former are able to see beyond their own personal and immediate interests. The latter are, in technical language, heavily discounting future benefits (and costs avoided) relative to perceived current costs.

Finally, how do we relate to others having different views? Call it our temperament with a scale indicating degrees of tolerance and intolerance. I’d argue that the more open or tolerant we are to accepting new evidence, models, and policies — particularly those running counter to our own

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### Plowing snow routes to bare asphalt runs riders from area

Letter to the Editor:

I find it hard to believe that “The Snowmobile Capital of the World” cannot leave a 4-foot wide trail of snow on a marked trail.

I am talking a route that gets you to motels, gas stations, restaurants and the famous ice castle. Plowing these routes down to bare asphalt will run riders away from the area.

We rode 400 miles last week in the area and this 300-yard area south of High-

way 70 across the back of many businesses was the only riding that was not great all week. I would think the businesses, town and club would want to work together to keep the distinction of Snowmobile Capital of the World.

I have ridden in the area for 30 years and never seen this stretch plowed and sanded so much. Please everyone get together and help this before it is too late.

John Sarber  
 Kokomo, Ind.

### McNutt

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frustrating than a slice on a dogleg to the left.

As many golfers have found, no matter how badly you are playing, it’s always possible to get worse.

It is almost impossible to remember how tragic a place this world is when one is

playing golf.

Golf is like life. You can get bad breaks from good shots; you can get good breaks from bad shots.

Golf is a test of character. There are times when you must journey into a wooded area searching for your ball with the knowledge that only God is watching you and you play the shot exactly where you find it.

### Maines

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my time to hunt.

At my age I seldom find myself wishing time would pass too quickly, but in the case of turkey season it can never run too fast.

In my case, at least this year, I’ll be getting in some early practice on Tennessee John’s gobblers in Tennessee. Last week, he posted a dozen pictures to me of about 30 turkeys roaming around his hunting property in eastern Tennessee. It seemed like every other bird was dragging a long beard along.

To a confirmed turkey addict like me, pictures like that can leave you with your tongue hanging out and your

eyes wide; mine were. Time, hurry up and pass.

After that trip, my season up here will come along at warp speed. If I’m not tired of chasing gobblers after that season, you will likely, make that certainly, find me trying to bring yet another gobbler home from a trip to Thorp where a good friend hopefully has at least one extra bird for me to call in. Time can’t pass fast enough.

Pass it will and after my Thorp hunt, I’ll get home just in time to get either the kayak or my Old Town in the water to chase bluegills, perch, northern pike and walleyes around in this neck of the woods.

The truth is, I much prefer bluegills, perch and northern pike for eating, with pike being perhaps the

finest eating fish to be found in north Wisconsin, but hey, a little walleye variety in the bag is always a good thing.

As time inexorably flies by, spring will prove to be a fleeting thing and then, it will fly right into the summer months. Understand, I consider all of June a summer month, except when we get a night or two of frost the first week or so. That said, late May and early June will mark the beginning of camping season for my lovely wife and me.

In the case of a trip to the sacred waters of the Brule, Namekagon and White rivers for trout, along with some time catching bluegills on a Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest lake that has become my go-to lake

for a mid-May fish fry, time between now and then can’t fly fast enough.

Practically every day all summer, I have two canine dependents who would look quite unfavorably upon me if I didn’t have them out for a walk on backwoods trails and logging roads. Just when I get used to the routine of that, time will fly some more and the time for fishing hidden little lakes; roaming the woods with dogs; and camping here, there and everywhere will fly past.

The way I picture it, with a little luck, time will continue to fly by for quite a few years more, at least until I’m 89 so I can break the record of being the oldest skier to ever complete the 54-kilometer Birkebeiner. Tick-tock, tick-tock.



### Multi-use recreational trails should exclude motorized uses

Letter to the Editor:

Vilas County is pursuing creation of multi-use recreational trails and/or repurposing existing trails as multi-use trails. This sounds admirable. Why not offer the use of all recreational trails to everyone?

That philosophy was, in fact, behind the Vilas County Forestry, Recreation and Land Committee’s recent decision to not sponsor transportation alternative program

(TAP) grant funding of the proposed Honey Bear bridge. Even though the TAP grant would potentially provide 80% of the money for the bridge, the committee preferred recreational trails program (RTP) grant approach which would only provide up to 50% of the funding because the RTP grant would allow ATVs and UTVs to use the bridge, while TAP funding would allow only snowmobiles and non-motorized use.

Committee chair Holly Tomlanovich, and county board chair Ron DeBruyne both said that the bridge must be multi-use (so ATVs/UTVs could use it).

At this point I need to make a small point. If you do an internet search for the defi-

inition of multi-use trail, you will find that almost all definitions exclude motorized uses. So just about everyone feels that multi-use recreational trails need to exclude motorized uses.

The most frequent exception is during the winter when there are far fewer opportunities for conflict and snowmobiles may be allowed on multi-use trails. The clearest explanation I have seen for this is contained in the DNR’s Wisconsin State Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) report for 2005-2010 which states, “ATV riding is incompatible with every other land based activity but snowmobiling.”

What this means in practice is that if you allow ATVs

on a trail, you are likely to drive away a very large percentage of all other users. To put it another way, if you put ATVs on a multi-use trail, it will no longer be truly multi-use. This is not to say that ATVs are bad, they are just incompatible with most other uses.

Compare this to speed skating, hockey and figure skating. These are all sports carried out on an ice rink. An ice rink designed solely for speed skating will be somewhat different than one designed with only figure skating or hockey in mind. Any of them can be performed on the same rink with some accommodations, but if you tried to have all three

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## WHAT OTHERS SAY

### Ruling allows use of ballot drop boxes

BY CHRIS WALLOCH

Last week, a panel of judges stood behind Wisconsinites and decided that every one of us deserves the freedom to safely cast a ballot. Three judges representing the 4th District Circuit Court of Appeals blocked a prior ruling out of Waukesha that would have banned the use of ballot drop boxes ahead of the Feb. 15 primary election.

The now-halted Waukesha decision, made by conservative Circuit Court Judge Michael Bohren in early January, would have allowed voters to cast their ballot via drop box only if the box was located inside a clerk’s office, which might be a slight inconvenience for some, but severely disruptive for thousands of other voters.

Covid is still rapidly

spreading across our communities. We’re in the midst of a freezing, icy Wisconsin winter. For voters whose health is at risk and those with mobility challenges, this means that casting their vote in a drop box close to home could be their safest, and sometimes only, option. Thankfully, the Court of Appeals ruling will make sure they have that option this February.

Many Wisconsinites with disabilities rely on voting absentee, whether in the mail or via drop box, due to ableist barriers that restrict their ability to vote in-person. Some might even rely on a caretaker or loved one to deliver the ballot on their behalf.

In a time filled with so much uncertainty, Bohren’s ruling would have made the voting process that much more difficult to navigate, in turn disenfranchising thousands of Wisconsin

voters in the primary.

Voter suppression is an issue not unique to the Badger state. But here in Wisconsin, some right-wing politicians have proven eager to perpetuate rulings, like Bohren’s, that threaten our fundamental freedom to vote.

Like Rebecca Kleefisch, former lieutenant governor under Scott Walker and current gubernatorial candidate, who voted absentee in 2020 by marking herself indefinitely confined, but now wants to remove that option for other Wisconsin voters.

So while the Court of Appeals’ decision this week is a step in the right direction, the road to end voter disenfranchisement and ensure that every Wisconsinite can freely and safely cast a ballot that counts still stretches on.

The Court of Appeals  
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### Thomas

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civil rights legislation, were Southern Democrats and that it was mostly Republicans, beginning with Abraham Lincoln, who supported racial equality.

McConnell went on to recall that Biden has said disagreement must not lead to disunion, but then “invoked the bloody disunion of the Civil War to demonize Americans who disagree with him. He compared a bipartisan majority of senators to literal traitors. How profoundly unpresidential.”

McConnell said he has “known, liked and personally respected Biden for many years. I did not recognize the man at (his news conference).”

The president acts as if he has a mandate for all the

far-left policies he has been pushing, but McConnell noted the 50-50 Senate and the bare majority Democrats hold in the House the narrowest majorities in more than a century and that “he did not get a mandate to transform America or reshape society.”

McConnell said the president did get a mandate to do one thing: bridge the political divide, lower the temperature and end “the perpetual era of crisis in our politics.” He has done the opposite.

He called Biden’s “rant . . . incoherent, incorrect and beneath his office.”

The president again mentioned “Jim Crow 2.0” to assert Republicans are attempting to make it more difficult for minorities to vote, which is untrue. As McConnell noted there are more ways for people to vote in Georgia than Biden’s state

of Delaware. Jim Crow laws, it should be noted, also were created by Democrats; a fact the major media regularly ignores.

There is much more in his remarks.

Too many of today’s “journalists” sound like skills for the Democratic Party, crafting their questions and writing their stories as if they are channeling that party’s talking points and worldview.

McConnell did their job for them in his deconstruction of recent remarks by the president. Polls show Biden voters are expressing buyer’s remorse. They can be expected to reverse course in November.

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## READER OPINION

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past ideas — the more likely we are to find common solutions to problems facing us. The word for this is pragmatism — see what works and do it! Alternatively, the more intolerant we are of others and differing views, the less likely we are to find commonality with anyone outside our comfortable but insular group.

Greater awareness of our own “three Ts” — trust, timeframe and temperament — will not in itself guarantee consensus. Yet it does, I believe, make explicit where our differences with others may lie and opportunities for finding commonality may exist. It also may clarify the kind of individuals we wish

to represent us in Washington and Madison.

Where do they put their trust, how broad is their timeframe and constituency, how open and tolerant are they to opposing arguments?

It's often said that politics is the art of the possible. In a democracy as large and diverse as ours, this requires electing individuals to legislative bodies who appreciate the importance of meaningful dialog, fair compromise, and who stand united in addressing common problems. Failing this, we should no longer expect our country to function or survive as a democracy.

Robert Schlack  
Bayfield

Letter to the Editor:

Residents and taxpayers of Land O' Lakes need to wake up and stop the ridiculous urban push of the Land O' Lakes Community Playground (LOLCP).

LOLCP Inc. boasts in their Nov. 18 update that they are now officially a 501(c)(3). The group has set forth with the flawed concept that Land O' Lakes lacks a sufficient playground and need lots of money to fix that “problem.”

The urban push reflects clearly in the LOLCP website — notably the Aug. 6 to Sept. 4 statement titled Hello! where they say “Playgrounds. How many of us spent a good chunk of our childhood on the playground? At recess, in the neighborhood, in the backyard — anywhere we could find them.”

As a person who grew up in Land O' Lakes I can assure you most of us spent a huge chunk of our childhood in the woods, lakes, on our bikes with no bike trails. We spent time with our parents learning how to hunt, fish and snowmobile, dirt bike, fix broken things, cook food, bake cookies, and sew buttons on our own shirts.

We learned that taxpayers paid for our education and our playground equipment at school. We got to play on that

playground as you mentioned at recess but we also got to play there after school and on summer break. Why and when did that change?

The group's website misleads when it states “Land O' Lakes does have playground equipment,” but completely fails to mention or acknowledge the beautiful playground at the Land O' Lakes Lakes Elementary school in its list of playgrounds. The school playground is age-appropriate and accessible as required by law and located less than a quarter mile from their proposed site.

Tell me why were tax dollars collected as well as local fundraising spent just to lock out children and residents from the elementary school playground? Northland Pines likes to join the community by allowing pickleball and other activities to take place on school property, but locks kids out of the playground.

Even more amazing is that the LOLCP Advisory Committee includes paid employees from Northland Pines Elementary School and SOAR Middle School.

The clear truth of the matter is that Land O' Lakes has a beautiful, age-appropriate playground, however, playgrounds do not replace parents. Spending time with our

children, helping them learn and grow, teaching them to play hard and use their free time to grow their strengths and talents is what makes healthy individuals.

Activities of swimming, golfing, tennis, basketball, baseball, walking and hiking and a playground, all exist in the downtown district already.

So let's stop bringing this flawed urban mentality to our beautiful little town. That money fixes problems that do

not exist. Perhaps allowing kids to play at the Northland Pines Elementary School playground would be a less costly solution to the problem that the LOLCP wants Land O' Lakes residents and town board members to believe exists.

Building a public playground next to another fenced in public playground seems like urban waste to me.

Teresa Dorn  
Land O' Lakes

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at the same time, they would be incompatible. The results could well be disastrous and no sports adherents would be happy with the experience.

Similarly, ATV/UTV riding can occur on the same trail at the same time as other activities, but the experience would not be positive for most of the participants, and it is highly unlikely that they would travel any distance to repeat the experience. If the trail is paved, as is best for bicyclists, skateboarders, in-line skaters and hikers, it is sub-optimal for ATVs. If the trail has an opportunity for ATV riders to enjoy “mudding,” it will be all but unusable for any of the others.

The lesson is that if you are interested in attracting tourists, do not put ATVs/UTVs on the same trail as others. If Vilas County wants

to attract the most tourists, Ms. Tomlanovich and Mr. DeBruyne need to think of multi-use trails as almost everyone else does — trails that allow multiple non-motorized uses. Motorized trails are also beneficial, but only when in different areas than the non-motorized trails.

Steve Halverson  
Boulder Junction

### *Ballots:* Drop box use protected for now

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ruling will protect drop box access through the February primary, but it's still possible that our access to drop boxes could be gutted ahead of the election in April.

Politicians like Kleefisch, with the help of judges like Bohren, are attacking our freedom to vote and working to sabotage our elections.

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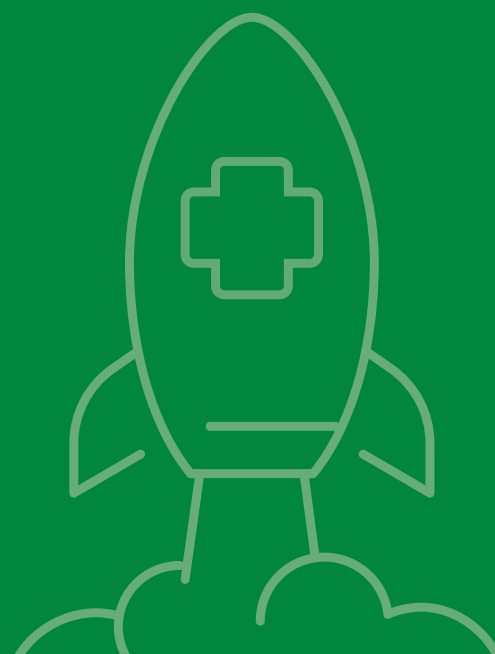
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