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Bikini racers haul in huge profits

■ Bikini run participants brought in record amounts for local area groups. Pictures on pg. 6A.

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SIPPIN' COCOA — The Tara Lila Snowshoe Hike held Saturday offered activities for participants of all ages who bundled up against the cold winter temperatures. —Photo By Jennifer West

Lac du Flambeau Tribe blocks residents' homes; dispute escalates

By DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

Tribal and nontribal members who reside on the Lac du Flambeau Indian Reservation in western Vilas County continue to be blocked from traveling freely to and from their homes as negotiations between the tribe, town of Lac du Flambeau and Chicago Title Insurance Company are at a stalemate.

In a special town board meeting held late last week at the Lac du Flambeau town hall, frustrated residents and members of the town government met to discuss legal options, and also a way they

could solve the more dire safety issue of emergency vehicles, plows and county sheriff's deputies being shut out as well by locked gates on four specific town roads.

Following more than an hour of questions and concerns being aired to members of the town board, officials voted unanimously to call tribal President John Johnson and ask for a 60-day stay where barricades would be removed while a resolution was reached.

Phone calls to Johnson's office were neither answered nor returned, according to town officials, after which a letter was sent asking for a dialogue on the matter. That letter was delivered to

the tribal secretary via email Thursday.

The tribe responded to the Feb. 2 letter late Monday stating they had "no intention of removing the barriers that we installed on our lands until the town, title companies and right-of-way applicants make a good faith offer to the Tribe for compensation for over 10 years of trespass."

"The Tribe will not agree to remove the barriers or agree to your proposed meeting until the Town presents in writing a good faith offer to the Tribe to compensate for the ongoing trespass."

Gov. Tony Evers was in Lac du Flambeau Saturday to meet with the tribal council, however no announcement

has been made as to the contents of that meeting or resolution that came out of it.

Tribal officials have not responded by phone or writing to requests from multiple agencies for clarification on some issues, but they did release a response via their social media page last week which stated a number of what they say were "misinformation" and "inaccuracies."

This latest standoff between landowners and the tribe began Monday, Jan. 30 when the Lac du Flambeau Police Department hand-delivered notices to residents who live on or behind tribal land along Annie Sunn Lane,

To TRIBE, Pg. 8A

Preparations continue for Pond Hockey weekend

By STEPHANIE DYE
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Preparations are underway after the decision to relocate the popular pond hockey championships from Dollar Lake to the Eagle River Derby Complex.

Katie Holmgren of USA Hockey made the announcement after officials made the decision due to unseasonably

warm weather created poor ice conditions for the upcoming event. The tournament will now be held on several man-made ice rinks created by volunteers.

The majority of the ice for the rinks was prepared by

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BUD PICKER — Ruffed grouse survive throughout the winter by picking buds from aspen, yellow birch and various fruit trees as their

main food source. This grouse, photographed in the Eagle River area, picks through the snowy branches for food. —STAFF PHOTO

Phelps Town Board passes new resolution to create room tax

By SHARON GIFFORD
PHELPS CORRESPONDENT

A special Phelps Town Board meeting was held last week where more than 30 community members met to discuss the first item on the agenda — room tax.

After much discussion between the board and community members, a resolution was passed to create a room tax. Phelps Chairman Steve Doyen explained that the room tax has been brought forward again because of a petition circulated by Phelps community members which requested that the

board implement this room tax because of the recent \$255,000 tax levy increase.

Proponents said the room tax would ease some burden on the taxpayers.

Town board supervisor David Selby noted that the board asked for this levy increase so that it could do a decent job at providing vital services including maintaining roads, parks, and fire emergency services.

"It was a big ask from us, but all of this board have sworn that we would die on the hill before we increase that tax levy even a dollar in the future," said Selby. "You guys came through and we're going to tighten our belts and

do it as we're one of a couple communities that do not have a room tax."

Right now, the town funds the chamber \$45,000 a year and with this room tax, the town would not have to budget this amount in.

A number of resort owners at the meeting expressed that the chamber has never received a booking for their resort and that they do a lot for the community and are not recognized for it. The owners also highlighted that they feel the town needs to police the community for resort owners who are not charging the room tax, and that the town board is in desperation mode to find extra

funds and are trying to get it from their resort guests.

"Resort owners having a say is a big thing, but I want that extra money generated from room tax for the community," said Selby. "The town provides services that visitors take advantage of and that is why the room tax was created."

Resort owners in attendance who are in opposition said they are limited to raising their rates to help with needed maintenance because of this room tax, and further noted that one member of the town board should be a resort owner that pays room

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Rep. Tiffany introduces bill to delist gray wolves

By MICHELLE DREW
EDITOR

Congressman Tom Tiffany (R-Wis.) and Congresswoman Lauren Boebert (R-Colo.) last week led 22 members of Congress in reintroducing the Trust the Science Act, which would remove the gray wolf from the Endangered Species list.

According to Tiffany, this legislation follows the scientific recommendation of wildlife experts that the gray wolf should be removed from the Endangered Species List and that gray wolf populations should be managed by

states instead of one-size-fits-all federal government regulation.

"It's a scientific fact that the gray wolf has recovered well past its recovery goal," said Tiffany. "Saying otherwise undermines the purpose of the Endangered Species Act. This is a true recovery success story, and it's past time to give states the reins to control their wolf populations."

Boebert echoed Tiffany's sentiments, saying the species is fully recovered

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	Hi	Lo	Prec.		Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues., Jan. 31.....	10	-24	None	Mon., Jan. 31.....	30	-4	0.2"S
Wed., Feb. 1.....	18	-12	None	Tues., Feb. 1.....	32	8	None
Thurs., Feb. 2.....	13	-9	0.8"S	Wed., Feb. 2.....	9	-9	None
Fri., Feb. 3.....	4	-17	None	Thurs., Feb. 3.....	9	-21	None
Sat., Feb. 4.....	25	0	None	Fri., Feb. 4.....	8	-18	None
Sun., Feb. 5.....	22	4	None	Sat., Feb. 5.....	15	-19	None
Mon., Feb. 6.....	32	30	None	Sun., Feb. 6.....	22	12	1.2"S

LAST YEAR The average daily high at this time last year for the next seven days was 23, while the average overnight low was 19. There was snow on five days measuring 6.1 inches.

COMPARISON Days precipitation recorded since Jan 1, 2023, 21 days; 2022, 17 days. Average high of past 30 days, 2023, 23; 2022, 17. Average low of past 30 days, 2023, 9; 2022, -5.

SNOW CONDITIONS Cold weather limited snowfall this week, resulting in good trail conditions throughout the North Woods.

	'21-'22	'22-'23
Snowy days	48	43
Inches to date	60.65"	54.7"
Ground cover	19"	15"

STREAMS AND LAKES Ice fishing is well underway for the season, ice thickness ranges from approximately 10 to 15 inches and is deemed safe on most area lakes. Thinner areas may be possible due to snowfall and temperatures.

FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK

Wednesday: Times of sun and clouds. High: 39° Low: 24°
Thursday: Chance of a few snow showers. High: 35° Low: 22°
Friday: Mostly cloudy. High: 26° Low: 10°
Saturday: Times of sun and clouds. High: 27° Low: 19°
Sunday: Mostly cloudy. High: 35° Low: 23°

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

Food drive to benefit FORK and food pantry

By NEWS-REVIEW STAFF

The "You Are Super" Bowl Food Drive to benefit Vilas Food Pantry and Feed Our Rural Kids (FORK) pantry locations in the area, is coming to the Heid Out Bar and Grill in Eagle River this month. "Please bring your non-perishable food items or monetary donations when you 'Heid Out' with us Wednesday, Feb 8 to Sunday, Feb. 12," explained Heid Out Bar and Grill Owner Renee Heid. "Together we can make a difference in the lives of food insecure families and their children in our hometown." Over the years FORK has established food pantry locations at the Eagle River, St. Germain, Land O' Lakes, and Phelps elementary school entrances. The organization

also has expanded its reach by adding food pantries to the Conover Town Hall, Plum Lake Public Library, and Three Lakes School administrative entrances. "During our food drive we will donate \$1 for every food item collected and register each donor to win a \$50 Heid Out gift card," Heid said. "We believe every day is a great day to make someone feel super, so bring us your food donations this week." Both the pantry and FORK are registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations. The Heid Out Bar is located at 1298 E. Dollar Lake Road. For more information, visit feedourruralkids.org or vilas-foodpantry.org.

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tax. They also added how it's a benefit to say to customers that the town does not have room tax, and visitors benefit from the upkeep of the town, while the hard-working retired people of Phelps are the ones that pay. Room tax was implemented in Wisconsin in 1967 and is used as a vehicle to pool funds to promote local tourism and marketing. It is on lodging only for any stay less than 30 consecutive days. The state has a 70-30 percentage law for room tax, which means the Phelps Chamber of Commerce would get 70% of the room tax and the town would get 30% of whatever percentage the town decides for that tax. The discussion was closed and a resolution made and passed by town board Supervisor Jeremy Ryan, who has been a big proponent of this



Phelps community members gathered with town board members last week and expressed concerns over a recently passed tax levy and the implementation of a room tax resolution. —Photo By Sharon Gifford

movement. Ryan said that Phelps is one of the last communities in Vilas County to not have a room tax. He added that the resolution would not take effect until Jan. 1, 2025, and the rate would be no higher than 5%. The town is working with its lawyer to

finalize details. Ryan also highlighted how a room tax would create ample opportunity to grow events, amenities and services for both visitors and residents. "Now that we have found a direction, we hope to all get on the same page with every-

one staying in our community." For more information, contact Doyen at 715-891-4601 or steve.doyen@frontier.com. *Asst. Editor Jon Eichman contributed to this story.*

Wolves FROM PAGE 1A

and should remain delisted in the lower 48 states. She added that states should be able to determine how to manage their local gray wolf populations. "For too long, farmers and ranchers have been powerless to defend their livestock from gray wolf attacks. The Trust the Science Act empowers states and puts people ahead of violent predators. We need to actually analyze the data objectively instead of letting Endangered Species Act listing decisions be made by leftist activists," Boebert said. The move has gained traction with state agencies and hunting groups. "Wisconsin farmers should not be subject to the judicial whims of a judge hundreds of miles away. It's time Wisconsin is allowed to take full control of the management of the state's top predator," said Wisconsin Farm Bureau President Kevin Krentz. "Wisconsin Farm Bureau appreciates and supports the efforts of

Reps. Tiffany and Boebert as they work to allow Wisconsin farmers to defend their livestock. The science is proven. Wisconsin's wolves have been recovered, and it's time for the management phase of this Endangered Species Act success story." Hunter Nation has been outspoken about its support for delisting the gray wolf and applaud the Trust the Science Act as a piece of "much needed legislation." "Long ago, the gray wolf populations far exceeded all markers that had been set to determine a successful recovery. The gray wolf populations have now exploded past those goals to the detriment of all other wildlife populations, and are now a threat to livestock, pets, and humans," said Keith Mark, president and founder of Hunter Nation. "The Trust the Science bill will be following one of the core tenants of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation: 'Scientific management is the proper means for wildlife conservation.' Hunter Nation applauds and supports Reps. Boebert and Tiffany and all others that support this needed legislation." Tiffany explained that the Trust the Science Act requires the Secretary of Interior to reissue the 2020 Department of the Interior final rule that

delisted gray wolves in the lower 48 United States and ensures that the reissuance of the final rule "will not be subject to judicial review by activist judges like the California judge who vacated the rule in 2020 and unilaterally relisted the gray wolf by judicial fiat." The 22 members of Congress who cosponsored the Trust the Science Act include those in Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Colorado and beyond. In 2020, the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service delisted the gray wolf in the lower 48 United States through a process that included the best science and data available. "At over 6,000 wolves at the time of delisting, the gray wolf has been the latest Endangered Species Act success story with recoveries with significant populations in the Rocky Mountains and western Great Lakes regions," Tiffany said. That move was overturned Feb. 10, 2022, by a federal judge in California who relisted wolves across most of the continental United States. The decision restored federal Endangered Species Act protections for the carnivore in response to a lawsuit brought by the Humane Society of the United States and a coalition of conservation organizations.

A wolf hunt was held in February of 2021, but a second wolf hunt slated for November 2021 was halted by a Wisconsin judge due to a lack of a state management plan. The February 2022 delisting of the animal then halted any future hunt plans as it made the gray wolf a federally protected animal. **Wolf management** People are reminded that the open comment period for the DNR's updated wolf management plan has been extended until Feb. 28 to review details of the plan and share their feedback. The DNR's plan proposes several changes to align the wolf management strategy with the current state of the wolf population, the available science and the perspectives of a diverse public. One of the biggest changes is the DNR's decision to move away from a single numeric population goal and instead use an "adaptive management process." The department plans to reduce harvest registration times and issue zone-specific wolf harvest permits to improve its ability to effectively meet harvest quotas. The plan also adds mechanisms to address localized concerns, including wolf harvest concerns near tribal reservation boundaries, and focused wolf harvest in areas with a history of wolf-livestock conflict. To view the full plan as well as the link to submit online comments, visit dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/wildlifehabitat/wolfmanagementplan. Questions and comments also may be emailed to dnr-wildlifewatchboard@wisconsin.gov, or mailed to: Wolf Management Plan Comments, 101 S. Webster St., P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921.

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NEWS

Disputes continue over Rustic Road formal agreement

BY MICHELLE DREW
EDITOR

Rustic Road 60 — a 12-mile stretch of Highway K that is Vilas County's only Rustic Road located between Star Lake and Boulder Junction — has seen a lot of controversy over the last year involving maintenance on the road as well as plans for an upcoming project.

After multiple meetings, the formation of a nonprofit group and Rustic Road Subcommittee, it seemed like an agreement had been reached last fall between members of Save Our Rustic Road (SORR) and the Vilas County Highway Department.

But now, members of the SORR community are feeling slighted by the highway department's decision to not sign a formal agreement regarding agreed-upon guidelines for projects on the road.

The decision came after Vilas County Corporate Counsel Jack Albert advised the department not to sign the agreement, citing the need for the highway department to maintain flexibility.

But Highway Commissioner Troy Schalinske assured members of the group that the highway department is committed to following the rules in the state Rustic Road statute as well as adhering to many of the demands put in place by SORR.

Some of the big objectives of SORR upon its creation were to prevent the department from implementing an earlier highway department plan that would expand the road by adding a 3-foot paved shoulder on each side, create a 13-foot clear or tree-free zone from the edge of the pavement on both sides of the road, extensively brush trees beyond the tree-free zone up to 27 feet from the pavement edge, and eliminate the attractive canopy that overhangs the highway throughout the summer months.

The group said it has achieved that goal by stopping the original plan, which they said would detract from the beauty and charm of the road.

The hang-up comes from SORR's desire to have a written agreement, which they say would protect the road for future generations.

Although the current highway commissioner has agreed to follow the agreed-upon guidelines, the ability of future generations to enjoy the beauty and character of our Rustic Road shouldn't hinge on which politicians are in office or who, in the future, is hired as highway commissioner," said SORR advocate and co-founder Libby Scott.

Scott said that Schalinske, along with the Rustic Road Subcommittee, successfully negotiated substantive guide-

lines for the management of the Rustic Road, but by not formally approving those guidelines, the county "has reneged on its commitment to SORR when it formed the subcommittee."

Schalinske, who has promised to "deliver on his commitments," said the county has not reneged on anything.

"It's in the state statutes, and we sat down and agreed upon things and that's what we're following," he said, adding that the department has been "more than accommodating" to those concerned about the stretch of highway.

According to a letter from Schalinske to SORR sent in November 2022, the county has agreed to maintain the existing 22-foot wide paved road bed with no further widening of the pavement, with the exception of the inside corners where the county can widen 2 feet around radius to aid in shoulder maintenance. It also agreed to maintain the existing 3-foot wide gravel shoulders with no further widening and no paving, as well as to maintain a 6-foot-wide mow area from the edge of the pavement on both sides using normal mowing equipment necessary for maintenance.

The letter went on to state that, "There will not be a formal agreement signed between parties, however, the established standards will be used as a guide for necessary maintenance on this county road system by the highway department."

"We sat down and agreed upon things, and that's what we're following," Schalinske said. "That's what was written up in the letter and Corporate Counsel Jack Albert signed off on that letter."

Scott expressed her disappointment, saying "It is evident that county counsel and the highway committee do not value the only Rustic Road in the county enough to take formal action to protect and preserve it for future generations."

Rustic Road 60 is under the jurisdiction and authority of the highway department for maintenance. The earliest work would start on Rustic Road 60 is 2025, Schalinske noted.

About Rustic Roads

The Wisconsin Legislature established the Rustic Roads program in 1973 to help citizens and local units of government preserve what remains of Wisconsin's scenic, lightly traveled country roads.

Unique brown and yellow signs mark the routes of all officially-designated Rustic Roads. These routes provide bikers, hikers, and motorists an opportunity to leisurely travel through some of Wisconsin's scenic countryside.



Oneida County Emergency Services Captain Jacob Simkins leads the local discussion while Vilas County Emergency Management Director Sherri Congleton completes a flow chart on the whiteboard. —Photos By Michael Anderson

Local emergency agencies take part in hazmat training

BY MICHAEL ANDERSON
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Vilas County emergency managers participated in a transportation-related hazardous material tabletop exercise for the Northeast Region of Wisconsin recently which included representation from nine area counties.

Representatives from Vilas, Oneida, Forest, Lincoln, and Langlade counties congregated at the Oneida County Law Enforcement Center on Tuesday evening and participated virtually with the other four counties — Florence, Oconto, Marathon and Wood counties.

The tabletop exercise was a facilitated group analysis of a punctured tanker truck carrying anhydrous ammonia that overturned at the intersection of Highway 8 and Highway 45 in Monico. The exercise was designed to provide an opportunity to validate the hazardous response plans and discuss the capabilities associated with a response to a transportation-related hazardous materials incident.

Throughout the region, each county was given the same scenario. However, the location of the incident location varied from county to county. Monico was chosen for the Oneida County group because of its



Oneida County Hazmat Team Chief Tom Waydick, Oneida County Emergency Services Captain Jacob Simkins, and Vilas County Emergency Management Director Sherri Congleton lead the small group discussion in Oneida County.

central location to participating counties.

The exercise was structured as a three-step activity. Each step progressed the scenario further into the incident and the county groups were given the opportunity to discuss the challenges that each step presented. The discussion was then opened up regionally and the counties compared notes to give a regional overview of the response.

Funding for the exercise was provided through a Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Table Top Exercise Grant and was

professionally facilitated by Melissa Waller of Pre-Emergency Planning LLC out of Lodi.

"This is really looking at not only our local and county, but our regional response and how we can coordinate resources and communications," explained Waller.

In addition to the county emergency management teams, there were also participants from various state organizations including Wisconsin Emergency Management, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the National

Weather Service from Green Bay.

The unique format facilitated a regional discussion about the local response plans and incident action plans. It also opened a dialog with the DNR about environmental awareness and provided a hasty assessment of a hazardous material response to a traffic incident.

Exercise participants said they felt the tabletop exercise presented a great opportunity to coordinate with the neighboring counties to communicate the different capabilities available throughout the region.

Vilas reports two more snomo deaths

BY MICHELLE DREW
EDITOR

Two more snowmobile deaths occurred last week after a collision took place in the town of Cloverland on Feb. 2.

Vilas County 911 Center received a call at 11:58 a.m. reporting two snowmobiles had crashed on Trail 70 in Cloverland, according to Vilas County Sheriff's Office Patrol Captain Gerard Ritter.

Both male operators, 75-year-old Robert Groter of Wyoming, Ill., and 43-year-old Andrew M. Spiess of Elmhurst, Ill., were pronounced dead at the scene.

Assisting with the investigation were the Vilas County Sheriff's Office, St. Germain Fire Department and Ambulance, Boulder Junction Ambulance, Plum Lake Fire, Vilas County Medical Examiner, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

The accident remains under

investigation by the DNR and comes after five deaths were reported in January in Vilas and Oneida counties.

Names released

The names of two individuals who died from snowmobile accidents in Vilas County last month also have been released.

According to Patrick Schmidt, Vilas County Sheriff's Office chief deputy, the Vilas County 911 call center received a call at 7:02 p.m. on Jan. 29 of a snowmobiler who had struck a tree on Trail 17 near Schuman Road in the town of Arbor Vitae.

Officers at the scene identified the driver, 54-year-old TG Redfern of Lovington, Ill., had gone off the trail and struck a tree. Life-saving efforts were unsuccessful and he was pronounced dead.

Schmidt said the woman who struck a tree and died in the town of Phelps on Jan. 26 was identified as Diana Kiel of Phelps.

Kiel, 59, went off the trail

and struck a tree near marker 920. Life-saving efforts were unsuccessful and she was pronounced dead.

Both accidents remain under investigation by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and it is unknown if alcohol was a factor in either death.

Safety first

After what has been the most deadly start to a snowmobile season on record in the North Woods, local agencies have issued safety precautions for local riders and those visiting the area to adhere to.

The Oneida County Forestry Department, in partnership with the Oneida County Snowmobile Council, reminds snowmobile enthusiasts to adhere to a series of guidelines to help ensure a safe and enjoyable snowmobile experience.

Officials warn that riders should take a snowmobile safety course ahead of hitting the trails, and never drink alcohol before operating a

snowmobile or any other vehicle or machinery.

Speed limits of 55 mph should be adhered to, especially at night, and operators should always ride within their ability and experience. Snowmobilers must always stop at stop signs, especially when crossing roadways, stay to the right, and only pass other sledders with appropriate and extreme caution.

Groomers are out to keep trails in good riding shape and should be respected by riders when encountered. Any trail hazards should be reported to authorities immediately for the safety of others.

In case of emergency, snowmobilers should dial 911 and notify the operator of the nearest Trail Intersection Numbering System (TINS) — a three-digit number on the square brown sign located at most intersections and crossings. These TINS may help emergency personnel determine the exact location of the accident and respond more quickly.

ATTENTION FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES

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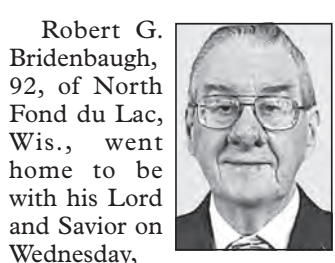
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OBITUARIES

Robert G. Bridenbaugh



BRIDENBAUGH

Robert G. Bridenbaugh, 92, of North Fond du Lac, Wis., went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023.

Robert was born in Pandora, Ohio, on Oct. 23, 1930. Robert was united in marriage to Patricia (Kois) Bridenbaugh on June 11, 1955.

Robert was a Korean Conflict veteran in the U.S. Navy serving aboard the USS Mansfield (DD-728). After completing his military service, Robert worked for the Falk Corp. in Milwaukee, Wis., for more than 35 years as a time study engineer.

Robert was a member of Divine Savior Lutheran Church in North Fond du Lac. He was an avid fisherman, hunter and card player.

Robert truly enjoyed celebrating special occasions with his family. During the years they lived in St. Germain, he enjoyed playing cards with friends and family, working on projects around the house, volunteering at church, hunting, and fishing.

Survivors include three children, Linda (Peter) Chisholm of North Fond du Lac, LeeAnn (Chuck) Moegenburg of Jackson, and James (Luanne) Bridenbaugh of Fond du Lac; six grandchildren, Molly Kirschner, Matthew (Kim) Chisholm, Sarah (Josh) Severson, Katie (Craig)

Beck, and Anthony and Timothy Moegenburg; and five great-grandchildren, Ryan, Addison and Colton Beck, Madeline Kirschner, and Rylee Chisholm.

He is further survived by a brother-in-law, Robert (Cathy) Bartholomew; and a special niece, Candace Loubric; numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives; and his cat Pixie, and special friend Harold from Crossroads Care Center.

Robert was preceded in death by his wife of more than 67 years (Patricia); his parents; a brother, Richard Bridenbaugh; and a brother-in-law, Richard Kois.

Robert's family would like to thank the staff of Crossroads Care Center and SSM Home Hospice for their support and care during Dad's final days.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Robert's name can be sent to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV.org).

Visitation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m., Friday, Feb. 10, 2023, at Divine Savior Lutheran Church, 1081 Prospect Ave. in North Fond du Lac. A memorial service for Robert will follow, beginning at 6 p.m. with Pastor Allen Bramstadt officiating. Cremation has taken place.

Services are in the care of Uecker-Witt Funeral Home, 524 North Park Avenue, Fond du Lac, WI 54935. Additional information and guestbook can be found at ueckerwitt.com.

PAID OBITUARY 0847

Fred Hessen

Jan. 18, 1934 - Feb. 1, 2023



HESSEN

Fred Hessen passed away peacefully at the age of 89 in the Wisconsin Veterans Home, King, Wis., after a long illness.

Fred served in the Korean War while in the Army. He married Lilli-Ann Staffaroni; they divorced and she predeceased him in death.

Fred worked and retired from Badger Meter in Brown Deer, Wis.

While he lived in Mequon he also had a carpentry business and included his daughter, Lorri, in his venture.

Fred retired from carpentry, moved to Saukville, Wis., and purchased the Wee Go Inn. He operated the business until his divorce.

PAID OBITUARY 0850

Charles 'Charlie' H. McConaghy

Charles "Charlie" H. McConaghy, age 83, passed away on Jan. 29, 2023.



McCONAGHY

He was the son of John and Laverne McConaghy, and is survived by his loving wife, Sheila McConaghy; daughters, Marlene Novak, and Margaret (Dave) Novak; sons, Sean and Michael McConaghy; grandfather to Shannon (Eric) Sundberg, Amanda Novak, Erin Murray, Kyle (Cheyenne) Novak, Colleen Murray, Teresa Novak, Orion McConaghy, Jonah McConaghy and Michael McConaghy (deceased). Great-grandfather to Arden, Ian, Evan and Teaghan.

Charlie and Sheila were

PAID OBITUARY 0834

Gail A. Morris



MORRIS

Gail A. "Ladybug" Morris, age 79, a resident of Saint Germain, Wis., passed away Feb. 3, 2023, at Friendly Village in Rhinelander, Wis.

She was born Oct. 28, 1943, in Kenosha, Wis., to Raymond and Hazel (née Phiel) Dilley. She graduated from Kenosha Bradford High School and went on to work at American Motors in Kenosha for 21 years.

She married Wayne A. Morris on Dec. 31, 1977.

Gail enjoyed every aspect of the outdoors. She loved watching the birds and deer in the backyard, and she enjoyed fishing.

Gail was preceded in death by her parents; sister- and

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foster parents in the late '70s and '80s for the Irish Children's Fund and he was a proud member in good standing with the Emerald Society of Illinois, and retired in 1992 from Consolidated Freightways after 30 years.

He moved to the great North Woods to relax and fish. He did both. He loved to travel. He was a man that will be sorely missed by all those that had the pleasure of his company and his amazing sense of humor.

A funeral service was held Feb. 4, 2023, at the Gaffney-Busha Funeral Home in Eagle River, Wis.

Arrangements by Gaffney-Busha Funeral Home, Eagle River. Online condolences may be expressed at gaffney-busha.com.

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Kevin Brian Kent



KENT

Kevin Brian Kent, 66, of Eagle River, Wis., passed away suddenly on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023, at his home and went to be with his Lord Jesus.

He was born Aug. 4, 1956, in Davenport, Iowa, to Brian and Lucille (Beck) Kent.

Surviving are four daughters, Jennifer (Keith) Tornow of Halbur, Iowa, Sarah Kent of Des Moines, Iowa, Jessica Oatman of Minocqua, Wis., and Amanda (Eric) Malloy of Eagle River; five grandsons; and one granddaughter. Also surviving is one sister, Sharon (Tim) Kirchgessner of Washington, Ill.; two nephews, Brian Bivens of Washington, and Derek Bivens of Pekin, Ill.; two nieces, Kimberly (Lewis) Caudle of Sneads Ferry, N.C., and Allisyn Kirchgessner of Washington; and numerous great-nieces and nephews. Also surviving is his uncle and aunt, Roland

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and Beverly Flanagan of East Peoria, Ill.; and three cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Brian and Lucille Kent; and his dog, Buddy.

Kevin was an owner/operator of Kevin B. Kent Trucking for more than 30 years.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends around the world and will be lovingly remembered. Kevin was a stranger to no one and had a compassion to get to know others. In his free time he enjoyed working on cars and boating on the lake. He was always a fan of the "Lake-Effect Snow" that kept him in the house.

Cremation has been accorded. Burial of cremated remains will be at the Chapel Hill Gardens Cemetery in Des Moines, next to his parents. There will be a graveside service in the spring/summer.

Arrangements by Gaffney-Busha Funeral Home, Eagle River. Online condolences may be expressed at gaffney-busha.com.

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Ronald S. Deverney

Aug. 21, 1955 - Jan. 28, 2023



DEVERNEY

After a nearly two-year fight with lung cancer, Ronald S. Deverney, age 67, passed away at Froedtert South - Pleasant Prairie, Wis., Hospital on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023, with his family by his side. Although way too short, Ron lived his life to the fullest.

Surviving are his wife of over 43 years, Kathy; daughters, Tiffany (Frank Patino Jr.) Gonzales and Amber (Kevin) Jander; Ryan (Jenna) Tessmann; grandchildren, Blayq, Kyleigh, Rylan, Lilly, Brynn, Eden, Jameson, Morgan and Mia; brothers, Dick (Carol) Deverney and Bob (Sharon "Puts") Deverney; mother-in-law, Mae Hilgers; sister-in-law, Mary Lou Hilgers; brothers-in-law,

Tom (Kim) Hilgers, Dennis Hilgers and Bob Hilgers; canine companions, Tito and Prince; and all of the wonderful nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Beaver and Betty Deverney; and father-in-law, Herman Hilgers.

A service and reception was held Feb. 5, 2023, in Sturtevant, Wis.

In lieu of flowers, please leave a comment or share a short story about Ron on his obituary - located on the funeral home website. Donations to the American Cancer Society have been suggested. Please see funeral home website for complete obituary.

Draeger-Langendorf Funeral Home & Crematory, 4600 County Line Road, Racine, WI 53403; 262-552-9000; www.draeger-langendorf.com.

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Francis 'Frank' J. Linnemanstons

Francis "Frank" J. Linnemanstons, 81, a resident of Eagle River, Wis., passed away on Jan. 24, 2023.

Frank was born July 31, 1941, in Milwaukee, Wis., to Leo and Anna (Gross) Linnemanstons.

Frank attended Custer High School in Milwaukee where he found success playing football. Later Frank began boxing and won the 1961 Wisconsin Golden Gloves.

On June 1, 1968, Frank married the love of his life, Nancy Kaffine, in Montreal, Wis.

Frank was a foreman at Inryco Steel in Milwaukee from which he was fortunate enough to retire early. Frank then worked many odd jobs before taking a position at Metro Milwaukee Auto Auction where he made many friends.

Frank and Nancy lived in the town of Raymond, Wis., and raised their three kids there. Frank loved his hobby farm and raised steers and hogs for his children to show at the Racine County Fair. Frank always enjoyed participating in 4-H with his kids, watching them play sports, deer and bird hunting, Marquette basketball, and caring for and teaching his grandchildren.

Per Frank's request, there will be no services. Interment will take place at St. Mary's Cemetery in Hurley, Wis., at a later date. Memorial contributions can be made to Seasons of Life Hospice in Woodruff, Wis.

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Frank is survived by his sister Yvonne Werner (Mike Roenneburg), sister-in-law Pat Linnemanstons, brothers-in-law Carl Kaffine, Donald (Judy) Kaffine, Lawrence (Mary) Kaffine, children Leo (Lisa) Linnemanstons, Laura (Jim) Rozga, and Karl (Penny) Linnemanstons. Grandchildren, Alex and Anna Linnemanstons and William and Natalie Rozga. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews, as well as friends.

Frank was preceded in death by his wife of 43 years, Nancy; sister- and brother-in-law, Janet and Louis Rupar; brother, John Linnemanstons; and siblings, Paul, Barbara, Mary Ann and Lorraine Linnemanstons who did not survive the 1952 polio outbreak; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jim and Martha Kaffine; sister-in-law, Geraldine Kaffine; and sister-in-law Elise Kaffine.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price.
Joseph A. Fath
Sheriff of Vilas County, Wisconsin

Codilis, Moody & Circelli, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
(414) 775-7700
50-22-00607
NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.
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(Three Weeks, 2/8-2/22/23)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY
Case No. 2022CV000047

The Honorable Martha J. Milanowski
Case Code 30404
(Foreclosure of Mortgage)
The amount claimed exceeds \$10,000.00

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB,
not in its individual capacity but solely as
Owner Trustee of Pritium
TRS Warehouse Trust
c/o Selene Finance LP
3501 Olympus Boulevard,
5th Floor, Suite 505
Dallas, TX 75019

Plaintiff,

vs.
Melissa Zagar a/k/a Melissa B. Zagar
a/k/a Melissa Costa, individually and as
Trustee of the Melissa B. Zagar Revocable
Trust dated September 1, 2016
10894 Birkenstock Rd
Woodruff, WI 54568-9737

John Doe Zagar and Jane Doe Zagar,
and such other known or unknown
Trustees or Successor Trustees or known or
unknown Beneficiaries of the Melissa B.
Zagar Revocable Trust
dated September 1, 2016
10894 Birkenstock Rd
Woodruff, WI 54568-9737

Crown Asset Management, LLC
c/o CT Corporation System,
Registered Agent
301 S Bedford St Ste 1
Madison, WI 53703-3691

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a judgment of foreclosure made in the above-entitled action on August 19, 2022 in the amount of \$68,336.42, I will sell at public auction, located in the Courthouse Annex Addition, main public entrance, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, WI 54521, on

February 23, 2023
At 2:00 PM, all of the following described premises, to wit:

LOT 7
A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN PART OF THE GOVERNMENT LOT 4, SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, LINCOLN TOWNSHIP, VILAS COUNTY, WISCONSIN, MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 3, MARKED BY A RAILROAD SPIKE IN PLACE, THEN N 37 DEG 53' 10" E, 30.04 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF BLOOM ROAD; THEN ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE N 17 DEG 55' 00" W, 500.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THEN ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE N 18 DEG 20' 17" W, 400.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THEN LEAVING SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE N 88 DEG 14' 31" E, 370.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, THEN CONTINUING N 86 DEG 14' 31" E, 392.84 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THEN S 47 DEG 34' 24" E, 121.46 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THEN S 09 DEG 50' 14" E, 87.50 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THEN S 85 DEG 20' 06" W, 436.29 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THEN N 19 DEG 08' 54" W, 188.30 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT 50 FEET IN WIDTH FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS TO SPRUCE LANE INCLUDING A 100 FOOT DIAMETER CUL-DE-SAC (TURN-A-ROUND) AT THE END OF SAID EASEMENT BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL MARKED BY AN IRON PIPE BEING THE CENTER POINT OF A 100 FOOT DIAMETER CUL-DE-SAC. THEN ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID 50 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT, N 09 DEG. 50' 14" W, 87.50 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THEN ALONG SAID CENTERLINE N 47 DEG. 34' 24" W, 121.46 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THEN ALONG SAID CENTERLINE N 09 DEG. 18' 04" W, 286.83 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE ON THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SPRUCE LANE AND THERE TERMINATING.

THE SIDELINES OF SAID 50 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT EXTEND OR FORESHORTEN TO INTERSECT THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE TO SPRUCE LANE AND THE 100 FOOT DIAMETER CUL-DE-SAC.
Street Address: 4335 Spruce Lane, Eagle River, WI 54521
Tax Key No. 14-188-04

THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD AS IS AND SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL REAL ESTATE TAXES, SUPERIOR LIENS OR OTHER LEGAL ENCUMBRANCES.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK OR CERTIFIED FUNDS, payable to the Clerk of Courts (10% down payment at sale, balance due within ten (10) days of Court approval; down payment to be forfeited if payment not received timely) (Cashier's Check is required if down payment is \$20,000.00 or more). Buyer must comply with minimum bidder qualifications as set forth in Wis. Stat. § 846.155.

PUBLICATION SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
To each person named above as a defendant:
You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above have filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you.
Within 40 days after February 8, 2023 you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 330 Court Street, Eagle River, WI 54521 and to Gray & Associates, L.L.P., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 16345 West Glendale Drive, New Berlin, WI 53151-2841. You may have an attorney help or represent you.
If you do not demand a copy of the complaint 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 to 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 30th day of January, 2023.
Gray & Associates, L.L.P.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
By: /s/ William N. Foshag
State Bar No. 1020417
Case No. 22-CV-000119
16345 West Glendale Drive
New Berlin, WI 53151-2841
(414) 224-1987

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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NEWS

POLICE REPORT



GONE GROOMIN' — Area residents and snowmobile enthusiasts gathered in St. Germain last Wednesday for the annual Arrowhead Groomer Show. Event-goers were able to watch and test out the newly showcased equipment in addition to talking with vendors and manufacturers about these machines. —Staff Photo By JON EICHMAN

Vilas County Court report

Lac du Flambeau man gets jail time, probation for 3 felonies

A 24-year-old of Lac du Flambeau man pleaded guilty and was found guilty to felony charges of battery by prisoners and battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor or law enforcement officer in Vilas county Circuit Court last week.

Branch 1 Circuit Judge Martha J. Milanowski sentenced Jesse J. Armstrong to 90 days in the Vilas County Jail with work release privileges on the battery by prisoners conviction. He also must pay court costs within 60 days to the Clerk of Court Office or set up a payment plan. He received credit for five days served in jail. The incident occurred Jan. 6, 2022, in the Vilas County Jail.

Armstrong also was found guilty to the charge of battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor or law enforcement officer, and felony bail jumping from an incident July 6, 2022.

On that conviction, Judge Milanowski sentenced Armstrong to 3 1/2 years in the Wisconsin State Prison System followed by 18 months of initial confinement and 24

months of extended supervision. That sentenced was imposed and stayed, and Armstrong was placed on probation for 30 months.

Conditions of Armstrong's probation include: obtain a mental health evaluation/treatment, anger management counseling, maintain full-time employment, maintain absolute sobriety, AODA assessment and other programming deemed appropriate by the probation agent, and pay court costs to the Clerk of Court Office within 60 days or set up a payment plan. He received credit for 58 days served in jail.

In another plea and sentencing hearing, Richard J. Pierquet, 60, of Abrams, pleaded guilty and was found guilty to a felony charge of false imprisonment and a misdemeanor charge of intentionally pointing a firearm at a person, both with a domestic abuse modifier.

On the felony count, Judge Milanowski sentenced Pierquet to 12 months in the Vilas County Jail, which was

imposed and stayed and concurrent to count two. The judge then placed Pierquet on probation for two years. Conditions of his probation include alcohol and other drug abuse (AODA) assessment, mental health evaluation and follow-through, no physical contact with the victim (phone and text allowed), any other programming deemed appropriate by the probation, pay court costs and domestic violence surcharge payable to the Clerk of Court's Office within 60 days or set up a payment plan. The probation period will run concurrent to the misdemeanor count.

On the misdemeanor count, Pierquet was sentenced to nine months in the county jail, which also was imposed and stayed, concurrent to count one. He was then placed on probation to run concurrent with count one. He received seven days credit for time served in jail. He also must submit a DNA sample. The incident occurred on July 26, 2022, in Vilas County.

In other felony cases,

Langston C. Brown, 21, of Madison, charged with substantial battery-intend bodily harm, a Class I felony, was in court for a preliminary hearing. Judge Milanowski found probable cause that Brown had committed a crime. He was bound over for arraignment and a not guilty plea was entered. His \$500 cash bond, posted Aug. 23, 2022, was continued. A judicial pretrial conference, court, was scheduled for March 22 at 11:15 a.m. The alleged incident occurred Aug. 7, 2022, in Vilas County.

A bench warrant was issued for Thomas L. Beard, 33, of Lac du Flambeau, who missed an adjourned initial appearance last Monday on a charge of possession of narcotic drugs. Defense counsel on Padgham told the court he was unaware of his client's whereabouts. The court authorized a bench warrant for \$500, which was stayed to let the attorney make contact by the end of the week. The alleged incident occurred May 18, 2022, in Vilas County.

Vilas County Sheriff

Vilas County Sheriff's Department dispatchers last week reported at least 30 911 hangups, seven car vs. deer accidents, one hit-and-run accidents, one hit-and-run traffic accident, two non-reportable traffic accidents, five vehicle accidents with property damage, two requests to assist another agency, six burglar alarms, one fake-ID problem, two ambulance requests, one animal problem, three attempts to locate, one battery offense, one child abuse or neglect offense, five requests to assist citizens, one civil writ of assistance, one custodial interference complaint, four disturbances, two drug problems, one firearm denial notice, one internet fraud offense, one harassment complaint, four juvenile problems, one Life-line alarm, two lost property reports, one drug overdose, two operating while intoxicated (OWI) offenses, one parking problem, one vacation check, nine snowmobile accidents, four snowmobile violations, one snowmobile OWI, one fatal snowmobile accident, two requests to remove subjects, four suicide attempts, four reports of suspicious circumstances, one theft of property, one theft by contract, one threats complaint, three hazardous conditions reports, two traffic violations, one unsecured premises, one utility problem, three requests for officer assistance and six welfare checks.

There were at least 32 informational or procedural entries.

In the past week, one or more persons were booked into the Vilas County Jail for the following offenses: OWI third offense, intoxicated operation of snowmobile, refusal to take test for OWI, battery, bail jumping-misdemeanor, bail jumping-felony, probation violation.

Eagle River Police

Among the calls received by Vilas County dispatchers were at least 29 calls for the Eagle River Police. These included one alarm, two ambulance requests, five requests to assist citizens, two agency assist requests, one fraud incident, one juvenile problem, one lost or found property report, two probation violations, one suspicious circumstances report, three vehicle accidents with property damage, one property hazard complaint, one threats complaint, two traffic offenses and six welfare checks.

Two people was taken into custody and booked into the Vilas County Jail.

Three Lakes Police

This department reported two 911 hangups, one ambulance request, one request to assist citizens, 32 business checks, one disturbance complaint, one OWI offense, one background check request, one theft, four traffic stops, one trespassing offense and two abandoned vehicles.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Vilas County Highway Department will be accepting proposals for the following road work on County Trunk Highways (CTH):

CTH M: Beginning at CTH K and proceeding north for 1.5 miles to Marsh Lane. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A LRIP-CHI PROJECT.

CTH M: Beginning at Marsh Lane and proceeding north for .28 miles to Center Street.

Road striping on various CTH.

Specifications may be obtained at the Vilas County Highway Department office in Eagle River or on the county website (www.vilascountywi.gov) under Highway Department's tab. Proposals must be received on or before 8:00 a.m., February 21, 2023, at the Highway Department located at 2104 N. Railroad St., P.O. Box 1568, Eagle River, WI 54521. Vilas County reserves the right to reject, in whole or in part, any and all quotes, to waive any formality, to request resubmission of proposals, and to accept the proposal determined to be in the best interest of the County.

Troy Schalinske, Commissioner
Vilas County Highway Department
P.O. Box 1568, 2104 N. Railroad St.
Eagle River, WI 54521

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THE CITY OF EAGLE RIVER IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING FULL-TIME POSITION

CITY TREASURER/DEPUTY CLERK —The City of Eagle River (approximate population of 1,614) seeks to fill this full-time position.

General Statement Of Position — Performs the duties of the City Treasurer/Deputy Clerk contained in the Wisconsin Statutes, Municipal Code, and as specified in the job description. Summary of Job Duties and Job description can be obtained by visiting <https://eagleriverwi.gov/employment-opportunities/> or by contacting City Administrator Robin Ginner at rcginner@eagleriverwi.gov, 715-479-8682, ext 227.

Requirements: An Associate's Degree in business, human resources, accounting, or related field and the ability to obtain Municipal Clerk & Treasurer certification within 4 years is required. Candidates must be bondable.

Preference: A four-year college degree in business, human resources, accounting, public administration, or related field; Municipal Clerk and/or Treasurer Certification; experience with QuickBooks accounting software. Any equivalent combination of education and progressively responsible training which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities will be considered.

The City offers a competitive wage and benefit package including health insurance (with HRA), life insurance, Wisconsin Retirement System, Income Continuation Insurance along with additional, elective self-paid benefits. This is an exempt, salaried position, Pay will be based on credentials and experience. Applicants should submit a current résumé and cover letter. A job description is available on the City's website at or at the City Hall, 525 E. Maple Street in Eagle River, Wis.

The City of Eagle River is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Initial review of applications will begin immediately. Position open until filled. Salary commensurate with experience and education.

Please remit résumé and cover letter to:

Robin Ginner, City Administrator
City of Eagle River
P.O. Box 1269
525 E. Maple Street
Eagle River WI 54521
Rcginner@eagleriverwi.gov

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Karas guilty of two child assault charges

By KEN ANDERSON
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

A four-day jury trial in Vilas county Circuit Court last week for 72-year-old Gary Karas of New Holstein, and formerly of Boulder Junction, concluded with a 12-person jury finding him guilty of two counts of first degree sexual assault of a child under the age of 13.

Vilas County District Attorney Karl Hayes presented a number of witnesses, including the victims, who testified what Karas did to them while on vacation at his seasonal cabin on Dr. Kate Trail in Boulder Junction.

Victim "GG" testified his molestation was in 2004 and victim "NK" indicated he was molested from 2003 to 2005.

According to the original complaint, several sexual assaults were reported to the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department in 2006 from Orange County, Fla., where sexual assault victims reported similar incidents at a resort in Wisconsin Dells and at a Boulder Junction cabin.

The investigation led authorities to Karas, who



Gary Karas sits in Vilas County Circuit Court with defense attorney Alex Ubieta. He was found guilty on two charges of first degree sexual assault of a child younger than age 13.

—Photo By Ken Anderson

sexually assaulted one boy at the Boulder Junction cabin in June of 2004, and another incident of sexually assaulting a boy at least three times between January 2003 and December 2005, also in Boulder Junction, according to the complaint.

Defense Attorney Brian

Bieber called no witnesses. He made motions for dismissal of the charges at least seven times, all of which were denied by presiding Judge Daniel Overbey.

The jury returned the guilty verdicts after two hours of deliberation. Each of the two charges carries a

maximum of 60 years in prison. Judge Overbey set April 26 for sentencing.

When the verdict was read, Karas experienced a medical event resulting in emergency medical technicians being called and transporting him to Aspirus Hospital in Eagle River.

NEWS

Johnson introduces new act to prevent government shutdowns

U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) joined U.S. Sen. James Lankford (R-Okla.), U.S. Sen. Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.) and eight of their colleagues in reintroducing the bipartisan Prevent Government Shutdowns Act of 2023, which would take government shutdowns off the table and force Congress to stay in town until their work is complete.

First introduced in February, 2019, the Prevent Government Shutdowns Act requires all members of Congress to stay in Washington, D.C., and work until the spending bills are complete. This would

prevent a government-wide shutdown, continue critical services and operations for Americans, and limit harm to federal workers while Congress completes appropriations.

Upon a lapse in government funding, the bill would implement an automatic continuing resolution (CR), on rolling 14-day periods, based on the current spending levels enacted in the previous fiscal year. This would prevent a shutdown and continue critical services and operations until a new spending package is approved.



BIG MONEY — Twenty-five women taking part in the Knockers Bikini Run event this year managed a longtime dream of raising more than \$100,000 during a single event — and what's more is they managed it on a year when St. Germain's Hiller's Radar Races were canceled. Raising the most funds for the event was Desi Gehl who brought in \$25,110, followed by Erica Dumas, \$15,043; and 16-year-old Sadie Turner who brought in \$10,841 in her first year taking part. Proceeds from the event go to benefit St. Germain Fire and Rescue and Plum Lake Ambulance, and Pink Ribbon Riders, a nonprofit that raises money for its patient assistance program and provides \$500 gift cards to men and women battling breast cancer. Other activities of the day at the St. Germain Community Center included merch tables and live entertainment by Noizy Toyz. **Above:** Nineteen of the 25 participating women were in attendance at the event held Feb. 4 in this photo courtesy of Brandon Hollis. **Right:** Event coordinator Amy Greenberg displays some of the merchandise and trophies available in this photo by St. Germain Correspondent Jacki Goebel.



PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF CLOVERLAND
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, the official public test of the automatic tabulating equipment to be used in the February 21, 2023, Spring Primary Election for the Town of Cloverland will be conducted at the Cloverland Town Hall, 5860 Perch Lake Rd, Eagle River, WI 54521, at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 17, 2023.
Tracy Schilling, Town Clerk/Treasurer
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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF EAGLE RIVER
Notice is hereby given that the official public test of the automatic tabulating equipment to be used at the **FEBRUARY 21, 2023 ELECTION** in the City of Eagle River will be conducted at City Hall, 525 E. Maple Street, Eagle River Wis.
At 1:30 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2023.
Becky J Bolte
Clerk – City of Eagle River
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PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Notice is hereby given that the public test of the automatic tabulating equipment, to be used in the February 21, 2023, Spring Primary Election in the Town of Washington, will be conducted at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2023, at the Washington Town Hall, 2301 Town Hall Road, Eagle River, WI 54521.
Nancy Sobraliski, Town Clerk
Town of Washington
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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the official public test of the automatic tabulating equipment to be used in the February 21, 2023, Spring Primary Election for Town of Lincoln will be conducted at the Lincoln Town Hall, 1205 Sundstein Road, Eagle River, WI 54521, at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 2023.
Shelly Sauvola, Town Clerk
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
2023 ALLEY RECONSTRUCTION
CITY OF EAGLE RIVER
VILAS COUNTY, WI
The City of Eagle River will receive and accept bids ONLY through QuestCDN.com via the online electronic bid service (QuestvBid) for the construction of 2023 Alley Reconstruction until 1:00 p.m., February 22, 2023. 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:

1400 S.Y.	Salvage Existing Asphalt Pavement
850 C.Y.	Unclassified Excavation
1650 S.Y.	Geogrid Subgrade Reinforcement
275 C.Y.	Breaker Run Gravel
500 C.Y.	Crushed Aggregate Base Course
280 TON	Asphaltic Pavement
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.
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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. 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.
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(One Week, 2/8/23)
NORTHLAND PINES SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
December 19, 2022
Board President David Weber called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Present for the Board of Education: David Weber, Jennifer Payne, Chris Petreikis, Becky Nordine, Marcia Kittleson and Kelly Roach. Board members absent: Erica Lane.
Motion by Chris Petreikis, seconded by Becky Nordine, to approve the Agenda. Voice Vote – Motion carried unanimously.
Motion by David Weber, seconded by Chris Petreikis, to adjourn into closed session pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. §§ 19.85(1)(a), (f) and (g) as well as 120.13(1)(c), for the purpose of conducting a student expulsion hearing.
A roll call vote was taken as follows:
David Weber Aye
Jennifer Payne Aye
Chris Petreikis Aye
Becky Nordine Aye
Marcia Kittleson Aye
Kelly Roach Aye
Motion carried.
Motion by David Weber, seconded by Jennifer Payne, to reconvene in open session. A roll call vote was taken as follows:
David Weber Aye
Jennifer Payne Aye
Chris Petreikis Aye
Becky Nordine Aye
Marcia Kittleson Aye
Kelly Roach Aye
Motion carried.
Motion by Becky Nordine, seconded by Kelly Roach, to adjourn. Voice Vote – Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.
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(One Week, 2/8/23)
NPSD Charter Governance Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2022
The regular meeting of the NPSD Charter Governance Board, Ltd. was called to order by Emilie Braunel at seven thirty four a.m. (7:34 a.m.) on Thursday, November 17, 2022, at SOAR HS. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present were Board members: Emilie Braunel, Kari Kirschbaum, Betty Wright, Cheryl Todea, Mike Wallner, and Karen Weber-Mendham (via Google Meet). Quorum was established. Also present were Tony Duffek, St. Germain Elementary and NPMLC Principal, Carie Brock, Land O' Lakes Elementary and SOAR MS Principal, Ann Perry, Lead Teacher SOAR HS, Scott Foster, District Administrator, and recording secretary, Michele Hotmar.
Open Meeting Verification – Emilie Braunel stated that the meeting had been duly called with meeting notices posted at the following locations:
1. The Northland Pines High School and Middle School in Eagle River
2. The Northland Pines Elementary Schools in Eagle River, Land O' Lakes and St. Germain
3. The Vilas County Courthouse – Eagle

River
4. The Eagle River City Hall
5. The Vilas County News Review-Eagle River

Approval of Agenda – MOTION by Kari Kirschbaum that the Board approves the agenda as presented and leaves the order to the discretion of the Chair. Second by Cheryl Todea. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Public Participation – There were no citizen comments.

Minutes of Past Meetings – MOTION by Cheryl Todea that the Board dispenses with the reading of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2022 and the Board approves the minutes as presented. Second by Mike Wallner. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Board Communication – None
Administrative Report:
Tony Duffek – NPMLC: Written report
Carie Brock – SOAR MS: Written report
Ann Perry – SOAR HS: Written report
Finance Update: Each Charter School presented current budget and expenditures.

Discussion/Action Items:
11a) SOAR HS Staff Introduction: The SOAR HS staff introduced themselves and spoke about what they are doing in their classrooms.
11b) School Report Cards: The board reviewed the school report cards.
11c) Discuss Charter School Application Window: The board is going to lengthen the application window from only the month of January, to the months of January and February.
11d) Review Dashboard and Goals: The board reviewed the dashboard and goals and added some revisions.
11e) SOAR HS Update: Administration is considering combining the Phoenix Center, CLC, and PLP's to make a new 9-12 SOAR HS. This would carry the SOAR vision further. Focus on physical, plant, day to day operations. Focus on who we are at SOAR HS and make it better.

11f) Charter School Handbook Updates: Betty Wright and Kari Kirschbaum will review and revise the governance board handbook by June 2023.
11g) School tour: Board members took a tour of SOAR HS to see all the fantastic work staff and students are doing.
12) Adjournment: MOTION by Kari Kirschbaum the Board adjourn. Second by Cheryl Todea. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 a.m.
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(One Week, 2/8/23)
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
– January 24, 2023
The special meeting of the Northland Pines Board of Education of Tuesday, January 24, 2023, was called to order by President David Weber at three forty-nine o'clock p.m. (3:49 p.m.) at the Northland Pines Middle & High School Large Group Instruction Room, 1800 Pleasure Island Road, Eagle River, Wisconsin.
Present: Marcia Kittleson; Erica Lane; Becky Nordine; David Weber; Jennifer Payne; Kelly Roach.
Absent: Chris Petreikis.
Quorum was established.

Also Present: Scott Foster, District Administrator; Steve Garbowicz, School Board Legal Counsel; Dan Marlen, Middle & High School Principal; Ryan Tienhaara, Middle & High School Principal; and Susie Block, Executive Assistant to the District Administrator & Board of Education.
Open Meeting Verification
David Weber stated that the meeting had been duly called. Meeting notices were sent to the following locations: The Northland Pines High School and Middle School in Eagle River; The Northland Pines Elementary Schools in Eagle River, Land O'Lakes and St. Germain; Vilas County Courthouse - Eagle River; Eagle River City Hall; Vilas County News Review-Eagle River.
Approval of Agenda: Motion by Jennifer Payne that the Board approves the agenda as presented. Second by Erica Lane. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried.
Closed Session: Motion by David Weber that the Board adjourns to closed session in accordance with Chapter 19, Sub-Chapter IV, of the State Statutes for the purpose of conducting a student expulsion hearing in accordance with the exemptions as noted in Section 120.13(1)(c) and 19.85(1)(a)(f)(g), noting that the Board may take action in closed session. Second by Jennifer Payne. Roll call vote: Marcia Kittleson, yes; Erica Lane, yes; Becky Nordine, yes; David Weber, yes; Jennifer Payne, yes; Kelly Roach, yes. Motion carried.
Reconvene to Open Session – Motion by David Weber that the Board reconvenes to open session. Second by Erica Lane. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried.
No action was taken.
Adjournment – Motion by Becky Nordine that the Board adjourns. Second by Jennifer Payne. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,
Susie Block
Executive Assistant to the District Administrator & Board of Education
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(Three Weeks, 1/25-2/8/23)
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY – PROBATE –
Order Limiting Time for Filing Claims (Formal Administration)
Case No. 23PR4
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARK W. ZDROK
A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.
THE COURT FINDS:
1. The decedent, with date of birth 02/01/1958, and date of death 11/13/2022, was domiciled in Vilas County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 5890 River Road, Eagle River, WI 54521.
2. All interested persons waived notice.
THE COURT ORDERS:
1. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 5, 2023.
2. A claim must be filed at the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Office of Register in Probate.
BY THE COURT:
/s/ Dawn Halverson
Circuit Court Commissioner

January 18, 2023
Attorney Steven C. Garbowicz
221 S First St, PO Box 639
Eagle River, WI 54521
715-479-6444
Bar Number 1018485
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(Three Weeks, 1/25-2/8/23)
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY – PROBATE –
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 23PR03
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL J. COAN
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth September 20, 1951 and date of death November 1, 2022, was domiciled in Vilas County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 13680 Eight O'Clock Blvd. Manitowish Waters, WI 54545.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 28, 2023.
5. A claim may be filed at the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
/s/ Dawn Halverson
Probate Registrar
January 16, 2023
Attorney Daniel Johns Jr.
P O Box 443
Manitowish Waters, WI 54545
262.853.6200
Bar Number 1033980
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(Two Weeks, 2/1-2/8/23)
NOTICE OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Vilas County Treasurer, Paulette M. Sarnicki, pursuant to Section 59.66(2) Wis. Stat., published a class 1 notice January 25, 2023 under ch. 985, which contained a listing of the names and last-known addresses of the owners of unclaimed money or security in the possession of the Vilas County Treasurer and is following that ad with a class 2 notice, under ch. 985, stating that the full listing that was noticed in the class 1 notice may be viewed at: www.vilascountywi.gov or www.wisconsinpublicnotice.org or at the Office of the Vilas County Treasurer, Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, Wisconsin.
The statute further provides that unless the owners request and prove ownership of such money or security within 6 months from the time of the completed publication on February 05, 2023, the County Treasurer will take possession or control of such money or security.
To claim these funds, the owner must appear in person, with valid photo identification, at the Office of the County Treasurer, Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, Wisconsin, M-F, 8AM-4:00PM.
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NEWS

Hodag clean energy park celebrates 1-year milestone

RHINELANDER — Wisconsin Public Service's (WPS) latest clean energy project — Hodag Solar Park — reaches its one-year anniversary this month with impressive results delivering affordable, reliable, and clean energy to homes and businesses.

Hodag Solar Park is the first large-scale solar park in Wisconsin's North Woods region. A spokesperson for WPS said since beginning operations last January, the 7.5-megawatt facility has produced enough energy to power more than 3.5 million smartphones for a year, power more than 136,000 laptops for a year, wash and dry laundry for 24,000 households for a year, and power 4,000 electric vehicles for a year.

From frigid winter weather to damaging storms and scorching summer days, Hodag Solar Park reliably and efficiently served WPS customers throughout the year, the spokesperson said. Hodag Solar Park is the third large-scale solar facility WPS has brought online since 2020. The facility features 21,000 solar panels on 50 acres near Rhineland.

WPS and its parent company, WEC Energy Group, continue to bring new renewable energy facilities online as part of their commitment to a



Opened nearly one year ago, WPS is celebrating its first anniversary of Hodag Solar Park located near Rhineland. It is the first large-scale solar park in the state's North Woods region.

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bright, sustainable future.

In the next five years, WEC Energy Group is planning to add nearly 3,300 megawatts of new solar, wind and battery storage facilities — quadrupling its carbon-free generation in Wisconsin.

WEC Energy Group's investments in clean energy projects like the Hodag Solar Park also are important parts of its aggressive carbon emissions goals. These goals include reducing carbon emissions 60% by the end of 2025 and 80% by the end of 2030, both from 2005 levels; eliminating

coal as an energy source by the end of 2035; and becoming net carbon neutral from electric generation by 2050.

Along with reducing carbon emissions, the steps WEC Energy Group is taking — adding renewable energy facilities and retiring older, less efficient fossil-fueled generation — are expected to provide \$2 billion of savings to its customers during the next 20 years.

Additional projects and more information can be found at wecenergygroup.com/environment/wec-clean-energy.htm.



BIG WINNER — Each year the Eagle River Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) has a gun raffle with the proceeds split evenly between the VFW

and the American Legion. This year's winner of the Henry Golden Boy 22 lever action was Bill Weber.

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School resource officer staff could expand to area districts

By KEN ANDERSON
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The success of having a school resource officer (SRO) at Northland Pines School District could be expanded to other area school districts after information was provided last week by District Administrator Scott Foster.

"We've had a discussion with the Vilas County Sheriff's Office, along with district administrators from other school districts in the county, and there is interest in cooperating with us," Foster told the school board.

Pines' current SRO, Deputy Matt Wilson, had a written report on his activities which involved community outreach to students and their parents on education and detection of

vaping, home visits regarding habitual truancy, and speaking to classes on career opportunities in law enforcement.

Foster indicated Pines intends to keep its agreement with the sheriff's department on Wilson's current SRO position and look to share him with other schools.

In other action, the district acknowledged receipt of a \$1,320 donation from Robert Hom toward soccer field lighting. Hom referees soccer games and his contribution equals what he was paid for his refereeing work.

Another donation of \$1,606 was acknowledged from Sandy LaBiedz for updating equipment in the school wellness center.

Foster explained a partnership with the Three Lakes School District to allow their

students to be able to participate in the building trades class. Three Lakes students would be transported by their district and they would provide an instructor, with no funds exchanged for one year.

Lastly, the board was updated on the district's current practices regarding cursive writing. Goals include that, by the end of second grade, students will be able to write all lower case letters in cursive. Third-grade students will be introduced to capital letters and use cursive in daily classroom assignments. Fourth- and fifth-grade students may use cursive in their daily work and teachers are expected to expose students to both print and cursive writing. Students also are expected to learn how to read cursive writing.

Hockey
FROM PAGE 1A

Tom Pollack, Scott Anderson and Ted Mazeika and took approximately 12 days to create. USA Hockey constructed the rinks after ice completion on Feb. 7.

"Getting the ice ready was a fairly unchallenging process," said Pollack, who helped lay the ice. "We already had the kitty-track ice available from snowmobiling events. We only had to start fresh in a few areas, but with the space we had, I think the rink layout will be functional for everyone involved."

A total of nineteen rinks were designed throughout the complex to house the event.

According to Derby Track officials, construction is going well and preparations for Thursday night's check-in party and registration kick-off are under way.

The check-in will run from 6 to 10 p.m. and will include music, an expanded concessions area, and a cornhole tournament. Coors beer will back this year's event as the official "team beer." All proceeds from the cornhole tournament will go to benefit the USA Hockey Foundation.

Beginning in 2006, this Eagle River event has consistently drawn a crowd of thousands of spectators and competitors to the area and officials do not anticipate the change of venue to affect these numbers.

Recipient of SportsTravel magazine's 2009 SportsTravel Award for the best amateur single-sport event, the annual hockey tournament draws a repeat of audience members and participants each year. In 2011, NBC aired a segment about the tournament on the

telecast of "Hockey Day in America."

Pond hockey is a throwback style of the game with old-school charm played outdoors for all to enjoy. The game is played in two 15-minute halves with minimal technology involved in the gaming process.

The pond hockey event attracts teams from across the country due to its national recognition. There are 231 teams scheduled to participate in this year's tournament with games kicking off at 8 a.m. Friday morning with a ceremonial puck drop.

A total of 189 games will follow in the next two and a half days with championship games being played on Sunday.

The four-on-four pond hockey event begins at 8 a.m. each morning and final games for Friday will commence at 3:45 p.m. Saturday's final games will begin at 3:15 p.m. and Sunday's championship games will finish off the tour-

namment with an 11 a.m. start time. Final games are predicted to end around 2 p.m. that afternoon, with award presentations to follow.

Music, concessions and cornhole events are scheduled throughout the weekend for players and spectators to enjoy between the games. Limited edition USA Hockey Pond Hockey merchandise also will be available for purchase.

Weather is predicted to cooperate this weekend, providing moderately cool temperatures and little to no snow in the forecast.

The rinks should be ready and easy to maintain with the forecasted temperatures added organizers who have been involved in building and maintaining the rinks.

For a full schedule of games, visit app.eventconnect.io/events/23808/scheduling-scoring.

For more information on the event, visit usahockey.com/pondhockey.

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NEWS

Tribe FROM PAGE 1A

Center Sugarbush Lane, East Ross Allen Lake Lane and Elsie Lake Lane.

Those letters informed property owners that because there is no current land use agreement between the tribe and the title company, portions of the roads to their homes, some of which are even privately maintained and are not entirely on tribal land, will be closed for the foreseeable future. It also stated anyone found using the closed portions of the road that are on tribal property will be charged with trespassing.

“Unfortunately, significant progress has not been made to bring this issue to a resolution that is mutually beneficial for all parties,” said tribal President John Johnson in the letter. “Due to this, the tribe considers your right of way to have expired nearly ten years ago and your use of said right of way since expiration is and will be considered

trespassing.”

According to officials, approximately 65 homes remain shut off from access, of which about a dozen are inhabited or currently plowed. Following public outcry regarding safety issues there was a response from the tribe stating they would allow residents to leave without fear of trespass, however they would not be allowed back in. Following the town board meeting Thursday there was more clarity as it seemed the tribe would also allow access for the town to maintain the road in the event of snow, and also be willing to meet residents at the gates if they needed to leave their homes for other reasons.

For many however, it’s still a helpless feeling unlike anything they’ve ever felt.

“We are literally being held hostage in our own homes,” said Marsha Panfil, whose home is near the Lac du Flambeau Reservation, behind a now closed road off East Ross Allen Lake Road. “This is 2023 and this is something that should not

be happening in the United States.”

According to the tribe a total of 9,360 sq. ft. or 0.22 acres of Ross Allen Lake Road is on tribal land, and because there is no agreement in place with the title company who built the road, access is now shut off. The same goes for the three other roads mentioned which all in total encompass about five acres of tribal land that public road runs across.

The Vilas County Sheriff’s Department said last week they immediately received numerous calls regarding the situation, but because the issues reside on tribal property, the department does not have jurisdiction over the dispute. They did however express frustration with the tribe that they were not made aware that the situation was going to happen, and did not consult with the county emergency management department in regards to protocol that would be put in place in the event of a fire, or law enforcement or medical emergency that they would need to respond to.

It was also confirmed that the only two key holders to the locked roads are the tribe themselves and tribal police. If an emergency arose that called for medical, fire or police from a different jurisdiction, a key holder would need to meet emergency personnel at the gate to unlock it.



Barricades like this one block people from getting to and from their homes on Annie Sunn Lane, Center Sugarbush Lane, East Allen Lake Lane and Elsie Lake Lane in Lac du Flambeau due to the ongoing dispute between the tribe and title company. —Contributed Photo

“Our neighbor who has an autistic daughter with special needs had to leave their home and go to Iowa to stay with family because they would have had no way to get in or out of their home,” said Panfil. “This is just a firestorm brewing.”

Panfil, who purchased her home in 2019, said she was not ever made aware to her knowledge of the ongoing dispute.

“I first learned of it when the police delivered the notice to our neighbor two days ago,” she said. “They didn’t even deliver a notice to us because they said we weren’t registered with the

fire department. So they brought a notice yesterday.”

According to the tribe, the fault for the dispute doesn’t reside with them as they say they have attempted to negotiate easements for the four roads at a price of \$10 million. While in negotiations across the last few years, they also assert the title company instituted faulty land use agreements with property owners while not having the right to do so, giving those owners a false reassurance that situations such as this would never come to be.

“The tribe owns the property and for 10 years the title companies have held the individual property owners hostage by not negotiating in good faith to renew the rights of way that are now expired for 10 years,” said the tribe. “The title companies failed to study the chain of title on the access road, thus they issued faulty policy commitments and/or they relied upon faulty town of Lac du Flambeau roads information.”

An attorney for the title companies was at Thursday’s meeting in Lac du Flambeau and stated that an offer was submitted to the tribe for just shy of \$1 million, however the tribe denied it, and did not offer a counter or offer to meet and discuss what part of

the \$1 million offer would need to be amended.

According to residents, negotiations were ongoing until a standoff between the tribe and title company happened just days ago. According to the title company the process hit a figurative road block when the tribe was unwilling to share appraisal amounts for the properties — appraisals that were done and paid for by the title company themselves.

The title companies repeatedly asked for this information and were only told they couldn’t see the information two days before owners received notice from the tribe. It’s also alleged the tribe started out saying they wanted \$10 million for access ... they then raised that amount of settlement to \$20 million.

“The tribe is knowingly endangering the taxpayer residents. What is neighboring about this? The residents and business owners that live on these lakes and provide support to this community are all being negatively impacted. We hope there is a resolution, but based on the nonresponse from the tribe we do not see it in the near future,” a statement from a landowner said.

Town of Lac du Flambeau attorney Greg Harrold was at the meeting last Thursday and noted there are solutions through legal proceedings, but those would take months if not years to resolve.

Town board member Robert Hanson said he believes if they are going to find agreement between the title company, town and tribe, it needs to be done outside of the courts.

“We have to pursue that agreement with the tribe by talking,” said Hanson. We have to get together and have open communications.”

The tribe however seemingly wants nothing to do with that, as requests to sit down and discuss the issue with town officials have not been answered, or even acknowledged.

U.S. Congressman Tom Tiffany commented on the matter stating what the tribe is doing is creating a public safety crisis, and that the way they are going about trying to get what they want is wrong.

“By choosing to barricade taxpayer-funded roads, the tribe is creating a public safety concern for people who might need an ambulance to arrive as quickly as possible, firefighters who might need to put out a fire, propane trucks who may need to fill up tanks, and restaurant owners whose livelihoods are at stake due to the road closures,” he said. “This is no way to treat your neighbors, and I have spoken directly with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to resolve this issue as quickly as possible. Neighbors work together to find solutions; they do not hold each other hostage.”

As of Monday at noon, no further meetings regarding the road blockages were set by either the town or the tribe.

For an updated story see the Feb. 15 edition of the Vilas County News-Review and The Three Lakes News.

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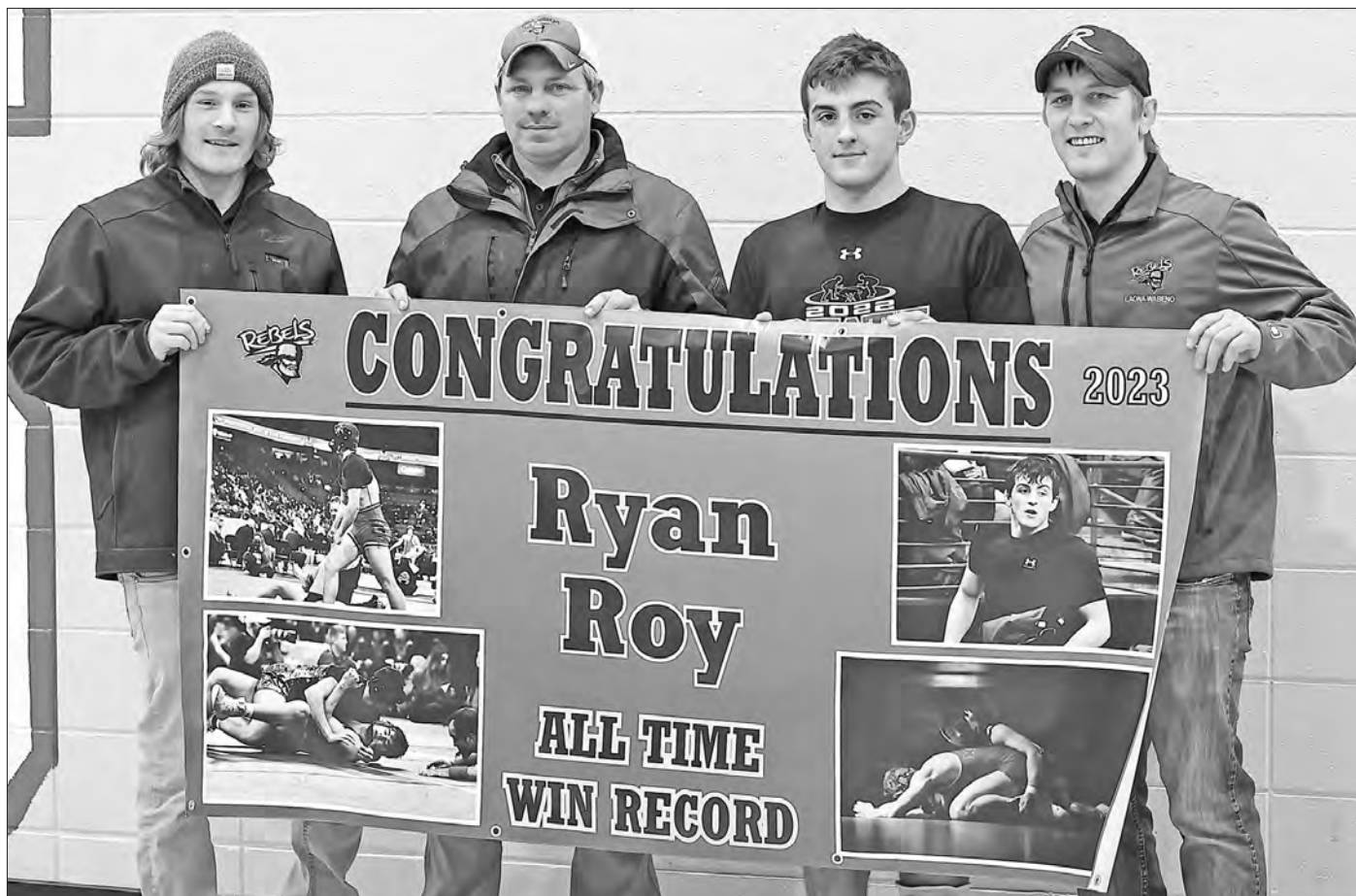
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SPORTS



Ryan Roy set the all-time wins record for a Wabeno wrestler last week and was recognized at the match in Crandon. From left is

coach Seth Senter, coach Dan Moravec, Roy and coach Colin Schubert. —Photo By William Zuelke

Roy pins himself to history as 151 career wins now a new best mark

By WILLIAM ZUELKE
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Ryan Roy set the all-time wins record for a Wabeno wrestler while together with teammate Levi Newman they led the Laona-Wabeno-Three Lakes varsity wrestling team to a second place finish at the Northern Lakes Conference duals held Saturday in Crandon.

With a combined 6-0 match record the tandem contributed 33 points to the Rebel Jays team as they matched up with wrestlers from Elcho, Florence and Crandon. This event concluded the regular season for the Rebel Jays who will travel next week to Crivitz for WIAA Division 3 Regional competition.

While the meet on Friday ended with the Rebel Jays scoring 129 total points, the highlight for the team was the breaking of a scoring record by Roy who on the last match of the night earned his 151st career victory which broke the record for the most wins in team history, including his Wabeno High School team's

before the establishment of the current co-op arrangement with Laona and Three Lakes high schools.

Tying the record was the easy part for Roy who earned a forfeit win against the Elcho Hornets at the 180 lb. weight class. Officials paused the event briefly for the public address announcer to relay information to the crowd that Roy had reached a milestone 150th win, garnering him a sustained applause from the large gathering of wrestling fans recognizing the feat.

Roy had an opportunity then to break the record as he faced Crandon's Rowen Pagel in the next dual approximately 30 minutes later. In what was the last match of the day Roy set the record in the first period by pinning Pagel, achieving 151 wins and ending the event undefeated.

"I am thankful for this opportunity," said Roy after setting the record. "I think it is great that there is growing support for high school wrestling which is on full display with the high enthusiasm in the gym tonight. It's nice to be surrounded by so many

great coaches and wrestlers."

He also commented on the transition to the current co-op with Laona and Three Lakes which has been in place for the past two years.

"When it first started, it was a little strange because some of these guys were once rivals, but we have really clicked well over time to become teammates and brothers in the sport," he said.

Alongside current coaches Seth Senter and Colin Schubert, Roy also had the support of coach John Fink and his middle grade wrestling coach, Dan Moravec.

Moravec, who is also a current volunteer assistant for the varsity teams, knew how difficult the feat was as his son Derek was the previous win total record holder with 150 match wins in his high school career. He said he knew awhile ago Roy would be a high performer when he first noticed him in seventh grade.

"This kid had something special about him right at the beginning," he said. "He was always such a hard-worker and humble about his

achievements. And now he is a highly ranked wrestler with a bright future ahead and his win totals would be even higher if not for the reduced schedules during much of the Covid pandemic time periods. I am proud of the young man he has become."

Senter agreed to the work put in by Roy, and of the potential for even greater accomplishments if not for the pandemic restrictions. He praised his leadership and his willingness to work with the younger wrestlers on the team and leading by example.

"Ryan is exactly what you want in a wrestler to represent your program," said Senter. "Winning is contagious and the younger players know that they will have to follow his lead if they want to reach their own highest potential of success."

Joining Roy in terms of performance in the conference meet was Newman who had the highest point total for any wrestler playing on the mat during the night. Newman pinned each of his oppo-

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Volk, Weavers lift Lady Jays to pair of much-needed home wins

By WILLIAM ZUELKE
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Three Lakes varsity girls basketball team won a pair of home games last week, defeating first Gresham 45-33 last Tuesday and then taking down conference rival Elcho 63-25 Friday.

In the two games, the Bluejays scored a collective 108 points while allowing only 58 points in decisive victories. The team is now two games above the .500 mark at 10-8 and have returned to their prior third-place position in the Northern Lakes Conference as they are again tied with Florence with a 4-4 record.

Seniors Kallie Volk and Karlee Weavers each had career highs in point production last week with Volk netting 36 points in the 63-25 win against Elcho while Weavers poured in 19 points in win over Gresham.

"This was a great week

of action for the team," said co-head coach Michele Brown after the Elcho victory. "While there are areas that we need to work on to bring the team to the next level, I like the recent improvements and hope we can keep the momentum going in our remaining few games. I especially like when we can beat a quality team such as Gresham who currently sits at the top of their conference with an undefeated record."

Against Gresham the Bluejays performed well on Parent's Night, though the Wildcats jumped to a five-point lead. The Bluejays turned things around quickly with a Volk jump shot as part of a seven-point run to take the lead.

From there they extended the margin to 10 points before going cold to end the half as they trailed 20-19.

The Jays again bounced back in the second half scoring the first eight points and

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Karlee Weavers had a big game in last week's non-conference win over Gresham, scoring 19 points to help the Lady Jays to victory. —Photo By William Zuelke

Sports Sidelines

By Doug Etten



Derby Complex saves Pond Hockey tradition

The World Championship Derby Complex in Eagle River has come to the rescue as organizers of the annual USA Hockey Pond Hockey National Championships will bring their event to the grounds in Eagle River this coming week.

The last time the venue served as host of the events were in 2020 when 260 teams came to compete for a "national championship" and bragging rights in 19 different divisions.

This 17th annual celebration of everything that hockey was born to be is an institution in Eagle River. Whether it be the Friday night get-together, the evening Falcons hockey game at the Dome, or the hundreds of locations it seems possible to find a Labatt's, there is no denying that when the first week of February comes around, the town just has a hockey buzz.

As has been the case before, the tournament was moved from Dollar Lake to the Derby Complex this year due to poor ice conditions on the lake. It's the third time the tournament will be held at the complex, but the first where none of the rinks will actually be inside the oval. This is due to the venue already being used by another entity.

If history repeats itself, competitors and fans won't flinch. Despite the move from the natural lake ice to the artificial ice sprayed onto the Derby grounds, the tournament will not disappoint organizers, players or fans.

The Sno Eagles take over as the main volunteer group assisting with festivities this year, taking on the always tough task of feeding the thousands of athletes and fans that will pack the complex over the course of the three-day event.

Events will get underway with player check-in and reception at the Derby Complex Hall, Thursday at 6 p.m. Games get underway at 8 a.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

One major change fans and players will notice this year is the absence of Labatt's from the annual sponsorship. According to USA Hockey Program Services Director, Katie Holmgren, those honors this year will belong to Coors.

Music, concessions, cornhole contests, and of course five-on-five hockey games will be taking place all weekend. For a list of events go to the USA Hockey website.

There is no admission to the grounds and parking is free.

WIAA supports five-division plan for girls volleyball

By DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) Board of Control approved a number of coaches' recommendations, impacting five fall sports at its meeting this month.

The board approved 10 recommendations that were originated and advanced by the fall coaches' or officials' advisory committees, followed by a review of the executive staff, sports advisory committee, and the advisory council.

The one volleyball recommendation supported by the board was an amended coaches' recommendation to add a fifth division to the girls volleyball tournament series beginning in the fall of 2024.

The executive staff has been given clearance to develop and promulgate a five-division model to advance to the advisory council and board of control for final consideration at its January meeting in 2024.

The lone rule changes in two sports implement a game-ending regulation for significant score differentials. Beginning in 2023, a mandatory running clock will be applied during the 8- and 11-player football regular season and tournament series when the point differential reaches 35 points in the second quarter of a game.

If a deficit falls below 35 points at any point prior to the start of the fourth quarter, the running clock will be discontinued. If the point dif-

ferential falls below 35 points in the fourth quarter, the running clock will continue for the remainder of regulation.

In soccer, if the point differential after 60 minutes of play reaches eight or more goals during the regular season or Tournament Series, the game shall be terminated. The score at the time of the stoppage will be recorded as the final score beginning in the fall of 2023.

Four officials advisory committee recommendations were approved, including three in the sport of volleyball.

Officials will now be allowed the option to use electronic headsets to communicate during a volleyball match. In addition, volleyball officials may wear any NFHS-approved color of officials' polo shirts, including white, blue or gray as long as the R1 and R2 match. The third volleyball officials' recommendation approved by the Board, after it was amended, allows the WIAA logo to be placed on officials' uniforms.

The other officials' recommendation clarifies the limited responsibility of volunteer officials in soccer. Volunteers are not authorized to call off-sides or fouls during a match.

Jordan Sinz presented the board with a detailed summary of the competitive balance plan. The board is scheduled to vote on whether or not to advance the plan to the annual meeting, April 26.

SPORTS

Eagles ease by Lumberjacks, Merrill; key conference games on docket next

BY GARY RIDDERBUSCH
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Northland Pines boys basketball team played a pair of nonconference games against Wisconsin Valley Conference teams last week, beating Wausau East 80-39 and Merrill 58-38 on the Eagles home court.

Against East last Tuesday, the Eagles built a 16-0 advantage behind hot-shooting and aggressive defense in the first 6 minutes of the half. Pines extended its lead to 22-0 before the visiting Lumberjacks got on the board.

Pines went on another 8-0 run before a Lumberjacks' corner triple saw them down 30-5. The visitors tried everything to slow down the Eagles, changing defenses and rotations of players. The Eagles went into the break up 44-13.

"We played a fine first half of basketball," said Pines coach Terry Klemett. "It was great for us to make some outside shots. It's been a long time coming and we have been shortening our practice time to save some legs and it showed tonight — that is helping."

The second half saw the Eagles continue their dominance as they came out of the

break on an 8-0 run at 52-13, capped off by a Griffin Stiemke one-handed dunk. The Lumberjacks finally went on a 14-4 run to chip into the Eagles' lead, down 67-27 with 10 minutes to play. But it was too little too late as the Eagles never looked back and continued their dominance up 73-29 with 5 minutes to play. Pines used a deep bench for much of the second half and closed out the visitors 80-39 in a dominant fashion.

"We were very good tonight," said Klemett. "Our guys had early season energy and it showed all over the court. I am very pleased with our efforts, especially rebounding the ball. East was a very big team and when you give a team only one shot each time down, it makes it hard on that team."

The Eagles shot 30-of-41 for 73% from the floor and were a solid 6-of-16 from three. The Eagles were led by Stiemke's 27 points.

"Griff had a fine game tonight and he had early season energy in his outside shot and shot-making abilities around the rim. We need him to continue that," said Klemett.

Nolan Lurvey had 18 points and 10 rebounds and ran the Eagles' offense. Ryan

Muench and Gabe Smith tossed in 14 and 13 points, respectively, for the winners.

"When we get four guys in double figures, that's tough to beat," said Klemett. "We have such an unselfish team and they aren't afraid to give up to the next guy. I am very proud of this team and their hard work."

Merrill victory

The Eagles took down another Valley conference team, the Merrill Bluejays, with a solid 58-38 victory at the field house last Thursday.

Pines took a four-point advantage at 10-6 before the visitors would hit a corner triple to cut into the lead. But Stiemke continued his hot outside shooting, burying back-to-back triples to give the Eagles a 16-9 advantage with 9 minutes to play in the half.

A couple loose offensive rebounds went the visitors way for put-backs, making it 22-14 with five minutes to play. A Smith dunk and another triple from Stiemke saw the Eagles get up to 13 with two minutes remaining at 27-14.

Pines missed a couple shots on back-to-back possessions and another Merrill triple got the visitors within six down, 27-21. The Eagles then pounded the ball down low to



Pines defenders Gabe Smith (No. 20), Nolan Lurvey (No. 3) and Griffin Stiemke (No. 33) surround a Wausau East player during last week's game at Pines. —Photo By Gary Ridderbusch

Smith, who went to the charity stripe and tossed in both to go up 29-22 at the break.

"Merrill did a nice job of not turning the ball over against our pressure and making some tough plays," said Klemett. "Griffin was hot again in that first half and it only takes him a second to break free for a good look, and when he shoots the ball like that we are tough to stop. We did a great job of getting inside-outside buckets to keep them off balance. It was a grinder in the first half."

The second half saw the Eagles come out of the locker room with some playoff intensity as Pines got five stops in a row and scored on five possessions to take a 35-22 lead with 13 minutes to go. The Eagles continued their defensive dominance, holding them scoreless for the first 9 minutes of the second half and building a 19-point lead at 41-22.

"We talked at half time about the importance of the

first 5 minutes of the half and how we needed to get stops and scores to get some separation and we did just that; our guys just played harder and harder and it was a playoff mentality," said Klemett.

The Bluejays finally scored a wing triple to stop the bleeding, but a Muench wing three put the Eagles up 22 points at 47-25 with 5 minutes to play. Both teams exchanged some baskets and the Eagles got the stops they needed to finish with a 58-38 victory.

"That was a grinder of a game," said Klemett. "Merrill had some really long possessions on offense and we didn't cave in. Our guys stayed in a stance and played great half-court defense. We did a great job of taking care of the basketball, only having four turnovers and we shared the ball very well."

"It was so great to see our team shooting the basketball like we have the last couple of games and the guys are really

focused and having fun," said Klemett. "If we can continue to improve on the little things and keep getting the rest we need, we are going to be a very good team come tournament time. It was also nice having back-to-back home games, which is something we have not had all year."

The Eagles shot an impressive 7-of-17 from three for 41%, four coming from Stiemke in the first half. They also were 15-of-34 from the floor for 44%.

Stiemke again led the Eagles with 18 points, followed by Smith's double-double of 16 points and 11 rebounds. Muench tossed in 15 points for the winners as well.

The win gets the Eagles record to 15-4 overall. Pines is 7-1 in the GNC. The Eagles have a tough week, hosting Mosinee (7-2 in GNC) on Tuesday and traveling to Medford (9-0 in GNC) this Friday, Feb. 10. Both GNC games start at 7:15 p.m.

Stephenson continues atop USSA standings after Bonnechere race

BY DOUG ETEN
SPORTS EDITOR

Four-time World Championship Snowmobile Derby champion Blaine Stephenson was unmatched atop his No. 102 Wahl Bros. Polaris this past weekend, as he swept all three of his points heat races, and won the USSA ProStar Cup Tour the final Saturday at the Bonnechere Cup race in Eganville, Ontario, Can.

"We had a rocketship (this weekend)," said Stephenson following races Sunday.

In Saturday's first heat for the Pro Champ 440 division drivers, Stephenson beat out fan-favorite Sabrina Blanchet on her No. 79 Ski-Doo, while No. 220 Gunnar Sterne would go on to keep pace by winning the second heat in round one.

In round two Stephenson again was top dog in his race, scooting across the finish line just ahead of teammate Tom Olson who was coming into this weekend off his Sprint World Cup win in Wausau

last weekend.

Blanchet would pick up an important win over Sterne in the second of two heat races in round two, which set up a very interesting third round of heats.

Blanchet showed her strength in the first heat, out-racing Olson to the line to pick up the win and 10 tour points. In the second heat Stephenson would cross first ahead of Sterne, which netted him a perfect 30 points across the first three rounds of heats as drivers would then prepare for the 11 sled final.

Stephenson was the cream of the crop there as he blistered out in front of the field and cruised to another feature win as he grabbed a perfect 130 points on the weekend in the race for the ProStar Tour Cup.

Finishing behind him in the final was Olson followed by Dale Dingman, Marc Donahue, and Matt Bennett. Sterne was listed as the seventh place finisher, but did not finish the race. Blanchet, who led for much of the race, was disqualified following the

finish after it was discovered she had broken a ski loop on the front of her machine, which is against International Snowmobile Racing rules.

With 483 points, Stephenson has distanced himself atop the tour point standings at the midway point, ahead of second place Sterne (391). Olson is in third place with 371 while Matt Goede, who didn't race this past weekend in Canada, sits in fourth with 243 points.

The tour moves further east in Canada this week as the Grand Prix Ski-doo Valcourt is set Feb. 10-12. Tour races will take place Saturday, followed by championship races Sunday.

After the races in Quebec, the tour heads back to Wisconsin for two weeks at the Manawa Snodeo which takes place Feb. 17-19. Following that, racers and teams come back to Eagle River where the World Championship Derby Complex will host the World Series of Snowmobile Racing, Feb. 24-26.

For information go to ussaprostar.com.

Pines girls fall to Hayward, will face Storm in playoffs

BY DOUG ETEN
SPORTS EDITOR

Following an 11-1 loss to Hayward Co-op this past week, the Northland Pines girls hockey co-op learned of their playoff fate which once again leads them into the land of the giant to face the defending State champions, Central Wisconsin Storm.

A co-op combining Wausau West, Wausau East, D.C. Everest, Merrill, Mosinee and Wittenberg-Birnamwood districts will host the game either Feb. 16 or 17 at Greenheck Fieldhouse in Schofield.

The winner of that first round matchup will take on the winner of Hayward and Medford who face-off in the

first round. The other contest in that bracket includes the Rhinelander Co-op traveling to the Marshfield Co-op. Top-seeded Superior-Northwestern received a bye and will wait for the winner of Rhinelander and Marshfield.

Sectional semifinals are set for Feb. 21 with the games to go to State to be played Feb. 24 or 25.

Loss to Hayward

It took the visiting Hayward Co-op just 59 seconds to strike as the Hurricanes spun around the Dome ice scoring six first-period goals on their way to an 11-1 win over Pines last week.

Reese Sheehan and Riley Sprenger paced the Hayward offense with four points each while Greta Woelber stopped 10 of 11 shots she faced.

The one she didn't stop was a big one for Pines' Jordyn Hahn who recorded her first-ever varsity goal with a first period score. While it lifted the spirits of the Lady Eagles heading into the second, Hayward went on to score three more in the second and two more in the third to win going away.

Goalie Jenna Uhrine was busy stopping 38 shots on the night. Assisting on Hahn's goal was Donna Lotzer who recorded a point for her efforts.

Pines sits 0-17 on the season heading into their final week of regular season play. After hosting the Northern Edge, Feb. 6., the team ends their regular season at home Saturday at 1 p.m. when they face Beaver Dam Co-op in the Dome.

STANDINGS

EAGLE LANES LADIES NIGHT OUT

Results of 2/1/23

Team results: Preuss' Pub 2, 6-Newitt's North 5; Timmy's Holiday Corner 0, Lanny's Fireside 7; Northern Art & Design LLC 1, Harry's Fireworks 6.

High team game: (tie) Harry's Fireworks and Northern Art & Design LLC 879.

High team series: Harry's Fireworks 2460.

High games: Jo Ann Bathel 221, Susie Erickson 215, Jen Shuette and Sharon Molinaro 205, Deb Preuss Rattenbach 200.

High series: Jen Shuette 585, Jo Ann Bathel 582, Deb Preuss Rattenbach 555, Sharon Molinaro 537, Dawn Greenman 531.

STANDINGS	W	L
Northern Art & Design LLC	85	
Preuss' Pub	79	
6-Newitt's North	78	
Harry's Fireworks	75	
Timmy's Holiday Corner	65	
Lanny's Fireside	59	

THREE LAKES DARTBALL

Results of 2/1/23

Team results: Oneida Village II 1, Legion Newbies 1, tie 1; Village People 2, Wildcats 1.

Top women shooters: Barb Moak 1, Jan Lederhaus 3, Jackie Kuehn 4, Leigh Travis 4.

Top men shooters: Bruce Carlson 2, Art Martinez 2, Bob Borek 7, Steve Schultz 3.

Home runs: Barb Borek 1.

STANDINGS

	W	L
Wildcats	24	3
Village People	11	16
Legion Newbies	10	16
Oneida Village II	8	18

EAGLE RIVER POOL LEAGUE

Results of 2/2/23

Results: Shotski's 10, Great Escape 6; Eagle Lanes 11, Brew's Pub II 5; Uncle Kent's II 11, Twin Lake Pub 5; Denoyer's I 9, Uncle Kent's I 7; Brew's Pub I 11, Club 45 II 5; Club 45 I 13, Denoyer's II 3.

MOSCONI	W	L
Shotskis	168	72
Eagle Lanes	139	101
Uncle Kent's I	135	105
Brew's Pub II	125	115
Great Escape	124	116
Denoyer's I	123	117
WANDERONE	W	L
Brew's Pub I	127	113
Club 45 I	110	130
Uncle Kent's II	106	134
Denoyer's II	101	139
Twin Lake Pub	93	147
Club 45 II	89	151

EAGLE RIVER DARTBALL

Results of 2/1/23

Team results: Club Denoyer 2, Eagle Lanes 1; Shotskis 2, Mud Creek 1; Sweetwater 2, Denoyer's II 1.

Top women shooters: Taylor Healy 10/24, Jane Klug 6/18, Deanne Thompson 6/20, Lindsey Nylund 4/27.

Top men shooters: Rob Gov-ek 12/22, Dan Welzien 12/26, Joe

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SPORTS

Streak for Three Lakes boys hits five

BY WILLIAM ZUELKE
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Three Lakes boys varsity basketball team won its fifth straight game this past Saturday, pinning down Gresham Community on the road by a score of 71-20.

This is the fourth time this season where the Bluejays have scored at least 70 points and the second time they've defeated a team by more than

50 points.

The Bluejays have now won 10 of their past 11 games and have an overall record of 12-3. They also have sole possession of second place in the Northern Lakes Conference with a 6-1 record just behind the Florence Bobcats (8-0). The two teams meet in Florence next Monday.

After being well rested following the cancellation of a nonconference game Tuesday against Watersmeet, Three Lakes came out strong in Gresham with three play-

ers scoring in double digits in the first half alone as Jared Kaufman led the way with 12 of his 16 points, followed by Toby Volkmann who had 10 of his 13, and LJ Terlizzi dropped in 10 of his total 12 points to give the Bluejays a sizable 42-13 halftime lead.

All three of these players saw reduced action in the second half, getting some additional rest as the lead became insurmountable for the Wildcats.

"Gresham is in a rebuilding year, so we were able to

get a lot of playing time for a lot of guys and were also able to work on some things that we need to improve on to get us to an even higher competitive level," said Three Lakes coach Brad Volkmann. "Overall, I was happy with the way we played as we had a lot of mistake-free basketball and executed our game plan well, which is very important at this point in the season."

Volkmann noted his team will be facing some better competition to get ready for postseason tournament time, concentrating on the little things to help them advance.

"At this point, we have to work hard every day while maintaining high expectations, and so far the boys are responding well and are meeting the challenges in front of them head on," he said.

Eight different Bluejays players scored in the win over Gresham. Kaufman dominated the offensive and defensive boards with 15 total rebounds on the night and added four steals to the stat line. Volkmann also added to his point scoring with three steals, three assists and a blocked shot, while Terlizzi added three assists, one rebound and one steal.

Austin Adams scored 11 points, adding seven rebounds and a steal. Chase Melton and Ian Mouw scored three apiece. Melton added six rebounds, three steals, two assists and a blocked shot, while Mouw pitched in two rebounds and two assists.

Josh Cogar chipped in eight points and also had four rebounds, three steals and an assist. Peyton Pitlik tossed in five points, going 2 for 2 from

the floor and 1 for 1 from the free throw line. McCain Graff and Eli Erikson, while scoreless, contributed with a combined four steals, three assists and two defensive rebounds in the one-sided road win.

After starting the week with a home game against Elcho, Three Lakes will hit the road to face a good Hurley team Thursday at 5:45 p.m. The team will then play at Bowler before the highly anticipated rematch with Florence, who beat the Bluejays last month in Three Lakes.

Game time in Florence is scheduled for 7:15 p.m. Following that game, the Bluejays return home for games against Phillips and Goodman-Pembiné before traveling to Antigo for the final game before postseason competition.

Pines boys hockey team draws Tomahawk in playoff opener

BY CHRIS OATMAN
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Northland Pines boys hockey team learned of their 2023 playoff fate late Sunday from the WIAA as pairings were released for the upcoming Division 2 postseason.

The release came following a three-game week where the team fell to Great Northern Conference (GNC) rival Rhinelander twice, and defeated Shawano, 6-2.

The No. 5 seeded Pines will open the playoffs when they meet another conference opponent in the first round, traveling to No. 4 seeded Tomahawk next Thursday at Sara Park. Game time is set for 7 p.m.

The winner of that matchup will face either top-seeded Lakeland or No. 8 seeded Stevens Point Pacelli. The bottom half of the eight-team bracket has No. 2 Mosinee hosting No. 7 Waupaca and No. 3 Rhinelander Co-op taking on No. 6 Antigo-Wittenberg-Birnawood.

Last week Pines sought to sharpen their skills for the coming postseason with a key game Tuesday as they visited Rhinelander in the first round of the GNC tournament.

Rhinelander scored twice late in the first period and added another tally late in the second for a 3-0 lead. The Eagles finally got on the board with a little over a minute left in the period on a goal by Anderson Kieilty assisted by Josh Graves and Morgan DePuydt to make it 3-1. That was the only goal Pines would get as the Hodags added one more in the third period for the 4-1 win.

Pines goalie Eli Kerner stopped 44 of 48 Rhinelander shots while the Eagles had only eight shots on goal.

"We were riddled with injuries and sickness," said coach Patrick Schmidt. "Our captain, Luke Wessel, was out sick while other kids were throwing up, but they came back to try to play. Others were hurt during the game."

"A lot of our freshmen and sophomores got quality playing time and they did very well. Derek Buckton and Tyler Busha stood out. Getting all of that game time is going to help down the road."

The Eagles also played Rhinelander at home the night before to make up a game that had been snowed out on two dates earlier in the season.

Pines played very well in the first period, taking a 2-1 lead on goals by Zach Szafranski with an assist from Wessel. Then Wessel scored himself off an assist from Szafranski.

The Eagles got two more goals in the first five minutes of the second period to make it 4-1 when Brett Wielhouwer scored unassisted, and Griffin Kenning found the net with a help from Szafranski.

Rhinelander scored five unanswered goals to close out the period with a 6-4 lead.

The Hodags followed that two more times to make it seven straight goals and took an 8-4 third period lead before Josh Graves made it 8-5 with an unassisted goal for the Eagles.

Rhinelander got one more to close out the scoring and grab a 9-5 win.

"We got up 4-1 and I think they backed down a little bit," said Schmidt. "They aren't used to playing with the lead and Rhinelander took advan-

tage of it. Once they get going, they're hard to stop."

The Eagles closed out the week Thursday with a visit to Shawano who they defeated 6-2.

The Hawks scored two minutes into the first. After that, it was all Pines as Wessel scored on an assist from Anderson Kieilty.

Then Roen McGee and Tyler Beitler set up Josh Graves for a 2-1 lead 1:16 into the period. Just eight seconds later, Gaige Marien scored from McGee and Nicholas Boxrucker to make it 3-1.

Sam Warner then found the net with assists from Kieilty and Beitler for a 4-1 advantage. Boxrucker scored from McGee and Marien with 39 seconds left in the period and Pines led 5-1.

Finally, it was Kieilty set up by Graves early in the third period, which capped a six-goal run by the Eagles.

"The first period was a lot of individual play, but the boys got in the groove in the second," said Schmidt. "They learned to play with the lead and that's important this time of year."

The Eagles are still involved in the GNC postseason tournament with the playoffs on the horizon as they are scheduled to meet Medford, Feb. 7, at the Dome. The winner of that game will play either Waupaca or Tomahawk in the fifth-place game at Medford, Saturday at 1 p.m. A Pines loss in Tuesday's game sends them to the seventh-place game set Saturday at 10 a.m.

Schmidt said the key to the team's success is easy.

"Stay out of the penalty box," he said. "We can't win games from the box and that's been proven time and again."

ers on the floor," said co-head coach Tony Pharo. "It allowed her to get a lot of steals and turn them into fast break points. It was truly a special night for Kallie and fun for everyone to watch."

Pharo said the win was important in helping improve the team's regular and conference records.

"It was also nice to have a season sweep within the conference as this was our second win of the year against Elcho," he said. "We just have to control some of the negative scoring streaks that we have allowed in some games this year, including on Tuesday where we let Gresham back into the game after taking some nice leads."

Volk's 36-point total was 11 points higher than her previous best earlier in the year and was higher than the output of the entire Elcho team. According to coach Brown, the last Bluejays player to score 30 or more points in a game was Macy Sowinski, who scored 32 points against Goodman-Pembiné nearly six years ago to the day, as the Bluejays defeated the Patriots in 2017 by a score of 70-43.

"Kallie has come so far since coming in as a freshman and it has been fun to watch

her growth and development," said Brown. "Everyone knows she's an outstanding track and cross-country athlete, but she is also a very good basketball player."

"She works and trains so hard off the court and it's so nice to see all of that time and training pay off. This team would not be where we are today without her."

In addition to her point contribution, Volk also had 12 rebounds in the Elcho game. She was followed by Weavers who had nine points and 12 rebounds. Kaya Szews and Jenna Erikson each had four points on the night. Szews also had nine rebounds and Erikson added six assists and seven steals.

The girls have a busy week ahead with three games on the road starting with a non-conference contest in Crivitz this past Monday, followed by a game in Antigo, Tuesday.

Those two games are followed by another conference matchup at Florence this Friday. Game time is set for 7:15 p.m.

The Bluejays beat the Bobcats early last month at home by a score of 52-29 and are currently tied with them for third place in the conference.

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then kept their distance by earning an impressive win against the 7-0 Central Wisconsin-North conference leader.

"We shot 40% from the floor in this game which is very nice to see considering some of our past shooting performances," said Brown. "But we are struggling from behind the arc."

"It was nice to see Karlee score 19 points as we have been waiting for her to break out in the scoring column and hopefully this will help her confidence on the offensive end and be a consistent contributor moving forward."

Volk contributed 12 points and nine rebounds and four assists while Jenna Erikson pitched in eight points. Kallie Fogerty had six point and four assists.

Days later against Elcho, Volk dominated offensively as her 36-point effort left her coaches with nothing but praise.

"It seemed like Kallie had an extra gear tonight compared to the rest of the play-



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SPORTS

Short-handed Falcons team gets big win over De Pere

BY DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

There was nothing flashy or dramatic about Saturday's 4-3 win for the Eagle River Falcons men's hockey team, though with a short bench and skating only two full lines, the victory might be one the team circles on the schedule when it comes to looking back at 2023.

Goalie Richard Yeshe stopped a late charge from De Pere who, after being down 3-1 midway through the second, got two scores in less than a minute to draw the game even at 3-3 with 7:40 to play in the second period.

De Pere was whistled for a delay of game penalty late in the second, which gave the home Falcons a power play

opportunity. Alex Racino then cashed in off assists from Bob McDonald and Bryan Kronberger as the goal would end up being the game-winner for the Falcons whose defense stood tall through the third.

Racino had his best night of the season so far offensively for the Falcons, scoring once in the first, also while contributing on a second period power play goal from Alex Hauswirth to end the night with three points.

Jacob Robinson also netted three points, assisting on three goals. Lucas Otto scored one goal while McDonald, Ken Fiala and Kronberger also each had one point on the evening.

Yeshe stopped 27 of 30 shots in picking up the win. Eagle River put 50 shots on goal, though being down

to just two lines offensively throughout the game.

Fond du Lac remains in the top spot in the league standings with 20 points, though they have company as Portage Lake is now there also with 20. Mosinee is next with 17, followed by the Falcons (12). Marquette is in fifth with nine points, followed by Calumet (8), De Pere (4) and Fox Cities (0).

The Falcons will be at home twice this weekend for their annual Pond Hockey games. Friday night the team faces the still winless Ice Dogs from Appleton. Saturday the team welcomes Marquette.

Friday's game is scheduled for an 8 p.m. start, but may get going a few minutes later due to the Wisconsin Windigo game set for 6 p.m. Saturday's game is set for an 8 p.m. puck drop.



Levi Newman works a takedown on his way to getting his third pin victory of the match. It helped him in earning 18 points in conference matches Friday against Elcho, Florence and Crandon high schools. He was the only Rebel Jay to have three pin victories. —Photo By William Zuelke

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nents from Elcho, Florence and Crandon and contributed a team high 18 points for the Rebel Jays.

Other notable action on the night included Gus Fink who had 12 points, including a third period pin over Elcho's Hayden Demerath. Max Clark and Noah Kincaid each contributed 18 points without touching the mat as

they each won three matches by forfeit of the other teams.

Crandon ended the night with 198 total points while the Florence Bobcats scored 60 points. Elcho scored just six points based on a single forfeit win against Florence.

"This was a great way to end the regular season with some solid team success against conference opponents," said Senter. "As we enter the postseason competition, I think we will find areas of further success as the wrestlers have the shared knowledge of the coaching

staff and now it is just a matter of fine-tuning details that make the difference between winning and losing."

The Rebel Jays will participate in the Division 3 Regional scheduled to be held at Crivitz this Saturday. There will be 13 schools with athletes fighting for the chance to compete at Sectionals the following week in Seymour.

The top two schools overall and the top four individual wrestlers in each weight class will advance from Regionals to Sectionals.



TOURNEY CHAMPS — The Northland Pines fourth grade boy basketball team won a tournament in Merrill recently. The team defeated Merrill, Cadott and Stevens Point Pacelli. Team members are, front row from left, Maxxon Johnson, Jacob Boehmer, Jaxson Perez, Johnny Crow, Carter Ryan, JJ Nava. Missing from the photo Charlie Duffek and head coach Tony Duffek; and back row are assistant coach Dave Rushman, Nathan Wiedenbauer, Cash Rushman, Kobe Klemett, Gabe Szott, Jackson Weinand, Collin Seeger and assistant coach Nate Johnson. —Contributed Photograph



STATE BOUND — The Northland Pines The Pines fifth grade girls basketball team has been invited to participate in the annual State tournament to be held in Neenah, Feb. 18-19. Team members are, front row from left, Natalie Schoolman, Emma Schilling, Kendra Felesena, Courtney Archuleta and McKenna Blackberg; middle row are Ava Kube, Alexia Stenberg, Aspen Halada, Jayne Halsey, Nora Christensen and Reagan Favorite; back row are coach Jaclyn Halsey, Kenzie Beer, Ella Keranen, Hannah Kadlec and coach Julie Christensen. —Contributed Photo

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BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL			GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL		
Tue. 11/22	@ Three Lakes	W 77-31	Tue. 11/22	@ Three Lakes	L 55-23
Fri. 11/25	Newman Catholic	L 60-58	Fri. 11/25	@ Wausau East (Tourn.)	L 50-26
Sat. 11/26	Stanley-Boyd	W 82-47	Tue. 11/29	Antigo	L 50-23
Sat. 12/2	Tomahawk	W 58-30	Fri. 12/2	@ Tomahawk	W 39-31
Mon. 12/5	@ Clintonville	W 62-52	Tue. 12/6	@ Ewen-Trout Creek	L 51-24
Fri. 12/9	Rhineland	W 68-36	Fri. 12/9	@ Rhineland	L 77-36
Tue. 12/13	@ Hurley	W 77-51	Tue. 12/13	Merrill	L 67-40
Fri. 12/16	Ladysmith	ppd.	Thu. 12/15	Florence	ppd.
Tue. 12/20	Wittenberg-Biramwood	W 79-40	Tue. 12/20	Wittenberg-Biramwood	L 70-19
Wed. 12/28	@ Marinette	W 78-39	Wed. 12/28	@ Marinette	L 34-14
Fri. 12/30	Arrowhead	L 60-40	Tue. 1/3	Mosinee	L 58-32
Tue. 1/3	@ Mosinee	W 70-61	Fri. 1/6	@ Medford	L 45-30
Fri. 1/6	Medford	L 59-50	Tue. 1/10	Lakeland Union	L 78-20
Tue. 1/10	@ Lakeland Union	W 57-39	Fri. 1/13	@ Antigo	L 46-24
Fri. 1/13	Antigo	W 54-10	Fri. 1/20	Tomahawk	W 51-30
Tue. 1/17	Merrill	Cancelled	Sat. 1/21	Gillett	L 43-28
Fri. 1/20	@ Tomahawk	W 81-24	Mon. 1/30	@ Menominee Indian	Cancelled
Sat. 1/21	@ Catholic Memorial	L 61-47	Tue. 1/31	Rhineland	L 65-46
Fri. 1/27	@ Rhineland	W 61-47	Tue. 2/7	@ Mosinee	7:15 pm
Tue. 1/31	Wausau East	W 80-39	Fri. 2/10	Medford	7:15 pm
Thu. 2/2	Merrill	W 56-36	Fri. 2/17	@ Lakeland Union	7:15 pm
Tue. 2/7	Mosinee	7:15 pm			
Fri. 2/10	@ Medford	7:15 pm			
Fri. 2/17	Lakeland Union	7:15 pm			
Thu. 2/23	@ Antigo	7:15 pm			

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BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL			GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL			VARSITY WRESTLING		
Tue. 11/22	Northland Pines	L 77-31	Tue. 11/22	Northland Pines	W 55-23	Sat. 12/3	@ Antigo (Inv.)	
Tue. 11/29	@ Tomahawk	W 58-42	Mon. 11/28	@ Phillips	L 80-47	Sat. 12/10	@ Forest County Potawatomi Community Center (Inv.)	8th/12
Fri. 12/2	Laona-Wabeno	W 43-32	Thu. 12/1	Laona-Wabeno	L 58-23	Sat. 12/17	@ Shawano (Inv.)	16th/30
Thu. 12/8	Lakeland Union	L 67-38	Mon. 12/5	@ Wittenberg-Biramwood	L 77-30	Tue. 12/20	@ Bay Port (Match)	
Sat. 12/10	@ Suring	W 78-23	Sat. 12/10	@ Suring	W 48-40		Wrightstown Southern Door	L 53-22 L 29-19
Tue. 12/13	Crandon	W 55-36	Mon. 12/12	@ Crandon	L 56-19	Thu. 12/22	@ Rhineland (Inv.)	Cancelled
Fri. 12/16	@ Elcho	W 55-51	Thu. 12/15	@ Elcho	W 55-20	Wed. 12/28	@ Lourdes Academy (Inv.)	38th/68
Wed. 12/28	Niagara	W 42-40	Tue. 12/20	Prentice	W 47-40	Sat. 1/7	@ Merrill (Inv.)	20th/25
Tue. 1/3	Wakefield-Marenisco	W 74-63	Wed. 12/28	Niagara	L 53-41	Sat. 1/14	@ New London (Inv.)	12th/18
Fri. 1/6	Florence	L 53-33	Tue. 1/3	Wakefield-Marenisco	W 53-36	Tue. 1/17	Quad (Home)	3rd Iron Mountain, Merrill, Rhineland
Tue. 1/10	@ Goodman-Pembine	W 68-59	Thu. 1/5	Florence	W 52-29	Sat. 1/21	@ Wausau East (Inv.)	12th
Mon. 1/16	@ Laona-Wabeno	W 55-52	Mon. 1/9	@ Goodman-Pembine	W 51-8	Tue. 1/24	@ Laona (Quad)	N/R
Thu. 1/19	@ Watersmeet	Cancelled	Tue. 1/17	@ Laona-Wabeno	L 41-24	Sat. 1/28	@ Wisconsin Dells (Inv.)	11th/13
Mon. 1/23	@ Crandon	W 54-37	Fri. 1/20	Rhineland	W 64-55	Fri. 2/3	@ Crandon (Duals)	2nd/4
Fri. 1/27	Prentice	W 71-60	Sat. 1/21	Lena	L 45-41			
Sat. 2/4	@ Gresham	W 71-20	Fri. 1/27	Crandon	L 61-21			
Mon. 2/6	Elcho	7:15 pm	Tue. 1/31	Gresham	W 45-33			
Thu. 2/9	Hurley	7 pm	Fri. 2/3	Elcho	W 63-25			
Fri. 2/10	@ Bowler	7:15 pm	Mon. 2/6	@ Crivitz	7:15 pm			
Mon. 2/13	@ Florence	7:15 pm	Tue. 2/7	@ Antigo	7:15 pm			
Tue. 2/14	Phillips	7 pm	Fri. 2/10	@ Florence	7:15 pm			
Mon. 2/20	Goodman-Pembine	7:15 pm	Tue. 2/14	@ Hurley	7:15 pm			
Tue. 2/21	@ Antigo	7:15 pm	Fri. 2/17	Goodman-Pembine	7:15 pm			

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SPORTS

Pines girls get offense going, but can't get by Rhinelander in GNC matchup

By DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northland Pines girls basketball team had one of their best offensive perfor-

mances of the season last week against Rhinelander, falling short in a Great Northern Conference matchup as they fell 65-46.

"It was one of our best shooting nights of the year," said Pines coach Jim Beyer,

who watched his team shoot 50% from the field and 36% from behind the three point line.

Emily Rottier-Douangmala led the way for Pines with 13 points, three assists and two steals. Following her was Emma Weber with a nice all-around game. She added 10 points to go with five boards and five assists. Vienna Klemett and Aubrey Beyer chipped in with seven apiece, while Paige Hodkiewicz added six.

"Rhinelander made a few too many threes in the first half, and then we gave them a few too many second chance points in the second half," said Beyer. "Overall we saw a great improvement from the first time we played them."

Rhinelander was able to get in front early as they sprung an 8-0 lead from the opening tip before Pines was able to get their first basket.

"It took us a few minutes to get things going," said Beyer. "I am happy with the direction of our offense and defense, but we still need to

be more consistent."

The loss dropped Pines to 2-7 in conference play, ahead of only Tomahawk (0-10). Lakeland (9-0) maintains a game-and-a half lead over Mosinee (8-2). Next is Antigo (6-4) followed by Rhinelander (5-4) and Medford (3-6).

Pines will travel to Mosinee this week before hosting Medford Friday for another conference matchup. The team concludes their regular season a week from Friday when they visit Lakeland, Feb. 17.

Loss to Stratford

In nonconference play last week Pines fell to Stratford, 52-23.

Opposite of their performance against Rhinelander, Pines did not shoot the ball well as they were just 17% from the field across the game.

"It's hard to stay in games with that percentage," said Beyer. "I thought we played really strong the first 10 minutes of the game, but lack of shot-making made it difficult to stay close with a well coached athletic Stratford team."

Beyer said Stratford discipline on defense stymied his



Guard Emma Weber plays through contact on her way to the hoop during last week's game. —Photos By Gary Ridderbusch



Rynn Darr makes a pass up the sidelines during last week's GNC matchup at home against Rhinelander.

Windigo sweep Wilderness, team clings to playoffs spot

By DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

After being swept by the Kenai River Brown Bears the previous weekend, the Wisconsin Windigo sought to get back on a winning path and did so as they traveled to Cloquet, Minn., and earned a two-game sweep over the Midwest Division leading Minnesota Wilderness.

The team took Friday's matchup 5-2, and then won in an overtime shootout Saturday to earn the sweep.

"To come in here and take four points from the Wilderness is a huge accomplishment," said Windigo head coach Blake Hietala following Saturday's win. "It wasn't pretty, and we struggled at times throughout the weekend. The Wilderness had a lot to do with that. They are a very good team. We had several guys step up and contribute offensively. It was great to see the balanced scoring we displayed."

Friday's win came the more conventional way as the Windigo got the scoring started just over five minutes into the contest when Chris Kernan scored his fifth goal of the season to put the visitors up 1-0. Sam Jacobs and Drew Fisher picked up the assists.

The Wilderness then answered with two goals of their own in quick succession, but Max Martin responded after that as he tied the game late in the first period with his ninth goal of the season, assisted by Frank Jenkins and Zach Burfoot.

The second period found the Windigo back on their heels, as the Wilderness peppered goalie Max Beckford with 16 shots on net, while the Windigo managed only eight shots of their own. Beckford was up to the task and the second period ended in a 2-2 tie. "Beckford and (Gavin) Moffatt played well and got the job done for us in net this weekend," said Hietala.

In the third, Windigo forward Ben Anderson put his team up for good, scoring his 11th of the season off assists from Martin and Sam Groebner at the 8:38 mark. Following that was Chris Kernan (from Groebner and Drew Fisher) who scored just over two minutes later, to put the

Windigo up 4-2. Burfoot added an unassisted empty net goal with seven seconds remaining to secure the win for the Windigo.

Beckford had a strong performance in net for the Windigo, recording his 11th win of the season as he turned back 35 of the 37 shots he faced.

Saturday night the Wilderness seemed destined to take revenge on their loss the previous night, as the ice seemed to tilt in their favor right from the first drop of the puck, scoring three unanswered goals to find themselves with a comfortable three-goal lead halfway through the game.

While the offense seemed to struggle up front for the Windigo, it took defenseman Axel Begley scoring his fourth goal of the season just over 11 minutes into the second period to ignite the team, down now just 3-1. Mario DiMaggio and Burfoot were credited with the assists.

At 14:46 of the second period it was defenseman Daniil Dolzhenko who scored his third goal of the season to close the gap again at 3-2. Begley's second tally of the night, at 11:09 of the third period then tied the game and forced overtime.

After five minutes of 3-on-3 overtime play, in which Moffatt stopped all seven shots he faced, the game headed to a shoot-out.

Luke Levandowski was the hero in the shoot-out, as he was the sole goal scorer for the Windigo while Moffatt stopped all three Minnesota attempts to secure the win. He made 31 saves in 65 minutes of play, earning his 12th win of the season.

Minnesota remains in the top spot in the division with 52 points. Two points back is Fairbanks followed by the Windigo who now rest with 48 points and are in one of the top four spots that would qualify them for the postseason. Janesville is in the fourth spot with 47 points.

Up next for the Windigo is a much-needed return to their home ice inside the Dome where Thursday and Friday they'll host the Anchorage Wolverines. Puck drop is at 7 p.m. Thursday followed by a 6 p.m. game time Saturday. Tickets are available online at wisconsinjuniorhockey.com/ tickets or can be purchased at the door.

For more information, and up-to-date standings and statistics, visit nahl.com.

Hockey Schedules 2022-'23



NORTHLAND PINES HIGH SCHOOL - BOYS

Tue. 11/22	@ DC Everest	L 7-3	Tue. 1/10	Ashland	T 6-6
Tue. 11/29	@ Pacelli Catholic	L 6-5 OT	Thu. 1/12	@ Medford	W 11-2
Fri. 12/2	@ Waupaca	L 8-3	Tue. 1/17	Tomahawk	Cancelled
Sat. 12/3	@ Waupan	L 6-1	Sat. 1/21	@ Marshfield	L 7-2
Tue. 12/6	Shawano	L 8-5	Tue. 1/24	@ Mosinee	L 6-3
Thu. 12/8	Lakeland Union	L 6-2	Fri. 1/27	Hayward	L 4-3 OT
Tue. 12/13	@ Ashland	L 6-0	Sat. 1/28	Mosinee	L 6-4
Thu. 12/15	Rhinelander	ppd.	Mon. 1/30	Rhinelander	L 9-5
Thu. 12/29	@ West Salem (Tourn.)	W 6-3	Tue. 1/31	@ Rhinelander	L 4-1
Fri. 12/30	Tomahawk (Tourn.)	W 7-1	Thu. 2/2	@ Shawano	W 6-2
Tue. 1/3	Pacelli	W 7-1	Tue. 2/7	@ Lakeland Union (GNC Meet)	7 pm
Thu. 1/5	@ Antigo	W 5-4 OT	Sat. 2/11	@ Medford (GNC Meet)	4 pm

NORTHLAND PINES HIGH SCHOOL - GIRLS

Fri. 11/25	vs. Arrowhead L 10-2; vs. Brookfield L 16-1	Mon. 1/9	@ Rhinelander	L 5-2	
Sat. 11/26	vs. Lakeshore	L 16-3	Tue. 1/10	@ Hayward	L 13-0
Fri. 12/2	Chippewa Falls	L 14-1	Thu. 1/12	Marshfield	L 7-1
Mon. 12/5	@ Rhinelander	L 10-4	Sat. 1/21	Arrowhead	L 10-2
Fri. 12/9	@ Eau Claire North	L 12-1	Tue. 1/24	@ Medford	L 3-2
Sat. 12/10	@ Black River Falls	L 8-0	Tue. 1/31	Hayward	L 11-1
Fri. 12/16	Medford*	L 3-2	Mon. 2/6	Rhinelander	7 pm
Wed. 12/28	@ Madison	L 7-1	Sat. 2/11	Beaver Dam	1 pm
Thu. 12/29	Badger	L 12-1	Tue. 2/14	Regionals	TBD
Thu. 1/5	DC Everest	L 13-0			

EAGLE RIVER FALCONS

Fri. 12/2	Calumet Wolverines	L 5-3	Sat. 2/11	Marquette Mutineers	8 pm
Sat. 12/3	@ Calumet Wolverines	W 10-5	Fri. 2/17	Mosinee Papermakers	8 pm
Fri. 1/6	Portage Lake Pioneers	W 9-7	Sat. 2/18	@ Mosinee Papermakers	8 pm
Sat. 1/7	Calumet Wolverines	W 9-7	Fri. 2/24	@ Calumet Wolverines	6:30 pm
Sat. 1/14	@ Portage Lake Pioneers	W 5-4	Sat. 2/25	@ Portage Lake Pioneers	6:30 pm
Sat. 1/21	Fond du Lac Bears	L 7-2	Sat. 3/4	Portage Lake Pioneers	8 pm
Fri. 1/27	@ Marquette Mutineers	L 12-8	Fri. 3/10	Marquette Mutineers	8 pm
Sat. 1/28	@ Marquette Mutineers	W 5-3	Sat. 3/11	@ DePere Deacons	7:30 pm
Sat. 2/4	DePere Deacons	W 4-3	Fri. 3/24	@ Fox Cities Ice Dogs	7:30 pm
Fri. 2/10	Fox Cities Ice Dogs	8 pm	Fri. 3/25	@ Fond du Lac Bears	8 pm

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MAGNIFICENT MUSHING — The weather was warm and trail conditions excellent for the Three Bear Dog Sled Races held in Land O' Lakes Feb. 4-5. The races, a craft show and several area events drew record crowds to the event. Eighty-two entrants from Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Minnesota, New York, Canada and Illinois participated in the racing competition. A children's event was also held both days, providing youngsters an opportunity to try their hand at dog sledding.

ABOVE: Spectators look on as racers round the first corner with their canine teams.

RIGHT: Several families and individuals take their pets along to enjoy the festivities.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Children participate in the mutt races held both Saturday and Sunday. Young sled-dogs competed for the best time for a designated distance.

BELOW: Mushers fuel their teams between raises with fresh water and kibble, giving them energy for upcoming races.

—Staff Photos By STEPHANIE DYE



Warehouse to host informational and educational events

The Warehouse Arts Center will host two events Friday, Feb. 10.

"The Art of Vegan Eating" event will be from 5 to 7 p.m. and feature a plant-based potluck and documentary screening. This event is open to the public, vegans and non-vegans alike.

The primary purpose of this potluck is to provide some camaraderie for current plant-based eaters and an investigative experience for those who are interested in a vegetarian lifestyle.

Anyone interested in attending is asked to bring a vegan dish or snack item, along with necessary serving utensils.

A \$5 cover donation and

registration is recommended.

Following the potluck, "Soul Child," featuring Carolyn Weber and Mark Hovel will be performing at The Warehouse's Inspiration Bar from 7 to 9 p.m.

Weber is originally from Chicago, Ill., and grew up singing with her dad's blues and rock band. After recently moving to the Eagle River area, she teamed up with the local musician from Conover. Hovel is known locally for his skills on both electric and acoustic guitar.

The live music event is family-friendly and free to the public.

To register or for more information on these events, visit eagleriverart.com.

Photo gala to feature hundreds of pictures

The Northwoods Wildlife Center's 2023 Photo Gala will be held Saturday, Feb. 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Campanile Center for the Arts in Minocqua.

The doors open at 5 p.m. and in addition to the photography there will be live music, hors d'oeuvres, desserts and basket raffles.

Proceeds from the event will be utilized for wildlife rescue, rehabilitation, and education.

The Gala is open to the public and invited to view and vote on hundreds of photos submitted by artists.

For more information, visit northwoodswildlife.org.

Student open-enrollment application period open

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) announced that the online application period for the Public School Open Enrollment Program for the 2023-'24 school year is open.

Beginning Feb. 6, and running through April 28, parents and guardians can apply to send their children to any public school district in Wisconsin during the 2023-'24 school year through the open enrollment program.

Application materials and additional information on the program are available on the DPI's website.

Districts are required to notify applicants by June 9, on the status of their open enrollment application.

To assist in submitting open enrollment applications,

a directory of public school districts is available on the DPI's website.

Additional information from an open enrollment consultant is available toll free by calling 888-245-2732 or emailing openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov.

The Public School Open Enrollment program is funded by state general equalization aid transfers between sending and receiving school districts.

For the 2022-'23 school year, the transfer amount is an estimated \$8,224 per student and \$13,076 for students with disabilities. Resident districts cannot deny a student's open enrollment application for cost reasons.

For more information, visit dpi.wi.gov.

Not that you asked, but...

By Eric Johnson



Like déjà vu all over again

"This is one time where television really fails to capture the true excitement of a large squirrel predicting the weather."

—Bill Murray as Pittsburgh weatherman Phil Connors, "Groundhog Day," 1993.

As the old grade school mnemonic device goes that I learned waaaaay back in the Seventies days of mood rings, pet rocks, platform shoes, psychedelic black light posters and S&H Green Stamps, "Thirty days hath September, April, June and November. When short February's done, all the rest have 31."

So here we are in February, the calendar's poster child for the old adage to "measure twice and cut once."

The month of St. Valentine's Day, the patriotic sales of President's Day and, at least this year, the ribald

To JOHNSON, Pg. 2B

New FORK locker open at Pines

Recently, Feed Our Rural Kids (FORK), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide nutritional support to children from food-insecure homes, implemented a new food-share locker located in the Northland Pines Middle and High School.

This program provides students the opportunity to self-direct the nutritional support they need to be healthy, active learners, according to FORK Endowment Fund representative Nancy Schuler.

The Locker program also allows students access to personal items, clothing, and school supplies on an as-needed basis. Food for the Locker is provided by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Eagle River, which recently donated \$500 to FORK for the implementation of this new locker.

"This is truly one of the most important efforts to support children from

food-insecure homes in the area," explained Schuler. "It's this kind of innovative thinking that has led the FORK Endowment to present the Locker program with \$500 to help them support those students."

"Through the FORK Endowment, FORK is able to provide financial support to area organizations, like the Locker, whose mission is to feed kids."

To access the locker, a student simply notifies the librarian on duty of their desire to access the locker, and they can take what they need, according to FORK Program Coordinator Sandy Bishop.

Additionally, Bishop highlighted that the organization has found that children in these grades are very much in touch with what they need to be successful, and if necessary are capable of ensuring that they fulfill those needs.

Individuals who would



Nancy Schuler of the FORK Endowment and Sandy Bishop with the Locker Program display donations made to provide funding and food for the new locker. —Contributed Photo

like to donate to the locker can mail a check to: The Locker Program, P.O. Box 335, Eagle River, WI 54521.

For more information and to help with FORK or the FORK Endowment, visit feedourruralkids.org.

LIFESTYLE



According to shadow-viewing groundhog weather forecasters like Pennsylvania's "Punxsutawney Phil" and Sun Prairie, Wisconsin's "Jimmy" on Feb. 2, six more weeks of wintry weather are expected ahead. —Photo By Eric Johnson

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excesses of Mardi Gras on Feb. 21, poor February, named after the ancient Roman festival of purification called Februa, got shrift when they were parceling out calendar days.

Evidently when Pope Gregory XIII was busy creating the Gregorian calendar in 1582, a few of February's days got thrown out to March, August and October with the Februa bathwater.

And of course, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the other famous — or infamous — February holiday, observed last Thursday.

No, not Optimist Day, National Tater Tot Day or National Heavenly Hash Day, that celebration of all desserts, marshmallowy.

The midpoint between the winter solstice in December and the spring equinox in March, Feb. 2, 2023, dawned sunny in Punxsutawney, Penn., "Weather Capitol of the World" by the 1887 decree of the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club.

There, Groundhog Punxsutawney Phil, that "Seer of Seers, Sage of Sages, Prognosticator of Prognosticators and Weather-Prophet Extraordinary," was hauled out of his burrow at Gobbler's Knob by his top hat and tails Inner Circle handlers and saw his shadow on Groundhog Day before the assembled masses of paparazzi and "phaithphil phollowers," the marmot meteorologist uttering his forecast in "Groundhogese" and slipping on his tiny "Men in Black" shades signaling six more weeks of winter.

"Okay campers, rise and shine, and don't forget your booties 'cause it's cold out there. It's cold out there every day."

So much for the glass-half-full Optimist Day, particularly in Wisconsin's North Woods, where Punxsutawney Phil's long-range forecast, beyond six more weeks of winter, also means the added glass-half-empty 2-1/2 month bonus of more winter, fool's spring, second winter, spring of deception, third winter and

mud season.

"You want a prediction about the weather? You're asking the wrong Phil. I'm going to give you a prediction about this winter. It's going to be cold, it's going to be dark and it's going to last you for the rest of your lives!"

If you feel like you're living the same day over and over like much of 2020 — or perhaps the time-looped Phil Conners in "Groundhogs Day" — now you know why and who to thank.

"Once again, the eyes of the nation have turned here to this... tiny village in western Pennsylvania. Blah, blah, blah, blah! There is no way that this winter is EVER going to end as long as this groundhog keeps seeing his shadow. I don't see any other way out. He's gotta be stopped. And I have to stop him."

"But Punxsutawney Phil's far away in western Pennsylvania," you say, dear reader, grasping at straws for a glimmer of hope out of the meteorological time loop.

"Do you ever have déjà vu, Mrs. Lancaster?"

"I don't think so, but I could check with the kitchen."

It doesn't bode well closer to home that the Badger State's own groundhog, Wisconsin's "Jimmy," donned his sunglasses at the sight of the 7:11 a.m. sunrise down at Cannery Square in 75-year "Groundhog Capital of the World," Sun Prairie.

Call me crazy, but perhaps a place named Sun Prairie isn't the best place to haul out Jimmy on Groundhog Day.

Is there a Cloudy, Wisconsin? There's actually one in southeastern Oklahoma, tiny unincorporated Cloudy in Pushmataha County.

Sounds like my kind of "early spring" town on Groundhog Day.

Maybe we can rename Sun Prairie as Cloudy, Wis., and improve the long odds for an early spring.

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TRAILSIDE ADVENTURES — The annual Tara Lila Snowshoe Celebration drew a number of outdoor enthusiasts to the Three Lakes area Feb. 4. The event allowed individuals to participate in a number of outdoor activities, including a guided tour, hot chocolate, a campfire and a luminaria walk. Tara Lila hosts over 20 miles of a newly expanded system of trails for snowshoers to take advantage of.

Above: Outdoor enthusiasts enjoy an informational naturalist tour on the Golden Tara Trail. **Right:** A luminaria walk guided by Tara Lila event organizers takes to the trails at dusk. **Below:** Participants are all smiles as they enjoy the trails during the 11th annual event.

—Photos By Jennifer West



Art center seeking summer interns

Land O' Lakes Arts (LOLA) is currently seeking three summer interns to share their creativity and passion for the arts through teaching.

Interns will provide instruction for summer arts classes to individuals in a variety of age groups.

All interns will be mentored by LOLA staff and gain

experience in teaching, leadership and non-profit work.

Interns will also help out with the organization's Car Park Music Series program that runs throughout the summer.

LOLA is an art center that provides artistic programming, classes and community events that benefit the North

Woods area. The organization is open to the public and hosts a variety of events throughout the year.

Applicants should have completed at least one year of college or technical school and have experience or expertise in one or more of the following: visual arts, dance, theater, performing arts or

creative writing.

Interns will work 24-30 hours a week, receive a weekly stipend of \$200, and have free housing for the duration of their internship.

For more information or to apply for the position, visit lolaartswi.com or email [Jennifer Anderson at lolaartswi.com@gmail.com](mailto:Jennifer.Anderson@lolaartswi.com).

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WINTER COURT — Members of the Three Lakes Winter Homecoming Court are, front row from left, Gabe West, Stella Polcaster, Brandon Baumann, Maddie Dupuis, Caden Wolosek and Addie Lehmann; middle row, Russell Klein, Makayla Plautz, Chase Melton,

Ellie Lurvey, Austin Adams and Ruth Jankovic; and back row, Jared Kaufman, Kaya Szews, Reece Bollman, Riley Lob, Cruz Melton and Kailyn Fogerty.

—Photo By Jennifer West

LIFESTYLE

Three Lakes hosts snomo club members from Adams County

BY MICHELLE DREW
EDITOR

Northern Lights Snowmobile Club (NLSC), based in Three Lakes, recently hosted a ride with 40-plus members of the Rome Sno-Bandits Snowmobile Club — a group that earned the title of Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs in 2021 and International Club of the Year in 2022.

A lot of planning went into bringing these riders from Rome, located about 2.5 hours south of Three Lakes in Adams County, to the North Woods for a weekend of exploring the area.

Reg Videgar, president of the Northern Lights club, came up with the idea last January to bring the two groups together when his grandson, Fletcher Daun, was racing in Minocqua at the Wisconsin Kids Snowmobile Racing Association.

Members of the Sno-Bandits were in St. Germain last year during their club trip and decided to visit Minocqua to watch Daun — a member of both the Northern Lights and the Rome Sno-Bandits clubs — take part in the race. In between races, Videgar, Daun and family met up with Sno-Bandit members for a quick lunch and to socialize. While discussing overnight rides put on by the club, he asked the visiting snowmobile enthusiasts if they had an interest in riding up to Three Lakes if NLSC hosted them for a ride.

There was immediate interest, and after some discussion on both sides, votes passed and the planning began.

To ensure everything went smoothly, Videgar met up with SpiritView Lakeside owners to discuss plans for an early opening and an easy lunch to host a large group.



The youngest riders to join the joint ride were Fletcher Daun, age 11, and Max Bailey, age 5.



Tom Warner, left, Rome Sno-Bandits Club president, poses with Northern Lights Snowmobile Club President Reg Videgar during the recent joint outing. —Contributed Photos

He then discussed the event with Three Lakes-Brule River Trails Inc., the groomers who maintain 186 miles in Oneida and Forest County. The groomers not only ensured trails would be in good shape for the Sno-Bandits, but also were kind enough to donate trail maps to the riders. Videgar also secured members of NLSC to help lead and sweep the ride.

So last Friday, Jan. 27, more than 40 riders from the Sno-Bandits came up to SpiritView in Three Lakes for a meet, greet and eat before heading out for rides with 11 NLSC club members. Rides varied in length and speed depending on skill level, with many riders opting to experience the North Kimball Trail and then looping back toward SpiritView via the Three Lakes Chain of



A group of riders visiting the Three Lakes area took in the sights at a snow-covered North Kimball trail.

Lakes. This route included a rest stop at the unique Lindy's Hideaway and Swamp Witch Inn.

The ride received positive feedback, remarking on the welcoming attitude of NLSC club members and area businesses, as well as the beauty of the area's trails.

"What a fun day it was and so cool that the NLSC hosted all of the Sno-Bandits for lunch and rides," said Tom Warner, president of the Sno-Bandits. "I just think it is amazing to see clubs from two different parts of the state come together to enjoy the beautiful trails of northern Wisconsin."

The positive experience was echoed by NLSC members, with member Mark Wallesverd indicating that weather cooperated to make for a pleasant experience.

"It turned out to be an ideal day with the snow, trail and weather conditions all in our favor," Wallesverd said. "I received numerous compliments from my group on how much they enjoyed our local trails — something I think is easy to take for granted."

After what has been a weird winter, riders were happy that the weather and trail conditions held out for a great weekend.

"Our forest trails, accentuated with falling snow, provided incredible scenery," Videgar said. "I am very proud of what Three Lakes has to offer snowmobilers. We have great businesses who welcome sledders."

"Three Lakes-Brule River Trails puts enormous effort into their trail system and I am pleased the Rome Sno-Bandits accepted my invitation to visit us for a quick tour of our trails and enjoy a couple of our businesses. Fellowship like this with other snowmobile clubs is good. We all work so hard and this seems like a celebration for what we do," he said.

To reciprocate some of the hospitality, the Sno-Bandits invited NLSC members to a potluck dinner at the Rustic Manor Motor Lodge in St. Germain Jan. 28. Videgar and family from NLSC joined the event.

"The food was plentiful and the company even better," remarked Jenny Daun, a member of both clubs. "The dinner was a great way for both clubs to have an opportunity to learn more about each other, develop friendships and socialize. We thoroughly enjoyed our time hanging out and getting to know the Sno-Bandits better."

Junker sleds to return soon to Three Lakes

The ninth annual Junker Sled Race event will be held in Three Lakes on Saturday, Feb. 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Don Burnside Park off County Highway A.

Snowmobiles must be model year 1990 or older, with a \$500 cap that can be spent on a race sled, \$300 limit on sleds in the Slow Leaver Class.

There is a \$5 admission fee for attendees ages 18 and

older.

The event is open to amateur racers of all ages, including kid's racing. Merchandise will be available.

Food and refreshments will be available, provided by Three Lakes-Brule River Trails.

For more information, contact Chris Dobbins at 715-490-0293 or visit junker-sled.com.

Pines drama club sets performances of '42nd Street'

Music and drama students at Northland Pines High School (NPHS) will perform three upcoming performances of the classic musical "42nd Street."

Show times for the performances are Friday, Feb. 17, and Saturday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. Shows will be performed in the NPHS Auditorium.

The show musical is based on the classic 1933 movie musical of the same name.

Established Broadway director Julian Marsh embarks on a challenging new show during the Depression, including an aging leading lady, Dorothy Brock, and a naive Broadway hopeful, Peggy Sawyer.

As the glamorous production comes together, the audience also sees a backstage story develop between the actors, directors, dancers and musicians. 42nd Street boasts a stage full of tap dancing, bringing to life energetic songs like "We're In The Money," "Shuffle Off To Buffalo" and "Lullaby of Broadway."

42nd Street celebrates Broadway, Times Square and the people who make the magic of musical theater.

Over 50 NPHS students are involved in the cast, crew and pit orchestra for the musical. Students playing major roles are: Senior Lucas Schmidt as Julian Marsh, Senior Mascha Justice as Dorothy Brock, Junior Sloan Snedden as Peggy Sawyer, Senior Christian Sandberg as Billy Lawlor, Sophomore Owen Libby as Bert, Senior Alyssa Imse as Maggie, Senior Emma Perry as Annie, Sophomore Owen Grassl as Andy, Sophomore Malia Remme as Phyllis, and Sophomore Addisan Rottier as Lorraine.

Live stage piano will be performed by Sophomore Matt Milanowski. Many other students will perform as a core of tap dancers, supporting characters and ensemble.

Many additional students are involved as tech crew including Nicholas Fluegel (sound designer), Sophia Simac (lighting designer), Grace Indermuehle (lighting assistant and spotlight), Kaemyn Heritage (spotlight), Mac Williams (stage manager) and Marissa Brassell (prop manager), along with a student group of stage crew members.

The live pit orchestra, under the direction of Jenni-

fer Anderson, includes NPHS students Chloe Zmek, Natalie Simac, Chloe Tabbert, Noah Daniszewski, Ike McClelland, and Eliza Brunton. The pit orchestra also includes adult players Rachel Strong, Carrie Kluever, Bethany Puffer, Drew Schulta, Evan Burke, Myria Strong, Norma Yaeger, Linda Bender, Maximilian Tomasoski, Larry Chamberlain, Tom Baker, and Peter Aerts.

The NPHS musical is directed by Kate Janssen, with assistant directing and choreography by Ann Perry.

Other participants include acting coaching provided by Bernie Hupperts and Jeffrey Libby, pit coaching provided by Forrest Mann, costuming by Judy Clure, hair and makeup design by Amy Price, technical direction by Jeff Janssen, set construction by Gary Schwenn of Shiloh Construction, and set painting by Lou Deditz, Char Croker, and Karly Kolehhouse.

Advertising, social media and graphic design was provided by Ashley Heid, Samantha Thompson and Liquid Screen Design.

Chain O' Dance Studio provided rehearsal time and studio space to prepare the tap numbers.

"This musical has been a joy to work on this year, as it truly is a love letter to Broadway," said Kate Janssen. "Everyone who enjoys musicals and dance will enjoy this story. Our students have been dedicated to a choreography-heavy show and have been tap dancing for many hours to prepare. We are so excited to again open our doors to a full audience to support our hard-working students."

Advance tickets are on sale now in the NPHS main office. Remaining tickets will be sold at the door.

General admission seating is available and adult tickets cost \$5 and senior tickets price is \$2.

Doors will open 30 minutes prior to each performance.

The production at Northland Pines will again host three reviewers from the Jerry Awards program through the Overture Center in Madison, who will review the show and provide students with feedback on many aspects of the production.

If any students are recognized with nominations for outstanding work, they will be notified later this spring.

Six-week diabetes program planned in Three Lakes

The Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) of Oneida and Vilas Counties, in conjunction with the YMCA of the Northwoods, is offering a six-week Healthy Living with Diabetes Workshop in Three Lakes.

The program, planned Wednesdays, Feb. 22 to March 29, at the Demmer Memorial Library, helps people with Type 2 diabetes, pre-diabetes, and their significant others. A special bonus session is planned April 5.

More than 100 million adults in the U.S. are now living with diabetes or pre-diabetes, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

"While that statistic is startling, there is good news. People with diabetes or pre-diabetes can improve their health by joining a Healthy Living with Diabetes Workshop sponsored by the ADRCs," said Sue Richmond, director of the Vilas County ADRC.

This is an evidence-based program. This means that the program has been researched and has been proven to improve the health of adults with diabetes or pre-diabetes. In just six weekly sessions, Healthy Living with Diabetes gives participants strategies for managing diabetes including techniques to deal with symptoms and information about healthy eating, appropriate use of medication, exercise and working effectively with health care

providers, Richmond added.

Participants will learn to make realistic, achievable action plans, share their experiences, and help each other solve problems.

There is a \$20 suggested donation for the workshop to help cover the cost of the book. To register for the workshop, or for more information, contact Shelley at the ADRC of Oneida County at 715-369-6170.

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

Health

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

Meetings

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

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

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

EAGLE RIVER GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY — Meets the third Thurs. of each month at 5 p.m. at Walter E. Olson Memorial Library in Eagle River. Call Barb, 708-805-3374.

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

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

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

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

LIONS CLUB — The St. Germain Northwoods club meets the first Wed. of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church in Sayer. 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.

NORTHWOODS MEN OF FAITH — Meets the second Sat. of each month at St. Germain Evangelical Free Church for a men's breakfast, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Free-will offering accepted, different speakers. Call 715-479-2173.

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 Kalmar Community Center in Eagle River. Call Kalmar 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.tlcfca@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 noon, at Kalmar 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 Kalmar Community Center in Eagle River. Groups playing any other board or card games welcome. Call Kalmar Center, 715-337-2510.

HEART AND SOUL QUILTERS — Meets Wed. from 9 a.m. to noon at Kalmar Community Center in Eagle River. All ages welcome, beginner or advanced. Call Cheryl Brierenfeldt, 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.

MAHJONGG — Meets Thurs. at 11:30 a.m., at Kalmar Community Center in Eagle River. A 2023 card is required. Experience preferred. Want to learn mahjongg? Call Joy Vandenhuevel, 715-573-8836.

NORTHWOODS CARVERS — Meets Wed. at 12:30 p.m. at Kalmar Community Center in Eagle River. All ages welcome, beginner or advanced. Call John Modjeski, 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.

NORTHWOODS UKERS — Meets Fri., 1:30-3 p.m. at Warehouse Art Center, 107 S. Railroad St. in Eagle River. New members welcome; free.

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.



Creative ways to keep warm at Three Bear Dog Sled Races. —Staff Photo By STEPHANIE DYE

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.

SCARLETT O' HATTERS OF THE NORTHWOODS, EAGLE RIVER AREA RED HAT GROUP — Meets first Thurs. of each month for lunch at various area restaurants. New members welcome. Call Jan, 715-479-6707.

SHEEPHEAD — Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. at the Kalmar Community Center in Eagle River. Call Don, 715-337-2510.

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 first and third Sun. of each month from 2:40-4:30 p.m. at Woodruff Community Center. Open to singles and couples. Call Judy, 715-337-2003.

WINTER BINGO — Tuesdays at 1 p.m. at the Kalmar Community Center in Eagle River. Call Kalmar Community 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., Kalmar Community Center, Eagle River; closed discussion meeting, Fri., 7 p.m., First Congregational United Church of Christ, Eagle River; closed discussion meeting, Thurs., 7 p.m., St. Theresa Catholic Church, Three Lakes; closed discussion meeting, Sun., 2 p.m., Land O' Lakes Town Hall, northwoodsaa.org.

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 — 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 second Thurs. of each month from 1-2:30 p.m. at Ascension At Home in Arbor Vitae. Call 1-800-234-3542.

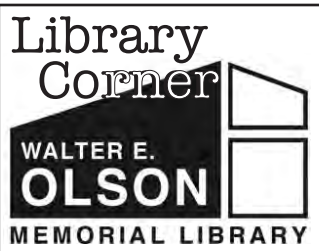
GRIEF SUPPORT — Open to any adult experiencing grief, meets the third Tues. of each month from 1-3 p.m. at Ascension At Home in Rhinelander. Call 1-800-643-4663.

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.



The Walter E. Olson Memorial Library is conducting a community survey to get feedback from patrons. The survey takes approximately 10 minutes and participants are entered to win one of several \$20 Kwik Trip gift cards. The survey can be found at survey-monkey.com/r/olsonlibrary or paper copies are available at the library.

The American Association of Retired Persons will host free tax assistance appointments Wednesdays, from Feb. 8 until April 12. To make an appointment, call 715-479-3727. This service is free regardless of age.

The Afternoon Book Group meets Thursday, Feb. 9, at 1 p.m.

Fact and Fiction Book Group meets Monday, Feb. 13, at 1 p.m.

The library will be hosting a "Sip & Swipe" tablet and smartphone learning program on Thursday, Feb. 16, and Thursday, Feb. 23, at 11 a.m.

A mini-exhibit of historic toys, joke books and novelties is on display at the library, courtesy of the Eagle River Historical Society.

Memory Café is scheduled Monday, Feb. 20, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

The library hosts a variety of activities each week that are free to the public.

Nicolet College Academic Success hours at the library are held Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon; ukulele practice takes place each Monday from 2:30 to 4 p.m.; story time with Ms. Tori takes place Tuesdays at 10 a.m. where children and their grown-ups can drop in for stories, songs and fun; and at 4 p.m. the Olson Memorial Library Chess Club meets. The group is open to players of all levels, from ages 5 to 105. Aunt Gracie's Sewing Circle is held Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m. On Fridays the Wiggle, Giggle & Shake music and movement program for ages 0 to 5 takes place at 10 a.m.

On a monthly basis the library hosts various groups and programs.

The Eagle River Genealogical Society meets the third

Thursday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m.; Memory Café is offered the third Monday of the month; Compassus Grief Support Group meets the first Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.; and Mending Day takes place the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon.

On the third Wednesday the Department of Workforce Development Job Assistance is held from 9 to 11 a.m.

Ongoing book sales are available in the lobby of the library.

Business hours are Mondays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesdays through Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The library is open for in-person and curbside service. Wi-Fi and digital services are available at all times.

For more information, contact the library at 715-479-8070 or olsonlibrary@gmail.com, or visit olsonlibrary.org.

Public invited to art exhibition

The Wisconsin Regional Art Program (WRAP) invites the public to the opening reception for this year's art exhibition opening Thursday, Feb. 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Nicolet College Northwoods Center in Rhinelander.

This year's WRAP exhibition is a glorious, eclectic collection of many types of art. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and guests have the chance to meet the artists and check

out their work.

Meritorious work is selected from the numerous regional exhibits all over the state and is displayed at the Annual State Art Exhibit in Madison. Artists featured include area resident Florian Bieschke of Arbor Vitae with a piece titled "Moonlight over Elsie Lake."

For more information, visit wiscartists.wildapricot.org/wrap.

Brain health events coming to library

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Vilas County will be holding a brain health discussion Monday, Feb. 13, from 10 to 11 a.m., at the Walter E. Olson Memorial Library in Eagle River located at 203 N. Main Street.

This discussion will include ways to keep your brain sharp by looking at socialization, mental stimulation, physical activity, spirituality and nutrition, according to ADRC officials. To RSVP for the discussion call 715-479-3625 or e-mail lebaug@vilascountywi.gov.

Additional brain health events will be hosted in the coming weeks at the Walter E. Olson Memorial Library.

The Describe, Investigate,

Create and Evaluate (DICE) organization represents a simple but systematic method for understanding, assessing and managing behaviors in people with memory loss. DICE will host their own discussion event on brain health at the library Monday, March 6, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Every third Monday from 10 to 11:30 a.m., the Memory Cafe social connection group meets at the library to converse over similar situations they face where they share and listen to one another. On every third Thursday the Dementia Caregiver Support Group meets at the library from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. to help support one another with people who understand the hardships of caring for individuals with

dementia. The Alzheimer's Association will host an in-depth informational discussion regarding Alzheimer's and the different types/stages of dementia, along with treatment options, on Monday, April 24, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

For more information, contact ADRC at 715-479-3625, or visit vilascountywi.gov.



For more information, contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-939-4052

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Wisconsin Lions District 27-C2 Gov. Bob Bertch and Boulder Junction Lions Club President Wendi Neupert presented Dennis Duke with his fellowship award during the annual party that recognized fellowship awards. —Contributed Photo

Dementia Conversations program set for Feb. 21

The Alzheimer's Association® has developed the Dementia Conversations, an education program, to help family and friends become more comfortable with difficult topics surrounding the disease.

A destination on the Dementia Conversations tour will feature a stop Tuesday, Feb. 21, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., at the Aging and Disability Resource Center in Rhinelander, located at 100 W. Keenan Street.

Alzheimer's disease affects more than six million people in the United States and is the most common form of dementia according to The Alzheimer's Association®. The disease causes memory issues,

thinking and behavior problems that interfere with daily living, and presents the need for challenging conversations with friends and family.

However, the earliest signs are often dismissed as a part of getting older, which isn't always the case.

Dementia Conversations program officials stated that topics discussed will include items such as why is it important to talk with one's doctor about concerns or changes in memory, thinking, or behavior as they are noticed, and tips will be provided on how to encourage someone who is reluctant to talk to their doctor about these concerns.

Additionally, the program

will detail strategies for how to talk to someone when there are concerns about their ability to drive safely and to develop a plan for when retiring from driving becomes necessary.

The importance of making legal and financial plans for the future, planning ahead, and learning about community resources to develop a supportive care team will also be highlighted by the Dementia Conversations program.

For more information or to register for the program, contact Julie St. Pierre at 715-352-4091 or jstpierre@alz.org. Individuals can also register by calling the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900.

Boulder Junction Lions members receive recognition awards

The Boulder Junction Lions Club honored several members with special fellowship awards at their annual party in December 2022.

Betty Clough and Linda Hahn were named Melvin Jones Fellows by Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) in recognition of their commitment to serving the world community. Named for the founder of LCIF, Melvin Jones, the fellowship is one of the foundation's highest recognitions, honoring the commitment to humanitarian service.

Dennis Duke was named a Birch-Sturm Fellow. This fellowship is intended to recognize individuals who exemplify dedication and commitment to Lionism. In 1990, the Birch-Sturm Fel-

lowship was created by the Wisconsin Lions Foundation to honor those individuals who exemplify these qualities. The fellowship is named after Wisconsin's only International Presidents, Frank V. Birch and Clarence L. Sturm.

Cherie Sanderson was named a Knight of Sight Fellow by the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin for her dedication, service and commitment to helping provide the gift of sight. The Knight of Sight Fellowship enhances Lions Eye Banks of Wisconsin programs as they work to end curable blindness worldwide.

Wisconsin District 27-C2 Gov. Bob Bertch and Boulder Junction Lions Club President Wendi Neupert presented the Lions with their fellowship awards, and

congratulated them for their outstanding service to the Boulder Junction Lions Club and their community.

Elevated burns reported on Super Bowl weekend

Super Bowl Sunday is one of the busiest days of the year for food consumption, only second to Thanksgiving, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Feb. 5-11 is Burn Awareness Week and Aspirus Health reminds football fans to cook with caution on Super Bowl Sunday and every day. Whether it's chicken wings, nachos or sliders, many Americans will be spending extra time in the kitchen preparing many game day favorites.

"Preventing cooking burn injuries is always better than dealing with the pain and trauma of the medical treatment that follows," said Sara Bauman, director of nursing with Aspirus Stevens Point Hospital's Emergency Department. "Taking some simple precautions in the kitchen could save a trip to the hospital and from missing the big game."

In the U.S., more than 400,000 people receive medi-

cal care for treatment of burn injuries every year, according to the American Burn Association (ABA).

If one is sleepy or has consumed alcohol, they should consider letting someone else handle the food preparation, especially if it includes heat, noted Bauman. Additionally, keeping youths at least three feet from the stove or wherever hot food is being prepared or carried is an effective measure to prevent burn injuries.

Placing hot objects so that they cannot be pulled down or knocked over, and turning pot handles away from the stove's edge while cooking, are also recommended tips. According to Bauman, hot items should be placed in the center of a table or toward the back of a counter to limit accidentally bumping them over the edge.

For more information or to find an Aspirus location near you to seek medical care, visit aspirus.org.

SKATING SUCCESS — Skaters from the Eagle River Figure Skating Club participated in the Badger State games competition held the end of January. A total of 14 skaters from the club participated 41 events and received five first place, nine second place and 13 third place medals. Of the 14 participants, 12 earned the opportunity to compete at the State Games of America in California in the summer of 2024. Skaters from left include Kayleigh



After months of refurbishing, Debra Numerich reopened the former Lincoln Town Hall as Playland Day Care Learning Center, seen in this 1993 News-Review archive photo.

One Year Ago - 2022 Northland Pines School District approved reducing quarantine days for positive Covid tests from 10 days to five ... Pastor Catie Ford of Faith Lutheran Church in Three Lakes became FORK's newest addition to its board of directors ... After a 30-plus year career, James W. Rice announced his retirement as director of the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain, Mich.

10 Years Ago - 2013 Olson Library officials announced that Jeff Visner of Design/Build by Visner, was retained to complete the design for the new library in Eagle River ... Northwoods Land Trust accepted its first land protection agreement which included 319 acres of land in the town of Fifield ... A record 346 teams converged on Eagle River for the eighth annual USA Hockey Pond Hockey Championship.

20 Years Ago - 2003 Convicted murderer Douglas J. Plude of Land O' Lakes was set to be sentenced in Vilas County Circuit Court ... Two owners of a northcentral Wisconsin snowplow business were sentenced to 15 months in prison and ordered to pay fines of \$30,000 each for conspiring to defraud the IRS ... The VFW post in Eagle River was raided by law enforcement officers after selling an alcoholic drink to a nonmember.

30 Years Ago - 1993 A man who stole a \$12,000 snowmobile from a local tavern was apprehended by Vilas County Snowmobile Patrol after a few weeks of searching ... The Wisconsin Conservation Corps held a grand opening of its north central office in Rhinelander ... The former Lincoln Town Hall was reopened as Playland Day Care and Learning center.

40 Years Ago - 1983 Representative Jim Holperin urged the DNR to impose a rule which would prohibit discharging a firearm within 50 miles of Native American Reservations for 30 days ... The St. Germain Chamber of Commerce drafted a letter urging Sen. Proxmire to appeal a decision that granted Native American's year round, unlimited hunting and fishing rights ... Dr. Massignan, O.D., of Eagle River, returned to his practice after attending an annual vision-care conference, bringing with him new information and technology.

50 Years Ago - 1973 The death of Robert James of Land O' Lakes due to a shooting incident was still being investigated by local law enforcement ... Donations totaling several thousand dollars were made to the Eagle River Memorial Hospital ... Controversy continued to rage over the status of DNR game wardens and their jurisdiction throughout the North Woods.

60 Years Ago - 1963 A potential second television station was the talk of the tri-county area ahead of an upcoming FCC meeting regarding a case involving Channel 9 in Wausau ... Eagle River

Rotary Club organized a fundraiser for the Samoset Council of the Boy Scouts of America ... The Milwaukee Symphony made their way to Rhinelander Union High School.

70 Years Ago - 1953 Public welfare work in Vilas County was explained to Rotarians by Del Larsen at the Eagle River Country Club ... The Arbor Vitae Penny Parade announced they had accumulated over 550,000 coins ... Several local communities represented by Wurster and Curtis of Merrill petitioned for the reopening of weekday railroad travel from Monico to Watersmeet.

80 Years Ago - 1943 A quota of \$3,600 was assigned to the Vilas County chapter of the American Red Cross to fund the war campaign ... A book drive for men in the armed forces was organized in Vilas County ... Area fuel stations were only allowed to be open 72 hours a week due to rationing.

Due to the poor condition of the bound volumes of old newspapers used to compile Backward Glances, we will only include 90 and 100 years ago as the quality of the books allow.



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Jones, Marissa Jones, Bristol Parling, Karista Kaminski, Addyson Harsla, Meredith McCormack, Lily Rushman, Brianna Smith, Sophie Mesun, Vayda Barber, Carmen Kranz, Valarie Paquet, Sophie Hoffman, Charlotte Frenz, Bella Krepline, Eva Krepline, Olivia Trajanovich and Natalee Lemmons. The skaters will also attend the second annual Silver Blades Classic at the Eagle River Dome on March 4.

—Contributed Photo

BADGER BRIDGE IN EAGLE RIVER

Results of 1/30/23

North-South: first place, Ginny Arvey and Marie Andersen; second (tie), Marge Kleczewski and David Tarsi, and Jo Ann O'Brien and Larry O'Brien.

East-West: first place, Linda Wise and Bob Dow; second, Dick Nelson and Dan Del Ponte.

Bridge is played Mondays from 12:30 to 4 p.m. at the Kalmar Senior Center in Eagle River and is open to the public. For information, call Ed Stoever, club manager, at 715-362-8933.

More Than A Meal Café

The Rock Mission Center, Eagle River
Serving at noon | Sponsored by ADRC of Vilas County

Reservations or cancellations MUST be made 24 hours in advance. Call Jennie Johnson at 715-891-1221 to reserve or cancel a meal. All meals served with 1% milk and coffee. Lighter substitute available in place of main entrée: Grilled-chicken salad. Donations are accepted. No one will be denied service because of inability to contribute.

MON., FEB. 13

Meatloaf
Mashed potatoes and gravy
Country trio vegetables
Whole-wheat bread
Applesauce

TUES., FEB. 14

Oven-baked rosemary chicken
Baked sweet potato
Broccoli

Cornbread
Strawberries
WED., FEB. 15
Ham and scalloped potatoes
Peas
Pineapple
Multi-grain bread
Chocolate pudding

THURS., FEB. 16
Lasagna

Carrots
Mixed greens
Garlic breadstick
Fruit gelatin dessert

FRI., FEB. 17
Chicken enchilada casserole
Vegetable blend
Biscuit
Mandarin oranges
Peach upside-down cake

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LIONS GIVE — The Conover Lions Club last week donated \$1,000 in support of the Warm The Children clothing program. Money was raised throughout the year at various club fundraisers. Presenting

the check to Warm The Children representative Amber Arndt Johnson (center) are club members Len Johnson, Rich Ruffalo, Jim Pipp and Ron Benson. —Staff Photo By MICHELLE DREW

Nicolet College to host a night of art, music

A special night of gallery art and exquisite music will be on tap at Nicolet College Thursday, Feb. 9, when the college hosts both the opening reception for the Wisconsin Regional Art Program (WRAP) art exhibit, followed by a concert featuring the Wingra Woodwind Quintet.

The WRAP opening reception, which is free to attend, will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Nicolet College Art Gallery located in the Northwoods Center. The event will give attendees the chance to meet the artists, view the eclectic collection of their art, and enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and beverages.

Regional WRAP exhibits are held throughout the state with the best pieces from each show selected for the annual State Art Exhibit in Madison.

At 7:30 p.m. the acclaimed Wingra Woodwind Quintet will take to the stage in the Nicolet College Theatre for a lively concert that will bal-

ance classical works with contemporary and cross-cultural compositions. Current members of Wingra Wind Quintet are Conor Nelson, flute; Lindsay Flowers, oboe; Alicia Lee, clarinet; Marc Vallon, bassoon; and Trevor Healy, horn.

The quintet tours nationally and received acclaim from the New York Times for its "consistently sophisticated, sensitive, and thoroughly vital" performances. Tickets for the concert are \$15 and can be ordered online at nicoletcollege.edu/community/nicolet-live.

"We're excited that everything came together so we could hold both of these events back-to-back," said Nicolet Theatre and Events Services Manager Mike Effinger. "It's sure to make for a great evening for people to immerse themselves in the arts and enjoy the experience."

For more information, visit nicoletcollege.edu

Trees For Tomorrow offers intern position

Trees For Tomorrow (TFT) is now accepting applications for two 10-week summer Environmental Education Internship positions.

Deadline for submitting applications for this opportunity is March 31. This year's internship program runs June 5-Aug. 11.

Intern coordinator Bethany Heft began her career in environmental education as a TFT intern in 2011. She credits her experience in this program to her past success in a variety of jobs.

"I didn't set out in college

to be a teacher," said Heft. "Finding a love of education was a happy accident for me. I originally took an internship at TFT to build my public speaking skills and confidence working with groups of all ages. My college professors stressed having a résumé that showed your versatility when you hit the job market after graduation and these seemed like important things to be able to offer any future employer."

Interns will assist TFT's staff running environmental education programs for all ages ranging from 4-years-old

to adult.

They also will gain experience with a variety of animal artifacts including skulls and pelts, as well as how to care for and appropriately handle live education animals.

By the end of the program interns will be capable of running a program with minimal assistance.

Applicants for this position should be 18 years of age or older with a positive attitude and ability to work well with others.

Housing is included on campus in one of the dorm-

style buildings. Interns are welcome to eat with groups on campus when meals are provided.

Upon the completion of the program including a required project, interns will be awarded a \$1,500 scholarship.

Applications can be completed directly on Trees For Tomorrow's website or by emailing Heft at beth@treesfortomorrow.com. Applicants must include a cover letter, résumé, and at least two letters of reference.

For more information, visit treesfortomorrow.com.

DNR seeks applicants for seasonal positions

Seasonal staff positions for state parks, forests, trails and recreation areas are now open for application, according to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

These limited-term seasonal positions are responsible for outdoor maintenance, groundskeeping work and customer service for property visitors.

Recruitment for these

positions is underway now for work that starts in the spring and early summer

DNR recruits about 400 seasonal employees to work at state properties during the summer season. Ideal applicants should enjoy working in scenic landscapes, maintaining the state's pristine natural resources and serving a diverse customer base.

Working for Wisconsin

state properties provides wonderful opportunities for a variety of outdoor recreation, from wild and remote campsites to developed family and group campgrounds, beaches, boat launches, visitor and interpretive centers, and trails, according to DNR officials.

Individuals can apply for positions including park rangers, parks and recreation specialists, visitor services associates, natural resource educators and facilities repair workers. To apply, visit wisconsin.gov and search "Parks."

For more information, visit dnr.wisconsin.gov.



BLAST OFF WINNER — A Cornhole Tournament and Chili Cookoff was held Feb. 4 in support of Conover's upcoming Northwoods Blizzard Blast. Gary Lagueux Jr. awarded chili cookoff winner Lori Moser with a trophy. First place cornhole tournament winners included Eric Thomas and Troy Ernst, both of Conover; and second place went to Sami Hildebrandt of Carrollton, Texas and Steve Vold of Conover.

—Photo By Jacki Hildebrandt

Annual Blizzard Blast to commence in Conover

The 10th annual Northwoods Blizzard Blast will be held Saturday, Feb. 18, beginning at 8 a.m. at the Conover Community Park.

The event will feature activities for winter enthusiasts of all ages.

There is no admission fee and all events are free for spectators to enjoy.

Single event tickets will be available for purchase for those who want to participate in the event.

Sandwiches, s'mores, snacks, and refreshments are available all day. Warming bonfires and heated restrooms are located throughout the park.

The Northwoods Blizzard Blast Artisan Bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the Conover Community Center adjacent to the park. Handcrafted winterwear, seasonal crafts and nature-jewelry will be showcased.

Chilly Charlie's Children's Carnival will feature winter-themed games for children. Prizes are awarded for games such as Snowman Pong, Ring Toss, Chilly Charlie's Challenge, Find my Buttons and more. Youngsters may also enjoy Snow Art Fun, using nature's own materials to create art in the snow. Youth may take home their own bird feeder kit.

The Dogsled Dash and Face painting will be on-site.

Recliner Races, Ice Bowling and Slap Shot Hockey events, along with open skating, will be held on the ice rink in the center of the park.

The baseball diamond will host the Firefighter Challenge Competitions.

Demonstration and instruction in snowshoeing, archery and winter survival will be held throughout the day.

Canine search-and-rescue teams will demonstrate life-saving techniques and a Horse Drawn Sleigh Ride that will depart every 15 minutes will take place as well.

Conover's sledding hill and ice rink will have open areas for free use all day. Loaner skates and sleds are available on site. The Town Park features nighttime lighting for those that wish to stay and play into the evening.

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

Proceeds raised at the event go to area emergency response departments.

For more information, call 715-891-6254 or visit the Northwoods Blizzard Blast's Facebook Page.



REGATTA ROYALTY: The Pitlik's Resort Polish Regatta announced the winners for its pond hockey and cornhole tournaments held Jan. 27-28. The cornhole tournament included 64 teams and the winners won \$800, donating \$100 to the Sugar Camp Safety Committee along with a portion of the entry fees. The Pond Hockey Champions will be presented with a traveling trophy. The pond hockey tournament hosted players from Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana.

Above: Pond hockey champions, the Chilly Willies, celebrating their win are, from left, Jeremy Slater of West Lafayette, Ind.; Patrick Moore of Dyer, Ind.; Dan O'Rourke of Schererville, Ind.; Matt McSweeney of Chicago, Ill.; and Cody Krasowski of Sugar Camp.

Right: Gary C. Pitlik (right) presents custom cornhole boards to champions "The Better Team" which included duo Shaun Smith (left) and Troy Smith, both of Rhinelander.

—Contributed Photos



THREE LAKES

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PEG CAMP



SPY DRAMA — Three Lakes drama students put on performances of the play "Spy School" by Don Zolidis late last month for the public to attend. Some scenes from the play include: **Above:** Undercover spies Joey (Willow Schroeder) and Jane (Brenna Beles) enjoy a pre-prom dinner with their dates, Debbie (Kaylle Graves) and Spencer (Logan Running) while they try to unravel the identity of an undercover Russian spy. **Below:** Jane argues with her fake sibling Joey, who is falling in love with a high schooler, and Jane reminds him that their purpose is to uncover a Russian spy at the school. **Left:** High school mean girls Debbie and Priscilla (Liz Boogren) discuss new girl Jane's role at the high school. —Photos By Jennifer West



Three Lakes Women's Club to hold luncheon Feb. 15

The Three Lakes Women's Club will hold a luncheon Wednesday, Feb. 15, at the SpiritView Lakeside. Social hour will be at 11 a.m., followed by a luncheon at noon. Participants will have the choice of menu items and desserts. This month's special guest speaker will be Al Votis, Three Lakes High School teacher and trap coach, who will share a program on fab lab opportunities for residents. New members, spouses and guests are invited to attend. Paid reservations are requested by Feb. 10. To reserve a spot, contact hostesses Joyce N. or Sue Y. For more information, visit the club's Facebook page or email threelakeswomen@gmail.com.

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for the whole family plus
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40% OFF CLOTHING & JACKETS
20% OFF FOOTWEAR & ACCESSORIES
Downtown Three Lakes

*Some exclusions will apply**
Sale ends Feb. 18th 2023

Library to host Brewster farewell; welcome Hanson

A special open house will be held at the Edward U. Demmer Memorial Library to say goodbye to Director Erica Brewster, as well as welcome April Hanson as the acting director.

The event is planned for Monday, Feb. 13, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the library and will include a short presentation from 1 to 1:30 p.m.

Brewster is stepping down after 8 1/2 years as director to join her husband, Dominic Frandrup, in Sturgeon Bay, where he is the director of Door County libraries.

According to Patricia Wallesverd, library board of trustees, during her time there, Brewster has been responsible for many innovations at the library — most importantly as one of the key players to make the new building happen.

"She helped get the information to the public in regards to community needs, fundraising and the importance of voting to pass the referendum for a new building. She was part of the Demmer Design and Construction Committee

that chose the architects and developed the design," Wallesverd said. "She helped with the day-to-day construction decisions while continuing her duties as the library director. She oversaw the move to temporary housing and the move back to a new building. Her input into the new library made much happen."

Some of the improvements made during Brewster's stead included adding study rooms for private work and meeting spaces, making the building virtual reality-ready for video conferencing, and construction of the "Library."

She also spearheaded the local history room which is connected to the museum's visitor center and the creation of the Celebration Garden on the Huron Street side of the building.

"Erica saw the library and its staff through the Covid pandemic, keeping materials available to the public," Wallesverd added.

"I couldn't have done any of this without the dedicated staff who kept day-to-day services happening, or the Dem-

mer Library Committee who first dared to dream, then the Three Lakes Public Library Foundation who made it a financial possibility, the voters and taxpayers of Three Lakes who said yes— repeatedly — to wanting a new library, and to the Design and Construction Committee who made the dream real," Brewster said.

April Hanson, formerly the adult and young adult librarian, will take over duties as acting director beginning Feb. 15. She has been with the Demmer library for five years and brings much enthusiasm to her new role.

She holds an associate's degree in Library and Information Services from Chipewaukee Valley Technical College.

VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may request to vote an absentee ballot. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, who has resided in the ward or municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 10 consecutive days before the election. The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot. Effective with the Spring Primary in 2023, proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued, unless the elector is otherwise exempt from this requirement. **TO OBTAIN AN ABSENTEE BALLOT YOU MUST MAKE A REQUEST IN WRITING.** Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the election. You may also request an absentee ballot by letter. Your written request must list your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, and your signature. Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined to home or a care facility, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk. You can also personally go to the municipal clerk's office or other specified location, complete a written application, and vote an absentee ballot during the hours specified for casting an absentee ballot.

The deadline for making application to vote absentee by mail is 4:30 p.m. on the Fifth day before the election, Thursday, February 16, 2023.

The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the Municipal Clerk's Office is Tuesday, February 7, 2023. Absentee voting will take place by appointment only from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. M-F. The deadline for voting an absentee ballot in the Municipal Clerk's Office is 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the election, February 17, 2023. Voting will take place from 3-5 p.m. on this day.

The Municipal Clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place or counting location before the polls close on February 21, 2023. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted. (Military electors should contact the Municipal Clerk regarding the deadlines for requesting or submitting an absentee ballot).

Town Clerk Susan Harris
(715) 546-3316
6965 West School Street, PO BOX 565
Three Lakes, WI 54562
Monday – Friday
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Three Lakes Senior Citizen Nutrition Menu

Reiter Center
Serving at 11 a.m.

Nutritious meals by Lynn's Catering. Reservations and cancellations must be made 24 hours in advance. Call **715-891-2413**. Recommended contribution \$3.75 for dine-in meals, \$4.50 for home-delivered meals. \$10 mandatory for diners under age 60.

MON., FEB. 13

- Meatloaf
- Mashed potatoes and gravy
- Country trio vegetables
- Whole-wheat bread
- Applesauce

TUES., FEB. 14

- Oven-baked rosemary chicken
- Baked sweet potato
- Broccoli
- Cornbread
- Strawberries

WED., FEB. 15

- Ham and scalloped potatoes
- Peas

- Pineapple
- Multi-grain bread
- Chocolate pudding

THURS., FEB. 16

- Lasagna
- Carrots
- Mixed greens
- Garlic breadstick
- Fruit gelatin dessert

FRI., FEB. 17

- Chicken enchilada casserole
- Vegetable blend
- Biscuit
- Mandarin oranges
- Peach upside-down cake

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

PROJECT: SUPERIOR STREET SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

OWNERS: Town of Three Lakes
P.O. Box 565, 6965 West School Street
Three Lakes, WI 54562

CONTRACTS AND BID DEADLINE:

Sealed bids for a single contract for the sidewalk reconstruction and replacement of decorative light poles on USH 45 (Superior Street) in the Town of Three Lakes will be received until 2:00 p.m. local time, February 15, 2023, at the office of the Town Clerk. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately thereafter in the Town Board of Trustees meeting room.

This is a single contract for excavation, base course replacement, concrete flatwork, replacement of light poles bases and decorative light poles on USH 45 (Superior Street) from Anderson Street to Winkler Road.

The contract consists of the following approximate quantities:

Crushed Aggregate	
Base Course - 3/4-inch	800 tons
Concrete Sidewalk	35,500 square feet
Asphalt Driveways	870 square yards
Light Pole Replacement	26 each

The quantities are subject to change without notice prior to document distribution.

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:

The Contract Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Instructions to Bidders, Bidder's Proof of Responsibility, Bid Proposal Form, Affidavit of Organization and Authority, Bid Bond (in the amount of 5% of the maximum amount of the bid), Notice of Award Form, Agreement Form, Notice to Proceed Form, Performance/Payment Bond (100%), Certificate of Insurance, General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions, Technical Specifications, Drawings and Addenda (if any) may be examined at the following locations:

Town of Three Lakes
P.O. Box 565, 6965 West School Street
Three Lakes, WI 54562

Town & Country Engineering, Inc.
6264 Nesbitt Road
Madison, WI 53719

Copies of the Contract Documents and the Construction Plans may be obtained at the office of Town & Country Engineering, Inc., 6264 Nesbitt Road, Madison, WI 53719 via appointment only. There is a **\$60 non-refundable** copying and distribution charge for these documents. Electronic bidding documents are available on-line at Questcdn.com, Project No. 8385043 for \$42. This fee includes access to submit a bid on-line via Questcdn.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Bidders must be pre-qualified with the Town of Three Lakes within the last year or must be pre-qualified for this work 5 days prior to the bid deadline in accordance with Section 66.0901 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Each bidder must deposit, with his bid, security in the amount of 5% of the maximum bid amount. Bidders must be experienced in municipal road construction.

RIGHTS RESERVED:

The Town of Three Lakes reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities in any bid.

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The United Church of Christ Thrift Store in St. Germain presented the Northwoods Volunteer Quilters with a check for \$820. The quilters create and donate handmade quilts throughout the com-

munity. Present for the donation were quilters, from left, Bernice Tolsted, Sarah Brusco, thrift store manager Elynn Dahne, quilter Judy Kingsbury and thrift store volunteer Carol Delrose. —Photo By Jacki Goebel

Awassa Trails will host candlelight event Feb. 18

The Awassa Trails Candlelight Ski, Snowshoe and Fat Bike event returns to the North Woods Saturday, Feb. 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. The event will start at the trailhead behind the St. Germain Elementary School and hundreds of ice luminaries will line the 1.4 mile loop as it winds through the snow covered forest.

classic cross-country skiing. Afterwards, participants can warm up by a bonfire with hot chocolate and cookies. This is a free, family-friendly event sponsored by St. Germain Non-Motorized Trail Committee and St Germain Silent Trails organization. For more information, contact Anne at 715-614-3711 or visit the Awassa Trail's Facebook page.

Thrift store donates to charitable quilters

The United Church of Christ Thrift Store in St. Germain presented the Northwoods Volunteer Quilters with a check for \$820. The Volunteer Quilters formed in 2004, making handmade quilts for hospice patients in the North Woods, working with Compassus Hospice Services. Quilters

donate much of the fabric used in the quilts; financial donations are utilized for batting and supplies. The quilters try to make the quilts special for the recipients. For example, if a hospice patient loved to fish or hunt, they try to make a quilt that reflects the outdoors; a past gardener may receive a

quilt with flowers. The Northwoods Volunteer Quilters meet the third Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at the Pine Grove Church located at 1360 N. Stevens St. in Rhinelander. New members are always welcome. Donations can be sent to

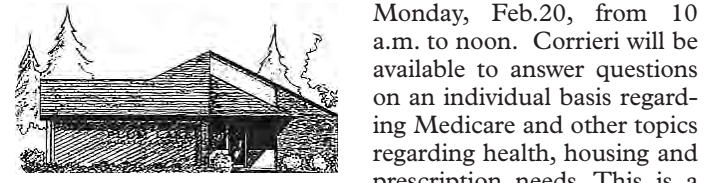
Northwoods Volunteer Quilters, 4077 CTH W, Rhinelander, WI 54501. The thrift store chooses a local program each month to sponsor with customer donations received from a jar they place on the counter. Store hours are Monday and Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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VIRTUOUS STUDENTS — St. Germain Elementary School and Northland Pines Montessori Learning Center hosted a program called "The Virtues Project" to teach students about character and the gift of virtues. Each week, a new virtue is introduced to students that they learn about through activities, games and discussion. At the end of each month several students are selected as "Virtues Recipients" for using the virtue and setting an example. Family members are able to attend a breakfast and award ceremony to celebrate the student's achievement. —Photo by Jacki Goebel

St. Germain Senior Meals St. Germain Community Center Serving at 10:30 a.m. Sponsored by ADCRC of Vilas County Carry-out and home-delivered meals only. Home-delivered meals are available based on eligibility. For reservations or cancellations, please call Nancy Moser at 715-617-2795 (MUST call 24 hours in advance).



Plum Lake Public Library Sayner, Wis. 715-542-2020 Plum Lake Library's Fiction Book Club will meet Monday, Feb. 13 at 11 a.m. The discussion will be about the book "Blood Sugar" by Sascha Rothchild. Call the library for more details. Story Hour is held every other Friday at 10 a.m. The next story hour will be on Friday, Feb. 10. The program is designed for children ages 1 to 5 years old. The Kanopy streaming service is now available for anyone with a Plum Lake Public Library card to have instant access to thousands of movies, documentaries and children's programs.

PUBLIC NOTICES

(One Week, 2/8/22) Notice of Public Hearing TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING FIRE DEPARTMENT REPLACEMENT WELL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of St. Germain Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on Monday, February 20, 2023, at 5:30PM in the St. Germain Community Center regarding a USDA grant the Town has applied for in the amount of \$34,500.00 as partial funding for replacing the St. Germain Fire Department high capacity well.

Vilas County Courthouse - Eagle River; Eagle River City Hall; Vilas County News Review-Eagle River; WERLWRJO Radio Station-Eagle River. Approval of Agenda Motion by Becky Nordine to approve the agenda as presented and leave the order to the discretion of the Chair. Second by Chris Petreikis. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried. Presentation on 4th grade Walleye Project - no action was taken: Six 4th grade students did a verbal presentation on their 4th grade Walleye Project, a real-world application of conservation. Students have taken charge of raising the walleye with precision PH balance, nitrate and ammonia levels; they also feed the walleye daily. They are running it as a hatchery but on a smaller scale. Public Participation Section of the Meeting 1. Patricia Skelly spoke in support of the administration and how much the district cares for students.

Payne to approve all items contained in the consent agenda. Following is a list of the items contained in the consent agenda: 1. To approve moving the 8th grade Washington D.C. trip to 11th grade and move it to a Fall trip beginning in 2023, as presented. 2. To dispense with the reading of the Regular Meeting minutes of November 28, 2022, and approve the meeting minutes and closed session minutes as presented. 3. To approve the issue of a contract for the position of Social Studies teacher to Ryan Roethlis. 4. To approve Open Enrollment in Alternative applications for students #24 & #25; and further, to approve the Open Enrollment in Out the District is or is likely to become involved. Second by Chris Petreikis. Roll call vote: Marcia Kittleson, yes; Erica Lane, yes; Becky Nordine, yes; Jennifer Payne, yes; Chris Petreikis, yes; Kelly Roach, yes; David Weber, yes. Motion carried. Reconvene to Open Session: Motion by David Weber to reconvene to open session to take such action as may be deemed necessary following discussion in closed session. Second by Jennifer Payne. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried. Actions taken: Safety Plan: Motion by Jennifer Payne to approve the Safety Plan and the safety drill logs of the Northland Pines School District as presented. Second by Marcia Kittleson. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried. Adjournment: Motion by Jennifer Payne to adjourn. Second by Erica Lane. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:34 p.m. Respectfully Submitted, Susie Block Executive Assistant to the Board of Education & District Administrator 0836

Foster reported on the following topics: • 2023 Rose Parade Press Release • Update on Inclement Weather Days for 2023-2024 Closed Session: Motion by David Weber to convene in Closed Session pursuant to: 1. Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(c) to consider the renewal of Administrator Contracts as well as to consider a request from a certified staff member as to compensation. 2. Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(d) to consider the District's safety plan and logs. 3. Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel for the District who will be rendering advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the District with respect to litigation in which the District is or is likely to become involved. Second by Chris Petreikis. Roll call vote: Marcia Kittleson, yes; Erica Lane, yes; Becky Nordine, yes; Jennifer Payne, yes; Chris Petreikis, yes; Kelly Roach, yes; David Weber, yes. Motion carried. Reconvene to Open Session: Motion by David Weber to reconvene to open session to take such action as may be deemed necessary following discussion in closed session. Second by Jennifer Payne. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried. Actions taken: Safety Plan: Motion by Jennifer Payne to approve the Safety Plan and the safety drill logs of the Northland Pines School District as presented. Second by Marcia Kittleson. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried. Adjournment: Motion by Jennifer Payne to adjourn. Second by Erica Lane. Voice vote 7-0. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:34 p.m. Respectfully Submitted, Susie Block Executive Assistant to the Board of Education & District Administrator 0836 (Three Weeks, 2/8-2/22/23) STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY PROBATE — Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 23PR05 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Helene M. Conrad PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth January 13, 1943 and date of death December 30, 2022, was domiciled in Vilas County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of P.O. Box 1024, Land O' Lakes, WI and a physical address of 6270 Shaughnessy Lane, Land O' Lakes, WI 54540. 3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 19, 2023. 5. A claim may be filed at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Room Probate office. /s/ Dawn Halverson Probate Registrar February 1, 2023 Ty A. Conrad 5313 Quail Court Sheboygan, WI 53083 (920) 918-0615 0848 WMAXLP 835

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the public test of the Image-Cast Evolution (ICE) voting machine will be held on Monday, February 13, 2023, at 1:45 p.m. in room 5 of the St. Germain Community Center. June Vogel, Town Clerk 833

NOTICE OF NEW OR UPDATED ORDINANCES TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN, STATE OF WISCONSIN NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the St. Germain Town Board voted to adopt amendments to the following chapters to the St. Germain Code of Ordinances at its meeting in the St. Germain Community Center at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2023: Chapter 1 - Zoning Page 8: Definition - Structure Page 9: 1.02 (C & D) - Restriction on the number of non-dwelling buildings per parcel in specific zoning districts Pages 12, 14, 16, 18 & 20: Districts to which 1.02 (C & D) restrictions apply Page 24: 1.310 Community & Highway Business District - Modification of permitted uses Page 27: 1.311 Downtown Business District - Modification of permitted uses Page 71: Adjustment in property address (fire number) fees The updated chapter can be viewed on the Ordinances page of the town website at: https://townofstgermain.org/ordinances.html. Dated this 27th day of January, 2023. June Vogel, Town Clerk WMAXLP 835

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CONOVER

P.O. BOX 117
CONOVER, WI 54519

Jerky contest set Feb. 18 at Club 45

The Great Northern Jerky Off jerky contest will return to Club 45 in Conover Saturday, Feb. 18, where jerky makers from across the North Woods can battle for the title of "best jerky."

Individuals can compete for top billing in two categories — beef and venison, and fowl and miscellaneous wild game. Contestants may enter up to two types of jerky, and all entries should be submitted in a clear plastic bag and cut into bite-size sample pieces. The bag should be labeled with the type of jerky contained and no entries can be commercially or professionally made.

The event is open to the public and also includes the People's Choice Award which

will be voted on by attendees. In addition to the contest, there also will be prizes and raffles available.

Entries cost \$20 each and judging starts at 8 p.m. Registration will begin at Club 45 following the conclusion of the day's Northwoods Blizzard Blast activities at the town park.

All proceeds from the event go toward the Warm The Children clothing program put on by the Vilas County News-Review under the auspices of Eagle River Rotary Club which supplies area children with warm winter clothing.

For more information on the contest or how to take part, call Club 45 at 715-547-3571.

Spaghetti dinner event to benefit Blizzard Blast

The Phelps Fire Department and Ambulance Service will host the final Blizzard Blast-Off event, a spaghetti dinner to be held Friday, Feb. 10, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Phelps Fire Station.

Phelps main fire station is located at 4499 Town Hall Rd.

The Blast-Off events support the upcoming Northwoods Blizzard Blast to be held Feb. 18 in Conover.

The fundraising meal

includes spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread and a choice of soda, water, milk or coffee.

Cost is \$12 for adults and \$7 for children ages 5 through 12. Children 4 and younger are free. Beer, wine and desserts will be available at an additional cost.

Raffles will also be held at the event.

For more information, contact Chief Norm Mesun at 715-891-1839.



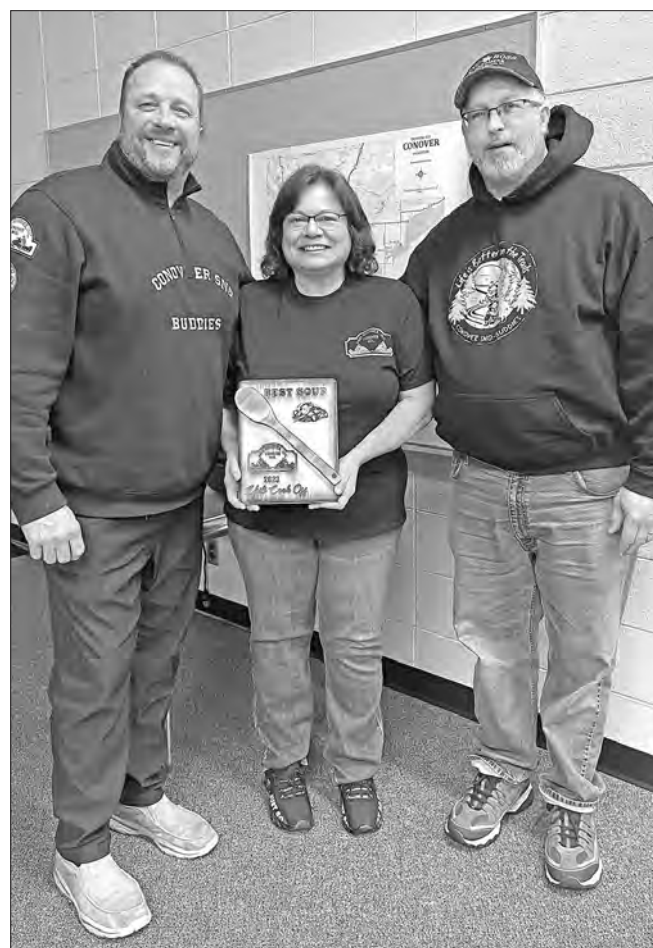
CHILI COOKOFF — Winners were recently announced for the annual Conover Sno-Buddies Chili and Soup Cookoff. Participants received awards for several categories and will be able to boast the title until the following year.

Above: Brad Robinett won Best Amateur Chef's Chili. He is pictured with Randy Remblake (left) and Chad Lederer (right).

Right: Lori Gellings Moser accepted the award for Best Amateur Chef's Soup from Randy Remblake (left) and Scott Hildebrandt.

Below: Best Restaurant Soup or Chili was awarded to Greenhill's Log Cabin's Beer Cheese Brat soup. Accepting the award for the restaurant from Sno-Buddies President Randy Remblake (left) and Trail Boss Chad Lederer is Melissa Kruse-Whitehead.

—Photos By Jacki Hildebrandt



Golden Years Café

Northern Exposure
Restaurant

Serving at noon

Sponsored by ADRC of Vilas County

Reservations or cancellations MUST be made 24 hours in advance. Call **Judi Heikkinen** at 715-545-3697 to reserve or cancel a meal. All meals served with fat-free milk, whole grain rolls/bread with margarine. Lighter substitute available in place of main entrée: healthy salad. Donations are accepted. No one will be denied service because of inability to contribute.

MON., FEB. 13

Sausage pizza
Dark greens salad
Tomato
Fruit

WED., FEB. 15

Spaghetti with meat sauce
Dark greens salad

Tomato

Garlic bread
Fruit

FRI., FEB. 17

Baked Alaskan pollock
Potato bites
Baked beans
Fruit



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PHELPS, WI 54554

through the end of February. Library patrons will have the opportunity to enter their idea for the perfect snowman name for a chance to win a \$25 Amazon gift certificate. One entry per patron.

Stories with Laura Myszka will be held Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 2 p.m. Participants will enjoy Myszka's favorite stories, a take-and-make craft and a treat.

Next Chapter Book Club will meet Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 10 a.m. to discuss "Chasing a Blond Moon" a Woods Cop Mystery by Joseph Heywood. The Write On Writer's Workshop for January is also scheduled to meet Feb. 15, at 12:30 p.m.

The library has two Kajeet hotspots available for a seven-day checkout. Hotspots cannot be reserved or put on hold. Call the library for information.

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 service is available at all hours.

Material pickup is available 24-7 using the secure, outdoor locker system and is available upon request by calling the library during regular business hours. Materials also can be delivered and picked up through Eleanor Ellis Homebound, a service available to anyone in Phelps or in close proximity to the library who cannot get to the library.

For more information call 715-545-2887, stop in at 4495 Town Hall Road, or visit phelpspubliclibrary.org.

The Eleanor Ellis Public Library, along with sponsorship from the Phelps Women's Club, will once again host an annual creative writing contest. Deadline for submissions is March 3. This contest is open to children and adults who reside in Phelps and Northland Pines School Districts. Only original materials may be entered. Writers can submit their work by mail to: 4495 Town Hall Rd, Phelps, WI 54554, drop a hard copy off to the library or email entries to director@phelps.wislib.org. Entries must include name, age, address and phone number. Contest divisions are: Lower Elementary (grades K through two); Upper Elementary (grades three through five); Middle School (grades six through eight); High School (grades nine through 12); and Adult (ages 18 and older). Call the library for details.

In honor of Valentine's Day, in the month of February, the library is sponsoring "Blind Date with a Book." Patrons can choose a pre-selected book without seeing the book cover. After reading the book, individuals can fill out and return the "Rate Your Blind Date" form and be entered in a drawing for a \$30 gift card to The Great Escape in Phelps.

The "Name Our Snowman" display is up now

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OIL EDUCATION — A Beginning Essentials Oil class led by Kaye Petts (front) was recently held at the Phelps Town Hall. Thirteen women attended the event to learn the basics of essential oils for the home and for health. Petts shared her knowledge and family experience with essential oils. She explained to the class that oils have been around for centuries. Essential oils are natural extracts

from the seeds, stems, roots, flowers, bark and other parts of plants and can be used aromatically, topically and internally. Petts and her family have been using essential oils for the last 10 years. There were door prizes and each participant received a gift. There was no charge for the class.

—Photo By Sharon Gifford

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF CONOVER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the official public test of the automatic tabulating equipment to be used at the February 21, 2023, Spring Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at the Conover Center, 4665 CTH K East at 11:00 a.m.

Kendra Lederer - Clerk
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ELECTION INFORMATION – TOWN OF PHELPS

Notice is hereby given that the official public test of the automatic tabulation equipment to be used at the February 21, 2023, Spring Primary Election in the Town of Phelps will be conducted at the Phelps Fire Station, 4499 Town Hall Road, Phelps Wis., at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

/s/ Sheryl J Ward, Clerk/Treasurer

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RACE DAY RELATIONSHIPS — The Three Bear Sled Dog Races offered several opportunities for families and friends to gather for some camaraderie during the event.
Above: Attendees took advantage of the warming fire near the start line of the race.
Below: The Frosty Snowmobile Club offered refreshments to race-goers during the event.
Right: Individuals bundled up for hours of racing fun.
—Photos By Bob Hughes



Debbie Brost and Barbara Nehring, Land O' Lakes Historical Society volunteers, added to the celebration of the upcoming Three Bear Sled Dog race by hanging a display featuring "Dude" Dodge, a well-known musher from the late '30s and early '40s. The display, which has not been hung the past several years because of Covid, will be available for several weeks in the Land O' Lakes Town Hall.
—Photo By Bob Hughes

Dog sledder Dodge honored with exhibit

In honor of the Three Bear Sled Dog Race, the Land O' Lakes Historical Society presented a display in the Land O' Lakes town hall featuring "Dude" Dodge, a famous dog sledder. Dodge was the first known resident to raise sled dogs in the area in the late 30's and early 40's. He was instrumental in building the current Twilight Supper Club, known then as the Tia Juana. According to the historical society, Dodge was well known for his handsome looks and snappy attire, as well as his team of good-looking sled dogs. Dodge would take his dogs into town and give people rides—probably headquartered at the newly built and thriving Gateway Hotel, now the Gateway Lodge. Later, a newspaper article reprinted from the 1940's documented that "Dude Dodge of Land O' Lakes entered the U.S. Army, taking his five Alaskan huskies into service with him." Historical Society photos show Dude with his dogs at the front of the Gateway Hotel and posed in front of the Chicago, Ill. skyline with the dogs as well. In honor of the race, Historical Society volunteers Peggy Brost and Barbara Nehring mounted copies of old photographs and lore for display that has been compiled by Diane Parling of Grass Lake Images. The exhibit will remain in place for several weeks. Anyone with more information concerning Dude Dodge is asked to contact Barbara Nehring, trading-postint@gmail.com or Trading Post Internationale Inc. P.O. Box 269, Land O' Lakes, WI 54540.



AFTER-SCHOOL EXERCISE — On Jan. 31, 34 children joined ex-Marines Darren and Erin Doss (left) and Pastor Frank Puffer (right) at the Land O' Lakes Elementary School gym for an after-school exercise program. The group meets every Tuesday after school from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. for fun activities that promote exer-

cise. Any children interested in getting more exercise in the winter, especially as outdoor activities are limited during these months due to the cold, are welcome to join the group. Many other volunteers help to organize and aid in the groups activities.
—Photos By Bob Hughes



Cheri Hughes and Debbie Hintz, members of the Land O' Lakes Planning and Beautification Committee, display the signs that the committee provides upkeep for each year.
—Photo By Bob Hughes

Planning and Beautification Committee takes on projects

The Land O' Lakes Planning and Beautification Committee (PBC), recently took on the task of cleaning and sorting the downtown lake banners that display many of the lakes contributing to the town's name. Heading up the effort was Cheri Hughes and Debbie Hintz, members of PBC. The banners are posted along downtown Highway B in the spring and are removed to make room for holiday decorations in the late fall. The town crew takes them for storage to the Land O' Lakes Chamber of Commerce building. Every year members of the PBC take on the task of cleaning and sorting the banners. The banners are sorted into four categories: fit for next year, needs sewing repair, needs printing repair, needs complete replacement. The process, which saves money for the town by not replacing banners yearly, also assures that the banners are well cared for, even as the wind blowing can initiate damage through the years. Lake associations or individuals representing a lake banner that needs complete replacement are contacted to request replacement payment. The cost of each replacement banner is \$150. This year's replacements will be Birch and Tenderfoot lakes. Last year Helen, Lac du Lune, Dinner, North and South Twin, Crooked and Big Portage lake banners were replaced. The banners are just one of the PBC projects that implement town visual improvements. Other projects include yearly expansion to the town walking trail; maintaining and improving the community apple orchard and native plants gardens; and holiday decorating. For more information, contact Barbara Nehring at 715-547-3333 or trading-postint@gmail.com or Debbie Hintz at 715-891-8094.



Land O' Lakes Public Library holds story time on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 10:30 a.m. All children, regardless of age, along with their parent/caregiver, are welcome to join.

The library is well supplied with the basic forms and instruction booklets for Wisconsin, Michigan, and Federal Tax information. Any other needed forms may be requested and will be printed out at no charge. Popcorn Day has been moved to Mondays when patrons can stop in for hot, fresh, movie-style popcorn.

Lego® Club meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Mahjong is held Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in the downstairs community room. Beginning and experienced players are all welcome. Instruction is available as well as a loaner mahjong tile set. Rock Painting Social Time will be held Wednesday, Feb. 8, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Relax with this low-stress craft and enjoy other's company. All necessary supplies will be provided. A Valentine lavender sachet class will be held on Thursday, Feb. 9, at 6 p.m. and Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 1 p.m. There will be an Uno Party on Wednesday, March 1, at 1 p.m. "Ticket to Paradise" starring Julia Roberts and George Clooney will be shown on Monday, Feb. 13, at 1 p.m. and Thursday, Feb. 16, at 6:30

p.m. Fresh movie popcorn will be served. Use rear parking lot door for evening programs. New on the shelves: "River Sing Me Home" by Eleanor Shearer, "Maame" by Jessica George, "Exiles" by Jane Harper, "The Devil's Ransom" by Brad Taylor, "Heart Bones" by Colleen Hoover, "Finlay Donovan Jumps the Gun" by Elle Cosimano and "The House at the End of the World" by Dean Koontz. The library now has mobile hotspots available for checkout for both Verizon and AT&T. They may be borrowed for one week at a time by patrons 18 years or older who do not have internet. Hotspots must be checked out by and returned to Land O' Lakes Library staff during business hours. They may not be returned to another library or put in the after-hours drop box. Mobile hotspots may only be reserved by calling the library. Library hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 715-547-6006, visit landolakeslibrary.org, or stop in at 4242 Highway B.

Land O' Lakes Senior Dining

Love of Life Café
Gateway Lodge
Serving at 11:30 a.m.
Sponsored by ADRC of Vilas County

Reservations or cancellations MUST be made 24 hours in advance. Call Anna Moore at 715-547-6076 to reserve or cancel a meal. All meals served with fat-free milk, butter and margarine. Lighter substitute available in place of main entrée: healthy salad. Donations are accepted. No one will be denied service because of inability to contribute.

TUES., FEB. 14

- Chicken alfredo over noodles
- Broccoli
- Garlic bread
- Romaine salad
- Baked apple half

WED., FEB. 15

- Pork chop with gravy
- Mashed potatoes
- Whole-wheat bread
- Mixed green salad
- Pumpkin pie hummus
- Graham crackers

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Lynn Jolin,
Town Clerk-Treasurer

OUTDOORS

Winter works great for venison dining

WITH THE deer seasons just a memory now and winter arriving in full force after a mild start, there might be no better time to start dining on those select steaks and roasts that were held back from the cuttings that will go into sausage, jerky, hot dogs, bacon, sticks and whatever else your smokehouse makes.

**In the
Outdoors**
By
Kurt Krueger



amount of venison during a period when beef prices are going through the ceiling.

In that freezer are some packages of quality cuts marked for hamburger, some of which has already been ground and used for barbecue, tacos and meat loaf — three great ways to use

venison burger.

We combine lean venison with marbled beef chuck roast to create a batch of some of the leanest, tastiest burger known to mankind, or so we believe.

We know others who add pork or even bacon to their burger meat. In the good old days, we'd have butchers save the tender white fat trimmings from T-bone and porterhouse steaks.

It's different strokes for different folks, but my best experiences with venison are with the cuts that don't sit for more than six months in the freezer. Old venison smells bad enough to keep anyone away, which could explain why some people say the venison they've tried was "gamey."

Most hunters know the best part of a deer is the tender backstraps. Cut them into steaks and float them in a sea of butter and onions. And if you keep them whole they are great on the grill, seasoned with a rub and wrapped in bacon for the roasting rack with a drip pan underneath.

Some 30 to 35 minutes with the grill around 350 degrees will crisp up the outer bacon and produce some medium-cooked loin roasts. They are so tender, tasty and juicy you won't believe it. Any roast from the hindquarters can be cooked the same way.

One of my favorite dishes, always an enormous hit at the Wild Game Feed staged every June by the Three Lakes Fish & Wildlife

Improvement Association, is venison stroganoff using the popular recipe of singer and "spirit of the wild" television host and avid hunter Ted Nugent. That can easily be found with an online search.

You can use just about any cut of venison for stroganoff, but the best results will come when backstraps or tenderloins are the choice — the most tender cuts by far. I like to simmer that meat, onion and mushroom mix until the meat is almost falling-apart tender.

Another of my favorites is venison meatloaf and I always do a large batch because leftover meatloaf is fantastic and can be eaten in many ways — cold, fried for a sandwich or microwaved. As is the case with lasagna, stew and many soups, it's actually better the second day after all the flavors meld in the refrigerator.

Edie Franson of Three Lakes published a book in 2001 titled "365 Wild Game Recipes." It is chock-full of new venison recipes and flavoring ideas that include roll-ups, shish kabobs, mincemeat, goulash, cutlets, pot roast, Swiss steak, stuffed cabbage leaves, meatballs, casseroles and a variety of venison steak choices.

Franson has taught classes on wild game cooking and gourmet cooking at Nicolet Area Technical College in Rhinelander and continually experiments, revises and develops new recipes. Just like the fish you catch to eat, the venison is best when it is fresh. Don't let the bulk of your uncooked venison sit in the freezer all winter, because it won't taste as good next summer.

Deer hunting and meals of venison are among the oldest of Wisconsin's great outdoor traditions. There are not many people who don't like venison sausage, for it is leaner and tastier than most of the store-bought smoked sausage products.

And it's a special moment when hunting's bounty provides the family meal.



All it takes is a meat grinder, lean venison trimmings and some beef chuck roast to make a big batch of quality venison burger. —Photo By The Author

Guided snowshoe hike set Feb. 17 at Hemlocks Conservation Area

Northwoods Land Trust (NWLTL) invites the public to join them on a free, guided snowshoe hike Friday, Feb. 17, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Beaver Creek Hemlocks Conservation Area along Route 182 in the town of Sherman.

Iron County Conservation Specialist Zach Wilson will lead the hike.

"This 257-acre property in Iron County has a variety of habitats that will be fun to explore via snowshoe," said NWLTL Land Conservation Associate Frank Schroyer. "The focus for this hike will be looking at animals tracks and other signs left behind."

Participants will snowshoe primarily on trail for about 2.5 miles and are reminded to bring their own snowshoes.

To register for the event, contact the NWLTL office at 715-479-2490 or email frank@northwoodslandtrust.org by Wednesday, Feb. 15, as space is limited.



The Northwoods Land Trust (NWLTL) permanently conserves natural shorelands, woodlands and other natural resources to benefit

present and future generations in Vilas, Oneida, Forest, Florence, Iron, Price and Langlade Counties. —Contributed Photo

The parking area is located on the east side of Route 182, across from the north end of Beaver Creek Road,

which is located about 4 miles south of Springstead and 15 miles east of Park Falls. GPS coordinates are

45.991917, -90.170011.

For more information, visit northwoodslandtrust.org.

Hunter safety course to be offered in Oneida County

The Oneida County Sheriff's Office and the school district of Rhinelander Community Education Program are set to co-sponsor a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) certified Hunter Safety Course this March.

This course will run from 4 to 7 p.m. on the evenings of March 13, 14, 16, 20, 21 and 23. Instruction will take place at the Oneida County Sher-

iff's Office located at 2000 E. Winnebago St. in Rhinelander.

Michael Baran of the Oneida County Sheriff's Department will instruct this all-ages course.

Learning objectives will include reducing the potential for accidents, injuries and fatalities, as well as how to avoid or de-escalate potential conflicts between participants, landowners and other

resource users. Additionally, promoting safe, responsible and ethical use of the environment and its resources will be focused on.

Students are required to obtain a DNR customer ID number for this class, according to Baran. If a student does not already have one, they should contact the DNR at 888-936-7463 prior to registering.

Registration is required

as space is limited and the online registration form can be found at rhinelander.k12.wi.us/community/communityeducation.cfm. The course cost is \$10 per person, which is to be paid in cash or check at the first class meeting, noted Baran.

For more information, contact Community Education Coordinator Mike Cheslock at 715-365-9745 or chesmik@rhinelander.k12.wi.us.

Fishing with the Guides

By George Langley



Longer days, warm temps great for the ice anglers

The days are getting longer, and even with the recent cold snap, the average temperatures are starting to rise. This is great for ice fishing, as we're going to be getting some really nice afternoons starting this week. The ice is 18 to 24 inches throughout the area, with some slushy spots remaining, but we've had many reports of great conditions out there now.

We have had a decent amount of snow recently, so we have great trail conditions for skiing, sledging and snowshoeing. It's beautiful in the woods and on the lakes right now, especially when the sun shines!

Walleye action has been just okay throughout the area. We seem to get a midwinter slow period about now every year. We've had reports of good fishing along with folks getting skunked. The evening bite, coming later and later, is the best time to try for these fish. We hope for a pickup in action this week, as the warm temps look to be staying. As always, tip-ups set with suckers or shiners work best.

Northern action has been much better than the walleye. We can report consistent action on a daily basis throughout the area. Use tip-ups set with large shiners, near or over the weeds. The deeper the weeds the better. There were some monsters caught back in mid-January and while the bite remains good, this month's fish seem more average.

Panfish action has been good, with crappies again leading the way. Look for these fish in the deep water now. Try the holes on the Chain for best action. Vertical jigs set with waxies or tip-downs set with minnows or rosie reds are working very well right now. Perch are hitting pretty well near the bottom over muddy areas. Try South Twin for good action. Bluegills have been hitting in the weeds on all lakes. Spikes are best for these guys and look for the greenest weeds you can find.

Enjoy the temps this week is bringing us. We're sure to get blasted with cold and more snow again soon!

Good luck and good fishin'!

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Our View

Tribe risking safety, lives with sudden road blocks

The tribal council of the Lac du Flambeau Chippewa tribe last week blocked, without adequate warning, road access serving about 65 homes on the reservation in western Vilas County.

Tribal officials said the lack of a land use agreement between the tribe and the title company sparked the closure orders on portions of Annie Sunn Lane, Center Sugarbush Lane, East Ross Allen Lake Lane and Elsie Lake Lane.

One disturbing part of the tribe's move is that it was done without warning and without adequate notice for the Town of Lac du Flambeau and the Chicago Title Insurance Co. to work out a solution.

Even more disturbing, the tribe's barricading of taxpayer-funded roads has created a public safety crisis for those who might need an emergency ambulance, fire truck, police officer or a propane delivery in the event of an emergency behind one of those concrete/chain barricades.

And as of Monday afternoon, tribal President John Johnson hadn't responded to phone calls and email inquiries from the town board and emergency services. He and the tribal council met with Gov. Tony Evers last Saturday, but no announcements have been made on the discussion or any decisions that were reached.

We agree with the request of the Lac du Flambeau Town Board that the barricades be removed for a 60-day period to allow the tribe, town and title company to work out an agreement.

In fact, that should have been the tribe's first move — a warning with a time limit — if they wished to speed up negotiations without putting lives in danger or business owners in financial hardship.

Even officials with the Vilas County Sheriff's Department were surprised, and frustrated, that the tribal council didn't notify law enforcement and county emergency management to address the safety issues that the barricades would create.

The issue is another reminder that there are no guarantees for U.S. citizens working with a sovereign tribal government, as they are immune from legal remedies in the courts and they hold far more power and influence than a state government.

Behind the editorial 'we'

Members of the Vilas County News-Review editorial board include Publisher Kurt Krueger, Editor Michelle Drew and reporters Jon Eichman, Stephanie Dye and Doug Eten.

The marketing strategy of 99 pricing

THE STRATEGY is called "just below" pricing. That's the marketing trick of using 9s to price items just below some major threshold that is so common that we rarely think about it.

A number of researchers have found something surprising about 9-ending prices; \$9.99 sounds better than \$10, but the fact is it's often actually a bad deal for consumers. We are so used to products being priced at \$99.99, \$599.99 or even \$35,999 that we don't even think about it.

The ploy is used in nearly every retail business from groceries, appliances, electronics, automobiles and in real estate according to Josh Zumbrun, the writer of The Numbers column in the Wall Street Journal. 9-ending prices are found nearly everywhere on the planet.

One researcher determined that prices in retail and in grocery stores ending

People Make the Difference

By Byron McNutt



in 9 were on average 18 percent higher than when those same items' prices had different endings. Many marketers don't round a price down to 9; they round the price of items up to 9.

People who study these things believe the strategy was always a psychological gimmick. Gasoline stations take the strategy even further: a gallon of fuel might be listed as \$2.89.9 per gallon. The pricing is widespread and has been used for generations, so why do retailers and sellers still do it?

Researchers believe consumers read prices from left to right, so \$19.99 is \$19-something, and who

wouldn't rather pay \$19 than \$20. Some consumers just assume items priced at \$499.99 are a good deal; it's less than \$500.

There are two possible reasons that 9-ending prices still work. The first is that consumers associate 9-ending prices with good deals, or items are on sale. Second, marketers use the tactic to make a little more profit. Most people rarely think about it.

With that in mind, sellers believe they have an opening to price a \$250 item at \$299. Consumers expect most prices to end in 99. We've been programmed to see 9 and think it must be a

bargain. The fact is, when the price ends in 99, you likely are overpaying.

Donald Trump has become the party guest who has overstayed his welcome. Trump fatigue has caught up with him. He has proved himself to be a curse to the GOP. His antics, like giving his opponents nicknames, doesn't work anymore because they are mean.

The Nov. 8 midterm election showed that many voters are turned off by candidates who tried to delegitimize past elections as Trump and Stacey Abrams (Georgia governor candidate) did. Most Americans have had enough of that behavior.

There are 'election deniers' who insist the 2020 election was stolen or rigged. Then there are 'election skeptics' who stopped short

To McNUTT, Pg. 13B



Wagon rides round out fun

Several events were offered in Land O' Lakes and the surrounding area in support of the popular Three Bear Sled Dog Races held Feb. 4-5. In addition to the races and the popular children's sled dog pull activities, people could also take part in horse-drawn carriages down the main street of town throughout the day.

—Staff Photo By STEPHANIE DYE



Disarming, and empowering, lost souls

I had a passing moment of wonder the other day, as I read about the latest . . . you know, mass shootings.

Troubled souls with guns. Big problem.

My thought was simply this: What if . . . ? And then I lapsed into uncertainty. What if . . . violence were not the simplistic and obvious — and only — solution to so many problems? Violence presents itself, in our imaginations (and in our games, in our movies, in our defense budget), as consequence-free, instantaneous and, for God's sake, necessary. It's the essence — it's the definition — of empowerment.

And then the headlines scream about crazy guys grabbing hold of that empowerment to escape their personal cages, their crises on the moment: Yeah, it's the fault of . . . whoever, and then another dozen people are dead.

So California was recently left bleeding by multiple random shootings. On Jan. 21, eleven people were killed and at least nine injured in Monterey Park, at what the New York Times called "a once joyous dance hall," where people were celebrating Lunar New Year. The suspect was a 72-year-old man, who then drove to a second ballroom, where the owner managed to wrestle him to the ground and disarm him. He fled and sometime later killed himself in his own van. Police found his body in the van the next day.

Then, on Jan. 23, a 67-year-old man killed seven people in two agricultural locations in San Mateo County. He drove to a nearby sheriff's office and parked his car; police arrested him in the parking lot.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom, who on Monday was at a hospital meeting

To KOEHLER, Pg. 13B

A treasure worth finding

TRUE SOLITUDE is an easy thing to search for, but in the end it is usually hard to find. Practically every person needs and wants to find a little solitude from time to time, but most have a hard time figuring out where to look.

True solitude, by the strictest definition of the word might be a near impossibility to find in today's world when the likes of things like a vapor trail of a jet passing by high overhead, a carelessly discarded candy bar wrapper dropped deep in the woods along a hiking trail or a rusted piece of logging equipment left in the woods many decades earlier serve as reminders that before you other people have left their mark on the woods.

Yet, solitude defined as simply a quiet place where a person can find peace and tranquility, where one can escape from all other people if only for a short time can



Trails & Tales

By Will Maines

be found.

I have been lucky enough to find, explore and feel true solitude in many such places in 73 years of wandering.

While camping at West Tensleep Lake in the Big-horn Mountains years ago I left a campground which held few other people at the time and hiked up a high ridge across from the lake. There was no trail to follow save that of a deer path I followed and crossed here and there.

Once at the top, sitting on a huge boulder at the edge of an open meadow I sat for half an hour doing nothing but admiring the

windswept loneliness that surrounded me, simply watching a snow-covered Cloud Peak in the distance.

Last fall I found a couple hours of solitude when, shortly after losing my canine companion to blastomycosis, I wandered a piece of woods up in Michigan's U.P. where a long walk brought me to a small lake where big bluegills can sometimes be caught.

I caught a few of them that day, hearing not a single motor vehicle passing by on the road a mile away, instead treated to the sounds of birds going about their daily business, a doe snorting that didn't care for my intrusion and a brightly colored pileated woodpecker banging away on a rotting tree trunk.

On another September day when leaves were turning the woods into a gorgeous painting unmatched

To MAINES, Pg. 13B

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OPINION/COMMENTARY

U.S. citizens are slave to debt

Dear Editor:

Silent no more! Our public schools are atrocious! Our border security sucks! The Constitutional literacy of all Americans is beyond appalling! We have over \$30 trillion of acknowledged federal debt (there is way more)!

Border security is one of the duties the federal government has, not the 1,700 or so it claims it has to keep control over the people of this country. The Constitution grants the government power to do a small number of things, 17 to be exact. We would know this if we read and studied the Constitution.

For over a century, the federal government has been conditioning us to not be bothered with the Constitution. "We the People" should trust the government to do what's right for the public. And since World War II ended the government insisted we all take advantage of the new prosperity found after the war and buy a home, buy a new car, buy whatever you wanted. *Buy, buy, buy.*

Your credit is good! It all sounded good and with the euphoria of victory it was an easy sell. Now we are all slaves to debt. And because we are working every waking hour of every day, some times two or more jobs, it is easy for the government to keep on snowing us and selling out the country, destroying American values, spending money on stupid stuff it has no right to spend money on, give money to foreign countries for frivolous reasons, abandon U.S. equipment all over the world, raise our taxes and *spend, spend, spend.*

We are all slaves to debt. Be it personal or government, we each owe a huge sum of money. And it the debt doesn't end when we die, it is passed on to our children, their children

and so on.

As a nation we are ignorant of the document that guarantees our rights, protects us from the federal government and gives us great power to restrain the government should they ever get out of control, just like a parent has disciplinary power over their out-of-control children.

Speaking of children, our public education system is a huge mess. It indoctrinates students to become good little comrade workers for the coming socialist regime. Test scores show that there is no education any more. In Northland Pines, the test scores have been hovering around 40% for the past decade. Sadly, this is about the average for the state as well. And this is not just a state issue, literacy rates are abysmal across the country.

Today we have 6% literacy rates in places like Detroit, 5% in Baltimore, 9% in Milwaukee and a national academic achievement rate of around 39%. And internationally, the USA ranks 13th in reading and 37th in math, China is No. 1 in both categories.

What can we do about these terrible trends? Lots of things. We can educate ourselves. We can speak up and help educate others. We can find solutions. Fresh leadership on our area school boards, replacing the apathetic and stagnant members, is one thing we can do. Finding when any elections are, researching the candidates and voting is another thing. Learning the Constitution is another. Know your rights, teach them to others, defend your rights, know the government's limitations and our power to keep them in check. These are some of the things we need to be doing to keep living in a free nation.

Tom Ward
 Conover

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Maines

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by any artist, I worked my way along the shoreline of a lake a few miles from my house. Mallards swam away from me at the edge of a creek flowing into the lake. A pair of wood ducks farther up the creek departed with their alarm trills - the only sound I heard.

I sat atop a ridge overlooking another lake which was bathed in sunshine, with golden beds of wild rice shining in the sunlight and green lily pads flapping in a strong breeze.

Those were the sights I took in that day, alone with my thoughts as I sat in silence watching and listening, taking in that piece

of north Wisconsin which at the moment was the very definition of solitude.

Never mind that on another day during another season the solitude would have been interrupted by the sounds of high-powered fishing and ski boats on a lake less than a mile away. Never mind that duck hunters on opening day a couple of weeks later would blast away any trace of solitude if the ducks were flying.

Climbing onto the trunk of a giant cedar tree leaning out over the placid water of another lake on an October afternoon last fall I sat with my back against a handy branch to watch and listen to another piece of solitude.

Five mallards winged past me and settled down in the corner of the lake just a hundred yards or so past

me, and on another day, another time I might have crept up on them and taken a shot or two as they flushed at my approach. On that day I carried no shotgun and had no desire to put another duck in my freezer for a meal somewhere down the road.

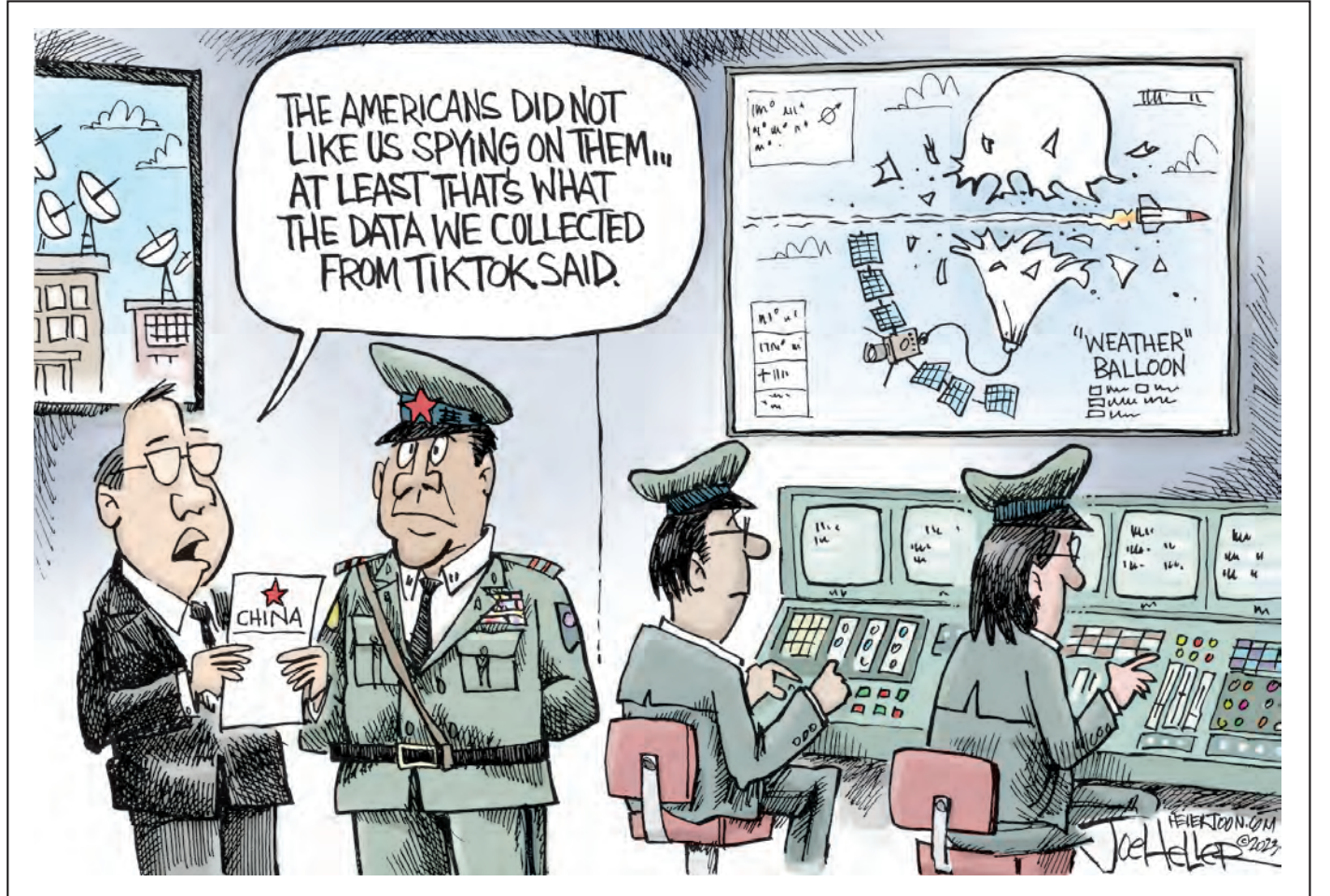
Instead, I watched them puddle around undisturbed, unaware of my presence. Blue jays noisily shrieked as they announced their disapproval of my presence. Balsam tops across the way swayed in what was a gentle breeze that day. Again, it was the definition of solitude.

My favorite times of the year in this, my north Wisconsin home, are No. 1, fall, and No. 2, early spring. In the fall I get to say a quiet seasonal goodbye

to the lakes, streams and woods that have been much in my heart all my life. In the spring I welcome the return of ducks, geese, songbirds and all the other wildlife that in one way or another give us winter to be alone with our thoughts, alone in a special place of solitude if we wish to find it.

I wander woods where I know there is still a patch of tiny, delicate trailing arbutus to be found. I walk a trail along a wild lake from where I can look down at ice retreating, maybe an early returning goose or duck resting, all with no company save my own.

It may be hard, maybe impossible to find in some places at some times, but for those who like me wish for it, solitude is a treasure worth finding.



Kindness encouraged this week

Dear Editor:

Random Act of Kindness Week is Feb. 13. A simple action by a stranger can leave a lasting impact. Brighten someone's day by doing an unexpected act of kindness for them. It's free and feels good.

Jan Leschke
 Rhinelander

The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing.
 Walt Disney

Republicans need to fund child care with new budget

Dear Editor:

Northern Wisconsin families are praying Republicans follow Gov. Evers budget and do the right thing this time and fund child care.

Last budget cycle the GOP leaders dumped the Evers child care funds and kicked the can down the road by using the ARPA Child Care Counts Plan instead. Kicking

the can down the road has never been the right thing to do for working families in any situation.

Due out next month, the governor's budget will surely have the child care funding back in because the ARPA money is coming to its end. If our elected GOP leaders truly represent their North Woods families desperate for child

care, they will approve those child care funds this time.

Keep your eyes and ears open to see if relieving the child care crisis is their goal — or will it be cries for Flat Tax instead so that the wealthiest will have their tax rate reduced by half while yours increases?

Kay L. Hoff
 Lac du Flambeau

McNutt

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of that falsehood, but nonetheless criticized the election. Some of those people who felt democracy was threatened and at stake are just

gaslighting.

A Democratic Party that spends millions of dollars supporting MAGA candidates, in the belief that they will all be the easiest to defeat in the general election, will never be taken seriously when it claims that those candidates represent an exist-

tential threat to democracy.

We need political courage now more than ever. The world looks to the U.S. as a model for free and fair elections. If we don't have faith in our own system, how can we expect democracy to work elsewhere?

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Public still paying for fraud probe records

By BILL LEUDERS
 WISCONSIN FOIC PRESIDENT

Many people in Wisconsin are under the impression that the disastrous probe into the state's 2020 presidential election conducted by former state Supreme Court Justice Michael Gableman is over, as are its costs to taxpayers. They're wrong.

The probe, conducted over 14 months by Gableman at the behest of Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, failed to find any evidence of significant fraud. It did, however, reveal ample evidence of incompetence on the part of Gableman and his team, the Office of Special Counsel (OSC), including multiple spelling errors. It also led to contempt charges against both Vos and Gableman, and to a judge's referral of Gableman to the office that

regulates attorney conduct for his disgraceful behavior during a court proceeding.

Vos, whose name the OSC routinely rendered as "Voss," fired Gableman last August, after relations between the two had soured to where Gableman endorsed the speaker's GOP primary opponent. At the time, the cost of the probe and associated records battles was tallied at more than \$1.1 million, all paid for with taxpayer dollars. Remarkably state Sen. Melissa Agard (D-Madison): "I'm glad that Speaker Vos has stopped the bleeding for these tax dollars going to a sham investigation."

In fact, the bleeding never stopped. The amount paid by taxpayers now stands at more than \$2 million, including nearly \$1.5 million in legal fees, according to a report by WisPolitics.com; it could yet

rise by hundreds of thousands more. That's in part because Vos and attorneys for OSC are continuing to drag out litigation over the four records-related lawsuits brought by American Oversight, a liberal watchdog group.

In all of these legal challenges, taxpayers are footing the bill for the outside counsel; if American Oversight prevails, which I think is likely, taxpayers will also have to cover the group's legal costs.

"All of this could have been avoided if Speaker Vos and OSC had simply followed the law" by preserving and providing records of their investigation, says Heather Sawyer, executive director at American Oversight.

Enough already. It's time for Vos and the Legislature to truly turn off the spigot of tax dollars flowing into this ill-begotten cause.

Koehler

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with victims of the Monterey Park shooting, was briefed in the hospital about the San Mateo County shooting, which had just occurred.

He could only say: "Tragedy upon tragedy."

Oh God. I hardly have anything to add, except maybe that we should plunk those words into the Pledge of Allegiance. For me, the question that struggles to untangle itself from the ongoing flow of domestic tragedies — I, personally, have written more than 50 columns about mass shootings in the twenty-plus years I've been doing this column — amounts to this: Why is the concept of empowerment conjoined, totally and utterly, with violence? Why is it conjoined with domination, which essentially requires the creation, and then the dehumanization, of an enemy.

Jillian Peterson and James Densley, criminology professors who founded the Violence Project, have studied mass shootings in the U.S. dating

back to 1966, interviewing convicted and incarcerated killers and their families, along with shooting survivors and first responders; they've also studied suicide notes, trial transcripts, medical records. From all this data, they've found four things nearly all such perpetrators have in common.

Commonality No. 1 is early childhood trauma: exposure to violence at a young age. This could mean neglect, physical or sexual abuse, domestic violence, parental suicide. Such things don't go away. Beyond this, as they point out in an LA Times op-ed, the shooters have just had, or are in the midst of, a current life crisis, and they have the means (i.e., access to weaponry) to carry out their plans. And also, "most of the shooters had studied the actions of other shooters and sought validation for their motives. . . . there are scripts to follow that promise notoriety in death."

So in the midst of their lostness and despair, they have a motive — a possible way out. Ah, violence, preceded by blame. Peterson and Densley make the point that the

country needs to start getting serious about "proactive violence prevention" — making mental-health-focused conversations — not punitively, but with empathy — part of life's routine, at schools, churches, everywhere.

I think that's certainly part of it, but our intensified reaching out has to be more than just preventative: an ongoing scan for future bad guys.

To this end I introduce Guitars Over Guns, an organization, established in 2008, that works with young people in Miami and Chicago, reaching out to kids in troubled neighborhoods, linking them with musicians and other artists — mentors — and presenting opportunities that may not otherwise have existed.

As founder Chad Bernstein put it: "help them overcome hardship, find their voice and reach their potential as tomorrow's leaders."

I repeat three words: Find their voice!

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Yellow Birch Lake



- 4 BR/2 BA nostalgic American Bungalow
- 200' sand frtg, wet boathouse, 2.5 wooded AC
- Gated drive, 2 car garage, woodburning fireplace, firepit

\$950,000 MLS#200221

Rest Lake



- 2 BR/2 BA home on Manitowish Waters Chain
- 245' frtg, 45' from shoreline, deck, shed
- Heated 24x36 detached garage, many updates

\$669,900 MLS#199251

Johnson Lake



- 3 BR/2 BA, main floor living, RV/carport
- 125' frtg, horseshoe drive, 28x32 detached garage
- Unfinished walkout lower-level w/bath stubbed in

\$449,000 MLS#200264

Three Lakes



- Profitable restaurant/bar, 60+ seats
- 1.46 AC lot directly on ATV/snowmobile trail
- 2,200 sq ft, office, abundant storage

\$249,900 MLS#198379

Catfish Lake



- Premier building lot on ER Chain, 4.66 AC
- 193' sand frtg, southern exposure, new deck
- Blacktop drive, pier & boat lift included

\$1,300,000 MLS#199847

Wisconsin River



- 5800 sq ft pole building, heated storage
- 1300' frtg, access to ER Chain, 86+ AC
- Updated 4 BR home & 2 car attached garage

\$949,000 MLS#199772

Mud Lake



- 3 BR/3 BA, 3,800 sq ft, finished basement
- 536' frtg, 6.95 private AC, 3 car garage
- Lofted master ste, main floor Indry, fireplace

\$615,000 MLS#200325

Minocqua



- 307+/- AC, high & lowland mix
- Trout stream runs thru, wooded, private
- Great hunting or building opportunity

\$475,000 MLS#197909

Little St. Germain Lake



- 2 BR/2 BA corner, lower-level condo
- 2100' shared sand frtg, boat slip, firepit
- Panoramic views, miles of rec trails & acres

\$349,900 MLS#199350

Duck Lake



- 7.32 AC lot on highly coveted Duck Lake
- 326' level sand frtg, private and wooded
- Southern views, easy access to rec trails

\$295,000 MLS#197291

Arbor Vitae



- 3 BR/2 BA one story ranch home, year-round
- 2 car insulated detached garage, close to town
- Recent updates, natural gas, cable

\$225,000 MLS#200288

Hagerman Lake



- Buildable, cleared lot on Hagerman Lake
- 102' pancake level sand frtg, crystal clear
- Close to Ski Brule & Ottawa National Forest

\$149,000 MLS#198924

Phelps



- 28 +/- AC, mix of rolling terrain
- Abuts the U.P. of Michigan
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