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Derby again draws thousands to area

Community relations important to event

By NEWS-REVIEW STAFF

Another World Championship Snowmobile Derby and Vintage Championship is in the books, and organizers, volunteers and attendees all agreed that following both weekends of events, each had its shining moments.

The 59th annual World Championship Snowmobile Derby took place Jan. 13-16 in Eagle River as racers and fans from across the country gathered for the 59th annual event. The culmination of the weekend came Sunday when Jay Mittelstaedt of La Valle, Wis. took home the prized title of world champion as he hoisted the SnowGoer Cup with his teammates and family.

"It's overwhelming as we sit here Monday following the

events, looking back at how it all unfolded," said World Championship Derby Complex (WCDC) General Manager Dan Peck.

"We had a lot of relationships this year that again were important. Working with the city, the fire and police department and the school district. They were all so helpful. Then with the Great Lakes Medical Service. The director said it was his most favorite race he's ever been to. He couldn't say enough about the measures we put forth to help make things safe," said Peck.

Despite a cold start to Friday Night Thunder, fans packed the stands and braved

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The hillside along the famed World Championship Derby Complex ice oval was again littered with spectators as the annual event

drew thousands of race fans and winter tourists to the North Woods over the course of two weeks. —STAFF PHOTOS

Mittelstaedt captures world title at 59th Derby Championships

By DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

After years of trying aboard a 440-Champ sled, the change to Formula-III was an opportunity once again for Jay Mittelstaedt of Laval, Wis., as the veteran racer was crowned World Champion after leading the final 22 laps of the World Championship Snowmobile Derby at the famed ice oval in Eagle River.

"Our goal coming in to this weekend was to just get a ring, just get into the big show," said Mittelstaedt. "We never really in our wildest imagination thought we could put it on the front step here. Just amazing, that's all I can say. I honestly just cannot believe it."

Mittelstaedt outlasted a late-race charge from pre-race favorite Gunnar Sterne of West Chicago who would finish in the runner-up spot. Following Sterne and filling out the podium was Jake Gerow of Osceola. Full results were not available as of press time.

Before the race even started, one of the top contenders was nixed from the field as a fuel pressure issue on the No. 102 Wahl Bros., Polaris meant the drive for a fifth straight World Championship was gone for



2022 Eagle River Snowmobile Derby Queen Olivia Terizzi presents the SnowGoer Cup to the 59th World Championship race winner Jay Mittelstaedt of La Valle, Wis.

Blaine Stephenson of St. Cloud, Minn. Stephenson had issues with the snowmobile as he pulled to the front stretch for pre-race ceremonies, and then as he worked along the backstretch to make final preparations, seemed to have things fixed as he met with

the rest of the field at the start line for the drop of the green flag.

Then, as flagman Jason "Rico" Borrero signaled for the start of the race, Stephenson jumped up from his sled in an attempt to restart it, only to move about 100 feet down the

front stretch causing the red flag to come out without even one lap in the books.

As a crowd of thousands looked on from the banks and hot seats, Stephenson's numerous attempts to get the snowmobile started failed, meaning that without getting it to the paddock area his team was unable to help according to rules, which dropped the pre-race favorite from the field before one lap had even been run.

Teammate Tom Olson of Lodi, Wisc., was also one of the fast sleds coming into the race, but the inability to corner following the early laps left him behind the field midway through the race, allowing Mittelstaedt alone out front contend-



Gunnar Sterne (left) surgest just ahead of Jay Mittelstaedt as the two drivers drag race down the backstretch during Sunday's title race. Mittelstaedt would hold the lead.

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Sterne picks up second-straight Friday night win

By DOUG ETTEN
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One of the most successful drivers in Eagle River history was atop a familiar podium again Friday evening as West Chicago, Ill., driver Gunnar Sterne piloted his No. 220 Ski-Doo to victory lane in the World Championship Derby Complex (WCDC) Sweet 16 event, culminating a lengthy Friday Night Thunder spectacular at the WCDC.

"It's nice to get the back-to-back win in the Friday night race," Sterne said following the race, which didn't get underway at the Derby Complex until nearly 11:30 p.m. "It was a long night, but being able to stay focused and cap it with a win makes all the laps worth it."

The Formula-III win secured a front-row starting

position in Sunday's World Championship for Sterne, the one race title at Eagle River that has still evaded one of the all-time winningest drivers in ice oval racing history.

Following Sterne to the finish line during the 16-lap feature was an upstart Calvin Cook of Dayton, Minn. The 19-year-old racer who has come up though oval racing's support classes was fast all day Friday, and showed his persistence late in the event as he passed a fading Blaine Stephenson, who settled for third and looked visibly tired following what was a long night of racing for many drivers who pulled both Formula-III and Pro Champ 440 sleds to

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ROYALTY —Three Lakes Ice Queen Kallie Volk and Derby Queen Olivia reign over the ceremonies.

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. 11	24	-22	None	Mon., Jan. 11	27	17	Frz.R
Wed., Jan. 12	26	20	None	Tues., Jan. 12	28	23	None
Thurs., Jan. 13	28	11	Tr. S	Wed., Jan. 13	36	10	None
Fri., Jan. 14	12	4	0.6"S	Thurs., Jan. 14	32	8	None
Sat., Jan. 15	15	-9	None	Fri., Jan. 15	34	32	0.8"S
Sun., Jan. 16	18	2	None	Sat., Jan. 16	32	23	0.8"S
Mon., Jan. 17	23	13	0.8"S	Sun., Jan. 17	24	19	0.2"S

LAST YEAR The average daily high at this time last year for the next seven days was 21, while the average overnight low was 2. There was snow on four days totaling 4.5 inches.

COMPARISON Days precipitation recorded since Jan. 1, 2022, 8 days; 2021, 5 days. Average high of past 30 days, 2021-22, 20; 2020-21, 27. Average low of past 30 days, 2021-22, 1; 2020-21, 13.

SNOW CONDITIONS Snowmobile trails in the North Woods range from fair to excellent condition, depending on locale. Visit travelwisconsin.com, vilaswi.com or local club websites for updates.

	'20-'21	'21-'22
Snowy days	33	37
Inches to date	27"	41.15"
Ground cover	4"S	10"S

STREAMS AND LAKES Anglers have been reporting an average ice thickness of 10 inches on Vilas County lakes. As always, take extreme caution whenever on ice.

FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK

Wednesday: Mostly Cloudy. High: 8° Low: -10°
Thursday: Mainly Sunny. High: 5° Low: -17°
Friday: Partly Sunny. High: 11° Low: 7°
Saturday: Mostly cloudy. High: 17° Low: 2°
Sunday: Partly Cloudy. High: 10° Low: -7°

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

DERBY

Derby: volunteers make it work

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the temperatures that ended up hovering around zero degrees. Saturday was cold but sunny, and Sunday saw temperatures in the mid-teens for most of the day.

Peck said that everything ran about as smoothly as they could hope for.

"We identified what was sort of a weak link on the Friday leading into Vintage weekend which helped the World Championship weekend run much more smoothly. We had a lot of positive feedback on the parking, ticketing, concessions."

Peck said that volunteers, once again, made the event what it was. That together with sponsors, both area sponsors and an influx of nation-wide brands such as Polaris who wrote a \$5,000 check for the World Championship purse this year, made the 59th championships one for the record books.

"We had over 110 volunteers working across both weekends, and their dedication to the history of this event in the Snowmobile Capital of the World is what makes this whole thing work so well," said Peck. "To see them show up every day, put their gloves on and go to work is something special. We owe them the most thanks of anyone."

The final weekend saw thousands of spectators at the Derby Complex, most notably Friday night with sold-out hot seats and corporate suites to go along with hundreds more who braved the cold temperatures outside on the banks of the ice oval. Peck said that with the next event just weeks away, crews on the track were busy already Sunday night prepping the ice and getting things in order for the World Series of Snowmobile Racing set Feb. 5-6.

"We've already established the date for the 60th anniversary event with special logo and merchandise to highlight the event," said Peck. "We're already working with the



Large crowds surrounded the famous ice oval despite temperatures hanging out in the mid-teens for much of the event. —STAFF PHOTO

Formula III class to have the largest purse ever in the history of the World Championship event."

Booming business

Kim Emerson, executive director of the Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center, remarked that trails in the area and restaurants were both full throughout the weekend.

"People were definitely up here using our lodging, gas stations, eating out at our restaurants, and at the grocery stores. The Derby is always a great economic impact, especially when snowmobile trails are open as well," she said.

The Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club of Eagle River was on site all weekend selling concessions and raffle tickets

at the Derby Expo Hall and a spokesperson for the club said that they saw the busiest-ever week of concessions.

"We sold over the course of two events a total of 2,249 burgers," said Peck. "That number just baffles me."

Between the number of people and the amount of food that was cooked, the Sno-Eagles said the numbers seemed up from previous years. The club also did well on ticket sales for its Groom to Ride raffle.

Mother Nature did not fully cooperate the week leading up to the championship leaving the track in semi rough shape for some of Saturday's races, but the watering truck was out Saturday night ahead of the main racing event to add additional ice to the track to

help smooth it out.

With more overall race entries than ever before according to WCDC Race Director Craig Marchbank, Peck said he received numerous positive comments regarding the ice surface and how it held up.

"Not only did they do a great job of keeping as much of the race surface as possible, and as smooth as possible, but they did so in as fast a pace as they've ever done it before," said Peck. "To think of the thousands and thousands of laps that were run on that track over the course of those two weekends is just amazing."

The date for the 60th annual World Championship event is set for Thursday through Sunday, Jan. 19-22, 2023.

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DERBY

Champion: following two early red flags, race runs clean

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ing with Sterne, a former Champ sled rival.

Sterne looked to be the sled to beat early on as he made an early pass on Mittelstaedt and led the race through the first six laps prior to Olson spinning in turn three which grouped the sleds up once more.

Following that, another red flag two laps later made for a staggered restart once more, but this time it was Mittelstaedt who won the race out of turn two, and though Sterne would pull ahead on the backstretch momentarily, the No. 297 machine who started fourth on the field put his Polaris snowmobile in front for good.

Sterne would pull to Mittelstaedt's rear flap once as the two looked to be in a

battle with the white flag lap approaching, but Sterne said he felt it best to hang back and not initiate any contact with the race leader in efforts to make a late-race pass.

"I don't want to win like that," said Sterne after the race. "I probably could have gotten into him and maybe pushed him out of the way, but I don't want to be that guy who causes a wreck. I've been on the other side of things there and it's not fun. If I had a clean opportunity I was going to take it, but it just never developed."

Mittelstaedt said that his newly-built machine, put together by Nick Dolezal of Eagle River, came off the area garage bench setup about as well as he could have imagined. Maybe even better.

"Nick built me one hell of a sled, and all week he said 'you

have the sled to win,'" said Mittelstaedt. "And we showed it all week. The team did such a good job of getting this sled setup on the bench for me this week. We were fast when we unloaded and just had it dialed somehow. It just worked."

"We didn't even have the sled running until Monday night. Hit the ice with it for the first time on Tuesday and I just couldn't believe it. Nick did such a great job of setting this thing up."

The key moment of the final came with the second and final restart, as Mittelstaedt was able to push ahead from the second position, and gain the lead which put him in control from there on out.

"We were ripping great hole shots all weekend, I just had to make sure to get the studs set good in the ice and don't jump. I knew if I got out in front and go on a good line it was going to be hard to pass. With so much dirt it was going to be hard for anyone to get a good drive on anything going in a corner. I knew someone would probably catch me, but I thought they'd have a hard time getting around me if I just held my line."

Mittelstaedt said once he was in front, he put his sled on cruise control though he joined the many other drivers who were losing carbides underneath their front end. Hoping to keep Sterne behind him, he knew a caution-free remainder of the race would work in his favor, also.

"I knew the 25 laps was going to be good for me, I just had to find a good line," he said. "So I just kept clicking them off, clicking them off. Then I saw the white flag and I knew Gunnar was right there, and I said to myself just don't screw anything up, hold your line and you'll bring it home. I still can't believe it."

Mittelstaedt said midway through the race his focus turned from coming into the corner hard to making sure he was on his line exiting before getting back into the throttle.

"I was working on driving it straight in and then try using the brake to rotate the sled and drive out, and I just kept doing it over and over again," said Mittelstaedt. "Then late in the race I found some fresh ice over in turn four down near the bottom which was able to give me a good drive coming into the front stretch."

Coming to Eagle River, Mittelstaedt said he wasn't sure what to expect. With Dolezal putting the finishing touches on the machine less than a week before the event, it meant not a lot of practice time for Mittelstaedt who's last time around the ice in Eagle River was a few years ago on a Champ-440 sled.

"If the sled didn't come off the bench the way it did, just dialed in from the get-go, we wouldn't be here right now," he said. "I know from experience just how important this race at this venue is for guys, so I know I am fortunate to be here in this position."

Sterne said after the race that though he was happy with the way his sled ran, he was perplexed and angry with a call early in the race that didn't allow for drivers to work on their sleds following the second red flag. Sterne was visibly frustrated on the back stretch after stopping his sled as race officials quickly beckoned the drivers back to the start line.

"They made a big deal in the meeting before the race that they were going to allow us to change carbides throughout the race, but (Craig Marchbank) just said it wasn't his call, so I don't know who's call it was," said Sterne. "If we were given the chance we probably would have made a change there. I think everyone probably would have. It just seems like if they make a call, they don't stand by it. I don't know, maybe it was a time thing."

Handling was a contentious



The annual tradition for drivers prior to the World Cup, a trophy holding the name of ever driver to ever win the title race. —STAFF PHOTOS



Jay Mittelstaedt tries to keep the front end of his sled on the ice as Gunnar Sterne negotiates the turn outside of him.

point when the switch from Champ-style chassis to the F-III factory sleds was made, and with difficult ice conditions having become the normal on Sunday at Eagle River, according to Sterne, it made for a difficult race in coming from behind.

"When I first started coming here dirt was a rare thing to see on Sunday, but now it seems to be more of the norm," said Sterne. "Maybe we would setup differently if we came back here again next year. About the only two changes they could give us is a bigger carbide or lesser laps. You can't make them any sharper."

Gerow commented after the race also, stating he felt like it didn't take long before the front end of his machine starting to get loose, citing loss of ice in turns as the main culprit.

"You run your carbides through the dirt even once and they're just gone," said Gerow. "I can't thank my guys though enough for all the work they put in on this weekend."

Following the top three, fourth place went to Matt Town of Kingsley, Mich., aboard his Ski-Doo. Dakota Harris of Morley, Mich., was fifth on a Polaris followed by Ben Langaas of Thief River Falls, Minn., on the only Arctic Cat in the race as he was sixth. Tom Olson of Lodi on his Wahl Bros., Polaris was seventh, the first driver a lap down. After that was all Polaris drivers beginning with Kevin Vermeersch of Akron, Mich., in eighth, Jake Beres of Milwaukee in ninth, Calvin Cook of Dayton, Minn., in 10th, Collin Henderson of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., in 11th and Stephenson who was the only sled to not finish the event.

Change to F-III

Following Sunday's championship race, many drivers commented on the positives of changing divisions from the Pro-Champ to Formula III, including the 2022 World Champion.

"I love this class. I think this is really going to open up some opportunity for more drivers to get into this type of racing, and be competitive right off the bat," said Mittelstaedt. "I really think this class has such a great ability to grow, we'll just have to see what next year brings."

While entries into this year's event were on par with the WC class in prior years, some of the drivers who still had snowmobiles at Eagle River for both divisions of racing decided against running the

Pro-Champ class final Sunday morning where Matt Goede would be the winner in the Pro-Champ class.

Of the 12 drivers who made it to the Sunday final, only four of them had raced for a World Championship in prior years, all aboard the 1997-model Pro-Champ machines.

Dewald Captures Pro-Enduro World Title

Following the completion of the Formula-III championship, the MIRA Pro-Enduro snowmobiles and teams took to the track for the 100-lap World Championship race.

The marathon event included a mandatory pit stop at lap 48 where teams are able to work on their sleds, fill with racing fuel and make adjustments prior to a full-field restart.

A familiar name to many in

the ice oval industry, Troy Dewald of Greenfield, Ind., came across the line first, outlasting the competition on his Arctic Cat machine to win the second annual event at Eagle River. Finishing in second place behind him was the No. 7 team headed by driver Luke Krentz of Hubbard Lake, Mich. He was also aboard an Arctic Cat.

Third place and final spot on the podium went to another Michigan-based driver and team as Cody Bauer of Farwell, Mich., came in with his No. 19 Polaris.

In total there were 16 teams who registered for the World Championship event which is part of the MIRA Racing Circuit headquartered in Michigan. None of the teams who competed Sunday for the Pro-Enduro circuit were from Wisconsin.



Blaine Stephenson makes the lonely walk back to the pits after his sled stalled on the front stretch before Sunday's final.

59th WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SNOWMOBILE DERBY

Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022

Eagle River, Wisconsin

FORMULA III 600 — 25-LAP FEATURE RACE

Place	Bib #	Driver	City/State	Machine
1st	297	Jay Mittelstaedt, La Valle, Wis.		Polaris
2nd	220	Gunnar Sterne, West Chicago, Ill.		Ski-Doo
3rd	72	Jake Gerow, Oscoda, Mich.		Polaris
4th	2	Matt Town, Kingsley, Mich.		Ski-Doo
5th	23H	Dakota Harris, Morley, Mich.		Polaris
6th	231	Benjamin Langaas, Thief River Falls, Minn.		Arctic Cat
7th	39	Thomas Olson, Lodi, Wis.		Polaris
8th	44	Kevin Vermeersch, Akron, Mich.		Polaris
9th	23	Jake Beres, Milwaukee, Wis.		Polaris
10th	75	Calvin Cook, Dayton, Minn.		Polaris
11th	13	Collin Henderson, Sault Ste Marie, Mich.		Polaris
12th	102	Blaine Stephenson, Hutchinson, Minn.		Polaris

The Champions

59-YEAR WORLD-TITLE RECORD

'64 STAN HAYES, Crandon, Wis.....	Polaris
'65 GEORGE GENSLER, Three Lakes, Wis.....	Evinrude
'66 STEVE AVE, Duluth, Minn.....	Ski-Doo
'67 DUANE FRANSDEN, Pembine, Wis.....	Ski-Doo
'68 STEVE AVE, Duluth, Minn.....	Ski-Doo
'69 ROGER JANSSSEN, Crookston, Minn.....	Arctic Cat
'70 YVON DUHAMEL, Valcourt, Quebec.....	Ski-Doo
'71 MIKE TRAPP, Woodruff, Wis.....	Yamaha
'72 MIKE TRAPP, Woodruff, Wis.....	Yamaha
'73 BOB EASTMAN, Roseau, Minn.....	Polaris
'74 GUILLES VILLENEUVE, Quebec.....	Alouette
'75 JIM BERNAT, Roseau, Minn.....	Polaris
'76 ED SCHUBITZKE, Duluth, Minn.....	Yamaha
'77 STEVE THORSEN, Fergus Falls, Minn.....	Polaris
'78 STEVE THORSEN, Fergus Falls, Minn.....	Polaris
'79 BOB ELSNER, New London, Wis.....	Arctic Cat
'80 JACQUES VILLENEUVE, Quebec.....	Ski-Doo
'81 BRAD HULINGS, Thief River, Minn.....	Scorpion
'82 JACQUES VILLENEUVE, Quebec.....	Ski-Doo
'83 BRAD HULINGS, Grand Rapids, Mich.....	Ski-Doo
'84 JIM DIMMERMAN, White Bear Lk., Minn.....	Phantom
'85 MICHEL GINGRAS, St. Gregoire, Quebec.....	Ski-Doo
'86 JACQUES VILLENEUVE, Quebec.....	Ski-Doo
'87 CHUCK DECKER, Eagle River, Wis.....	Ski-Doo
'88 BOBBY DONAHUE, Wis. Rapids, Wis.....	Ski-Doo
'89 BRUCE VESSAIR, Ontario.....	Ski-Doo
'90 DAVE WAHL, Greenbush, Minn.....	Wahl
'91 GREG GOODWIN, Zion, Ill.....	Ski-Doo
'92 GARY VESSAIR, Honey Harbour, Ontario.....	Ski-Doo
'93 AL FENHAUS, Wausau, Wis.....	Ski-Doo
'94 DALE LORITZ, Green Bay, Wis.....	Ski-Doo
'95 DALE LORITZ, Green Bay, Wis.....	Ski-Doo
'96 DAVE WAHL, Greenbush, Minn.....	Wahl
'97 DAVE WAHL, Greenbush, Minn.....	Ski-Doo
'98 TERRY WAHL, Greenbush, Minn.....	Ski-Doo
'99 MIKE HOULE, Wyoming, Minn.....	Ski-Doo
'00 MIKE HOULE, Wyoming, Minn.....	Ski-Doo
'01 JEREMY JOHNSTON, Arcoia, Sask.....	Ski-Doo
'02 P.J. WANDERSCHIED, Sauk Centre, Minn.....	Arctic Cat
'03 P.J. WANDERSCHIED, Sauk Centre, Minn.....	Arctic Cat
'04 LARRY DAY, Lyman, Maine.....	Arctic Cat
'05 GARY MOYLE, Houghton, Mich.....	Arctic Cat
'06 P.J. WANDERSCHIED, Sauk Centre, Minn.....	Arctic Cat
'07 GARY MOYLE, Houghton, Mich.....	Arctic Cat
'08 BRIAN BEWCYK, Winnipeg, Manitoba.....	Ski-Doo
'09 BRIAN BEWCYK, Winnipeg, Manitoba.....	Ski-Doo
'10 MATT SCHULZ, Wausau, Wis.....	Polaris
'11 P.J. WANDERSCHIED, Sauk Centre, Minn.....	Arctic Cat
'12 NICK VAN STRYDONK, Tomahawk, Wis.....	Polaris
'13 MALCOLM CHARTIER, Fair Haven, Mich.....	Ski-Doo
'14 MALCOLM CHARTIER, Fair Haven, Mich.....	Ski-Doo
'15 CARDELL POTTER, Camp Douglas, Wis.....	Ski-Doo
'16 MATT SCHULZ, Wausau, Wis.....	Ski-Doo
'17 NICK VAN STRYDONK, Tomahawk, Wis.....	Polaris
'18 BLAINE STEPHENSON, Hutchinson, Minn.....	Polaris
'19 BLAINE STEPHENSON, Hutchinson, Minn.....	Polaris
'20 BLAINE STEPHENSON, Hutchinson, Minn.....	Polaris
'21 BLAINE STEPHENSON, Hutchinson, Minn.....	Polaris
'22 JAY MITTLESTAEDT, La Valle, Wis.....	Polaris

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— ATTENTION —

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HEAD TO HEAD — Derby fans saw some of the best racing action the sport has to offer last weekend on Eagle River's famed half-mile oval. **Top:** It was a rolling start for the fast and furious Outlaw 600 class in the title race Sunday. **Below:** Formula III racers stick close coming out of Turn 4 during qualifications Saturday. **Lower Left:** The Wisconsin Kids Snowmobile Racing Association (WKSRA) ran races nonstop Saturday and Sunday on their own custom-made oval. **Left:** Racers in the F-500 Sport Class rifle through a turn side by side. —STAFF PHOTOS



Friday Night Thunder: Goede, Sterne take top places

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the famed ice oval.

The race began with a bang as long-time oval favorite Jay Middelstaedt of La Valle looked fast from the drop of the green flag, challenging both Stephenson and Sterne into turn one in an attempt to secure the hole-shot and \$500 in sponsorship products from Woody's Traction Equipment. Middelstaedt though put himself in a tight spot - Stephenson to his left and Sterne just off his right rear as they pushed up the track entering turn two. Middelstaedt shortly after disappeared in a cloud of snow dust only to thereafter reappear as he and his machine careened into the outside hay bales bringing a halt to the race before the opening lap. Middelstaedt, who through the years has had his share of scary moments at Eagle River, limped from the wreckage and with his snowmobile retired to the pits for the evening.

Off the restart it was the same suspects fighting for the lead going into the first lap with Stephenson nosing ahead of Cook, Sterne settling into third place.

It took just a couple of laps as the preferred high line around the third-mile banked ice oval proved it's worth for Sterne as he picked off Cook and next put Stephenson in his sights. Whether it was Stephenson losing ground, or Sterne gaining, the two favorites to win the 59th

World Championship were soon neck-and-neck, as Sterne though would prevail and take the lead just prior to the midway point. After negotiating a pack of about five lap-traffic sleds, it was smooth sailing for Sterne as Cook would come through in second followed by Stephenson.

Goede cashes in, again

No more than five days after Matt Goede raised his fifth World Championship trophy in the WCDC Vintage title race, the Mayer, Minn., based driver was blistering fast once more, driving his No. 28 Ski-Doo to victory in what was actually round two of the USSA Pro-Star Tour Series events held at Eagle River's Friday Night Thunder.

Running in what was previously the elite Pro Champ 440 World Championship class, Goede was in a world of his own as he shot into the first set of turns with the lead and never looked back, riding a comfortable line and negotiating a number of lap-traffic sleds on his way to a big pay day as Incredible Bank sweetened the pot with an additional \$5,000 in prize money for the Pro-Champ winner.

"I can't believe I held on for 15 laps because, when I did my warm-up lap going down the back straightaway going into turn three, I was already hitting the track, I knew I was way too low. I heard it hitting the whole time and I can't believe I was



Pro-Champ drivers, from left, Matt Goede and Gunnar Sterne meet near the pits area as Sterne reaches out to congratulate the

Minnesota-based driver on winning the USSA ProStar Tour event during Friday Night Thunder at the 59th annual Derby.

able to hold on," said Goede.

Following Goede to the checkered flag was Sterne, who mentioned struggling somewhat throughout Friday's heat races on his way to another podium finish.

"I'm not going to lie, we were chasing it quit a bit there," said Sterne following the race. "In the final it kind

of came together and we were handling pretty good."

Following Sterne was Stephenson who ran a rather distant third.

Temperature doesn't deter fans

Though temperatures at the start of the evening hovered around 10 degrees, it didn't

take long for east winds to die and cold to set in as racers, volunteers and fans negotiated many of the final events of the night with the mercury around zero.

Track conditions stayed fast, and smooth for the most part though plowing and track cleaning sessions took over late as officials used a

number of Eagle River Ford plow vehicles and CASE brand tractors in attempts to stay ahead of any snow dust problems that can cause visibility issues.

Forecasts early in the week had called for possibilities of snow, but skies started and remained clear through the extent of Friday night events.

DERBY



Among the North Woods stops for the Jan. 13-14 Badger State Games Torch Run last Friday was the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame in Eagle River, adjacent to the end-

nation World Championship Snowmobile Derby Complex. A ceremonial cauldron-lighting ceremony followed on the Derby Track's iconic ice oval as part of Friday Night Thunder action.

—STAFF PHOTOS

Badger State Games Torch Tour travels 200 miles, ends at Derby

BY ERIC JOHNSON
ASST. EDITOR

"It was the most fun I've had with clothes on in the last three years."

That's how Howard "Rusty" Wolf, president of Eagle River's Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club, summed up the third annual Badger State Games Torch Tour, a 200-mile ride from Wausau to Eagle River.

Wolf is one of two Torch Tour organizers alongside Wayde Kreager, Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs (ASWC) director for Marathon County.

Held Jan. 13-14, the 2022 Torch Tour ended at the World Championship Derby Complex (WCDC), kicking off the 59th annual World Championship Snowmobile Derby as part of the 33rd annual Badger State Games.

According to Wolf, the sled ride is a homage to the one that kicked off the first winter games in 1989, when then-Gov. Tommy Thompson drove the torch via snowmobile from Madison to Wausau's Marathon Park.

Wolf said sledding conditions for the 2022 Torch Run were "excellent . . . from Wausau all the way to Eagle River to the Derby Track," adding that between



Sno-Eagles President Howard "Rusty" Wolf stops for a photo with Miss Sno-Eagles Olivia Hunter during prerace ceremonies at Friday Night Thunder hosted by the Derby Complex.

20-40 riders participated in each leg of the Torch Tour, including 30 on the last stretch between Three Lakes and Eagle River, which included a group photo stop at the Eagle River Ice Castle in downtown Eagle River.

Thursday's Torch Tour encompassed stops in Merrill, Tomahawk, Hazelhurst,

Minocqua and Lake Tomahawk. Friday's ride included stops in snowmobile birthplace Sayner, St. Germain, Sugar Camp, Three Lakes and Eagle River.

The 2022 Badger State Games Torch Tour ended at the WCDC with a ceremonial cauldron-lighting at the Derby Track's iconic ice oval, held as part of WCDC's Friday Night Thunder events. Lighting the cauldron was AWSC Miss Snowflake Alishya "AJ" Kreager of Wausau.

Kreager, a seven-time Kitty Kat world champion racer who has sleds enshrined in both the Snowmobile Hall of Fame in St. Germain and the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame in Eagle River, was AWSC's 2020 Young Snowmobiler of the Year. A student at Wausau East High School and the American Council of Snowmobile Associations' 2021 Youth Snowmobiler of the Year, Kreager started grass drag racing snowmobiles at age three and later progressed to racing snowmobiles on snow and ice ovals.

"The Torch Ride has been a great time," said Kreager. "Snowmobiling is

important to our state. It brings in a lot of tourism."

Other dignitaries participating in the Torch Tour opening ceremonies at the Derby Track included 2021-'22 Miss Sno-Eagle Olivia Hunter, AWSC president Dave Newman, Wisconsin Department of Tourism Regional Tourism Specialist Andrew Nussbaum, and State Rep. Rob Swearingen (R-34) of Rhinelander.

"This is a really big deal to the North Woods, especially in regard to tourism," Swearingen said of snowmobiling. "You've got to give credit where it belongs, to the snowmobile clubs in the North Woods. Vilas County is synonymous with the World Championship Snowmobile Derby, 59 years running this year, which attracts thousands of people for two full weekends."

Swearingen said snowmobiling and the international scope of the Vintage and World Championship Snowmobile Derby races provides an "immeasurable" boost to economy.

"We're fortunate," he said. "It puts the North Woods and Eagle River on the map for snowmobiling and tourism in the winter."



World Championship Snowmobile Derby royalty help to light the Badger State Games torch Friday night.

NEWS

Community square to be developed and remain public

BY KEN ANDERSON
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Community Square in Eagle River will remain a public space after information presented to the Eagle River City Council last week by the Community Square Task Force was approved on a 4-0 vote.

The square is located where the former Seyfert gas station sat at 229 East Wall Street.

Overall, the cost to the city of the Community Square is approximately \$268,000, which includes purchase, demolition, remediation and interest. Former city administrator Joe Laux, a member of the Rotary Club and task force, outlined a time schedule under a tax incremental financing (TIF) plan to develop and repay the city by the end of 2027.

Council member Jerry Burkett indicated he was contacted by Perry Pokrandt to tell the council he was opposed to keeping it public and desired to have the property privately developed. Council member Kim Schaffer preferred having the mon-

ey paid to the city up front.

Laux told the council that Rotary would plan and raise the funds for the initial construction and present it to the city task force and city council for approval. Rotary would then build the initial construction and turn it over to the city.

The council then approved 4-0 a motion by council member Ron Kressin authorizing the Rotary Club to design and construct the Community Square as approved by the task force and city council, and develop a payment-in-lieu-of-taxes to the city. Kressin was then appointed to be the council representative on the task force.

Preliminary design plans from DeLeers Construction include a building with a prep kitchen, bathrooms, utilities, a roof, portable stage, shade, plantings and seating.

A short discussion on what a possible name might be for the Community Square was considered, with Carol Hendricks indicating she would like to give Rotary credit.

Fair maps rally set Friday at courthouse

A local, bipartisan coalition of area residents will host a rally calling for fair voting maps Friday, Jan. 21, at noon at the Vilas County Courthouse in Eagle River.

This local rally is one of the more than a dozen taking place simultaneously across the state, organized by the Wisconsin Fair Maps Coalition, according to Jackie Cody, one of the rally organizers.

The rally begins at noon and will host three speakers between 12:15 and 1

p.m. After hearing from the speakers, rally advocates will continue to bring awareness of the issue to passing traffic with signs, said Cody.

Cody said she expects the Wisconsin Supreme Court justices "to act fairly and move beyond partisan politics of 'least changes' framework to ensure the new maps are fair."

Cody asks that those who would like to attend RSVP to her at cody_jl@charter.net. The courthouse is located at 330 Court St. in Eagle River.

Report details pandemic, e-cigarette use by youths

A report from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirms that despite the Covid pandemic, youth continue to use e-cigarettes in record numbers.

The CDC study, using data from the 2021 National Youth Tobacco Survey, found that 2 million U.S. middle and high school students reported currently using e-cigarettes. Additionally, 85% of those youth reported using flavored e-cigarettes, and disposable e-cigarettes were reported as the most popular device.

"It may not have been reported on as much over the last year and a half, but the epidemic of youth e-cigarette use did not go away over the course of quarantine," said Maria Otterholt of the Northwoods Tobacco-Free Coalition, which serves seven counties including Vilas.

"There's so many ways

these products appeal to youth, whether it's flavors like cotton candy, banana split, root beer float, shiny packaging, or even the fact that they can be disguised as hoodies or backpacks. We've got a lot of work to do to turn these numbers around."

While their fun flavors may lull teens into thinking they're safe, e-cigarettes carry real health risks for young people. Youth who use e-cigarettes are also more likely than their peers who don't use e-cigarettes to eventually become regular cigarette smokers.

One resource is the Live Vape Free text line, where teens can access help by texting VAPEFREE to 873373.

In addition to the teen text line, more information is at tobaccochanging.com. Adults looking to quit commercial tobacco can also call the Wisconsin Tobacco Quit Line at 1-800-QUIT.

'Steer It, Clear It' helps prevent secondary crashes

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) asks drivers to take steps that will provide the safest conditions for everyone on the roads after a crash.

The state's "Steer It, Clear It" law requires drivers to move vehicles involved in a crash out of traffic if no one is hurt and the vehicles can be moved safely. If someone is hurt or the vehicle is disabled,

drivers should not risk injury by trying to push the vehicle out of traffic.

This simple action, moving out of the lane of traffic, provides safer conditions for law enforcement and other responders. It also helps crews more easily clear vehicles, crash debris, spilled materials, and other obstructions from the road.

"Our officers and first

responders put themselves at risk to help those who get into trouble on the highways. If you find yourself in a crash, help us keep everyone safe and move out of the path of traffic," Superintendent Anthony Burrell said.

Across Wisconsin, there were 115,694 crashes in 2020, 703 of which were secondary crashes that happened after an initial incident. DOT

officials note that secondary crashes put those involved and the responders who show up to help in danger. Last year, 69 workers were hurt and two were killed while responding to an emergency in Wisconsin.

The DOT also highlights the crucial role of first responders and the importance of protecting them on the roads by moving over and

slowing down to keep them safe while they work. More information on Wisconsin's Move Over law is available at wisconsindot.gov.

Drivers involved in a crash should always check for injuries, call 911 if anyone is hurt, and provide accurate information about the location of the incident, severity of injuries, and number of lanes blocked.

It is important to stay safe

and calm. Those involved should watch for traffic and stay inside the vehicle with a seatbelt on while waiting for help. "If you can steer it, clear it," Burrell said. "Move out of traffic if the vehicle is not disabled."

Finally, drivers should turn hazard lights on or raise the hood of the vehicle to warn other drivers and to avoid secondary crashes.

DERBY



DERBY ACTION — Intense oval racing, military color guard and historic reviews greeted Snowmobile Derby fans last weekend.

Top: Two racers fire out of Turn 4 on the high-banked oval.

Right: Joe Schneider of St. Germain won the world title in Outlaw 600.

Below Right: Derby Complex CEO Tom Anderson addresses the crowd on Championship Day Sunday.

Below: A U.S. Air Force color guard provided flags for title race ceremonies.

—STAFF PHOTOS



No Surprises Act to ban certain medical charges

Insurance Commissioner Houdek, DATCP Secretary Romanski, and DHS Secretary-Designee Timberlake Celebrate the Implementation of the Federal No Surprises Act

Wisconsin Insurance Commissioner Nathan Houdek, Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Secretary Randy Romanski, and Department of Health Services (DHS) Secretary-designee Karen Timberlake announced the implementation of the federal No Surprises Act, a new consumer protection measure.

“The No Surprises Act is a major step toward ending unexpected medical bills that

may otherwise be financially devastating for Wisconsin families,” Houdek said. “The Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) stands ready to be the primary enforcer of this new law to ensure that consumers are protected from surprise medical bills.”

A surprise bill is an unexpected medical bill that a patient receives when they unintentionally obtain health care from a provider that is outside their plan’s provider network.

Surprise bills often result from emergency situations, but sometimes services from an ancillary provider such as an anesthesiologist or radiologist can result in a surprise bill.

A consumer’s cost for certain nonemergency services cannot be higher than if these services were provided by an in-network provider, and any coinsurance or deductible must be based on in-network provider rates.

“Wisconsinites should be able to focus on recovery after an emergency, not worry about paying a surprise bill,” said Romanski. “Consumers can rest easier knowing that DATCP, OCI, and DHS are working together to ensure that they have the information and resources they need regarding this new federal law.”

In addition, the No Surprises Act will ban certain other out-of-network charges

and balance billing without advance notice.

“Health care providers, including physician’s offices, hospitals and clinics are now required to provide consumers with a plain-language consumer notice explaining that their care may be charged on an out-of-network basis before they can bill the consumer,” said Timberlake. “This is another important way to increase transparency and protect patients.”

The OCI is the primary enforcer of the No Surprises Act in Wisconsin. Consumers can file a complaint online or call OCI toll-free at 1- (800) 236-8517 to speak with an insurance examiner.

NEWS

Sen. Johnson announces re-election campaign

OSHKOSH — Republican Wisconsin U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson announced Jan. 9 that he will run for re-election.

Johnson, 66, was first elected in 2010 and re-elected in 2016. He currently chairs the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

“In 2010, I promised I would always tell people the truth and that I would never vote with re-election in mind,” Johnson said in announcing his re-election bid. “An

extension of that promise is that I don’t conduct myself worrying about re-election. When re-election is not your primary motivation those are easy promises to keep, and I have faithfully done so. That attitude is relatively unique in Washington, and it may be one reason why many appreciate having me involved in the national debate. So today, I am announcing I will continue to fight for freedom in the public realm by running for re-election. It is not a decision I have made lightly.”

Vilas rejects grant bid for multi-purpose bridge

BY KEN ANDERSON
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

An application to participate in a grant to construct a multi-purpose bridge over the Wisconsin River in the town of Cloverland was rejected last week by the Vilas County Forestry, Recreation and Land Committee after issues were expressed over access between Eagle River and the bridge.

Great Headwaters Trails had proposed access between Eagle River and St. Germain and that brought on a discussion of many issues between Eagle River to the proposed bridge.

Committee member Ron DeBruyne indicated that he thought the bridge needed to be a multi-purpose crossing

for bike, ATVs, pedestrians, and possibly horses.

The estimated cost of a new crossing is close to \$1 million.

“My concern is going east toward Eagle River,” said committee chairman Holly Tomlanovich. “The right of way is very narrow and easements would be required.”

The town of Lincoln also was asked to be part of the planning committee but refused, indicating they were not in favor of the bike route and didn’t see the need to be involved.

The committee moved to not sign onto the grant application, which was adopted on a 4-1 vote.

Eliason Realty welcomes Larson to Eagle River, St. Germain offices

Eliason Realty of the North recently announced the addition of Len Larsen to its sales team.

Larsen brings 43 years of sales experience in northern Wisconsin.

“As we continue to extend our real estate expertise across all of Vilas and Oneida county, Len brings his vast experiences to our company,” said Eliason Realty Of The North Broker Richelle Kruse.

Kruse said that Larson’s reputation, contacts and knowledge of the area and lakes makes him a perfect agent for Eliason Realty.

“His honesty, belief in top notch customer service, and history of giving back to the community will fit in perfectly with our family’s objectives at Eliason Realty,” she said. “We feel Len will be an excellent listing and sales agent for our company.”

Fellow Eliason Broker John Misina also mentioned

that Larson brings a wealth of knowledge to the sales team.

“With 50 years of residency and 42 years of vocational work as an educator, Realtor, and motivational speaker in Vilas and Oneida County, Len brings great insight of our community’s strengths and unique offerings,” added Misina.

Kruse said that with his diverse experiences throughout Vilas and Oneida counties Larson will be working out of both the Eagle River and St. Germain offices.

“Len will be in Eagle River to service the Eagle River, Sugar Camp, Three Lakes markets,” she said. “He will also be in our St. Germain office to service our local community, and all the Lakeland area to our north and west.”

To contact Larsen with Eliason Realty, call or text (715) 891-7927 or email Len@EliasonRealty.com.

Zoning department plans training on new software

The Vilas County Zoning and Planning Department will hold two training sessions this month on the Ascent Permit Management Software which has been made available to the public.

This is the new platform provided to the public to view zoning and sanitary permits. This training will include how to look up and view both zoning/land use and sanitary permits for properties, and reporting sanitary maintenance activities.

Vilas County Zoning staff will work through examples, and attendees are invited to

bring their devices and follow along. Time will be provided for questions.

Sessions will be held Tuesday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m. at the Arbor Vitae Town Hall, located at 10675 Big Arbor Vitae Dr.; and Wednesday, Jan. 26, at 9 a.m. at the Vilas County Courthouse, Conference Rooms B-D, located at 330 Court St. in Eagle River.

A virtual option may be provided if available.

Any questions can be directed to David Sadenwasser at the Vilas County Zoning and Planning Department at (715) 479-3734 or dasade@vilascountywi.gov.



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OBITUARIES

Richard 'Rick' Anderson

Richard "Rick" E. Anderson, age 67, died Dec. 19, 2021, at his home in Aurora, Ill., surrounded by his wife and son.



ANDERSON

Although born in the big city of Chicago, Ill., in 1954, Rick grew up in the beautiful city of Eagle River, Wis. Yes, he was a "Cheesehead".

Rick is survived by his wife, Alexis, who never allowed him to forget her Cleveland roots; his son, Chris; daughter-in-law, Lisa; and 6-year-old grandson, Wesley, who he rightfully bragged about to everyone, of Milwaukee, Wis.; and his daughter, Bonnie Anderson.

He was never afraid of change and lived in numerous cities. Sure, most of them were in Wisconsin, but he did have a stint in Southern California where he learned that the weather can get warm.

Rick embraced the cold by riding snowmobiles, later combining his radio broadcasting job by covering the World Championship Snowmobile Derby held in Eagle River.

Rick loved to sing and was in his element when he performed on stage. He sang, played guitar, and briefly toured with his high school buddies Don Mac, Jerry, and Larry.

He was no stranger to karaoke, belting out everything from Harry Chapin to the Barenaked Ladies.

His love affair with anything cars was evident by his constant rotating ownership of vehicles. He would learn about them, fix them, enter some into car shows, or race others.

Speaking of racing, Rick enjoyed all of them: NASCAR, IndyCar, motorcycle, Formula 1, dragsters, IMSA, rally races...seriously, all of them.

When he wasn't preoccupied with cars, he enjoyed home brewing beer and traveling to warm-weather destinations.

Rick was also a longtime camper, starting out in a used pop-up and eventually relaxing in a 39-foot destination trailer with a king-size bed and fireplace. Is that even still "camping?"

Rick reinvented himself a few times. He enjoyed broadcasting, but later excelled in sales before retiring from upper management in the health-care food service industry.

He and his wife dreamed of moving to a warmer climate, but his neuroendocrine cancer diagnosis earlier this year sidelined that plan.

Since this is a relatively rare form of cancer, his family respectfully asks you consider making a donation to The Neuroendocrine Tumor Research Foundation (NETRF), 31 St. James Ave., Suite 365, Boston, MA, 02116 or online at, netrf.org/give.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Milwaukee, at a later date.

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Ward Wheeler

Ward Wheeler, a resident of Three Lakes, died Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022. He was 85.

He was born March 24, 1936, in Appleton, to Ward and Helen Wheeler.

He was in the Marines, Navy and was a member of the Three Lakes American Legion Post 431. He also spent time on the Three Lakes Fire Department.

Mr. Wheeler was preceded in death by his parents; and one sister, Nancy Wheeler.

He is survived by his wife, Diana; three sons, Rufus, Ward and Charles; three daughters, Robin, Moira and Camilla; two sisters, Helen Swain and Mary King; grandchildren and other family.

A celebration of life was held Jan. 15 at the Three Lakes American Legion Hall.

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



WHEELER

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Plum Lake Public Library Board — Wednesday, Jan. 19, 4 p.m., Plum Lake Public Library. Agenda: Discussion and action on closure and reopening phases.

Vilas County Board Public Health Board — Wednesday, Jan. 19, 9 a.m., courthouse. Agenda: Covid update and testing/public health department.

Oneida County Planning and Development Committee — Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1 p.m., Oneida County courthouse. Agenda: Moratorium as specified in Chapter 9 the Zoning and Shoreland Protection Ordinance.

Capital Improvement Program Subcommittee — Wednesday, Jan. 19, 9 a.m., Oneida courthouse. Agenda: Three Lakes culverts and highway construction.

Phelps School Board — Wednesday, Jan. 19, 6 p.m., Phelps School. Agenda: Allow Vilas County patrol car in school garage, and to approve sports co-op with Three Lakes School District for baseball, softball, cross-country, and boys and girls soccer.

Landfill Venture Group Highway G Landfill Commission — Thursday, Jan. 20, 9:30 a.m., Arbor Vitae Town Hall. Agenda: Discussion and action on landfill operations.

Northland Pines School District Charter Governance Board — Thursday, Jan. 20, 7:30 a.m., Soar High School. Agenda: Soar High School written update, update on safety plan and Covid-19, and referendum update.

Vilas County Board of Supervisors — Tuesday, Jan. 25, 9 a.m., courthouse. Agenda: Chapter 26 ATV/UTV Ordinance for Plum Lake and St. Germain; and three full-time deputy clerk of court positions.

NEWS

League of Women Voters preparing for elections

In preparation for the 2022 elections, the Minocqua-based League of Women Voters of the Northwoods is inviting all candidates running for office to provide their campaign information directly to the VOTE411 Voters Guide. Candidate information includes experience, why they are running for office, what they hope to accomplish for the voters and, if they are an incumbent, the highlights of their current time in office.

The Voters Guide is provided online at Vote411.wi.org to provide voters with information regarding voting in all 2022 elections affecting them. Voters will find the

dates for all elections, including any primary for their district, their voting location, information about the candidates, and direct links to their municipal clerk.

Voters should look for primary election information to be available at Vote411.wi.org by Feb. 1. April election information will be available mid-March. The league is currently attempting to contact all candidates running for office to invite them to participate. Candidates may also reach out to the league at information@LWVNOW.org.

LWVNOW encompasses Florence, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida and Vilas

counties. The local league is affiliated with the state and national League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan organization devoted to helping members and citizens develop educated political opinions and act upon them through the democratic process. LWVNOW's monthly meetings and sponsored events are open to all.

For more information email information@lwnow.org.

Answers to questions about voter registration and voting can be found at vote411.wi.org, myvote.wi.gov, and from municipal clerks and libraries.

Nonprofit grant program applications now open

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) is now accepting applications for the 2022 Nonprofit Access Grant Program.

The program provides grant funding to facilitate affordable access to telecommunications. The commission can award up to \$500,000 in grants and applications are due March 1, at 4 p.m.

"Access to affordable and reliable telecommunications services is extremely important, especially as we continue to navigate our way through

the pandemic," said PSC Chairperson Rebecca Cameron Valcq. "These grants will play a critical role in ensuring nonprofit organizations can expand their reach and help get people connected."

Applicants must be nonprofit organizations proposing projects that will give affordable access of a basic set of essential telecommunications services to low-income households, people with disabilities, or customers in areas of the state with relatively high costs of services.

Grant applications for the program must be submitted using the PSC Grants System. The system allows applicants to manage their applications online throughout the submission process.

The PSC will host a webinar on the application process and the PSC Grants System Wednesday, Jan. 12, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

For more information on how to apply and a link to the webinar registration, visit psc.wi.gov/pages/programs/nonprofitgrants.aspx.

Dorothy Louise Meyer

Dorothy Louise (née Holmes) Meyer died Monday, Jan. 3, due to complications with dementia and congestive heart failure after surviving non-Hodgkins lymphoma. She was 82.



MEYER

Mrs. Meyers was married to William Louis Meyer for 64 years and they raised a family together in Milwaukee

where she worked as a receptionist.

They lived primarily in the North Woods for the past 25 years and were members of the St. Germain Evangelical Free Church.

Mrs. Meyer was preceded in death by one son, William. She is survived by one son, Randy; one daughter, Cheri (Trent); eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be determined at a later date.

Nimsgern Funeral & Cremation Services is serving the family.

Chris M. Nickolaou

Chris M. Nickolaou of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, died Friday, Jan. 14, 2022. He was 80.



NICKOLAOU

He was born June 17, 1941 in Chicago, Ill. to Michael and Sophia Nickolaou.

He graduated from Argo High School in Summit, Ill. in 1959 and married Monica Schmidt on Oct. 24, 1964.

He also served in the National Guard for six years.

Mr. Nickolaou and his wife moved to St. Germain in 1973 where they owned and operated Hillcrest Resort until 1985. He then worked at Trig's Grocery until 1987.

He became a real estate

agent and worked at Eliason Realty from 1988 to 2014. They moved to Cedar Rapids in 2020.

Mr. Nickolaou was preceded in death by his parents; and two nephews, Charles and Peter.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years; three children, Marilyn (Mark) Collins, Michael, and John (Stephanie); nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He is also survived by four siblings, Angelo, James (Shirley), Marilyn and Elayne (George); and many nieces and nephews.

A service will be held Wednesday, Jan. 19, at Murdoch Funeral Home in Cedar Rapids.

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NEWS



SNOWMO LINEUP — The Eagle River ice castle was a busy destination stop for snowmobilers Saturday afternoon. A line of sleds was parked next to the trail that runs between the Railroad Depot

and Friendship House restaurant to get a snapshot with the popular structure and many people also showed up by car to take their turn on the ice throne. —Staff Photo By MICHELLE DREW

Residents reminded to test homes for radon

Radon exposure is the second leading cause of lung cancer overall and leading cause of lung cancer for non-smokers.

Exposure to radon gas is one of the major contributors to lung cancer nationally, yet many people aren't aware that an easy-to-use test kit can tell them if their home has high radon levels.

That's why Gov. Tony Evers has proclaimed January National Radon Action Month for Wisconsin residents.

"About one out of every 10 homes in Wisconsin has high radon levels. Any home, whether old, new, with or without a basement can have radon," Evers said. "Since you cannot smell, taste or see radon, the only way to know if you have high radon levels is to test for it. Test kits are available to help protect you and your family from radon exposure."

Radon, an odorless radioactive gas naturally present in the ground, can enter buildings through their foundations. Radon concentrations in the air can be measured with a test kit available from hardware stores and local public health agencies.

Radon causes more lung cancer among nonsmokers than second-hand tobacco smoke. An estimated 21,000

lung cancer deaths per year among nonsmokers are caused by radon, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Surgeon General.

More than 100 radon mitigation contractors in Wisconsin are nationally certified to install radon mitigation systems if elevated radon levels are found. Thousands of systems are installed in existing homes in Wisconsin each year. Newly constructed homes should include features recommended by the National Association of Home Builders to reduce radon entry.

"Radon is found all over Wisconsin and testing for it is an easy, low-cost way to help save a life, or many lives," said Dr. Jasmine Zapata, Wisconsin Department of Health Services chief medical officer for community health. Reduced-cost test kits are available through Radon Information Centers (RIC) in Wisconsin and test kit promotions are happening throughout January.

The cost of mitigation can be a barrier for some families, and Wisconsin residents can visit lowradon.org to find their RIC or speak with local public health department radon experts by calling 1-888 LOW-RADON (569-7236) to discuss available options.

Vilas County Court report

Manitowish Waters man pleads not guilty to strangulation charge

Wayne E. Harrington Jr., 50, of Manitowish Waters, pleaded not guilty and was bound over for arraignment in Vilas County Circuit Court on one felony charge of strangulation and suffocation with a domestic abuse modifier attached.

A pretrial conference was scheduled for Feb. 15, at 10:30 a.m. Bond was continued.

The alleged incident took place Nov. 14, 2021 in Vilas County.

Vilas County Circuit Court Judge Martha Milanowski ruled at his review hearing that Eric J. Bergum, 40, of Eagle River, had fulfilled his deferred entry of judgement (DEJ) agreement on one count of felony possession of child pornography. The charge was dismissed on the prosecutor's motion Jan. 7.

A status hearing was scheduled April 22, at 2 p.m. for Danny L. Schmidt, 51, of Winchester, on four felony counts — OWI (5th or 6th), OWI causing injury, operating with a prohibited alcohol concentration (5th or 6th), and prohibited alcohol concentration causing injury. All charges had an alcohol fine enhancer modifier attached.

Rachel L. Mayo, 24, of Eagle River, appeared in Vilas County Court for one felony count of meth possession and multiple felony bail jumping charges. The alleged offenses took place March 15, and April 21, 2021.

A plea/sentencing hearing will be held March 16, at 2 p.m. in Oneida County Circuit Court in front of substitute Judge Michael Bloom.

Karina M. Mendoza, 34, of Minocqua, made her initial appearance via video on charges of one felony burglary of building or dwelling, misdemeanor theft of moveable property less than \$2,500, and misdemeanor possession of an illegally obtained prescription. All charges had repeater modifiers attached.

A preliminary hearing was set for Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. in front of substitute Judge Gregory Strasser.

A preliminary hearing for Colin T. Fanning, 35, of Arbor Vitae, was set for Feb. 9, at 9 a.m. on one felony count of possession of meth.

Robin A. Werner, 43, of Woodruff, made an initial appearance on one felony

charge of possession of meth. A preliminary hearing was set for Jan. 24, at 3 p.m.

Daniel J. Downey, 45, of Harshaw, pleaded not guilty and was bound over for arraignment on one felony charge of possession of meth. Bond continued and a pretrial conference was scheduled for Feb. 22 at 9:30 a.m.

Tre J. Bruette, 28, of Woodruff, pleaded not guilty and was bound over for arraignment on one felony charge of throwing or discharging bodily fluid at public safety worker or prosecutor along with four misdemeanor charges of operating while intoxicated (OWI) third offense, criminal damage to property, resisting or obstructing an officer, and disorderly conduct.

A pretrial conference was scheduled for March 1, at 9:15 a.m.

Jeffrey S. Schuman, 36, of Lac du Flambeau, pleaded no contest to felony possession of meth Jan. 12 in front of Judge Gregory Huber. Other drug-related charges as well as bail jumping were dismissed but read in.

His sentence was withheld for two years with probation, and conditions included assessments, treatment and counseling as deemed appropriate by agent; AODA completion; and an all-inclusive fine of \$518. Schuman also must submit a DNA sample.

Sentencing was withheld for three years with probation for Thomas J. Vincent, 54, of Lac du Flambeau, who pleaded no contest to one count of felony bail jumping and one felony possession of meth Jan. 12.

Conditions included assessments, treatment and counseling as deemed appropriate by agent; AODA completion; 40 hours of community service. In addition, Vincent must submit a DNA sample and pay court costs plus a DNA surcharge.

Melissa R. Ackley, 36, of Lac du Flambeau, pleaded not guilty and was bound over for arraignment on two felony bail jumping charges and one misdemeanor OWI Jan. 12. A pretrial conference will be held Feb. 22, at 9:15 a.m.

Danae McGeshick, 28, of Lac du Flambeau, was found guilty of felony fleeing or eluding an officer as a vehicle operator and received a deferred entry judgement at her plea/sentencing hearing

Jan. 11.

The court ordered 12 months of probation with completion of AODA, any treatment deemed appropriate by agent and 10 hours of community service. McGeshick also must submit a DNA sample and cover court costs.

Additional charges of felony bail jumping were dismissed but read in.

Robert J. Smith, 39, of Lac du Flambeau, made his initial appearance by video from the Vilas County Jail on three felony counts last week. A preliminary hearing for two counts of bail jumping and one count of strangulation and suffocation with a domestic abuse modifier was scheduled for Jan. 19, at 10 a.m. Cash bond was set at \$2,500.

Edward J. Chosa Jr., 35, of Lac du Flambeau, made his initial appearance from the Vilas County Jail Jan. 10 on felony charges including possession of a firearm as a convicted felon; strangulation and suffocation; false imprisonment, and a misdemeanor charge of battery. The charges for incidents which allegedly took place Dec. 18, 2021, had

domestic abuse and repeater modifiers attached.

A preliminary hearing was scheduled for Jan. 20, at 10 a.m. The \$5,000 cash bond was continued.

Buzz A. Anwash, 36, of Wabeno, pleaded not guilty to one felony charge of possession of narcotic drugs and two misdemeanors, possession of cocaine/cocaine, and operating a vehicle on a revoked license. A pretrial conference was scheduled for Feb. 15, at 10:45 a.m.

Eugene C. Castellano, 34, of Tomahawk, pleaded not guilty at his initial appearance by video from the Vilas County Jail Jan. 10, and was bound over for arraignment on one felony count of amphetamine possession with intent. Pretrial was set for Feb. 22, at 11:30 a.m.

A preliminary hearing was set for Jan. 19, at 9 a.m. for Nicholas J. Teal, 29, of Tomahawk, on three felony charges — possession with intent of amphetamine, possession with intent of marijuana, and possession of narcotic drugs. The alleged incident took place Dec. 19, 2021 in Vilas County.

Drivers prompted to follow snowplow safety rules

Drivers are reminded by Vilas and Oneida county highway departments to slow down and allow extra time to get to their destination during winter driving conditions.

Part of that is being aware of snowplows which may be out clearing roads of snow or ice after a storm.

The highway department reported that snowplows typically travel at 25 to 35 mph, which in many cases is significantly slower than the posted speeds. The driver's field of vision is also restricted.

It is illegal in the state of Wisconsin to follow a snowplow closer than 200 feet upon any highway having a posted speed limit of more than 35 mph if the snowplow is engaged in snow and ice removal. If the posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less, drivers can be no closer than 75 feet.

It is also illegal to plow or blow snow into the traveling roadway on a highway or a town road. Fines can range between \$10 and \$100 dollars per occurrence.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPOINT NICOLET COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS

Notice is hereby given that applications are being accepted for three (3) positions on the Nicolet College District Board from individuals residing within the Nicolet College District.

Appointments will be made for the following positions in accordance with the Board Appointment Committee's Plan of Representation, which specifies categories of membership as well as geographic areas, gender, and minority representation within the district.

Nicolet College District Board Member Open Positions:

The following positions will commence on or about July 1, 2022, upon certification of the Wisconsin Technical College System Board. Positions will carry three-year terms expiring June 30, 2025.

- One (1) Employer Member
- One (1) Employee Member
- One (1) School District Administrator Member

Of the Current Openings:

- At least two (2) of the three (3) open positions must reside in Oneida County or the portion of Langlade County that is within the Nicolet College District
- At least one (1) of the three (3) open positions must be filled by a female

Board Member Category Definitions:

Employer Member: To qualify as an employer, you must receive earnings as payment for your service and possess the power to hire, transfer, suspend, layoff, recall, promote, discharge, assign, reward or discipline other employees or adjust employee grievances or effectively recommend such action in connection with the exercise of such power the person exercises independent judgment in relation to the power. Employer does not include a person acting in the capacity of officer or agent of a labor organization. At the time of their appointment, employers also must be actively engaged in business and employ others.

Employee Member: To qualify as an employee, you receive payment for work performed but do not qualify as an employer using the definition described above. An officer or agent of a labor organization automatically qualifies as an employee.

Additional Member: All residents of a technical college district are eligible to serve as an additional member for that college.

In the appointment process, equal consideration is given to the general population distribution within the Nicolet College District, as well as to the distribution of women and minorities. *Note: No two members of the Nicolet College District Board may be officials of the same governmental unit, nor may any district board member be a member of the school board which employs the School District Administrator member.*

Please refer to the following Nicolet College website address for an application and additional information to help you determine if you qualify for an open board member position: <https://www.nicoletcollege.edu/about/board-trustees/board-appointment-process>.

Notarized affidavit (application) forms must be received at the address below no later than 4 p.m., on Thursday, February 3, 2022.

Applicants must participate in the virtual meeting and public hearing of the District Board Appointment Committee on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at 3 p.m., and provide at least two letters of recommendation supporting his/her candidacy to the Nicolet College District Board before being interviewed at the scheduled public hearing.

To accommodate any candidates unable to participate on this date to be interviewed, a second virtual meeting and public hearing is scheduled for Friday, March 4, 2022, at 3 p.m. If all candidates are able to appear at the first meeting, the second meeting will be canceled.

An affidavit (application) form and instructions may be obtained from, and submitted to:

Anne Wiedmaier
Nicolet College
PO Box 518
Rhineland, WI 54501
Telephone (715) 365-4415
E-mail: awiedmaier@nicoletcollege.edu

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NEWS

\$200,000 grant won't make up lost revenue, says team owner

By ERIC JOHNSON
Asst. Editor

A recent \$200,000 grant from the Minor League Sports Teams Grant Program won't make up all the revenue lost during coronavirus shutdowns in 2020, said Mark Macdonald, owner of the Wisconsin Woodchucks baseball team.

"The amount, while it seems large, is relative to the loss of revenues that season," Macdonald said, noting that 2020 Woodchucks revenues were down 80% from year-prior levels.

"It only goes part way towards solving that," said Macdonald. "There was a significant drop in revenues. There were significant losses that year. On a personal basis, owners of these sports teams are covering a lot of the losses that came through from the pandemic."

The Minor League Sports Teams Grant Program provides \$2.8 million to 17 minor league teams across Wisconsin, utilizing federal pandemic-relief funding to help teams recoup losses.

The Woodchucks, founded in 1994, are one of 22 teams in the Northwoods League, a collegiate summer league.

More than 240 North-



Attendance at Wisconsin Woodchucks home games was capped during the 2020 season. Coronavirus relief funding will partially offset the team's financial losses. —Contributed photos

woods League players have advanced to Major League Baseball since the Northwoods League's 1992 founding.

"We really appreciate this grant. It's a great thing that they've done. I think they really recognize the value of having these teams in these communities," said Macdonald. "It's going to help them make it through."

Macdonald said the Wood-

chucks draw about 40% of their annual season attendees from Wausau, attracting fans from the North Woods, south to Stevens Point, east to Antigo and west to Abbotsford.

"That's the reason why we're called the Wisconsin Woodchucks," said Macdonald. "We draw from a lot of different areas, not just Wausau."

In 2020, the Woodchucks played a modified season

schedule against a six-team pod that included the Fond du Lac Doc Spiders, Green Bay Booyah, La Crosse Loggers, Wisconsin Rapids Rafter and the Rockford, Ill. Rivets. Attendance for its scaled-back 2020 slate of 23 home games was capped at a socially-distanced 250 fans per game in 2,000-seat Athletic Park. The team returned to a complete season schedule last year.

Five-year road plan presented at meeting

By KEN ANDERSON
News Correspondent

A five-year road improvement plan for Vilas County was presented to the Vilas County Highway Committee last week by highway Commissioner Troy Schalinske.

The improvement plan totals \$16,561,249, with the county portion of that amount being \$11,449,179.

"Funding changes all the time and we need to take advantage of the funds that are out there," he said, noting the county levy would be about 69% of the total, and that some bonding is anticipated.

Schalinske said that for 2022, there is work scheduled on Highway A under a federal land access program for a design from Highway 17 to Eagle Farm Road. Schalinske noted the original anticipated contribution by the federal land program of \$600,000 was increased to \$1 million.

Highway N bridge construction west of Sayner will begin April 4 and should be completed by Labor Day. Highway N will be closed at the construction site with detours signed.

The Highway S design will be completed, and 5.4 miles from Highway M to K will be pulverized, shaped and paved to 30 feet wide.

In 2023, four miles of Highway A will have final design;

construction of 4.1 miles of Highway S is planned; and 1.5 miles will be pulverized, shaped and paved on Highway M from Highway K north to the community which will include 0.29 miles through downtown Boulder Junction.

In 2024, four miles of Highway A will be reconstructed from Highway 17 to Eagle Farm Road, along with 2.11 miles of Highway M from Little Rice Lane to Dairymans Road.

For 2025, reconstruction on 19.4 miles of Highway K from W. Buckatambon Lake Road to Highway M is planned. It's anticipated the 19.4 miles cost may be bonded. Also, 2.53 miles of Highway M north to Highway B will be reconditioned.

For 2026, there are plans to pulverize, shape and pave 5.8 miles of Highway S from East Flowage Road to Highway B.

Schalinske indicated every year there will be culvert replacement costs shared 50-50 with the municipalities.

The hiring of four summer limited term employees for traffic control at \$15 per hour was approved. Hours will be four 10-hour work days per week. To apply, go to the Vilas County web page and click on the Human Resources tab for the application.

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.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a judgment of foreclosure made in the above-entitled action on November 11, 2021 in the amount of \$354,407.48, I will sell at public auction, located in the Courthouse Annex Addition, main public entrance, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, WI 54521, on February 17, 2022.

At 2:00 PM, all of the following described premises, to wit:

UNIT 7, SHERWOOD FOREST CONDOMINIUM PLAT, TOWN OF PLUMLAKE; BEING A PART OF GOVERNMENT LOT SEVEN (7), OF SECTION TWENTYNINE (29), TOWNSHIP FORTY-ONE (41) NORTH, RANGE EIGHT (8) EAST AND PART OF GOVERNMENT LOT ONE (1), SECTION THIRTY-TWO (32), TOWNSHIP FORTY-ONE (41) NORTH, RANGE EIGHT (8) EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, PLUM LAKE TOWNSHIP, VILAS COUNTY, WISCONSIN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS VILAS COUNTY, WISCONSIN, IN VOLUME 403 OF MICRO-RECORDS, PAGE 298 AS DOCUMENT NO. 204799 AND IN VOLUME 2 OF CONDOMINIUM PLATS, PAGE 28, SAID DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM WAS AMENDED IN VOLUME 403 OF MICRO-RECORDS, PAGE 327 AS DOCUMENT NO. 204800.

TOGETHER WITH THE UNDIVIDED INTERESTS IN THE COMMON AND LIMITED ELEMENTS AND GARAGE/DOCK/CARPORIT UNITS (IF APPLICABLE) APPURTENANT THERETO, CREATED AND EXISTING UNDER THE CONDOMINIUM OWNERSHIP ACT OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN BY DECLARATION OF CONDOMINIUM RECORDED IN VOLUME 403 OF MICRO-RECORDS, PAGE 298 AS DOCUMENT NO. 204799, AS AMENDED, VILAS COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE.

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Joseph A. Fath
Sheriff of Vilas County, Wisconsin
Codilis, Moody & Circelli, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
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(One Week, 1/19/22)
NOTICE OF NEW OR UPDATED ORDINANCES

Town of Washington, Vilas County, State of Wisconsin
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a regularly scheduled meeting held at 5:15 pm at the Town of Washington Town Hall on Monday, January 3, 2022, the town board of the Town of Washington voted to adopt to the Town of Washington Code of Ordinances:

Chapter 12 – Ordinance to Convert the Elected Offices of Town Clerk and Town Treasurer to Appointed Offices as Amended. The purpose of this ordinance is to convert the elected offices of town clerk and town treasurer to appointed positions in order to provide the Town of Washington flexibility to procure individuals with the necessary qualifications and experience to meet the responsibilities of the positions.

All ordinances have been made available for public review and comment in accordance with Sec. 66.0103 Wis Stats. All ordinances may be viewed by contacting the town clerk at 715-479-8886. The ordinances may also be viewed on the town's website at www.town-of-washington.org or by appointment at the town hall located at 2301 Town Hall Road.

Dated this 5th day of January 2022.
Nancy Sobral
Deputy Clerk

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NEWS-REVIEW CLASSIFIEDS

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POTRYKUS FAMILY DENTISTRY - HELP WANTED

Are we looking for you? We are looking to add the following 3 positions to our busy dental offices. Business hours are 7:30-4:30 Monday-Friday. No nights, weekends or holidays. Some benefits available. No phone calls please. Send cover letter, resumé and references to: PO Box 1075, Eagle River, WI 54521 or contactus@potrykusfamilydentistry.com.

- 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!
- 2) We are looking for a part-time Dental Hygienist to join our team and help treat patients and promote good oral health practices. If you have a steady hand and great chair-side manner, we'd like to meet you!
- 3) We are looking for a friendly and welcoming part-time receptionist to join our office. Position is currently 2-3 days per week and may vary Monday-Friday; no holidays or weekends. This position includes greeting patients, answering phones, scheduling appointments as well as assisting the lead receptionists on various duties. Ability to multitask is a must and you must be computer proficient, detail-oriented and able to work in a fast-paced setting. We prefer candidates have some experience in a receptionist role and dental background would be helpful but not required. We're willing to train the right applicant.

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Vilas County Department of Social Services

is accepting applications for a
Child Protective Services Social Worker.

The successful candidate should have education in social work, psychology or similar training and be certified in Social Work or able to obtain a Wisconsin Social Work Training Certificate and become certified within two years of hire.

Must possess good oral and written skills; be comfortable in community settings and have good interviewing and relationship building skills. Familiarity with Chapter 48 and the ability to write family assessments are helpful, but will train.

Valid driver's license, vehicle, drug test and criminal background check required. We offer excellent fringe benefits, and a strong staff-development program. We are an equal opportunity employer. Complete job description and application available on the Vilas County website: www.vilascountywi.gov.

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ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR MACHINE OPERATOR

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POSITION OPEN

Technical Services Staff

The Land O' Lakes Public Library is looking for a 20 hours per week, Technical Services staff member.

Responsibilities include managing interlibrary loan and circulation services, readers advisory and computer/technical assistance, cataloging and processing new materials, public relations assignments, and data entry and record keeping. Strong customer service, computer/technical skills and verbal/written communication skills are required. This position will remain open until filled. Please send a resumé to director@lol.wislib.org.

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Northland Pines School District Job Opening for Full-Time Custodian

Location:
Northland Pines Eagle River Elementary School

Position will remain Open until Filled

Note: This full-time custodian opening is a year-round position, second shift. If you are interested in applying and would like to see the full posting, please log on to our website at www.npsd.k12.wi.us and click on the tab that says "District" "Join Us" "Employment Opportunities" "Support Staff Vacancies" and click on the word WE CAN. All applications are accepted through WE CAN. If you have questions, the contact person for this opening is Dave Bohnen, Building & Grounds Director, at dbohnen@npsd.k12.wi.us or by phone at 715-479-5031. Northland Pines is an Equal Opportunity Employer and complies with all applicable state and federal laws.

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Full-time Position

Electrician/Public Works Town of Minocqua

The town of Minocqua will be accepting applications for a full-time position on the town of Minocqua public works department. Qualifications include a valid Wisconsin Commercial Drivers License (CDL), a vast knowledge of driving trucks with plows & sanders with a GVW of 30,000 pounds or larger, ability to operate heavy equipment. Candidates with a Journeyman's or Master's electrical license are encouraged to apply.

A complete job description and application is available on the town's website, www.townofminocqua.org.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Roben Haggart, Town Clerk
715-356-5296

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WANTED Tool Room Machinist

We are seeking a full-time Tool Room Machinist to set up and operate a variety of machine tools to produce precision parts and finished products for the dairy industry. Responsibilities include: Machining, fabricating, modifying, or repairing mechanical instruments to make or repair tools or maintain industrial machines; aligning and securing holding fixtures, cutting tools, attachments, accessories, and materials onto machines; calculating dimensions and tolerances using knowledge of mathematics and instruments.

Requirements: High school diploma or equivalent is required. A minimum of two to four years of work-related skill, knowledge, and experience in on-the-job training and/or vocational training is needed for this job. Knowledge of design techniques, tools, and principles involved in production of precision technical plans, blueprints, drawings and models.

Apply in-person at 1855A West Davenport Street, Rhinelander, WI 54501 or email resumé to Kim at kim@techforag.com

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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NEWS

DOT stresses human trafficking awareness

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is putting a spotlight on human trafficking, a crime that often hides in plain sight.

January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Human Trafficking Awareness Day is recognized every year on Jan. 11 with the social media campaign #WearBlueDay.

The observance is an opportunity to raise awareness about the different types of trafficking and teach people how to spot it. Human trafficking can involve forced labor or sex trafficking and it happens in communities of all sizes around the world.

WisDOT is one of hundreds of partners that signed on to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking initiative to bring

the travel industry together to combat this crime across the country.

"Human trafficking is a hidden crime that needs to come out of the shadows," WisDOT Secretary Craig Thompson said. "Traffickers are using our highway system to transport victims and perpetuate this crime. We are doing everything we can to stop it in Wisconsin. It can take a perceptive officer, hotel worker, or bystander to notice signs of human trafficking. WisDOT and the Wisconsin State Patrol work closely with the state Department of Justice to provide training to law enforcement and private sector partners across Wisconsin."

All State Patrol officers are trained in recognizing the basic indicators of human trafficking, the questions to

ask, and options to help connect a victim with available social services.

"Human trafficking targets vulnerable people, regardless of demographics, so we are committed to doing our part to stop it," State Patrol Superintendent Anthony Burrell said. "When our officers encounter a potential human trafficking situation, they're trained to use a victim-centered approach. Our goal is to avoid traumatizing a victim any further."

Everyone can help stop trafficking by keeping an eye out for indicators. The following could be signs someone is vulnerable:

— A sudden or dramatic change in behavior.

— Becoming disconnected from family, friends, or community organizations.

— Signs of mental or physical abuse, or deprivation of basic needs.

— Indication of being coached on what to say, or not in control of their own decisions.

A full list is available from the Department of Homeland Security at dhs.gov/blue-campaign/indicators-human-trafficking.

If you encounter a situation you suspect is human trafficking, do not approach anyone involved. Gather as much information as possible and contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-(888) 373-7888 or text "HELP" or "INFO" to 233733. If there is an immediate danger, call 911.

Wisconsin State Patrol's Law of the Month video is available at youtu.be/qDZR-siY6Pw.



TIGHT RACING — Negotiating a turn at Eagle River can be much like Main Street on the Fourth of July. —STAFF PHOTO

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

The real estate transactions listed below are being published at the request of many of our readers. The information is public record and reflects an index of each week's transactions.

Property transactions exceeding \$10,000 recorded at the Vilas County Courthouse the past week and the transfer fee:

Dec. 28, 2021

Lance S. Wirth to Robert J. Nimz and Barbara K. Nimz, gov lot 5 in 14-40-8, \$899.70

Eugene H. Wilkins and Theresa A. Wilkins to Janice L. Zindel, lot 7 in Denoyer's First Addition, \$670.50

Leo J. Horant III, Charlotte I. Horant and Charlotte I. Wenzel to Shelbe R. Ziehli, lots 114-116 in Keystone Park, \$558

Clarence R. Izydorski and Margaret J. Izydorski to Michael J. Goessl and Mary J. Goessl, lot 3 in East Shore Acres, \$150

Ardyce Koski, POA Cheryl Christine Rundquist and Karen Genisot to Dennis Tarnowski and Yvonne Tarnowski, lot 2 in Deerwood Beach, \$630

Robert J. Mason and Theresa S. Mason to Marissa J. Burke, lots 7 and 8 of block 3 in McIntyre's Addition, \$600

Richard A. Schuld, Daniel E. Schuld, Laurie L. Schuld, Laurie L. Tippet and Joy M. Schuld to PuffDaddy LLC, gov lot 1 and NE NE in 21-40-8, \$3,108

Russell W. Miller to Daniel R. Miller, Jennifer Miller, James D. Miller and Diana S. Miller, block 2 in Gauthier Tract Subdivision, \$750

David C. Bonner to Marc W. Spolt Sr., gov lot 5 in 9-42-10, \$598.50

Sparks Revocable Trust 03/03/15, Trustee John F. Sparks and Trustee Linda L. Sparks to Borderline Enterprises Inc., SE NE in 11-42-10, \$75

G. Gukich Revocable Living Trust 09/29/11 and Trustee George Gukich to Todd A. Denholm Revocable Trust and Trustee Todd A. Denholm, gov lot 6 in 17-41-5, \$435

Gary L. Konezke to Jonathan M. Billmeyer, lot 8 of block 19 in Racine Community Beach, \$405

Peter J. Baltus Trust of 2016 and Trustee Peter J. Baltus to Allyson M. Nardacci and Eric A. Nardacci, lot 24 of block 2 in Finley Bragonier McDonald, \$222

Nicolet National Bank to Timothy E. Baldwin and Toni M. Baldwin, NW SE in 25-40-9, \$100.50

Ryan M. Romaker and Brittni C. Romaker to Chad Andersen and Rebecca Andersen, lot 3 in Holiday Estates, \$509.70

David L. Bruch Revocable Living Trust, Trustee Kevin L. Bruch and Trustee Keith W. Bruch to Laurie A. Cummings, SW SW in 29-44-6, \$717

Dec. 29, 2021

Vilas County Sheriff Agent, Shamrock Waters Trust 012-959, Shamrock Waters Trust 012-960 and Shamrock Waters Trust 012-961 to Adam Gohlke, gov lots 2-4 in 8-42-9, \$5,130

Jenick Properties LLC to Rhonda Wagner and Peter Jensch, lot 35 and outlot 1 in Chippewa Shores, \$75

Jewel Rentals LLC to DKJM Family LLC, SE NE in 11-39-10, \$390

Richard E. Korinek and Kimberly C. Korinek to Delynn De Charon, SE SW in 35-40-6, \$822

Laurie A. Cummings Living Trust and Trustee Laurie A. Cummings to Christopher Paul Borreca and Elizabeth Allen Borreca, lots 40 and 41 of block 9 in Turtle Lake Resort Plat C, \$1,047

Victoria J. Caudill to Klesig Tree Service LLP, NE SE in 31-43-10, \$210

David K. Tabaka to Leighann M. Pietz, NW NE in 30-40-5, \$82.50

Dec. 30, 2021

Marcus J. White and Amber C. White to William J. Shaughnessy and Denise M. Shaughnessy, SE SE in 4-40-10 and NE NE in 9-40-10, \$885

Colyn E. Carter and POA Jodi C. McKeever to James B. Baszynski and Cheryl A. Baszynski, lots 10 and 11 of block 4 in Dickinson Cook & Tambling Addition, \$327

Cropsey Enterprises LLC to Batpig Enterprises LLC, lot 5 of block 3 in Plat of the NENW, \$120

Kelsea R. Blom to Ted Baier, lot 11 in Moonlight Estates, \$562.50

Black Bear LLC to Madison Trust Company, unit 29 in Black Bear Lodge Condominium, \$779.70

Stoker Investments LLC to Minocqua Hospitality Holdings LLC, gov lots 5 and 6 in 2-40-6, \$660

Black Bear LLC to BCSA Team LLC, unit 16 in Black Bear Lodge Condominium, \$719.70

Black Bear LLC to Scott D. Sailor and Elizabeth A. Sailor, unit 27 in Black Bear Lodge Condominium, \$752.10

Kenu Lake Family Foundation Inc. to Shanty Point LLC, SE SW and SE SE in 1-42-9; and NE NW and NW NE in 12-42-9, \$2,475

Trudy A. Staffeldt to Eric Williams, NE NW in 33-40-8, \$234

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Clayton Zellmer and Cara L. Zellmer to Curt F. Deininger and Becky Deininger, lot 61 in Forest Downs Division No. 3, \$537

LSP Trust and Trustee Lawrence Sodomire to John David St. Onge and Doreen Ann St. Onge, NW NW and SW NW in 6-39-10, \$436.50

Janet M. Cheatham Revocable Trust and Trustee Janet M. Cheatham to John C. Kuziej, NW NW in 12-39-10, \$597

Vallee Living Trust

09/29/97 and Trustee Denise C. Sauter to Steven Redmer and Barbara Redmer, gov lot 2 in 23-43-7, \$117

Robert H. Beer Jr. and Nicole E. Beer to Brett Charles Waterbury and Stephanie Lynn Waterbury, lot 4 of block 2 in J & J Huber Subdivision, \$840

Jennifer R. Varsik to Theodore J. Indermuehle, NW SE in 15-40-6, \$501

Phillip J. Kweton Living Trust and Trustee Phillip J. Kweton to Copus Properties LLC, lot 1 in CSM5506 and gov lot 8 in 14-42-5, \$1,035

Gem Properties LTD to Lloyd McIndoe, SE NW and gov lot 2 in 4-39-10, \$75

Walter Alexander Foundation Inc. to Hobo Lake Club Incorporated, gov lot 10 in 29-41-8, \$600

Walter Alexander Foundation Inc. and Harvey S. Scholfield to Plum Lake, SE NE and gov lot 4 in 31-41-8, \$604.80

Greg Larsen and Amber C. Larsen to Brian D. Bellin and Kassie Krell, NE NW in 9-40-8, \$915

Frederick C. Hoepfner to Rachel R. Zarling and Naomi R. Evenson, gov lots 1 and 2 in 1-40-5, \$360

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Ricky J. Nowack and Janis M. Nowack to Tiffany Anne Jones, gov lots 1-4 in 11-40-4, \$675

Wilderness Land Group to Woodruff 1234 LLC, lots 12-14 in Hemlock Ridge at Lily Lake, \$135

Carol A. Hansen to Jon L. Hansen, lots 36 and 37 in West Shore Acres, \$300

McGonagle Revocable Trust 06/17/09, Trustee Charles W. McGonagle and Trustee Doreen M. McGonagle to Christopher Alan Steffens, lots 11-14 of block A in Dennhardt Subdivision, \$1,500

Eugene P. Somers Trust, Carol A. Van Houten Trust, Trustee Scott E. Somers, Trustee Carol A. Van Houten and Trustee Carol A. Somers to Aidan Byrnes, gov lot 6 in 17-43-6; and NE NE in 20-43-6, \$225

Wanda V. Davis to Kevin Olsen and Krista Olsen, gov lots 8 and 9 in 12-40-10, \$570

WIMN Management LLC to First Finish Line Services LLC, NW SE and NE SE in 10-40-10, \$600

Reppert Properties LLC to James B. Mohr and Sarah A. Mohr, units 7 and 15 in Big Bass Resort Condominium, \$639

Todd Stanek to Cira's Holdings LLC, NE SE and gov lot 3 in 36-40-8, \$1,030.50

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Nancy J. Major and James Williams to Tammy Hall and Douglas N. Featherly, SW SW in 34-43-10, \$225

Elizabeth Lurvey to Peter J. Baltus Trust of 2016, SW NE in 34-40-10, \$390

The Timbers Bar & Grill of St. Germain LLC to RPH Holdings LLC, unit 20 in Elbert's Resort Condo,

\$1,275

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James D. Schumaker and Deborah U. Schumaker to Clarence Alan Anderson and Susan T. Anderson, NW SW and NE SW in 9-40-8, \$1,920

Julian Figueroa and Flor-

ence Figueroa to John L. Sadecky, SE NE in 35-40-10, \$666

Joseph J. Pilolla Trust and Trustee Anthony J. Pilolla to Secluded Land Company LLC, gov lot 7 in 33-40-4, \$114

Jan. 7, 2022

Stephen P. Schultz to Aaron J. Bauer, gov lot 2 in 10-40-8, \$341.40

Jerry E. Marnholtz and Faye Marnholtz to Lisa L. Gerzel, gov lot 1 in 10-40-6, \$786

PUBLIC NOTICES

(One Week, 1/19/22)
NOTICE OF NEW OR UPDATED ORDINANCES

Town of Washington, Vilas County, State of Wisconsin

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a regularly scheduled meeting held at 5:15 pm at the Town of Washington Town Hall on Monday, January 3, 2022, the town board of the Town of Washington voted to adopt to the Town of Washington Code of Ordinances:

Chapter 2 - All Terrain Vehicle Route Ordinance as Amended. The purpose of the ordinance is to establish all-terrain vehicle routes in the town following consideration of the recreational value to connect trail opportunities and weighted against possible dangers, public health, liability aspects, terrain involved, traffic density, and history of automobile traffic. The Town of Washington adopted routes for the operation of all-terrain vehicles upon the town roadways.

All ordinances have been made available for public review and comment in accordance with Sec. 66.0103 Wis Stats. All ordinances may be viewed by contacting the town clerk at 715-479-8666. The ordinances may also be viewed on the town's website at www.town-of-washington.org or by appointment at the town hall located at 2301 Town Hall Road.

Dated this 5th day of January 2022.

Nancy Sobralski
Deputy Clerk

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(One Week, 1/19/22)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY
Case No.: 2021-TJ-00017

JAMES G. APPLETON and KIM M. APPLETON,

Plaintiffs,

vs.
WINCHESTER BUILDERS, LLC, and BRIAN SCHUBRING,

Defendants.

AMENDED ORDER FOR EXAMINATION

IT APPEARING by the attached Application of Examination and Affidavit of Nicholas J. Linz, attorney for Plaintiff, that the Plaintiff is entitled to an examination pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 816.03.

I DO HEREBY ORDER AND REQUIRE YOU, an agent of Winchester Builders, LLC, Defendant, to appear before me, Commissioner Steve Garbowicz, a Court Commissioner for Vilas County, Wisconsin, via Zoom Conference, on February 1, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., to answer under oath concerning Defendant, Winchester Builders, LLC's property; and to abide and perform such further orders as may be made by me in the premises. Attached are the instructions to join the Zoom Conference.

YOU ARE FURTHER ORDERED to bring with you and produce at such hearing copies of all books, records and documents in any manner pertaining to the assets, financial affairs and transactions of the judgment debtor including, but not limited to, the records on the attached list.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER AND TO APPEAR AT THE HEARING MAY RESULT IN YOUR BEING HELD IN CONTEMPT OF COURT.

Dated this 12 day of January, 2022.

/s/ Steve Garbowicz, Court Commissioner in and for Vilas County, Wisconsin
ZOOM CONFERENCE INSTRUCTIONS
Hager, Dewick & Ziegler, S.C. is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Supplemental Examination
Time: Feb 1, 2022 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
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ATTACHMENT TO AMENDED ORDER FOR EXAMINATION

List of Documents and Information to be Produced at the Scheduled Hearing

1. Bank statements for 2019, 2020 and 2021 for all corporate accounts.

2. A list of all people or entities that owe any money to Winchester Builders, LLC, including name, address and amount, including the most recent loan or credit card statement.

3. All documents relating to the acquisition of any interest held by Winchester Builders, LLC of any nature in any real estate and all documents relating to any known encumbrance against such interest (mortgage, lien, judgment, etc.), including loan statements.

4. A list of all company property with a value of over \$300.00, including inventory, furniture, tools, motor vehicles, equipment, etc.

5. All documents relating to any lawsuits in which Winchester Builders, LLC is either a party plaintiff or a party defendant.

6. A list of all creditors of Winchester Builders, LLC, including name, amount, and whether reduced to judgment.

7. Identify any contracts under which Winchester Builders, LLC is now receiving or has a future right to receive any payment by listing the parties to the contract and the payment terms as to amounts, dates and conditions.

8. A list of all business assets with notation as to the existence and identity of any encumbrances or liens there against.

9. Quarterly income statements, balance sheets and profit and loss statements for 2020 and 2021.

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(One Week, 1/19/22)

STATE OF WISCONSIN

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I DO HEREBY ORDER AND REQUIRE YOU, Brian Schubring, Defendant, to appear before me, Commissioner Steve Garbowicz, a Court Commissioner for Vilas County, Wisconsin, via Zoom Conference, on February 1, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., to answer under oath concerning your property; and to abide and perform such further orders as may be made by me in the premises.

YOU ARE FURTHER ORDERED to bring with you and produce at such hearing copies of all books, records and documents in any manner pertaining to the assets, financial affairs and transactions of the acquisition of any interest held by Brian Schubring of any nature in any real estate and all documents relating to any known encumbrance against such interest (mortgage, lien, judgment, etc.), including loan statements.

6. A list of all personal property with a value of over \$300.00, as to each item, including furniture, tools, jewelry, firearms, boats, snowmobiles, motor vehicles, collections, etc.

7. All documents relating to any lawsuits in which Brian Schubring is either a party plaintiff or a party defendant.

8. A list of all creditors of Brian Schubring, including name, amount, and whether reduced to judgment.

9. Identify any contracts under which Brian Schubring is now receiving or has a future right to receive any payment, by listing the parties to the contract and the payment terms as to amounts, dates and conditions.

10. A list of all business assets with notation as to the existence and identity of any encumbrances or liens there against.

11. Any and all documents related to any investment, retirement or pension accounts held by Brian Schubring.

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NEWS



HISTORIC DOME — Fans turned out to watch players for the Eagle River Falcons and the Marquette Mutineers line up for Saturday's annual Derby game at the Eagle River Recreation Association sports arena, commonly known as the Dome. The Falcons beat the Mutineers 16-5.

—Photo By Gary Ridderbusch

Omicron dominates state

By MICHELLE DREW
NEWS EDITOR

Researchers continue to gather new information every day on the Omicron Covid-19 variant. To date, there seem to be two trends in the data — omicron is more contagious and its symptoms are less severe.

Locally, health officials have seen drastic increases in Covid-19 positivity rates. Wisconsin reported a new daily high for the 7-day average of Covid-19 cases on Jan. 11, which is now up to 9,696 cases per day with a 28.2% positivity rate. Aspirus processed a system-high of 7,660 Covid-19 tests with a record-high 34% positivity rate from Jan. 2-8.

This is a concern because the highly contagious Omicron variant is converging with rising cases of seasonal illnesses like influenza. This dynamic has expanded challenges faced by health systems beyond the hospital to outpatient settings and staffing.

"I would say right now, in part due to Covid hospitalizations and part due to other factors, we're in a dire state. Not just at Aspirus, but throughout the upper Midwest," said Steve Phillipson, M.D., Aspirus regional director for Hospital Medicine Services.

Phillipson and hospital staff have been on the frontlines saving lives since the pandemic started. His team is still dealing with the surge caused by the Delta variant. Now, they're beginning to experience an additional surge from the Omicron variant.

That surge is coming fast, according to data from the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene. Omicron is now the most dominant variant in the state and is more severe than influenza.

"In the ICUs we're seeing people with respiratory failure who are on ventilators for weeks and weeks at a time, developing organ failure and needing things like dialysis, people having strokes and blood clots to the lungs. All manner of things that Covid can cause," said Phillipson.

The Omicron variant is still being studied, but data indicates the best line of defense is still to get vaccinated and to get a booster shot.

"If you look at Portugal or New York City and what they're experiencing, people who are vaccinated are not ending up in the hospital, they're not ending up infected at nearly the same rate as the unvaccinated, and they're certainly not dying," said Phillipson.

Just over 8.7 million vaccines have been administered in Wisconsin. A little over 1.7 million people in Wisconsin

have received an additional or booster shot.

As of Jan. 11, 80% of Covid-19 inpatients throughout the Aspirus system were not fully vaccinated.

"We're in this situation where we don't have enough people to take care of people and we don't have enough beds to take care of them," said Phillipson. "So, let's say that you got your vaccine, and your aunt, uncle or grandparent got their vaccine and they got sick with some other problem, we might not have a bed to take care of them."

The Wisconsin Hospital Association (WHA) is joining hospitals across the state in urging members of the public not to seek Covid-19 tests at hospital emergency rooms.

Emergency rooms throughout the state are under extreme stress due to surging Covid-19 cases as well as regular, seasonal increases in demand for medical services. Patients seeking Covid-19 tests at hospitals not only delay the provision of urgent care in emergency rooms, but also raise the risk of virus spread among medically vulnerable patients.

To continue to serve the high volume of patients in Wisconsin hospitals requiring care for strokes, heart attacks, motor vehicle accidents and other ailments, as well as to provide relief to healthcare workers dedicated to providing the best care to the patients, families and communities they serve, WHA asks that Wisconsinites get the Covid-19 tests they require through local testing sites.

To learn more about where to get a Covid-19 test in Wisconsin, visit dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/testing.htm or call 211.

Home tests covered

As of Jan. 15, all health plans are now required to cover the cost of over the counter, at-home diagnostic Covid-19 tests for their members. This requirement applies to both private health insurance companies and group health plans, like those provided by an employer.

"Testing continues to be a critical component of helping slow the spread of Covid-19 and keeping our communities healthy and safe, and thanks to this new requirement, Covid-19 tests are going to be even more accessible for Wisconsinites across our state," said Gov. Tony Evers. "Especially as cases continue to surge and our healthcare providers are already stretched thin, we're encouraging Wisconsinites to take advantage of at-home testing and available local testing clinics so that our healthcare providers can continue doing their important work in our clinics and hospi-

tals."

Under these new guidelines, required by the Biden Administration, Covid-19 tests may either be free or reimbursed by the insurer. Health plans and insurance companies are incentivized to set up a network of pharmacies or retailers so their members can conveniently order or pick up these tests that will be covered upfront.

Health plans and insurance companies are not required to cover nor reimburse the cost of testing that is not diagnostic in nature. For example, a health plan is not required to cover tests that an individual takes on a regular basis as a condition of employment.

There are also testing options available for people who are uninsured. The state of Wisconsin has teamed up with Vault Medical Services to offer Covid-19 tests for everyone who lives in Wisconsin, with or without symptoms, at no cost. This new service allows people to collect their own saliva samples for testing in their home. Visit dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/collection.htm to learn more.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) now recommends that 12- to 15-year-olds should receive a single booster dose of the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine. DHS also supports CDC's recommendations to shorten the booster interval from 6 months to 5 months for people who received the Pfizer and Moderna Covid-19 vaccines, and that moderately or severely immunocompromised 5- to 11-year-olds receive an additional primary dose of vaccine 28 days after their second shot.

With the record high-level of disease transmission in Wisconsin, DHS strongly recommends that everyone who is eligible to get a booster should get one as soon as possible. The booster dose can strengthen and extend their protection against infection, serious illness, hospitalization and death from Covid-19.

Nursing home spikes

The American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCANAL) released a report recently showing that nursing homes in the U.S. have experienced an alarming spike in new Covid cases due to community spread among the general population.

The data shows Covid cases among both residents and staff in nursing homes have rapidly increased in the past few weeks, mirroring trends among the general U.S. population due to the highly contagious Omicron variant. As experts have repeatedly noted, Covid-19 cases in a surrounding community is a key indi-

cator of outbreaks in nursing homes.

The report also showed that while Covid-related deaths among nursing home residents have increased in recent weeks, the rate of deaths is 10 times less compared to December 2020 due to high vaccination and booster rates among residents.

EPA recognizes air quality in Rhinelander

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced Jan. 12 that the Rhinelander area will be formally redesignated to attainment of the most recent federal air quality standard for sulfur dioxide.

Analyses of air monitoring and modeling data show that air concentrations of sulfur dioxide in the area meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standard set to protect human health and the environment. The Rhinelander area also meets all other standards for all air pollutants regulated under the National Ambient Air Quality Standard.

"People in the Rhinelander area are breathing cleaner, healthier air due to EPA's partnership with the state of Wisconsin," said EPA Region 5 Administrator Debra Shore. "Reducing sulfur dioxide pollution in the air is especially helpful for vulnerable populations."

This designation officially recognizes that the air quality in the Rhinelander area is meeting this health-based air quality standard. As a result, the entire state of Wisconsin now meets the latest sulfur dioxide air quality standard.

"Meeting the 2010 sulfur dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard has been a complex process involving many areas of the

DNR's Air Management Program, EPA and facilities in Wisconsin," said Gail Good, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' acting Environmental Management Division administrator.

Based on monitored air quality data, a portion of Oneida County near Rhinelander was designated as non-attainment of the sulfur dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard in 2013. Following this designation, the DNR's Air Management program worked closely with the Ahlstrom-Munksjö Rhinelander paper mill, the facility primarily responsible for sulfur dioxide emissions in the area, to identify and implement new emissions control measures. As a result of these actions, the monitored sulfur dioxide concentrations decreased by over 75%, and the area's air quality began meeting the National Ambient Air Quality Standard in 2018.

"This widespread improvement in sulfur dioxide levels across the state is an air quality success story," said Good. "Emissions of sulfur dioxide from Wisconsin sources are approximately 90% lower than 2002 levels, with most of this decline attributable to the use of cleaner-burning fuels at power plants and industrial facilities, along with the introduction of low-sulfur diesel fuels."

PUBLIC NOTICES

(One Week, 1/19/22)
Frontier provides flat rate residential service in Wisconsin from \$11.50 - \$19.50 and business service from \$19.00 - \$35.50. Other taxes, fees, and surcharges may apply. Frontier offers single party service, touch tone, toll blocking, access to long distance, emergency services, operator assistance, and directory assistance. Use of these services may result in additional charges. Budget or economy services may also be available.

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(Three Weeks, 1/12-1/26/22)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY
CIVIL DIVISION
Real Estate Mortgage Foreclosure
Case No: 2021CV000105
Honorable Judge Martha Milanowski
Case Code No. 30404

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF THE CHALET SERIES IV TRUST, Plaintiff,
vs.
Cheryl D. Kent a/k/a Cheryl Kent
2227 Highway 45 North
Eagle River, WI 54521, Defendants.

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
To the following party named as a defendant herein: Cheryl D. Kent a/k/a Cheryl Kent.

You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is also served upon you, states the nature and basis of the legal action. Within forty days after January 11, 2022 you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is: VILAS COUNTY CIRCUIT Court 330 COURT STREET EAGLE RIVER, WI 54521 and to William Patacsil/Marinosci Law Group, P.C., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is: MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C. 16535 W. Bluemound Rd., Suite 333 Brookfield, WI 53005 Tel: (414) 831-9723 Fax: (920) 221-7719 E-mail: MLGWisconsin-ALL@mlg-default-law.com

You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not provide a proper answer within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated this 4th day of January 2022.

/s/ William Patacsil
MARINOSCI LAW GROUP, P.C.
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16535 W. Bluemound Rd., Suite 333
Brookfield, WI 53005
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Marinosci Law Group, P.C. is the creditor's attorney and is attempting to collect a debt on its behalf. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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(Three Weeks, 1/19-2/2/22)
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-PUBLIC FACILITIES SECOND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING
CITY OF EAGLE RIVER
525 E. MAPLE STREET
EAGLE RIVER, WI
FEBRUARY 8, 2022 — 6:00 P.M.

Public Notice is hereby given that the City of Eagle River will hold a public hearing on February 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Eagle River City Hall located at 525 E. Maple Street in Eagle River. The purpose of the public hearing is to inform the public of the progress on the WWTF Upgrades and Forest Street Lift Station Rehabilitation Project and to request citizen input on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which has partially funded the project. Discussion items will include a review of the current CDBG program activities, the project progress and construction activities, and CDBG program goals. At the public hearing, interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to provide questions or suggestions on the CDBG program. Residents of the City of Eagle River are encouraged to attend especially residents of low-to-moderate incomes. The meeting room is handicapped accessible. Persons needing additional accessibility accommodations should contact the City Clerk's Office at 715-479-8662. Published: January 19, 2022
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HELP WANTED Delivery Person SUBSTITUTE PART-TIME DRIVER

The Vilas County News-Review has an immediate opening for a substitute driver to deliver newsstand sale bundles and special publications to outlets in Eagle River and surrounding communities.

This job would be for approximately five hours Tuesday afternoons. There could be additional hours on a seasonal basis, especially in summer.

Driver must have a full-size pickup with a covered box, or a cargo van. Must be able to lift bundles up to 40 pounds.

If interested, contact:

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Our View

Impressive racing events staged despite pandemic

The World Championship Derby Complex just pulled off a stunning feat in the midst of a pandemic and personnel shortage, putting together an enormous vintage racing event and the 59th annual world-title oval event on back-to-back weekends.

Oval racers from across the Midwest were elated to be here for the oldest, grandest show in snowmobile racing history, and they expressed those thoughts from the winner's circle on both weekends. So once again they've put Eagle River on the national map, the big reason that this city is known as the Snowmobile Capital of the World.

Much of the credit goes to an impressive cast of community-minded volunteers, many of whom have been part of running the Derby for decades. Without them, many of them racing fans who just want to make the event better, this world championship event would not be sustainable longterm.

The Vintage World Championships brought nearly 700 entries and above-average spectator attendance in a year when Canadian racers were again a no-show due to the pandemic. The World Championship Snowmobile Derby drew thousands, offering both indoor and outdoor viewing.

This newspaper works hard to support the event because of its rich history and the enormous boost it gives to the tourism industry. This is nearly six decades and three generations of tradition between family members and friends during Derby Weekend.

The Derby legacy continues and the Canadian racers will be back next year for the 60th running of this famed world-class event.

Another incredible castle by firefighters, volunteers

Community pride and volunteerism have taken center stage once again here, as members of the Eagle River Area Fire Department and other volunteers just completed construction of yet another incredible ice castle.

The castle will become the city's centerpiece for the winter season, the subject of thousands of photographs for sure. It was built with more than 700 man-hours of labor and 2,000 blocks of solid ice, the total weight of which is estimated at 80 tons.

We'd like to thank those who took from their highly-valued free time to help cut and harvest the ice blocks that were then transported, shaped and placed according to another master design from the city's former fire chief, the late Jack Thomas.

Praise also goes to the business owners and individuals who provided food, drink and tools for the workers free of charge.

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.

Tensions simmer under the surface

WHILE AT LUNCH, someone at the table next to us said "It feels like we no longer live in a country that would come together when something grave challenges us. In the past, when we faced difficult times, you could count on people to unite and do whatever it would take to survive and persevere."

People don't believe the truth anymore, even when the facts are right in front of their eyes. Today, we are going through a nonstop condemnation of our past and people, their limits and ignorance. Reflection and honest debate are good, but not this constant bickering.

Wall Street Journal columnist Peggy Noonan wrote about the thread that unites us as an American people. That thread is a sign of a healthy country. The composition of America is changing. That thread seems to be missing. How can we get it

People Make the Difference

By Byron McNutt



back?

Think of the times in history when Americans came together simply because they were Americans. Regardless of background, they were family. Today, we seem to be more divided than ever, driven apart by opportunists who set us at each other's throats.

The pandemic was one of those shared experiences that could either bring us together or tear us apart. Our response to the pandemic caused a million goofy things to happen. Some were life changing, others were insignificant and yet, they somehow feel divisive. Where's the uniting thread?

Harvard's Arthur Brooks

worried about the echo chamber infecting social media. He said half of the people believe the biggest danger to America is the other half, not China or Russia.

I don't think we'll ever get rid of the differences that keep people feeling disconnected from each other, but we can agree to disagree and do it respectfully. When people don't see eye to eye, they need to keep talking.

We must understand how fragile our societal construct really is. Everything simmers just under the surface. If you see a problem, you can either complain or be a part of the solution. It's important to decide then and there to

become part of the solution. It requires work to focus on the positive. It takes discipline. Hope is humanity's greatest renewable resource. While we are constantly reminded of all the bad things happening, a lot of good things also are happening.

People care more about what their friends think than what some authority is telling them. Once we find something we have in common, we become human to each other. We start from that point of what we agree on. We have differences and we need to respect those differences.

Understanding people's motivations and priorities helps us get people to a common ground. If we can't engage in healthy dialogue, we can't solve big problems. We cannot do nothing and expect change to happen. We

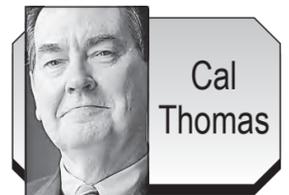
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Deer display thicker coats

Whitetail deer in the area are sporting their thicker winter coats to keep warm against the January temperatures and brisk winter winds. These coats offer a very dense and soft undercoat to keep the animals warm no matter what the North Woods throws at them. They also have a darker hue than summer coats.

—Staff Photo By MICHELLE DREW



School daze

FOR THE THIRD straight day last week, the Chicago Teachers Union canceled classes, choosing to return to virtual learning and citing dangers from the Omicron variant as their excuse.

To many, this is seen as nothing more than a teachers' strike and power grab executed by a union that historically supports Democrat politicians. Democrats send federal aid to the union and the union then uses it to turn out more votes for Democrats. Anyone else see a double problem in this mutual back-scratching system?

The refusal by teachers to return to classrooms is causing harm to children and parents. There is the mental and emotional damage caused to children, in addition to challenges associated with learning from home, and the financial and child care pressure on parents.

The federal government has supplied \$5 billion to Illinois for the purpose of keeping schools open and in-classroom teaching. As in many other states, Illinois has been using the money for other purposes. While this is technically allowed, politicians should demand the money back if states and cities don't use the money for the purpose for which it was intended.

Could the fact that most private and religious schools remained open during the pandemic be because they didn't have union bosses dictating to them?

There may never be a better time to break the power of the teachers' unions and what is likely the last monopoly in America, the public school system.

School choice is the answer. Competition works in every other field. It also can work in education. Currently, there are 27 voucher programs in 16 states and the District of Columbia, according to Education

To THOMAS, Pg. 13A

All is forgiven now

TODAY, IS A good day. Today, I am in a forgiving mood.

Specifically, I am forgiving the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Why, you may ask. Well, it began last year, when the DNR did not give me a spring turkey license for Unit 7 except for the last time period, which I didn't even try to use.

This year, probably because I am such a nice guy, the DNR gave me a first-choice tag. That choice being the second season in Zone 7, a zone which encompasses all of Vilas County.

Disconsolate as I was last spring when the DNR shunned me, this year, all is forgiven.

Seriously, with the limited number of annual tags available in our zone, I am perfectly happy with getting a first-choice tag every other year. In the years that I don't, I can always head south to



Trails & Tales By Will Maines

Thorp where many more tags are available or I can go even farther south to Illinois where most of the years when I have hunted there I have come home with a gobbler.

In life, there are countless times when things jump up at you that completely surprise you. One of those things for me has been turkey hunting.

Heading way south with my cousin, Art Long, back in the mid-'80s, I got my first taste of turkey hunting in Missouri. I didn't kill a gobbler that year, but I did have two very close calls and when a week of hunting was over, I was hooked.

The next season, I almost came home empty, but the

last morning of my hunt, with a Kansas City, Mo., friend doing the calling for me, I finally got my first gobbler, a 23 1/2-pound bird with a 10 1/2-inch beard. Then, I was really hooked.

At that, I never envisioned being able to hunt and bring home a gobbler from a Wisconsin hunt. During the '80s, there wasn't a solitary turkey in the state of Wisconsin.

Then, the horse trading started. Wisconsin live trapped and sent ruffed grouse to Missouri in exchange for some of the "Show Me" state's turkeys. It took several years, but eventually, a handful of counties in southwestern Wisconsin had turkey seasons instituted.

Some say patience is a virtue, and for those of us waiting and hoping to hunt turkeys in Wisconsin, it took a lot of patience before we got our reward.

Gradually, the counties

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'Musky Tales' neither confirmed nor denied

Letter to the Editor:

I have a few comments on the article titled "Musky Tales Revisited" by Eric Johnson in the Nov. 24, 2021 issue.

The article caught my attention when I noticed the Richter name. My uncle Dunnie (No. 7 on the North-ernaires) commented that he did not recall the giant fish. I asked my dad Ed (another surviving Richter brother; there were four and the oldest being Gene (Wick), Ed, Dunnie, and Fran). Dad kinda remembers the story being told by grandpa, but couldn't recall any details or hard evi-

Grandpa did work for the DNR when he wasn't guiding fishermen and hunters, so that part of the story is definitely true. He often took me fishing as a young lad, but never mentioned the story to me either.

Anyway, I hope we see more information in the future about this interesting topic. My copy of the Vilas County News is always weeks (or months) behind since we live in Colorado and winter in Arizona. So snail mail is really confused! Thanks for listening!

Guy Richter
 Rye, Colo.

Maines FROM PAGE 12A

open to turkey hunting grew in number and eventually, I was lucky enough to draw a tag. Fortunately, my aunt and uncle had a home in Viola along the Little Kickapoo River, where my tag was valid.

Uncle Gerry was a good guide and about two hours into my first hunt there, I filled my tag with a 20 some-pound gobbler. Instantly, I was hooked on Wisconsin turkey hunting.

In subsequent years, I hunted again at Viola, but also at the home of my son-in-law's parents outside of Tomah and for quite a few years, in my wife's stomping grounds of Eau Claire Coun-

ty, thanks to a couple of her cousins who owned farms with lots of turkey woods.

It was there where I killed what is still the second largest gobbler I have ever killed, a hefty 26-pound bird that came to my calls just like the books say it should happen.

Maybe the most exciting turkey hunt I was ever a part of was the one when I took a good friend, the late Vern Wigenhauser, for a hunt on a farm south of Eau Claire.

The first morning, having roosted a bunch of birds the evening before, we set up on the edge of a field about 50 yards from the roost site.

All went according to Hoyle, when birds began to fly down shortly after shooting hours began. Unfortunately, in quick order, Hoyle went off the tracks. All the dozen or so gobblers and

jakes among the 43 birds we counted were herded well out of range by the hens with them.

Each time I started getting one coming to us, a hen would charge after him and convince him to rejoin the flock. Finally, after a fruitless half-hour of calling, wishing and hoping, a fox came across the field and strutted through the flock with a rabbit clutched in its jaws.

Ball game over, but just for that morning. The next morning, set up on the opposite side of that field, my calls brought three gobblers running, each of which took turns beating the heck out of a decoy placed 20 yards in front of us.

I watched as Wigenhauser acted like he was on a swivel chair, muzzle of his shotgun wavering to bird

No. 1, then to bird No. 2, on to bird No. 3 and back and forth. I started whispering, a little more feverishly each passing second "Shoot one of them."

When my heart was at the bursting point, he finally pulled the trigger. Never, ever have I seen a hunter more filled with joy than Wigenhauser was that morning. My happiness matched his.

Since then, I have hunted and killed gobblers within a few miles of my home in Saylor, in Illinois and Kentucky. I hunted one time on Tennessee John's property outside of Knoxville, Tenn., but killing my first "Volunteer" state gobbler is still on hold. I hope to end that wait in early April, when my wife and I have tentatively planned a trip there.

Wish me luck.

Snowplows should leave more snow on shoulders

Letter to the Editor:

My wife and I have been coming up north to Eagle River for over 30 years this past January, as we enjoy the sport of snowmobiling.

In fact, we have now owned a residence on the Eagle River Chain of Lakes for the past 10 years. Eagle River and the surrounding areas historically have always been snowmobile friendly, and known as the "Snowmobile Capital of the World."

On average, snowmobile tourism contributes over \$35 million annually to Vilas County. A contributing factor to being snowmobile friendly is providing snow-covered trails, some that briefly run alongside local roads. This allows access to hundreds of miles of beautifully groomed trails in the North Woods.

Snow covered trails running parallel to roads also allow snowmobiles to run properly, as the snow provides cooling for the engine, lubrication for the slide rails, and snow cover for the skis. However in many cases our local plows, which do a great job of keeping our roads clean, are unfortunately plowing the shoulder of the roads in these areas down to the bare gravel. This is unnecessary and damages the snowmobiles that

provide so much enjoyment to all who participate in this sport and contribute millions of dollars to the community and local tax base.

We all understand that safety is paramount, but when the shoulder of the roads parallel to these trails are scraped down to the ground it causes those of us who operate the machines to swerve back and forth (on and off the snowbanks) to provide the snow (lubrication) to operate our snowmobiles. When we are forced to do this, it causes unnecessary danger to both the snowmobiler and vehicles running parallel to the trail. This could be avoided if several inches of snow were left in these areas for the snowmobilers instead of plows deliberately scraping it off.

I kindly ask that these dedicated snowplow operators work together with the snowmobile community to persevere enough snow alongside these areas.

Jim Rosenthal
 Sussex

I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.

NelsonMandela



ATV Chapter 26 is deeply flawed

Letter to the Editor:

Chapter 26, the Vilas County ordinance covering ATVs, snowmobiles and similar recreational vehicles, is deeply flawed.

This is not just my opinion; it is the opinion of Vilas County Highway Committee members who have had to deal with it. Perhaps the most apparent flaw is that it has been used to allow an individual to make a request to the highway committee which, according to the Vilas Corporation Counsel, must be forwarded to the county board.

On such a contentious issue as ATVs, there will clearly be many individuals who will want to open or close ATV routes in any town or other unit of government in Vilas County.

To follow this process would mean the highway committee and county board would have to be continually formally dealing with requests. Some members of the highway committee saw this coming and set up a reasonable set of criteria to follow for approving or disapproving such requests. They approved that set of criteria and then blatantly failed to follow them.

Further, while their legal advice was that they must forward all requests to the county board, they have not done so. Instead, they have only forwarded requests that they voted to approve.

Either the corporation counsel gave incorrect legal advice to the highway committee or the highway committee is violating the law if they don't forward all requests to the county board. Finally, the highway committee seemed so confused with handling Chapter 26 during their meeting Jan. 11 that twice the media members covering the

meeting interrupted to point out errors with their actions.

I have every confidence that the county government will correct Chapter 26. Perhaps it will require a number of attempts and a new county board before they get it right, but it will happen.

Meanwhile, the town boards of Boulder Junction, Manitowish Waters, Plum Lake and Winchester have all taken formal actions demonstrating they do not want ATVs on their roads. There also have been formal surveys/referenda in each town proving the majority of the residents, property owners and businesses do not want them. Yet, tourism is setting records.

Why rock the boat?

County board members ought not, in good conscience, try to use an admittedly flawed process, fraught with legal questions, to try to override the clearly expressed will of the town boards, people and businesses of these four towns.

Chapter 26 must be corrected and a better process followed before the county board considers any action. To do otherwise would start a war with adversely affected property owners, voters (a majority by the way) and those businesses which are thriving without ATVs.

Steve Halverson
 Boulder Junction

McNutt

FROM PAGE 12A

have to stay engaged.

This century is the most consequential ever for our collective survival, according to Toby Ord, a senior research fellow at the University of Oxford's Future of Humanity Institute. Across the world, 56% of young people feel that humanity is doomed, 84% are worried

about climate change.

Ord said the five big risks we face are climate change, other environmental damage, nuclear war, pandemics and uncontrolled artificial intelligence. The risks we face today necessitate a change in how we think about our priorities.

We are inheritors of a vast wealth of knowledge. We're also the custodians of that knowledge for our heirs, the generations to come. This is a critical moment in time.

Thomas

FROM PAGE 12A

Commission of the States.

More are needed and now is the opportune moment for voters to pressure politicians into creating them in other states that don't offer them. Illinois offers kindergarten through 12th-grade students and their parents several types of school choice, including two private programs, charter and magnet schools, home schooling and intra-district public school

choice via an open enrollment policy, according to edchoice.org. More parents should investigate and take advantage of them.

The intellectual, moral and patriotic education of our children are keys to maintaining the country we have enjoyed for more than two centuries. Other countries, especially China, are way ahead of us when it comes to math and science. They send many of their top students here to be educated at our best universities and many then return to China to apply what they've learned

in ways that further the interests of their country; interests which are often counter to our own.

One of the definitions of monopoly is an exclusive privilege to carry on a business, traffic or service granted by a government.

The education monopoly has long-exceeded its sell-by date and needs to be broken up. This will allow parents, not the government, to decide which system best suits their children. Education choice puts children first ahead of government and unions.

VOICES FROM ACROSS THE HEADWATERS REGION
 Compiled by Gary Ridderbusch

Question: What attracts you to the Eagle River World Championship Snowmobile Derby?



Tony Hoynacke
 Sagola, Mich.
 Retired
 "I come to the snowmobile derby for the excitement and we love snowmobiles. We love snowmobile-friendly towns and I haven't missed the Derby since around 1980."



Joanne Bathel
 Eagle River
 Semi-retired
 "I come to the snowmobile derby for the speed, smell and sound of the snowmobiles, and meeting new people. I just so much enjoy watching the boys go around the track."



Jim Zawada
 Niagara
 Construction
 "I come to the snowmobile derby to just get away and enjoy some good racing, and the good food and drinks. We also went on a snowmobile ride Saturday morning."



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2022 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SNOWMOBILE DERBY



FACES OF THE DERBY

While the 59th running of the World Championship Snowmobile Derby attracted the best racers from the United States, Derby fans and celebrities also were important to the four-day event that annually brings thousands to the Eagle River area. Fans come to watch the races and enjoy festivities surrounding the iconic race. Some of the scenes from around the track included:

Above: Derby Royalty included, from left, Three Lakes Ice Queen Kallie Volk, Derby Queen Olivia Terlizzi, AWSC Miss Snowflake A.J. Kreager, and Miss Sno-Eagle Olivia Hunter. Derby Princess Dresden Rutta is missing from around the track.

Above right: Racing fan Matt Hollman braces for the cold with a fur hat.

Right: A young race fan stares at the track with thoughts of one day himself being a driver.

Below right: World Champion Jay Mittlestaedt shakes the hand of racer Gunnar Sterne who took second place.

Below left: The mirrored glasses of Sierra Tullberg of Hazelhurst reflect activity on the track.

Right: Volunteer Greg Blum does his part to help the event run smoothly.

—STAFF PHOTOS



LIFESTYLE

Not that you asked, but...

By Eric Johnson



Fire and ice

“Camaraderie doesn’t happen by accident; developing a strong sense of trust, accountability, and togetherness around team goals requires intentional effort.” — Don Yaeger

My late Nana was fond of quoting the sage old adage that “many hands make light work,” the sensible idea that large tasks become small when divided among multiple people.

The Eagle River community provided a prime example of the aphorism in action Jan. 7-11 as the 30-member Eagle River Area Fire Department was joined by a cadre of supportive community volunteers in constructing the latest iteration of the Eagle River Ice Castle, a popular local winter tradition dating its start back to King Winter festival in 1933 — or back even further to the 1920s by some accounts.

“It’s a community effort, not just the fire department,” said Capt. Mick Dreger, a 35-year Eagle River volunteer firefighter, as he chainsaw-carved five pallets of ornamental ice sculptures to decorate this year’s ice castle. “Lots of volunteers from all over, including a lot of retired firefighters from other communities that have moved up to Eagle River and just love the camaraderie. Everyone really works well together.”

The core of the crew is comprised of volunteer firefighters from the Eagle River Area Fire Department, stewards of the longstanding tradition since 1987.

“For the department members, they have a sense of duty,” said Fire Chief Michael Anderson. “They know that it’s a huge thing for the community that the fire department does it. It’s all hands on deck. They did an excellent job.”

Beyond continuing the tradition and perpetuating the ice castle’s headlining role as a popular if short-lived tourism magnet for the 1,722-resident city, Anderson said construction of the Eagle River Ice Castle plays an important role in the life of the department.

“I tell the guys this is a training event,” he explained. “We’re training to work and operate together in the cold . . . The guys — the cohesiveness and the camaraderie — work well together.”

An ambitious undertaking, constructing the ice castle takes more than 1,000 man hours, from scoring and cutting nearly 2,500 10x20x13-inch ice blocks on Silver Lake on day No. 1 to the day No. 5 wrap-up with the placement of the final decorative elements.

“I’m 100% honest,” said Dreger. “When we’re told we’re gonna build the ice castle, there’s a groan in the room ‘cause it’s a lot of work, a lot of man hours, a lot of volunteer time. But I’m telling you, when it gets done, we love it more than anyone coming to look at it. We are really proud of what we’re doing, carrying on that tradition. It’s a very time-consuming but fun activity. We love doing it for the community. This is a huge camaraderie-building event for us.”

On some days, Dreger said some 60-70 department and community volunteers of all ages may be at work on the project. Anderson noted there’s a “core group” of 10 volunteers that show up daily to work on the ice castle.

“I owe a big thank you to them,” Anderson said of ice castle volunteers as he watched construction come to completion late in the afternoon Jan. 11. “They come together, they work cohesively and they really are what makes this go.”

Dependent on the weather — and global pandemics — Anderson said the 2022 ice castle is the first one built in Eagle River since 2018.

“We’re really happy to be able to do it this year,” Dreger noted. “The ice cooperated, the weather cooperated, our volunteers are here. The community’s supporting us like crazy. We’re real happy to be able to put it up. It’s a very, very, very cool tradition to carry on.”

With its tower and dramatic internal LED lighting, the Eagle River Ice Castle is an impressive sight on the city’s low-rise skyline, particularly for motorists heading south on Highway 45 toward downtown Eagle River.

“It’s a huge tourism draw for the City of Eagle River and the surrounding towns,” said Dreger. “People come from all over.”

And at all hours.

“I used to work for the Vilas County Highway Department plowing snow morning, noon and night,” Dreger recalled. “I’m not kidding. I’d go by at 5 at night and there’s a crowd here taking pictures. I’d go by at 2 in the morning and there’s a crowd here. I’d go by at 4 in the morning, there’s a crowd here. It’s a magnet. It’s a work of art and very unique.”

Among those appreciating the handiwork late last week was Eagle River resident Kathy Findlay, whose husband Jack was a first-time ice castle volunteer, hauling ice blocks from Silver Lake to the ice castle construction site adjacent to the old train depot.

“I’m so excited that this is up again this year,” Findlay said. “I’m happy about it. It’s super. It took a lot of man-hours — and woman-hours — to put it up.”

Also among the new faces involved in ice castle construction this year, Dreger said, were several new fire department members.

“We’re finally drawing the younger crowd so we can pass on the tradition from us old guys to the young guys,” he said.

Among the newbies onboarding as a firefighter is Minocqua resident Raiden Seidler, who plans to move to Eagle River next year.

“It’s been an honor,” Seidler said of helping out with his first ice castle build, noting he enjoyed the “fun physical work,” the esprit de corps among the ice castle volunteers, and being part of a historical, longstanding community tradition. “It’s been really fun. It’s been great getting experience working with more people on the department.”

Seidler encourages North Woods residents to pitch in when the next Eagle River Ice Castle is built.

“Come help,” he said. “You’ll have a blast doing it.”



FIRE AND ICE — After a weather-induced hiatus of several years, the iconic winter Ice Castle, pictured at 6:30 a.m. Jan. 12, has returned to downtown Eagle River, thanks to favorable weather and the efforts of a large corps of community-minded volunteers, with the project spearheaded by the Eagle River Area Fire Department.

The blue light on the tower is in tribute to longtime Eagle River firefighters that have passed since construction of the last ice castle. The castle base is lit purple in memory of Eagle River Elementary School student Berklee Adamovich, 10, who lost her spirited year-long battle with NUT carcinoma cancer on Dec. 12.

—Staff Photo By ERIC JOHNSON

Blizzard Blast planned to fund local fire departments, emergency services

The eighth annual Northwoods Blizzard Blast is planned for Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Conover Park, but other events leading up to the Blast are also scheduled.

The organization has contributed more than \$150,000 to area fire and emergency medical services (EMS) departments since the event began in 2014.

Featuring activities for winter enthusiasts of all ages, the Blizzard Blast showcases winter fun for participants and spectators alike.

After canceling the 2021 event due to Covid-19 safety protocols, the organization is planning its eighth event along with additional “Blast-Off” events scheduled in three area communities.

The first Blast-Off event is the spaghetti dinner hosted by the Phelps Fire Department on Wednesday, Jan. 19, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the fire station.

The meal will feature spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread and a beverage for \$12 for adults and \$7 for children ages 5 through 12. Children age 4 and younger will eat free. Raffles will also be held

throughout the dinner.

Then, the Land O’ Lakes Fire Department will hold its popular Flap Jack Blast pancake breakfast Saturday, Jan. 22, at Gateway Lodge from 8 to 11 a.m. A buffet featuring pancakes, sausage and beverage options will be offered.

The cost will be \$10 for adults, \$6 for children ages 5 to 10, and free for children 4 and younger. A bake sale will be held simultaneously with sweet breads, cookies, cakes, pies and more. Raffle drawings also are planned.

Also on Jan. 22, Conover Fire and Rescue’s annual Cornhole Tourney is planned at the Conover Community Center gymnasium. The registration fee is \$25 per person and deadline to sign up is 11 a.m.

Team pairings will be assigned by random draws and cash prizes will be awarded to the top winners in double elimination rounds. Food and beverages will be available on site.

For more information on any of these events, find Northwoods Blizzard Blast on Facebook or call (715) 547-8120.



Fun for all ages is planned at the eighth annual Blizzard Blast Saturday, Feb. 19, at Conover Town Park. —STAFF PHOTO

YMCA plans program for cancer survivors

YMCA of the Northwoods Runs LIVESTRONG® at the YMCA Exercise Program

The YMCA of the Northwoods is offering the Livestrong® at the YMCA program to help adult cancer survivors who have become deconditioned from recent cancer treatments rebuild strength and stamina.

Livestrong is a physical activity and well-being program designed to help adult cancer survivors achieve their holistic health goals. The research-based program offers people affected by cancer a safe, supportive

environment to participate in physical and social activities focused on strengthening the whole person.

“Participants work with Y staff trained in supportive cancer care to achieve their goals,” said Marilyn Duschl, program coordinator. “Individual goals such as building muscle mass and strength, increasing flexibility and endurance, and improving confidence and self-esteem will be the focus of this 12-week program.”

The YMCA of the Northwoods, in addition to the physical benefits of the pro-

gram, provides a supportive environment where people impacted by cancer can connect during treatment and beyond.

According to Duschl, by focusing on the whole person and not the disease Livestrong at the YMCA helps people move beyond cancer in spirit, mind and body.

“It gave me not only the opportunity to make me feel that I accomplished something physically but also to accomplish something emotionally,” said one recent graduate of the program.

“Just being surrounded by others who know how you feel is rewarding, not to mention that everybody is cheering you on to get to your goals.”

The 12-week program is free and the start date is based on enrollment. A physician’s approval is required of all participants. Pre- and post-physical and emotional assessments will be included.

To learn more about Livestrong at the YMCA, contact Duschl at (715) 362-9622, ext. 118 or mduschl@ymcanw.org, or visit ymcaofthenorthwoods.org for more information.

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FORK RECEIVES DONATION — The Landover ATV/UTV Club of Conover, Land O' Lakes, Phelps and Eagle River donated \$1,000 in support of Feed Our Rural Kids, Inc. (FORK) last week. Funds for the donation were raised during club fundraisers. Pictured, from left, are Kaiden and Lindsey Lagueux, Landover Trail

Boss Gary Lagueux Jr., Briley Lagueux, FORK president Perry Pokrandt, and Silas Beattie. Said Trail Boss Gary Lagueux Jr. of the donation, "We feel it's a good thing to give back to our communities."

—Staff Photo By ERIC JOHNSON

GERTA to host tennis events at Hodag Dome

United States Tennis Association (USTA) Wisconsin, in partnership with the Greater Eagle River Tennis Association (GERTA) and the North Woods communities of Eagle River, Minocqua and Rhinelander, will be hosting tennis events for juniors, adults and families Feb. 5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Hodag Dome in Rhinelander.

The event includes:

- Junior Team Tournament for players 14-18 years old from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.;
- Family skills and games from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.; and
- Adult Doubles Tournament from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

The cost is \$10 per player and registration is required. Online registration is available at form.jotform.com/220023673068147.

The Hodag Dome is located at 863 Hodag Dome Dr. in Rhinelander, adjacent to Rhinelander High School.

USTA is a nonprofit organization that is the governing body of all USTA tennis play in the Wisconsin District for more than 80 years.

For more information contact Ted Dasler at daz1129@yahoo.com, Sherry Stecker at s_stecker@yahoo.com, or GERTA president Sue Richmond at greatereaglerivertennis@gmail.com.

ON CAMPUS

GREEN BAY — Alex Gengler and Bjorn Luebke, both of Eagle River, received high honors at UW-Green Bay.

MENOMONIE — Megan Scholl of Eagle River, Andrew Gill of Phelps, Cody Drees of St. Germain, Jenna Sima of Sayner and Mackenzie Lentz of Three Lakes were named to the dean's list at UW-Stout.

Scholl and Sima are pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts in interior design.

Gill is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering.

Drees is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in computer networking and information

technology.

Lentz is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in psychology.

STEVENS POINT — Christian Kohlman of Eagle River received highest honors at UW-Stevens Point.

Langdon Langhoff, Hannah Retzleff and Drew Taylor, all of Eagle River; and Megan Biedermann of Sayner received high honors.

WHITEWATER — Meg Hayes and Nick Justice, both of Eagle River, were named to the dean's list at UW-White-water.

Hayes is studying English. Justice is studying physical education.

Rhinelanders YMCA to support Pines with after-school program

The YMCA of the Northwoods has taken significant steps in recent years to understand community needs in the region.

Through understanding needs and engaging in collaborative conversations, YMCA of the Northwoods CEO Ryan Zietlow said the YMCA is looking to expand its regional impact.

"Rural communities in the North Woods are unique and face challenges of resources that are critical in supporting kids and families," Zietlow said. "We know that the life-changing programs and services the YMCA can provide makes a real difference in the lives of our friends and neighbors. Collaborating with others allows us to maximize those resources. These include taxpayers dollars, donor dollars, staffing resources and more. It is about providing the maximum amount of impact in the most efficient way possible."

After a recent transition of after-school program providers in the Northland Pines School District, the YMCA and district staff began discussions on the future.

"After hearing the requests and needs of our parents for after-school options in our schools that do not have them, we are excited to announce that we are partnering with the YMCA of the Northwoods to provide these options for our families," said Northland Pines District Administrator Scott Foster. "The YMCA has a strong tradition of after-school programming."

The YMCA of the Northwoods currently operates a state-licensed after-school program in Rhinelander and is working on expansion of services to Park Falls, Minocqua and now Eagle River and Land O' Lakes. Offering care during out-of-school time, the program engages youth in homework and academic

support, enrichment opportunities, physical activity and a healthy snack.

Zietlow said the YMCA will look to engage with high school students and the community to provide support and enrichment to the youth they will serve.

"Engaging with youth, while providing a safe space for kids, supports families and gives them comfort," he said. "We are excited for furthering our partnership with the Northland Pines School District and, ultimately, nurturing the potential of every child and teen along the way."

To open, the YMCA is completing the licensing process with the Department of Children and Families and hiring staff. Positions available will include a full-time school age director that will support the Rhinelander, Eagle River and Land O' Lakes schools. Also needed will be lead and assistant school age teachers to engage

with the youth. As a nonprofit, the YMCA will also seek charitable support to strengthen the ability to offer financial assistance, ensuring no child is ever turned away for the inability to pay.

More information on the program or ways to get involved, is available by contacting Zietlow at yzietlow@ymcanw.org or (715) 362-9622.

Warehouse reports new programming

The Warehouse Community Arts Center invites the public to their Winter Showcase event this Friday, Jan. 21, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

This event is free to attend and open to the public.

"Join us at The Warehouse as we reflect on the past and future programming and upcoming classes," said Warehouse Creative Arts Coordinator Angela Badeau. "Come find out what's new at your local community arts center. Learn about the variety of art and movement classes and weekly music nights, as well as upcoming special events. Connect with others who value creativity and lifelong learning."

Videos from last summer's "Connect to The Northwoods" programming will also be shown at the event.

Summer 2022 programming at The Warehouse will feature "Living in the Northwoods."

"We are looking forward to working on programming details with Wayne Valliere (Mino-giizhig in Ojibwe), of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa," said Badeau.

The recipient of the National Endowment for the Arts' 2020 National Heritage Fellowship, the nation's highest honor given to those who keep folk and traditional arts alive, Valliere has been an artist in residence at Northwestern University and currently works as a language and culture teacher at Lac du Flambeau Public School.

"He is passionate about keeping cultural knowledge

and traditions alive," said Badeau. "The Warehouse hopes to share some of Wayne's knowledge and experience with many mediums, including beadwork, basketry, quillwork, singing, storytelling and more."

Snacks and light refreshments will be served. Alcoholic beverages will also be available for purchase at The Warehouse's Inspiration Bar.

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

Those planning to attend are asked to make reservations online at eagleriverart.com/events/winter-showcase-event/.

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



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Rhinelanders YMCA plans blood pressure program

The YMCA of the Northwoods is offering the YMCA's Blood Pressure Self-Monitoring Program, designed to help adult participants with hypertension lower their blood pressure by following an evidence-based program that combines blood pressure self-monitoring, nutrition education seminars and personalized support.

The YMCA developed this program to help individuals better manage hypertension and improve their overall health.

According to the American Heart Association, more than 80 million Americans have high blood pressure, but less than half have it under control. Research shows that the simple process of checking and recording blood pressure at least twice a month over four months may lower blood pressure in some

people with hypertension. In addition, evidence shows that proper nutrition, particularly with a reduction in sodium intake, may help reduce both systolic and diastolic blood pressures.

"The YMCA of the Northwoods is proud to launch the Blood Pressure Self-Monitoring program," said Marilyn Duschl, active older adult coordinator. "The Y is the leading community-based organization dedicated to improving the nation's health and this program is a great example of putting that commitment into action."

As part of the Blood Pressure Self-Monitoring program, participants will measure their blood pressure at least two times a month for four consecutive months — a minimum of eight times — and record

their blood pressure readings in a self-selected tracking tool. A nutrition education component will encourage the participants to practice healthier eating habits, including reducing sodium in their diet.

The program is facilitated by Healthy Heart Ambassadors, appointed and trained by the YMCA, who will show participants how to use a blood pressure monitor, encourage self-monitoring and facilitate monthly nutrition education seminars.

The YMCA is looking for adults with high blood pressure who could benefit from participating in this program.

Benefits of the program include offering a simple, evidence-based program that may lower blood pressure, personalized support from a YMCA Healthy Heart Ambassador, tips for

maintaining cardiovascular health, easy-to-use, portable self-tracking tool, and heart healthy nutrition education seminars.

To take part in the program, participants must be at least 18 years old, be diagnosed with high blood pressure, not have experienced a recent cardiac event, not have atrial fibrillation or other arrhythmias, and must not be at risk for lymphedema.

The cost of the four-month program is \$25 and scholarships are available.

To register, contact the YMCA at (715) 362-9622. Once registered, a Healthy Heart Ambassador will contact participants with additional information and to check eligibility.

For more information, contact Marilyn Duschl at (715) 362-9622, ext. 118 or mduschl@ymcanw.org.

Women urged to get routine screenings

January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, and Aspirus Health reminds women how important routine screenings are in the diagnosis of cervical cancer.

"Routine screenings can help detect cancer and precancerous lesions early and save lives," said Dr. Joelle Wennlund, an Aspirus women's health specialist in Woodruff. "Understanding the risk factors and detection methods for cervical cancer are crucial to early detection."

According to the American Cancer Society, in 2019 an estimated 13,000 women were diagnosed with cervical cancer and about 4,250 died from the disease.

Most cervical cancers start with precancerous changes that gradually turn into cancer. Screening can find these abnormal changes, which doctors can then treat, stopping cancer from developing. There are usually no symptoms, but thanks largely to the increased use of the Pap test

and pelvic exam, the cervical cancer death rate has declined by more than 50% over the last 40 years.

"For some women, the HPV test may also be included, based on risk factors and their age," said Wennlund. "The Pap test looks for cell changes and abnormal cells, while the HPV test looks for the virus that causes cell changes. Precancerous changes and most early cervical cancers are asymptomatic, which is why routine screening is so important."

Aspirus Health recommends women talk with their primary care provider to determine the best screening schedule based on individual risk factors. The American Cancer Society advises that women of average risk get a Pap test every three years, starting at age 21.

For more information or to schedule an appointment with Wennlund, call (715) 356-8140. Appointments also can be made online at myaspirus.org or by using the MyAspirus App.

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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-snpao@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 eagleriv-ergenealogysociety@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 Habersetzer, (715) 477-1396.

LAKELAND ART LEAGUE — New members and visitors welcome. Call Eileen,

(715) 358-3010. lakelandartleague.org or lakelandartleagueui@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 sorgel.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) 477-0306.

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 Brienfeldt, (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.



Long time fans from Lanse, Mich. visit Eagle River for Derby weekend.

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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 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.

Sno-Eagles plan monthly meeting at Buckshots

The Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club will conduct its January general membership meeting Thursday, Jan. 20, at Buckshot's Downtown, located at 207 E Wall St. in Eagle River.

The meeting begins with a social gathering at 6:30 p.m. with appetizers and beverages, followed by the business portion of the meeting at 7 p.m.

There will be an overview of Sno-Eagles activities and summaries of various fundraising events. Some agenda topics include the trail boss report, equipment maintenance, grooming operations, Groom to Ride, map ad sales, concessions, weekend and weekday away snowmobile trips, Saturday Night Out, and the upcoming officer and board of directors election in March.

President Rusty Wolf will introduce his newly-released book, "A Frozen Journey," which documents how the snowmobile transformed Eagle River from a desolate winter town into the Snowmobile Capital of the World® and details the formation and

development of the Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club — one of the oldest, if not the oldest snowmobile club in Wisconsin.

Open discussion will follow, and the meeting will close with a 50-50 drawing.

Copies of "A Frozen Journey" will be available for purchase. Copies also can be purchased at the Eagle River Chamber of Commerce, the World Snowmobile Headquarters in Eagle River, and the Snowmobile Hall of Fame in St. Germain.

Sno-Eagles snowmobile gear will be on display and available to order.

Donations to the School Food Backpack Program are encouraged. Attendees should take along nonperishable, single-serve items that do not require stovetop cooking.

Club membership affords the opportunity to purchase required Wisconsin snowmobile trail passes at a discounted rate through the Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs.

The meeting is open to everyone, and potential members are welcome to attend.

New website helps rural areas pinpoint resources

Wisconsin's rural communities and residents — such as those who reside in the North Woods — have access to a new and growing directory of resources and success stories offering aid and inspiration on topics ranging from affordable housing and economic development to cultural programs and environmental protection.

"Wisconsin's rural communities face unique challenges," said Missy Hughes, secretary and CEO of the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC). "There are numerous state and federal programs, as well as nonprofit resources, out there that can help communities and residents. But finding and navigating those programs can be difficult especially for smaller communities that may not have dedicated staff."

Ruralwi.com aims to make it easier for communities to find resources and connect with one another.

The website is a project of WEDC's Office of Rural Prosperity and was one of the recommendations of the Gov.

Tony Evers's Blue Ribbon Commission on Rural Prosperity.

"Rural communities are used to coming up with creative solutions," said Marcy West, director of the Office of Rural Prosperity. "Harnessing those good ideas, sharing solutions and resources to make these ideas come to life can help all of Wisconsin's communities find the projects and solutions that work best for them."

What makes ruralwi.com work are the practical examples and list of assistance options that make it easier for community leaders and residents to visualize what fits for them, West said.

"We are asking rural communities to share both their successes and challenges so that all of us can learn from them," said West. "We encourage nonprofits, agencies and others to list their services here so that they can reach more communities."

Success stories featured include efforts to connect food producers with their buyers, early childhood education enhancements, cre-

ating ways for high school students to get career experience, and more. Readers can submit ideas for success stories to be featured by emailing rural@wedc.org.

"These success stories are more than inspiration," West said. "They have already been shown to work and could be adopted in other communities."

West noted that resources and success stories are being continually added to the site. The office is also working with Wisconsin's Native American tribes to include their input and targeted resources.

The site also provides an easy way for residents

to learn about the Office of Rural Prosperity, its projects and ways to get in touch. The office, created by Evers in 2020, supports rural economic development, ensures rural communities have access to government resources and celebrates the best of rural Wisconsin.

"We like to say that this site is rural Wisconsin's front porch," said West. "It's a place to come to learn the news, share good ideas, build relationships and get help. We're hoping everyone will stop over and check it out."

For more information, visit ruralwi.com or email rural@wedc.org.

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LIFESTYLE

Heykes named interim pastor for Prince of Peace church

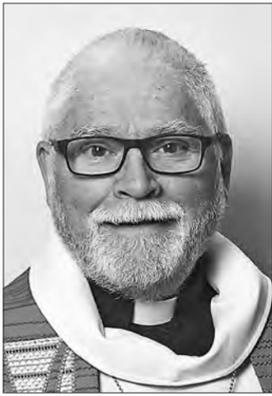
The Rev. Paul F. Heykes has been called to serve as interim pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Eagle River.

Prince of Peace, 5030 Highway 70 West, is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Heykes, who officially began his duties at Prince of Peace on Jan. 1, was appointed by Bishop Katherine Finegan of the ELCA's Marquette, Mich.-based Northern Great Lakes Synod, which encompasses 80 congregations in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and six adjacent north-eastern Wisconsin counties, including Vilas and Oneida.

He will serve until a new pastor is called by the congregation.

Heykes brings more than 40 years of experience to the



REV. PAUL HEYKES

position. He began his ministerial career as a youth and education minister in 1979. After earning his Masters of Divinity degree at Wartburg Theological Seminary in 1987, he briefly served as

interim pastor of St. John's Lutheran in Oshkosh. He was then called to St. John's Lutheran in Morgan, where he led the congregation until his 2016 retirement.

In addition to the church in Oshkosh, Heykes served interim pastorates in four additional congregations — St. Paul Lutheran, Salem Lutheran and Zion Lutheran, all in Ironwood, Mich., and Grace Lutheran in Pembine.

"I look forward to working with everyone at Prince of Peace," said Heykes. "Times of transition can be stressful for congregations, but it's also a great time to reset and lay the groundwork for the future. Even though I've just begun it is obvious to me that Prince of Peace is a great asset to the community and has unlimited potential."

Vilas receives funding to hire new dementia care specialist

The Alzheimer's Association Wisconsin Chapter recently applauded the planned expansion of the Dementia Care Specialist (DCS) program in Wisconsin in 2022.

Thanks to grassroots advocacy efforts across the state, 16 counties will be able to hire a DCS in 2022, including Vilas, Oneida and Forest. The Dementia Care Specialist program supports people with dementia and their caregivers, in order to ensure the highest quality of life possible while living at home.

In Wisconsin, there are more than 120,000 people living with Alzheimer's and over 196,000 family members and friends serving as caregivers. In 2020, during the Covid-19 pandemic, deaths from Alzheimer's and dementia were up 13.9% above average in Wisconsin. Alzheimer's disease is the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States.

"Alzheimer's and dementia are a growing public health crisis in Wisconsin," said Michael Bruhn, senior director of public policy, Alzheimer's Association Wisconsin Chapter.

"The ongoing Covid-19 pandemic has exacerbated the crisis and further illustrated the need to prioritize support and services available to individuals with Alzheimer's and dementia. These critical roles serve all those living with Alzheimer's or dementia and make a significant impact in serving this vulnerable population."

Bruhn said the passion of Wisconsin advocates "truly makes a difference in advancing legislative priorities to improve the lives of individuals with Alzheimer's or dementia and their caregivers," noting Wisconsin Virtual Advocacy Day will be held Tuesday, Feb. 8, from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Those participating in the virtual event will be able to learn more about legislative successes and how to get involved in advocacy efforts. State Rep. Amy Loudenberg, vice chairwoman of the joint finance committee, will give a presentation about how the

2021-'23 budget impacts Alzheimer's and dementia priorities and provides insight into the legislative process.

Former Wisconsin Gov. Martin J. Schreiber, an award-winning crusader for Alzheimer's caregivers and persons with dementia, will share an insider's view of the importance of advocacy. A longtime caregiver for his wife Elaine, Schreiber is the author of "My Two Elaines: Learning, Coping, and Surviving as an Alzheimer's Caregiver," recognized by Caring.com as one of its Best Caregiving Books of 2017.

Registration for Wisconsin Virtual Advocacy Day is available online at bit.ly/WIAdvocacy2022.

The Alzheimer's Association is the world's leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer care, support and research, with a mission of ending Alzheimer's and all other dementia.

For more information, visit alz.org.

BACKWARD GLANCES

Compiled by Eric Johnson

One Year Ago - 2021
Wausau-based Aspirus Health announced its acquisition of northern and central Wisconsin health facilities from Ascension. . . Public health officials in Vilas and Oneida counties were working to distribute Covid-19 vaccines to front-line health personnel not affiliated with a health-care system, hospital or long-term care facility.

10 Years Ago - 2012
Following a merger between Pamida and Shopko, the Pamida department store in Eagle River was slated to be rebranded as Shopko Hometown. . . Scrapping the idea of sharing a highway commissioner with Forest or Oneida County, the Vilas County Highway Committee recommended the appointment of Jarred Maney as highway commissioner.

20 Years Ago - 2002
Eagle River resident Todd Achterberg, a snowmobiler for more than 30 years, was named the new manager of the World Championship Snowmobile Derby Track. . . The Snowmobile Hall of Fame in St. Germain honored inductees Marv Jorgenson, Gordy Muetz, Herb Yancey and Adena Cook.

30 Years Ago - 1992
Officials of the World Championship Snowmobile Derby vowed races would go on as scheduled despite mild temperatures and a relative lack of snowfall. . . A jury was selected and opening arguments were concluded as a two-week trial got underway in connection with a break-in at Lake of the Torches Casino in Lac du Flambeau.

40 Years Ago - 1982
After being closed for more than a year, the Lakeside Resort in Three Lakes reopened under the new ownership of Gene and Helen Soder as the renamed



A 1952 testimonial dinner was held in honor of Judge Frank Carter Sr. (right) for his 42 years of service as county judge. Pictured from left are Mrs. Carter and guest speaker Charles Smith of Wausau. —News-Review Archive Photo

Spirit Lakeside Resort and Bar. . . Efforts to agree on an extension of Pine Street as a truck route came to an impasse when a joint planning commission clashed on what route the proposed extension would follow.

50 Years Ago - 1972
At the recommendation of Vilas County agricultural agent Ken Anderson, the Vilas County board unanimously approved joining an eight-county regional planning committee. . . The worst cold wave since 1951 hit the North Woods as temperatures plummeted to 39 degrees below zero and down to 50 below in some locales.

60 Years Ago - 1962
The first local baby, Rai Lynne, was born at Eagle River Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. James Utecht of Clearwater Lake. . . A cold snap hit the North Woods as the low temperature in Eagle River plunged to 30 degrees below zero, the first time a temperature that cold had been logged in more than a decade.

70 Years Ago - 1952
In the first Vilas County train accident in a decade, 10 Chicago and North Western Railway freight cars of an 18-unit train derailed 6 miles north of Eagle River at Sucker's Swamp, damaging a 362-

foot section of track. . . U.S. Sen. Joseph McCarthy was guest speaker at a "Veterans Chow" for World War I and II, and Korean War veterans in Rhinelander.

80 Years Ago - 1942
Eagle River gas stations adopted 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. wartime hours to conserve electricity and give operators and employees more time to devote to volunteer work in civilian defense. . . A total of \$52.75 was collected in Vilas County in support of Eagle River Mayor A.W. Bradners "Buy a Badger Bomber" fundraising campaign.

90 Years Ago - 1932
A program to develop roads leading to state parks was approved, with Vilas County allocated \$5,000 for projects in Cloverland, Conover and Phelps.

100 Years Ago - 1922
At the Mid-Winter Grain Show in Spooner, Vilas County farmers took first place for their 150 acres of Rosen rye cropped, more than double the acreage planted the year prior. . . A fundraising benefit was held at the Lyric Opera House to defray the expenses of Eagle River's municipal skating rink, said to be a popular place for the younger element of the village after school hours and during the evening.

LAND O' LAKES

BOB HUGHES (715) 547-3343

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Substitute training set

CESA 9 in Tomahawk is offering substitute teacher training Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 16-17.

Individuals with an associate's or bachelors degree who successfully complete this

training are eligible to apply for a substitute teacher permit.

For additional information, visit the CESA 9 website at cesa9.org or call (715) 453-2141.

Northwoods Knitters and Purlers to meet in Woodruff

The Northwoods Knitters and Purlers will meet Monday, Jan. 24, at Woodruff Town Hall, located at 1418 First Ave., Highway 47.

For more information, those interested can call Gretchen Jennings at (907) 529-2733 or Marilyn Workinger at (715) 305-5271.

Easy Eagles set Jan. 26 meeting

The Easy Eagles men's luncheon group will meet Wednesday, Jan. 26, at noon at Chef Rene's, located at Eagle River Inn.

Doors open 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.

The featured guest presenter will be Easy Eagles member Bill Haling, who will speak about his trip to Italy.

Other upcoming meetings will be held Feb. 9 and Feb. 23.

For more information, call Mike Erstad at (414) 840-3338.

BADGER BRIDGE IN EAGLE RIVER

Results of 1/10/22

North-South, first place, Jo Ann and Larry O'Brien; second, Dave Tarsi and Mary Jo Berner.

East-West, first place, Bob Dow and Richard Nelson; second, Sharon Sanborn and Connie Scharp.

Bridge is played Mondays at Kalmar Community Center, located at 1013 N. Railroad St. in Eagle River and is open to the public. For information, call Bob Dow, director, at (414) 758-

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 mask. Carry-out meals available. Call Anna Moore at (715) 547-6076 to reserve. Donations are accepted. No one will be denied service. All meals served with coffee, fat-free milk, butter and margarine. Lighter substitute of grilled-chicken salad available.

TUES., JAN. 25
Liver and onions
Barbecue beans
Sweet potato
Broccoli salad
Whole-wheat bread
Banana split

WED., JAN. 26
Lasagna
Peas
Garlic bread
Half-apple
Cake

Flap Jack Blast set this Saturday at Gateway Lodge

Land O' Lakes Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) departments and volunteers will hold a "Flap Jack Blast" fundraiser this Saturday, Jan. 22, at Gateway Lodge in Land O' Lakes.

Gateway Lodge is located at 4103 Highway B.

Flap Jack Blast will take place from 8 to 11 a.m and include a Flap Jack buffet breakfast, donation bake sale and 50-50 raffles.

Donations of home-baked goods from area bakers are needed for the bake sale. Donations can be dropped off Friday at Gateway Lodge or Bel-Air Motel.

Flap Jack Blast is Land O' Lakes' contribution towards the annual "Blizzard Blast" held in Conover. Proceeds from the events are donated to the Conover, Land O' Lakes and Phelps fire and EMS departments.

Safety First
Remember: 55 at Night

PUBLIC NOTICE

(Three Weeks, 1/19/22-2/22)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY
Case No. 21-CV-000079

Verve, A Credit Union, F/K/A CitizensFirst Credit Union, Plaintiff,
vs.
Nikolas J. Tries and Jane Doe Tries, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on November 17, 2021 in the amount of \$125,001.58 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:

TIME: February 24, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the clerk of

courts (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The clerk of courts requires any down payment in excess of \$20,000 must be provided to them via cashier's check. The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold "as is" and subject to all liens and encumbrances. **MINIMUM BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS:** No 3rd party bidder may submit a bid at a sale of mortgaged premises unless the 3rd party bidder meets all of the qualifications required under Wis. Stats. Sec. 846.155.

PLACE: Courthouse Annex Addition, Main Public Entrance, 330 Court St, Eagle River, WI

DESCRIPTION: Lot 2 of Certified Survey Map recorded in Volume 15 of Certified Surveys, page 268 as Map No. 4379, Document Number CSM4379, being a part of Lot 7 in the Plat of Sugar Maple Shores in Govern-

ment Lot 3 and part of Government Lot 4 of Section 19, Township 41 North, Range 5 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Township of Lac du Flambeau, Vilas County, Wisconsin. Together with an easement for ingress and egress to the Town Road as set forth in Volume 66 of Deeds, Page 50. **PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 14349 Winifred Ln Lac Du Flambeau, WI 54538
DATED: January 4, 2022
Gray & Associates, L.L.P.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
16345 West Glendale Drive
New Berlin, WI 53151-2841
(414) 224-8404
Please go to www.gray-law.com to obtain the bid for this sale.
Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.
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More Than A Meal Café
The Rock
Senior nutrition meals
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 Jennie Johnson at (715) 891-1221 to reserve your meal. Donations are accepted. No one will be denied service because of inability to contribute. All meals served with 1% milk and coffee. Lighter substitute of grilled-chicken salad available.

MON., JAN. 24
Ham sandwich
Hearty bean soup
Pear slices
Cookie

TUES., JAN. 25
Chicken broccoli casserole
Pacific-vegetable blend
Whole-wheat bread
Grape juice
Strawberries, raspberries & yogurt

WED., JAN. 26
Chicken breast
Mushroom and bacon sauce
Brown and wild rice blend
Winter squash
Apple slices
Gingerbread cake

THURS., JAN. 27
Italian rigatoni casserole
Green beans
Salad
Garlic breadstick
Beetnik chocolate cake

FRI., JAN. 28
Seasoned baked fish
Parsley-battered potatoes
Red cabbage
Rye bread
Banana



THREE LAKES

MICHELLE DREW (715) 479-4421

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Snomo club sets meeting

Members of the Northern Lights Snowmobile Club in Three Lakes will meet Monday, Jan. 24, 6:30 p.m. at Lindy's Hideaway & Swamp Witch Inn.

In addition to the normal business agenda, preliminary plans for the Feb. 6 spaghetti dinner, Feb. 8 overnight ride to Mercer, and Feb. 20 weenie roast will be discussed.

All club members and their family are encouraged to attend the meeting. A 50-50 cash raffle, a free snack, and a cash bar will follow the meeting.

The Northern Lights Snowmobile Club welcomes new members. For more information and online membership contact northernlightsclub.com.

The club's remaining meetings this season are held the fourth Mondays in February and March.



STUDENTS ON SKATES — The ice skating rink at Sugar Camp Elementary School is now open for children to use during recess. Loaner skates area available at the school or children can take along their own pair in a reusable bag. Children are reminded to wear long socks to keep skates from rubbing. There also is a 4K Family Sled/Skate Night planned Thursday, Jan. 20, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the rink where families can have some winter fun and enjoy a soup dinner.

— Photo By Jennifer West

Volunteers needed for chamber office

The Three Lakes Chamber of Commerce is looking for volunteers to help with coverage of the chamber office.

and the surrounding area is required.

Training will be provided.

Anyone interested in signing up can contact Collette Sorgel at (608) 516-1831 or visitorcenter@threelakes.com for more information.

Weekly and/or monthly time slots are available and knowledge of Three Lakes

Genealogical society sets meeting Jan. 24

The Three Lakes Genealogical Society will meet Monday, Jan. 24, at 1 p.m. in the lower level of the Edward U. Demmer Memorial Library in Three Lakes.

demmerlibrary.org.

The program for this meeting will be planning session for the Beginning Genealogy Workshop to be held this summer.

Masks and social distancing will be required at this time. The meeting can also be viewed online at bluejeans.com, courtesy of the Demmer library. To attend the meeting virtually, email demmer@

Anyone interested in genealogy, discovering family roots or learning about family history is welcome to attend all meetings.

For more information, call Nancy at (715) 479-8971.

Wii gaming session canceled at library

Due to the increased number of Covid cases and the number of families in quarantine, the Edward U. Demmer Memorial Library in Three Lakes has canceled its Wii gaming originally scheduled for Friday, Jan. 21.

Instead, families are invited to check out a variety of

board games, one of two Wii gaming consoles, and Osmo interactive games designed for use with an iPad for the weekend of Jan. 21-23. The free jigsaw puzzle exchange is also available in the library's vestibule during open hours.

"While we're disappointed not to be able to have

an in-person game day, we thought, 'How can we make this event so more families can be involved?' " explained Programming Librarian April Lammert. "We think we have enough variety for everyone who wants something can be able to find something for the weekend."

Those wanting to participate can pick up items during library hours on Thursday, Jan. 20, or Friday, Jan. 21. Staff will sign the items out to patrons for the weekend.

For more information on library programs, call the library at (715) 546-3391 or visit demmerlibrary.org.

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.

THURS., JAN. 20
Chicken breast
Macaroni and cheese
Brussels sprouts
Mandarin oranges
Bananas and vanilla pudding
MON., JAN. 24
Ham sandwich
Hearty bean soup
Pear slices
Cookie
TUES., JAN. 25
Chicken broccoli casserole

Pacific-vegetable blend
Whole-wheat bread
Grape juice
Strawberries, raspberries & yogurt

WED., JAN. 26
Chicken breast
Mushroom and bacon sauce
Brown and wild rice blend
Winter squash
Apple slices
Gingerbread cake



STUDENTS HONORED — Three Lakes announced its junior high and high school December Students of the Month recently. Taking the honors are, from left, eighth-grader Maddie Mahlerwein, seventh-grader Brooke Neumann and ninth-grader

Gwen Lundt; and back row, 12th-grader Olivia Terlizzi, 11th-grader Kallie Volk, 10th-grader Toby Volkmann and Principal Justin Szews.

—Photo By Jennifer West

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PHELPS, WI 54554

PUBLIC NOTICE



ELEANOR ELLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY
PHELPS, WI 54554

a first meeting tentatively scheduled for March. Call the library for more information or to sign-up.

For those unable to get to the library during regular business hours or wishing a noncontact pickup option, call the library to request materials for pickup via the library's outdoor locker system. The lockers are secure, accessible around the clock and easy to use.

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 or Eleanor Ellis PL on Facebook.

I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.

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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.

MON., JAN. 24
Spaghetti with meat sauce
Salad with tomato
Garlic bread
Fruit
WED., JAN. 26
Sausage and pepperoni pizza
Salad with tomato
Pumpkin pie
Ice cream
FRI., JAN. 28
Chicken Kiev over rice w/gravy
Carrots
Fruit

(Three Weeks, 1/12-1/26/22)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY
— PROBATE —
Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims (Informal Administration)
Case No. 22PR01
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROGER L. REIMER, SR.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth DECEMBER 17, 1941 and date of death DECEMBER 2, 2021, was domiciled in VILAS County, State of WISCONSIN, with a mailing address of 4645 OLD 45 ROAD, CONOVER, WI 54519.
3. The application will be heard at the VILAS County Courthouse, EAGLE RIVER, Wisconsin, PROBATE OFFICE, before DAWN HALVERSON, Probate Registrar, on FEBRUARY 2, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.
You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is APRIL 22, 2022.
5. A claim may be filed at the VILAS County Courthouse, EAGLE RIVER, Wisconsin, PROBATE OFFICE.
6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-479-3642 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
/s/ Dawn Halverson
Probate Registrar
January 5, 2022
ATTORNEY MARY ROSE ORCUTT
GEIMER & ORCUTT LAW, S.C.
2333 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, GREEN BAY, WI 54301
920-432-4433
Bar Number 1043259
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The town of Three Lakes is accepting applications for a full-time shop laborer/maintenance position.

This position is 40 hours per week and occasional overtime during emergency, storms, snowfall, and other tasks as scheduled. This position will consist of road work, tree limbing and removal, snow removal, operation of heavy equipment and general town upkeep. Additionally, this position will consist part time of light building upkeep and maintenance including but not limited to grounds maintenance, snow removal, custodial duties, basic building repairs and maintenance, painting and other duties as assigned. Must be able to operate and maintain building equipment as well as reliably perform day-to-day custodial duties. Possesses the ability to work and recognize what needs to be done independently.

- Starting salary of \$19-\$22 per hour depending on experience
- Health and retirement benefits
- Paid vacation

Must possess a valid CDL or obtain within 30 days of hire date. Applicants must be able to lift 20 lbs. overhead and handle the daily physical activity necessary to meet job requirements. Nights, weekends, and holidays may be necessary as required and qualify for overtime. Must be a U.S. citizen and Wisconsin resident with a valid Wisconsin Driver's License; High School diploma or equivalent; good physical condition; good verbal and written communication skills; no felony convictions.

Application for employment and job description are available on the town website at www.townofthreelakes.com or you may stop by the town office at 6965 W. School Street to obtain these forms during normal business hours. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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Steve Soltwedel returns home after yearlong Covid-19 battle

While some heroes may be in military uniform, athletic jersey or firefighter's bunker, bonnet and boots, there are others who battle against great odds and are accorded a hero's win.

St. Germain resident Steve Soltwedel was given a hero's welcome home Friday, Jan. 7. A line of well-wishers over a dozen strong, three Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club groomers and drags and a number of snowmobiles lined up in St. Germain Community Park to honor and greet Soltwedel.

A Vilas County Sheriff's Department deputy met Soltwedel's vehicle with lights and siren as Soltwedel's daughter, Kim Upton, brought him through the park on his way home after a nearly yearlong battle with Covid-19 classified as severe/critical case. Soltwedel is in the rare 0.5% of people that have recovered from that level of illness.

Said Upton, "His survival really is a miracle."

Soltwedel was days away from his first Covid-19 vaccination when he began showing signs of the infection. He was admitted to Marshfield Medical Center in Minocqua on Feb. 15, 2021, with difficulty breathing and fever. The disease progressed, and on Feb. 28 he was intubated and transferred to St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield via ambulance and medical helicopter. After clearing the virus on March 5, Soltwedel developed Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome, which necessitated re-intubation. At the same time, it was discovered that he was also in kidney failure.



Steve Soltwedel arrives back in St. Germain on Jan. 7, with more than a dozen well-wishers braving the cold and wind to cheer in encouragement for his continued recuperation from Covid-19. —Photo By Wally Geist

Other medical procedures and diagnoses were also in Soltwedel's immediate future. On March 22, he received a tracheostomy and peg tube; was transferred to Select Specialty Hospital in Madison on April 7; transferred to Meriter ICU in Madison with sepsis and pneumonia on April 27; on May 10, he was transferred back to Select Specialty Hospital and finally transferred to Rennes Health and Rehabilitation in Rhinelander on Aug. 4. Like so many other Covid-19 patients, Soltwedel experienced multiple blood clots and a stroke during his hospital stay.

Soltwedel remained at Rennes Health and Rehabilitation until his Jan. 7 release home.

The Soltwedel family has been supported throughout the ordeal by members of the St. Germain community, including the Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club, and the St. Germain Lions Club, which is credited with providing a "ton" of help. The Aging and Disability Resource Center Of Vilas County (ADRC) is also going to provide meals for the family during the recovery period.

Upton expressed appreciation for all the support shown from the area.

"He received cards every day for a year, and these cards, visits and well-wishes gave him the strength and determination to keep moving forward," she said.

The title "hero" belongs to Soltwedel, who not only overcame the severe Covid-19, but also succeeded in business at Filtertek in Hebron, Ill., and served the St. Germain community since relocating here in 2007. Soltwedel is a past president of the Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club, past president of the Apple Dumping Gang, past chairman of Big St Germain Lakes District and board member of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the Northwoods.

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., JAN. 26

- Chicken breast
- Mushroom and bacon sauce
- Brown and wild rice blend
- Winter squash
- Apple slices
- Gingerbread cake

THURS., JAN. 27

- Italian rigatoni casserole
- Green beans

Salad

- Garlic breadstick
- Beetnik chocolate cake

FRI., JAN. 28

- Seasoned baked fish
- Parsley-buttered potatoes
- Red cabbage
- Rye bread
- Banana

PUBLIC NOTICES

(Two Weeks, 1/12-1/19/22)
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CARL ELIASON STREET
DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS
TOWN OF PLUM LAKE
VILAS COUNTY, WI

The Town of Plum Lake will receive and accept bids ONLY through QuestCDN.com via the online electronic bid service (QuestvBid) for the construction of Carl Eliaison Street Drainage Improvements until 2:00 P.M. February 1, 2022. All bids will be downloaded and publicly read aloud during a virtual public bid opening that will be held at the day and time of the bid closing. All planholders will receive information via Quest on how to join the virtual meeting prior to the bid opening.

This project is part of the Local Roads Improvement Program's (LRIP) Town Road Improvement Discretionary (TRID). The work for which bids are asked includes the following:
1/2 Acre Clearing & Grubbing
200 L.F. 12-inch & 15-inch diameter RCP Storm Sewer
285 L.F. 18-inch diameter RCP Storm Sewer
3800 C.Y. Unclassified Excavation
1100 C.Y. Crushed Aggregate Base Course

900 TON Asphaltic Pavement
130 L.F. Concrete Valley Gutter
Associated Traffic Control, Erosion Control, & Turf Restoration
Planholders list will be updated interactively on our web address at <http://www.msa-ps.com> under Bidding.

Copies of the BIDDING DOCUMENTS are available at www.questcdn.com. QuestCDN Vbid system requires Bidders to purchase BIDDING DOCUMENTS from QuestCDN. You may download the digital plan documents for \$40 by inputting Quest eBidDoc #7571372 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with the digital project information.

No proposal will be accepted unless accompanied by a certified check or bid bond equal to at least 5% of the amount bid, payable to the OWNER as a guarantee that, if the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute and file the proper contract and bond within 15 days after the award of the contract. BIDDER is required to deliver the original certified check or bid bond within the 72 hours of bid opening to MSA Professional Services, Inc., Attn: Phil Kriesel, 1835 North Stevens Street, Rhinelander, WI 54501. The certified check or bid bond will be returned to the bidder as soon as the contract is signed, and if after 15 days the bidder shall fail to do so, the certified check or bid bond shall be forfeited to the OWNER as liquidated damages.

No bid may be withdrawn within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof. OWNER reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids. Published by the authority of the Town of Plum Lake.

CONSULTING ENGINEER:
MSA Professional Services, Inc.
1835 N Stevens Street
Rhinelander, WI 54501
Phil Kriesel, P.M.
715-362-3244
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(Two Weeks, 1/12-1/19/22)
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
FOUND LAKE ROAD
IMPROVEMENTS - PHASE 2
TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN
VILAS COUNTY, WI

The Town of St. Germain will receive and accept bids ONLY through QuestCDN.com via the online electronic bid service (QuestvBid) for the construction of Found Lake Road Improvements - Phase 2 until 2:00 PM February 10, 2022. All bids will be downloaded and publicly read aloud during a virtual public bid opening that will be held at the day and time of the bid closing. All planholders will receive information via Quest on how to join the virtual meeting prior to the bid opening.

The work for which bids are asked includes the following:
300 CY Excavation Below Subgrade
13500 SY PULVERIZE and Regrade Existing Pavement and Base
1600 Ton Crushed Aggregate Base Course
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Martinson promoted to fire chief

The Conover Fire and Rescue Department recently announced the promotion of Robert Martinson, Jr. to fire chief.

In a recent ceremony, Martinson was sworn in as fire chief by his sister, Kendra Lederer, who serves as Conover's town clerk.

Martinson, a second generation firefighter, has 30 years of firefighting experience. Starting as a fireman, Martinson moved up the ranks in the fire service to lieutenant, captain, assistant chief and now chief.

"One of my goals is to increase the training within the department," said Martinson. "An area I would like to see more training in relates to basic fire scene set up and safety."

Martinson, self employed with Martinson Carpentry Services, lives in Conover with his wife, Amanda, and their four children — Nick, Elexius, Robert and Alex.

Away from the fire department, Martinson enjoys hunting and fishing.



Robert Martinson, Jr. was recently sworn in as Conover Fire and Rescue Department fire chief by his sister, Kendra Lederer, who serves as Conover's town clerk. —Photo By Jacki Hildebrandt

Conover Sno-Buddies club announces annual chili, soup cook-off on Jan. 29

The Conover Sno-Buddies Snowmobile Club will host its longstanding annual Chili & Soup Cook-off on Saturday, Jan. 29, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Wild Turkey in Conover.

Amateur chefs are welcome to submit entries in either or both the chili and

soup categories. First place trophies will be awarded in each category. Entries need to be at Wild Turkey by 12:45 p.m.

Area restaurant chefs will also compete in their own category for best overall soup or chili.

Bragging rights are at

stake in this good-natured competition.

Attendees may also participate as a tasting judge for a suggested donation of \$10. All proceeds from the event will go toward snowmobile trail maintenance.

Wild Turkey is located at 306 Highway 45 North in

Conover.

For more information contact Wild Turkey at (715) 479-9453.

The Conover Sno-Buddies welcome new members. More details about the club and membership opportunities are available at conoversnobuddies.com.



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OUTDOORS

Pick a sport or two; start enjoying winter

IF THERE is anything I've learned in more than four decades of "surviving" winter in the North Woods, it's that staying active can make this a season you no longer dread.

The winter blues are inevitable for those who don't pick a sport or find some seasonal hobbies, because frankly, few people enjoy months of sub-freezing weather for the pure joy of being cold.

In all honesty, most of us would do well without shoveling snow, slipping across icy parking lots and fighting frigid fingers, numb ears, damp feet and wind-burned faces. The list of winter unpleasanties is long.

Winter goes by much faster for those of us who stay active, from outdoor sports such as snowmobiling and ice fishing to indoor activities that might include pool, darts, bowling, card-playing or some type of hobby.

As the scribbler begins his 43rd winter in the North Woods, my outdoor adventures revolve mostly around fishing, snowmobiling, walking dogs and wildlife photography.

There are occasional mental lapses where I try cross-country skiing and downhill skiing and even snowshoeing, but those slip-sliding experiences usually remind me of why I'm better off fishing.

There is great adventure in snowshoeing into distant hardwoods and swamps and river bottoms, places where you will find the tracks of snowshoe hare, ruffed grouse, deer, fox, coyote and even bobcat. Snow depths aren't that bad yet.

The other day I was following a set of bobcat prints that meandered through the balsams on the edge of a clearing. I'm guessing it was on the hunt for the red squir-

rels that frequent those woods, for squirrel tracks were the only other sign of visible life in the fresh snow.

In the Outdoors
By
Kurt Krueger



Fishing happens to be on the top of my winter list, starting with some early-ice walleye action in December and moving onto northern pike as the ice thickens and then crappies and perch into March and early April, weather permitting.

It's especially frustrating in late March when the crappies are biting and you're basking in 40-degree sun, too warm for a jacket, and suddenly Mother Nature takes away winter. Imagine that, being sad when winter gives up its grip on the landscape.

My latest addition to the winter recreation mix has been serious trail riding with a snowmobile, a sport my wife has wanted to jump into for some time. Whether it's just the two of us or a longer ride with friends, we've found it to be so much fun that we hate to see winter end.

Previous to our purchasing a couple of modern, high-powered trail sleds and all the gear, including helmets with a heated shield, my idea of trail riding was on a two-up fishing sled that took me just far enough into the forest trails to get some decent photos of other snowmobilers.

I've had some sort of old two-up fishing sled for decades, a necessity when it comes to access-

ing remote fishing locations on large lakes when packing a tent, heater, auger, fishing gear and quite often, friends and family who share the passion for pulling fish through holes in the ice. Now we've got both kinds of sleds.

But there are also dozens of places where people can walk off boat landings and other public access points to go fishing. You don't need a snowmobile, ATV or four-wheel-drive truck to get some jig poles or tip-ups out to a fishing spot. Throw the equipment on a small sled and start dragging.

The beauty of ice fishing is that you can not only learn locations and techniques from watching others, but it's hard to lose a good spot once you find it.

Holes in the ice can easily be marked for future reference. I've seen people freeze sticks into their favorite holes. Others leave a dog bone behind before a big snowstorm, and they return with the family dog to find their holes when the storm passes. And then there's the easy and more modern method, using a Global Position System (GPS) unit.

When I can drive out the truck later in winter and my black Lab Gracie makes the trip, the mission is to nearly wear out my right arm throwing sticks for her to retrieve. And at some point she chews a stick into tiny bits, another good way to mark your favorite fishing hole.

You can purchase a dedicated and fancier version of the GPS unit, or you can just purchase an inexpensive app for your smart phone. For like ten bucks, I downloaded Navionics into my iPhone and it does virtually everything a GPS unit can do.

In fact, I find the phone more user-friendly for marking locations and punching in coordinates. And



The scribbler's winter addiction is ice fishing for all sorts of species but mostly those feisty, good-eating crappies.

—STAFF PHOTO

my phone is always with me, so I can pull it out at a party or meeting when somebody starts talking about a nice catch of fish and they are willing to show you from where.

Fitness and winter sports go together because of the energy in takes to ski a trail, bushwhack on snowshoes, skate on ice or pull sleds back up the hill. If the northerns are biting, you can do a lot of

running for tip-ups.

The point is, it isn't so much what sport or sports you pick — just as long as you pick one. Doing nothing in winter is a surefire way to make winter seem like an eternity.

But beware. If you ever start enjoying winter, you will discover there are years when winter doesn't last long enough. Imagine that.

Three elk hunters fill tags in fourth Wisconsin elk hunt

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced that Wisconsin's fourth state elk hunt closed on Dec. 17, with three of the four hunters awarded an elk harvest tag for the 2021 elk hunting season successfully filling their tags.

"All four hunters had multiple opportunities to harvest bull elk across the Clam Lake Elk Range," said Josh Spiegel, DNR wildlife biologist. "Holding a once-in-a-lifetime tag, all four individuals had great hunting experiences and pursuits that were, like many hunts, filled with ups and downs. The 2021 elk hunters worked hard putting in a lot of hours in the field looking for signs, identifying key feeding areas and planning their hunt. Scouting and hunting an animal that moves long distances daily can be difficult."

Three of the four hunters were drawn at random from a pool of about 25,000 applicants. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation raffled the fourth state tag in a fundraiser to support elk management in Wisconsin. The foundation's raffle winner was drawn from more than 1,800 applicants and is the second female hunter to harvest their first big game animal using a Wisconsin elk tag in the last two seasons.

Similar to the first three elk hunting seasons, Ojibwe tribal hunters also had the opportunity to harvest elk in the Ceded Territory of Wisconsin in 2021 with the season closing on Jan. 2. For inquiries relating to the tribes' 2021 elk hunt, contact Travis Bartnick, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission Wildlife Biologist at tbartnick@glifwc.org.

The 2022 elk hunt application period is expected to start



Four Wisconsinites drew tags for a once-in-a-lifetime elk hunt in the state's fourth managed elk season, three of which were filled during the hunt that ended Dec. 17, 2021. —Photo by Wisconsin DNR

March 1 and run through May 31. For each \$10 application fee, \$7 goes to elk management, habitat restoration and research in Wisconsin. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation will hold its raffle in late summer 2022.

Wisconsin elk

Once eliminated from the state through overhunting, Wisconsin now boasts a healthy, growing elk population thanks to two restoration efforts that began in 1995 and

concluded in 2019.

The Clam Lake Elk Range covers 1,620 square miles and reaches into portions of Ashland, Bayfield, Price, Rusk and Sawyer counties — Wisconsin's northern elk zone where the first restoration effort began in 1995 with 25 elk from Michigan.

From 2017-'19, 91 elk from Kentucky were released to bolster the Clam Lake elk herd population, which has grown to an estimated 330 animals. Additionally, 73

elk were reintroduced to the 252-square-mile Black River Elk Range from 2015-'16, and the population today is estimated at 115 animals, bringing the statewide total population estimate to 445 elk.

Wisconsin held its first managed elk hunt in October of 2018, a testament to years of restoration, careful management and the strength of partnerships across agencies and states, tribal governments and nonprofit organizations.

Fishing with the Guides

By George Langley



Ice fishing conditions are ideal for January

We're now in the heart of winter and things are looking pretty good as far as fishing goes. It was such a crazy and inconsistent start to the ice season that it was impossible to say how the season would go. Luckily, no one in the area went through the ice, but that first ice was pretty bad. Repeated warm spells made it even worse, but a lot of cold since then have made for very good ice now. Let's hope it stays this way for another six to eight weeks. The snowmobile folks and the cross-country skiers are pretty happy also. It's beautiful in the woods.

All in all, the ice fishing has been pretty good. We've been seeing a lot of folks out there, especially on weekends. On the good old Eagle River Chain the walleye and crappie fishing has been very good at times. As usual, the fish are concentrated in the holes on each lake. The walleye fishing is usually better in the later afternoon and the evenings until after dark on lakes such as Catfish, Cranberry and Eagle. As usual, those holes produce the best fishing, but they are not the only spots.

You also can find fish near the weeds at times and these are "feeding fish." They are simply following schools of bait fish. When using tip-ups, you'll be pestered by perch near those weeds. They'll grab the shiners and run with them, but then drop them. Also there are some northern pike near and in those weeds.

The Chain is famous for its crappie fishing in those holes and on weekends, you'll find those holes crowded if the weather is OK. There are two ways most anglers fish these holes, either jigging or with tip downs. The tip downs are baited with minnows. The jigging can be with minnows or waxies. You have to remember to change the position of the jigs up or down in the water to find these traveling schools of crappies, as they change depths often in search of minnows. When fishing this way you also can pick up some perch or walleye.

The larger lakes are furnishing us with some fish also. The walleye are hitting on lakes like North and South Twin in the evenings. On these lakes there is a chance for some really big fish and as a consequence, anglers will often use larger shiners. We've seen some good perch fishing on Kentuck through the early winter also.

All lakes are in great shape as far as depth and on some there is auto movement. On most others there is snowmobile and four-wheel movement. It's time to take advantage of the very good conditions.

Good luck and good fishin'.

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SPORTS



Pierson Czaplinski stares across at his opponent from Iron Mountain, Mich., during a recent match held at Three Lakes School.

Czaplinski recently hit 100 career wins, a rare feat for any high school wrestler. —Photos By Jennifer West

Busy week for prep wrestlers as Rebel-Jays get three wins

BY DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a busy week for the Three Lakes and Laona-Wabeno Rebel-Jays wrestling team who came out victorious in a trio of dual meets across three days.

Beginning last week Tuesday, the team hosted a three-team dual with both Iron Mountain, Mich., and Lakeland coming to Three Lakes.

In the opening match of the night for the Three Lakes and Laona-Wabeno team the hosts came out on top, defeating Iron Mountain by a score of 48-35.

After Iron Mountain got forfeits at 106 and 113 to start the match, Brady Shepard fell by technical fall to put Iron Mountain up early, 17-0. That lead expanded to 23-0 after Tyler Winch pinned Noah Kincaid, setting the stage for a Rebel-Jays comeback.

Kevin Sheldon started it off at 132 pounds as he, then Zander Ginet at 138 pounds each took forfeit wins.

After Issac Manier of Iron Mountain won over Jackson Harris to make it 29-12, it went to 35-12 after the home team also forfeited a weight class at 152.

Three Lakes and Laona-Wabeno then got into their comfort zone beginning with Pierson Czaplinski at 160 pounds. The Bluejays senior won by pin in the second round over Parker Stroud,



Gus Fink takes ahold of the leg of his Lakeland opponent as he gets set to take control of the

match during a dual hosted by the Three Lakes and Laona-Wabeno squad last week.

setting the stage for a run of wins for the home team.

Next up was Evan Gleason who took a forfeit win at 170 pounds. Ryan Roy then kept the winning ways going with a forfeit, followed by the same for Frank Shepard to draw the team ahead at 36-35.

In the second to final match of the night, Zeke Logalbo sealed the dual win with a pin in the second period at 220 pounds. Gus Fink then rounded out the dual with a pin of Marcus Verrette in the second period at heavy-weight.

In the 39-24 dual win against Lakeland, Brady Shepard started the night by pinning Ashton Bremer at 120 pounds to get the Rebel-Jays off on the right foot. Kincaid then also won by pin before Sheldon fell at 132 pounds to Tyson Skubal who took a high-scoring 18-12 decision.

Ginet won by forfeit at 138 pounds before Harris won by pin over Landen Herrick at 145 pounds. After Lakeland won a forfeit at 152, Czaplinski kept things rolling at 160 with a win by pin over Jose Retana in the second period.

Gleason fell by pin at 170, but Roy got another win at 182 over Tommy Howard, pinning him in the first round. A tough loss for Frank

Shepard came at 195 pounds as Leonard Chosa won, 9-7. After Logalbo fell by pin, Fink won once more, taking a 6-1 decision over Esaube Brown.

After winning their two home duals Tuesday, the Three Lakes and Laona-Wabeno team went to Merrill last Thursday and beat the Division 2 program by a score of 47-30.

Starting in the higher weights at 195, Merrill got the first win of the night as Logalbo fell by pin. After a forfeit at 220, Three Lakes' Gus Fink won by pin, sticking Kieran Hehling in the third period.

Brady Shepard would win his match at 126 pounds, also by pin. Kincaid then won by fall in the first period followed by a win for Paige Peterson who needed just 42 seconds to win her match at 138 pounds.

Czaplinski then won by pinning Austin Depies in the second period. Roy won again also, doing so by a 16-1 technical fall. Frank Shepard then ended the night with a pin of Dominic Roper in the second period.

The team is scheduled to host a dual with Abbotsford this coming Thursday. A time for that match has not yet been announced.

Sports Sidelines

By Doug Etten



Wrestling may return to prominence again

The Three Lakes wrestling program is growing, and with the growth also continues to gain strength through not only numbers, but in results.

With the recent bolstering of the lineup that came with adding the Laona-Wabeno school district to the high school program athletes in almost every weight class have been able to see better competition in the practice room day-in and day-out, which has translated to more wins for individuals as well as the team in dual meets and larger tournaments.

Wrestling is a different sport than most. One that really not many, including me, fully understand.

It's not flashy. Doesn't necessarily get a lot of mainstream exposure across the same avenues as say high school hockey, football or basketball.

But make no mistake, wrestling is seemingly making a comeback, and with that will come a resurgence in many other high school sports which have seen a downturn of some sort over the last decade.

There is no doubt that kids in general are not playing sports at the same capacity they once did.

Numbers have been falling for consecutive years as more and more non-athletic options become available for youth at ages I for one never had as a youngster. And when it comes to a sport like wrestling, which I believe calls for almost more dedication than any other high school sport, putting numbers in a positive direction amidst the world we are living in now is impressive.

High school sports aren't getting easier. The focus to win is higher than ever before, and because of that trying to gain committed athletes is one thing, but then getting them to buy-in is a completely other obstacle.

I tip my cap to those in any youth program as they navigate these trying times attempting to keep their sport respectable and relevant. I see that task even harder in youth and high school wrestling, but it seems they've figured something out in Three Lakes.

Coaches within the program have expressed excitement like no other, and seem convinced that with the continued exposure for athletes at tournaments that showcase some of the top individual wrestlers in the State, it's only a matter of time before there is another championship banner hanging in the Three Lakes gymnasium.

Hurley wins late, Three Lakes girls host Elcho next

BY DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Three Lakes Bluejays girls basketball team got a good contest at the hands of Hurley last week, however a combination of turnovers and some three-point connections in the second half for Hurley helped them get back ahead as a late steal sealed a 48-46 win.

"We came out a bit flat to start as we were down 10 points midway through the first half," said coach Michele Brown. "But we eventually woke up and took an eight-point lead into halftime, thanks to Kallie Volk scoring 10 of her 12 points in the half."

Brown said her team played well mid-game especially, as the lead would grow to as many as 10.

"That's where the turnovers and a couple of their three-point shots pulled them back in the game," said Brown.

Hurley would eventually take a five-point lead with just over three minutes to go before Three Lakes clawed their way back to within two with under a minute to go.

"We needed the ball back and were able to come up with quite a number of takeaways, and had chances to tie it but we just couldn't come up with the make," said Brown. "With 26 seconds to go we only had one team foul which normally would be a great problem to have, except when you need the ball back and have to try to steal the ball or foul."

Somehow the Lady Jays

were able to find time left on the clock as they put Hurley to the line with a bonus free throw attempt with four seconds to go. As Hurley missed the front end, it gave Three Lakes a shot as they secured the rebound and looked up court.

Hurley though would intercept the fast break pass, sealing the win.

"It was a very disappointing loss," said Brown. "We turned the ball over, and we took some shots we didn't need to take while we had that 10-point lead. And we struggled again at the free throw line going just 5-for-16."

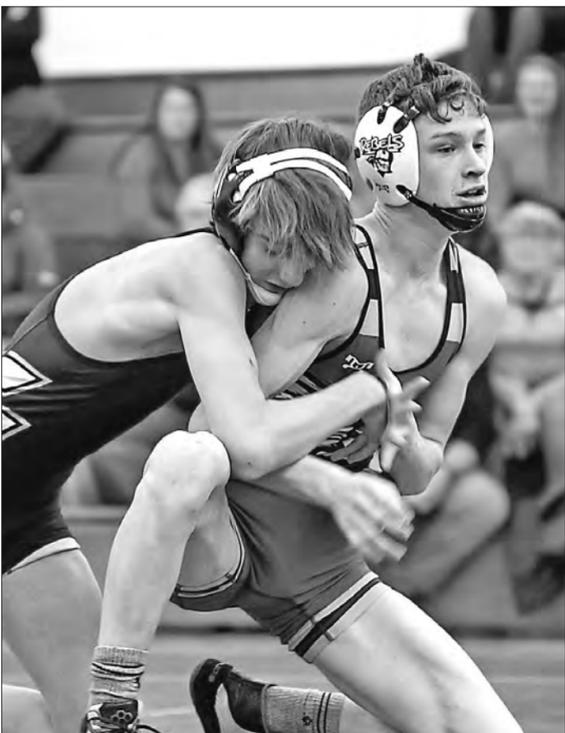
"This was our game until those things happened."

Kara Sowinski led the Bluejays offensively with 13 points and five assists, as well as defensively with six steals. Volk scored 12 points while Mari Szews had eight points and 16 rebounds. Sara Gruszynski added nine points with seven boards.

With illness canceling a pair of games that were scheduled after Hurley last week, it gave Three Lakes time to prepare for what is an important matchup with Laona-Wabeno, Jan. 18 at home.

"We each have one loss in conference along with Crandon, and are looking forward to coming away with a win," said Brown.

A game with Crivitz this week was also wiped from the schedule, but the team is scheduled to host Elcho, Thursday.



Brady Shepard works to get loose from the grip of Ashton Bremer of Lakeland before turning the tables and pinning him in the first round last week

SPORTS



The Northland Pines girls hockey team had a busy week, falling to Hayward before picking up wins over Wisconsin Valley and Black

River Falls co-ops. Above, the team works to secure possession during a matchup with Hayward. —Photos By LINDSEY NYLUND

Pines girls pick up pair of wins; Chippewa Falls, Superior next

BY DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

After battling through one of the toughest parts of their 2021-'22 schedule, the Northland Pines girls hockey team was able to notch a couple of very quality wins this week.

Following up a 6-1 home loss to Hayward on a night where the Eagles were short-handed, Pines followed it up with a 4-1 win over Wisconsin Valley Union and then ended the week at home Saturday with a hard-fought 3-2 win over the Black River Falls Co-op.

"The game against Black River Falls was a big win," said coach Jeff Stebbeds. "We were coming off of another big win against Wisconsin Valley

Union so for us to keep the momentum going is huge this time of year."

Stebbeds said he hopes his team is starting to peak at the right time of the year, after enduring a difficult few weeks where the team was hampered by illness and injury.

"We hope going into this week we can keep the pressure on," said Stebbeds. "To me during these last few games the difference is we've been able to score first, and we are not digging ourselves out of a hole every game."

At home last Monday, on Senior Night, Hayward grabbed control early which put the Eagles in a tough position, down four goals early in the first.

"We had to take an early time out just to reset," said

Stebbeds. "We started slow and Hayward got off to a good start. After the time out we only allowed two goals the rest of the game."

Late in the third period, Grace Wittkopf was able to crack the scoring column with Pines' only goal of the night, assisted by Madison Stebbeds.

On the road Thursday night, Pines was able to get on the board first in Stevens Point as Wittkopf notched another goal with 4:28 to play in the first to put her team ahead 1-0.

Wittkopf got to the net again in the second, scoring on assists from Julia Nesbitt and Stebbeds. Julia Nesbitt would score for Pines then after that, assisted by Stebbeds and Schmidt.

Wisconsin Valley Union would get one back in the second period to pull the score to 3-1 Pines. That's the furthest Wisconsin Valley Union would get as with 7:41 to play in the third Hailey Krznarich struck, assisted by Cassidy Sternhagen and Donna Lotzer which made it 4-1 which is how it would end.

"The girls work hard in practice the last few days trying to get back on the winning track," said Stebbeds earlier this week. "It paid off (in Stevens Point) as the girls were moving the puck well and getting everyone involved. This was a much needed win, and I am proud of how the girls played as a team."

The win fed into Saturday, as an early goal for Stebbeds midway through the first put Pines up 1-0. Schmidt assisted on the goal.

Black River Falls would knot the game at 1-1, but just minutes later it was Wittkopf who scored off an assist from Stern-

hagen to make it 2-1 Pines.

The back and fourth battle ensued into the third as Black River Falls then scored with just under seven minutes to play to tie the game at 2-2. Only 70 seconds later though Stebbeds connected on the eventual game-winner, taking assists from Nesbitt and Schmidt to put Pines up 3-2 which is how it ended.

Ashlynn Boxrucker picked up the pair of wins in the two-games, stopping 22-of-23 shots in Stevens Point and then 22-of-24 against Black River Falls.

After playing the Northern Edge this past Monday, the team will travel to face the defending State champs in the Chippewa Falls this Friday and then onto Superior, Saturday. The next home game will be next Monday at 6 p.m. against Medford.

Rebels get away with two-point win to stay atop NLC standings

BY DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

Losing big or losing small, there seems to be no preferred way. A heart-breaker though for Three Lakes came at home last Friday night as after tying the game late with conference rival Laona-Wabeno, a score by the visiting team with five seconds to go was the difference as the Rebels escaped Three Lakes with a 58-56 league win.

"We came in prepared with that being our only game last week, and our goal was to limit Connor Taylor who came in averaging around 28 points per game," said Three Lakes coach Brian Diorio. "We wanted to make someone else step up to beat us."

That other person was Reed Christensen who took full advantage of the attentions the Bluejays gave to his teammate Taylor and poured in a game-high 25 to help lead his team to the Northern Lakes Conference (NLC) win.

"Hats off to Reed who played a great game," said Diorio. "We got off to a bit of a slow start and found ourselves down 26-40 at halftime. From there we went on a 22-6 run to take the lead in the second half at 48-46 before Laona-Wabeno went on another run."

The game came into the final minute where Three Lakes was able to tie the game at 56 with under

30 seconds to play. The Rebels though came down and were able to lift a shot through with five seconds remaining, as time ran out with the visitors taking the two-point win.

"We had great contributions from everyone on the roster, and as a team I thought we played our best game of the year," said Diorio. "It's a shame that our best effort of the year ended in a loss, but the boys were very positive after the game and hungry to get back on the court."

Jared Kaufman had a good night across the board for Three Lakes with 13 points, seven rebounds, six assists and five steals. Logan Erikson followed that with 11 points, four steals, three rebounds and three assists. Sam Eppler added nine points and eight rebounds while rounding out the scoring was Ashton Maney with seven, Toby Volkmann with six, Josh Cogar and Cole Melton with four each and Austin Adams with a pair.

After traveling to Minocqua to face Lakeland this past Monday, the team will host Watersmeet this Thursday before traveling to Elcho, Friday.

The win for Laona-Wabeno keeps them atop the NLC standings at 5-0, followed by Florence (5-1), Goodman-Pembine (2-1), Elcho (1-4) and Three Lakes (0-3).



Halle Kerner looks up the ice for an open teammate during last Monday's 7-1 loss at home to Hayward.

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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 7:00 pm	
Thurs., Jan. 13	at Marshfield	7:00 pm			

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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
Fri., Jan. 28	Calumet Wolverines	8:00 pm	Sat., March 12	at West Bend Bombers	8:00 pm

PUBLIC NOTICES

(Two Weeks, 1/19-1/26/22)
Public Hearing Notice
Vilas County Zoning & Planning Committee
Date: Thursday February 3, 2022
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Vilas County Courthouse Conference Room 1 and 2
330 Court St.
Eagle River, WI 54521
Public Hearing Description
The hearing will be on an After the Fact application for Conditional use submitted by Ella Baltus; agent for Peter J Baltus trust, to put a propane storage tank on the property. The property is currently zoned GENERAL BUSINESS (GB), Located in the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 Section 2, Town 42 North, Range 10 East, Town of Land O Lakes, Vilas County, Wisconsin. Known

as Vilas County Computer Parcel Number 12-1564.
An on-site may be conducted at the Committee's discretion, at which time the Committee would recess and travel to the inspection, with the Public Hearing to follow at the Vilas County Courthouse.
A copy of the Petition is on file in the Vilas County Zoning Office.
Dated at Eagle River this 14th day of January, 2022.
Dawn M. Schmidt, Zoning Administrator
For: Zoning and Planning Committee
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SPORTS

Eagle boys dominate Antigo 65-26

BY GARY RIDDERBUSCH
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Northland Pines boys basketball team played only its second Great Northern Conference (GNC) game of the season at Antigo last Friday and came away with a convincing 65-26 win over the Red Robins.

The Eagles, who took a week off due to health and safety protocols, didn't miss a beat against the Red Robins beginning the game on a 19-0 run before the hosts scored a 3-pointer with 9 minutes to go in the first half.

Pines' relentless full-court defense stifled Antigo, as the Eagles went up by as many as 30 points late in the first half. The Eagles would go into the break with a commanding 44-15 lead.

"Our guys were prepared," said Pines coach Terry Klemett. "I was a little concerned coming into this game with a week off and not playing a game since Dec. 30, but our guys responded well and took our preparation to another level."

The second would be no different as the Eagles would control the game on both ends. Griffin Stiemke's three 3-pointers helped the Eagles open up a 56-18 lead with 8 minutes to play. Coach Klemett was able to rotate a lot of players onto the court in the second half.

"Antigo's zone was a concern and could cause a lot of problems if you didn't shoot the ball well. But our game plan was to get into the paint and score, and also allow our defense to get some steals and easy buckets, which we did, and that was great to see," said Klemett. "Griffin Stiemke, Gabe Smith and Nolan Lurvey are really long and athletic in that press up front for us and they put a lot of pressure on Antigo."

The Eagles also dominated the glass on defense and only allowed the Red Robins one shot on offense when they could get a shot off.

Pines shot a blistering 78% (18 of 23) on 2-point shots and 43% (8 of 19) on 3-pointers. The Eagles also had 18 team assists and 14 steals with Smith leading the way in that department with four.

Stiemke, the team's leading scorer at 20.9 points per game, had his second 30-point game of the season with 32 points — 18 of them coming from beyond the 3-point line. Smith added 14 points and seven rebounds.

"I thought we played Eagle basketball. Our defense was great and we moved the ball extremely well on offense," said Klemett. "Griffin's job is to shoot the ball and he got

himself into open areas and knocked them down. Gabe Smith was dominant in the paint and on defense."

Lurvey had another all-around game with nine points, seven assists and seven rebounds.

"Nolan is the floor gener-

al and played great. Some of his passes are just amazing. There's not a lot he can't do," said Klemett. "We play well as a team and everyone knows their role. I am very pleased at where we are at."

The Eagles are 7-2 on the season (2-0 in the GNC) and will play at Merrill in a non-conference battle on Tuesday. Pines will be back home this Friday, Jan. 21, for a GNC matchup against Tomahawk starting at 7:15 p.m. The Eagles then travel to Medford this Saturday, Jan. 22, for a GNC matchup at 5 p.m.

PROBABLE WINNERS PREDICTED HERE IN THE "EAGLE LINE"	PHOTOGRAPHS					
	Doug Etten N-R Sports	Olivia Findlay Real Estate	Laura Goll Dentist	Luke Olejniczak Butcher	Rich Javenkoski Sports Analyst	David Weber Grocer
Playoff Record	4-1	3-2	4-1	5-0	4-1	5-0
Win Rate	.800	.600	.800	1.000	.800	1.000
Last Week's Tally	4-1	3-2	4-1	5-0	4-1	5-0
Cincinnati at Tennessee	Cincinnati	Tennessee	Cincinnati	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee
San Francisco at Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay
TBD at Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay	TBD	Tampa Bay	TBD	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay
Buffalo at Kansas City	Buffalo	Kansas City	Kansas City	Buffalo	Kansas City	Buffalo

Eagle lose to Tomahawk, Waupaca in GNC games

BY GARY RIDDERBUSCH
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Northland Pines boys hockey team went on the road last week for two Great Northern Conference (GNC) games, losing to Tomahawk 10-4 and at Waupaca 5-1.

Pines coach David Cox said the Eagles did not put in the consistent effort to win at Sara Park in Tomhawk last Tuesday.

"Our mental and physical approach was not what is needed to win today," said Cox. "We had a lot of illness and injuries, suiting just 12 players that included six freshmen, but when we needed to dig a bit deeper and step up, we struggled. As a coaching staff, we were hoping to be a little further along at this point of the season and we just have not made that jump."

The Eagles had a few bright spots on offense, including freshman Derek Buckton scoring his first high school goal on a power play midway through the second period. Matthew Szafranski carried the Eagles offensively with a three-goal hat trick. But Cox was most concerned about the defensive effort.

"Allowing 10 goals was tough, but the hard part was only two goals we allowed were team play with an assist," said Cox. "Eight of their goals were single effort goals where we flat out gave them too much space and time, over and over, and they picked us apart."

Cox said he expected some rough patches during the season, so he hopes the players will take something from the game and learn from the results.

"Hopefully, we continue to get healthy and well heading into next week. Getting a few of our key older players back will help our younger players as we hit the grinder days of January," said Cox. "We have had to lean pretty heavily on our freshman class the past week and they got some great experience that we again are hopeful will pay huge dividends this year and into the future."

Cox said the Eagles put out a much better effort in a very fast paced game at the Expo Center in Waupaca Friday despite the four-goal loss.

"We saw some growth and good things tonight in our team play. It is amazing how a couple players back in the lineup changes the way we play. I credit these guys for coming back with a much better effort from the start today," said Cox.

The Eagles skated to a 1-1 tie after one period, with Anderson KIELTY scoring Pines' lone goal on a rebound from a Matthew Szafranski shot that caromed to KIELTY in the slot.

"I thought the kids really responded well after the Tomahawk game. They matched the energy of Waupaca early and fell behind only to claw back and finish the period pushing the play offensively," said Cox.

The Eagles played well

in the second until Waupaca scored two goals late to pull ahead in a tightly matched contest.

"I think our depth hurt us as they wore us down when we had back-to-back power plays and could not get the big goal to pull ahead," said Cox.

In the third period, Waupaca scored a pair of goals to put the game away. Pines goalie Eli Kerner made 22 saves in the game.

"Eli played well tonight and really kept us in the game and gave us a chance, but we struggled to score goals again tonight," said Cox.

Pines was scheduled to host a solid Lakeland team on Tuesday of this week followed by the Pines Classic at the Dome this weekend.

"I had Lakeland or Mosinee pegged to win the GNC and they have both proved to be the leaders early. Lakeland will push us to a level we have yet to see this season, hopefully preparing us for the Pines Classic," said Cox.

In the Class, the Eagles will face Mosinee at 5 p.m. Friday to open the tournament, followed by Hayward facing University School of Milwaukee at 7:30 p.m. The consolation game will be at noon Saturday, followed by the championship game at 2:30 p.m.

"We will be playing at a speed we are not accustomed to playing at, so it will be another chance to improve. I am excited to see how we respond," said Cox.

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STANDINGS

THREE LAKES POOL LEAGUE

Results of 1/12/22
Team results: Spiritview I 14, Hide Away 2; Rendezvous 12, Mollyville II 4; Legion Eagles 10, Spiritview III 6; Tavern on the Loop II 10, Mollyville I 6; Spiritview II 9, Tavern on the Loop I 7.

Hot shots: Jim Bollmann 25, Spencer Bolte 20, Brian Hoff 16, Scott Soder 14.

Eight-ball runs: Justin Pollack 9, Frank Sarkauskas 2, Richard Wilson and Greg Kliss 1.

Eight-ball breaks: Scott Tillman and Jim Bollman.

STANDINGS	W	L
Spiritview I	142	66
Rendezvous	140	68
Spiritview IV	124	68
Tavern on the Loop II	128	80
Legion Eagles	112	96
Legion OV	94	98
Tavern on the Loop I	90	118
Spiritview III	87	121
Spiritview II	85	123
Mollyville I	85	123
Mollyville II	80	128
Hide Away	65	143

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Eagle Lanes
Results of 1/12/22
Team results: Bacon Construction 2, Preuss' Pub 5; Harry's Fireworks 0, 6 Newitt North 7; Lanny's Fireside 2, Northern Art and Design 5.

High team game: Preuss' Pub 865.

High games: Jamie True 222, Sharon Molinaro 215, Dawn Greenman 213, Becky Brainard 187, Katie Walls and Terri Schenck 184.

High series: Dawn Ward 590, Sharon Molinaro 548, Jamie True 523, Deb Preuss Rattenbach 499, Susie Erickson 484.

STANDINGS	W
Preuss' Pub	87
6 Newitt North	72
Northern Art & Design	65
Harry's Fireworks	54
Bacon Construction	54
Lanny's Fireside	46

EAGLE RIVER DARTBALL

Results of 1/12/22
Team results: Shotskis 3, Nomads 0; Club Denoyer 2, Sweetwater 1.

Top women shooters: Mabel Ernst

6/20, Taylor Healy 5/20.
Top men shooters: Pete Aiello 11/21, Troy Ernst 5/20.

STANDINGS	W	L
Club Denoyer	27	6
Shotskis	26	7
Lakeland Monuments	19	14
Sweetwater	19	14
Nomads	6	27

EAGLE RIVER POOL LEAGUE

Results of 1/13/22
Results: Denoyer's I 12, Denoyer's II 4; Shotskis 11, Uncle Kent's II 5; Brew's Pub II 11, Club 45 5; Lumpy's 10, Dublin's 6; Finish Line 11, Tiny Tap 5.

STANDINGS	W	L
Shotskis	160	64
Brew's Pub II	144	80
Denoyer's I	123	101
Uncle Kent's I	116	76
Denoyer's II	116	108
Brew's Pub I	109	99
Lumpy's	102	122
Club 45	100	124
Dublin's	92	132
Finish Line	92	132
Uncle Kent's II	86	138
Tiny Tap	72	136

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Thank you to the Eagle River Area Fire Department members, other volunteers and to the businesses that donated food, beverages, trucks, tools or anything toward the Eagle River Ice Castle.

- ### Ice Castle Facts
- Over 700 "man hours" to construct
 - About 2,000 80-lb. ice blocks from Eagle River's Silver Lake
 - 33-ft. high structure
 - Constructed since the 1920s
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