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Jury trial set in deaths of Garza and Ford

Prescott grads were killed in 2021 accident

By John McLoone

A Dakota County, Minn. judge ruled against a motion on Sept. 9 to dismiss charges that the actions of a Burnsville, Minn. woman who was racing with her brother caused the deaths of Tayler Nicole Garza of Woodbury and Dalton Lee Ford of Burnsville.

Garza and Ford were both 22 years old when they died from injuries suffered in the April 4, 2021 accident. They were 2017 graduates of Prescott High School.

Camille Dennis-Bond, 20, was charged with two counts of Murder in the Third Degree, two counts of Criminal Vehicular Homicide and one count of



Camille Dennis-Bond

Criminal Vehicular Operation Resulting in Great Bodily Harm. A delinquency petition and petition for adult certification were filed against Leon Bond, who was 17 at the time of the incident, charging him with the same offenses. Minne-

sota law required him to be prosecuted as a juvenile unless the court certified him as an adult.

A jury trial has been scheduled for Dennis-Bond to begin at 9 a.m. on Dec. 5 in the courtroom of District Judge Tim Wermager.

According to the criminal complaint filed against Dennis-Bond a year ago, on April 4, 2021, a white Chrysler 200 driven by Leon Bond was traveling eastbound on County Road 42 between Burnsville Parkway and Newton Avenue. It was allegedly racing a Chevy Malibu driven by Dennis-Bond. As the two vehicles approached New

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Prescott School District tax rate, levy down

By John McLoone

The tax rate paid by Prescott School District homeowners is expected to take a big dip this year.

With equalized district value topping \$1 billion for the first time, the rate paid per \$1,000 of property value for the school share of the tax bill is dropping from \$10.23 last year to \$8.37 for the tax bills that will be mailed in December.

The jump in equalized value is expected to be 20 percent when final numbers from the state come in. The district's value a year ago was \$954,225,065, compared to \$1,141,017,950 this year.

Residents will get a chance to hear a budget review at the school district annual meeting, which was scheduled

for Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 6 p.m. in the Prescott High School library. Superintendent Dr. Rick Spicuzza reviewed the preliminary budget with the school board at its regular monthly meeting Sept. 21.

The tax levy – the amount of money raised through property tax bills – is projected to be down 2 percent, from \$9,759,290 to \$9,548,802 for the 2022-23 school year.

School board members were pleased with the information.

"This is really good news," said Vicki Rudolph.

"I like our tax impact coming down," said Tanaya Holub. "That's what we promised the community."

In the last 10 years, the high-water mark for the tax rate was \$12.38 per \$1,000

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Say goodbye, trip hazards

Village to replace portions of Main, Grant sidewalks

By Sarah Nigbor

ELLSWORTH – Anyone who has ever walked on the north sidewalk of Ellsworth's Main Street knows the steeply slanted, cracked concrete is difficult to navigate even when it's dry. Soon that problem will be fixed with a new sidewalk.

At the Sept. 13 meeting, the Ellsworth Village Board approved a contract with Pember Companies of Menomonie to replace the sidewalk on the north side of Main Street from Subway to Chestnut Street (220 feet); the sidewalk, curb and gutter for the north side of Main Street from BP Expresslane to 532 Main St. (115 feet); and sidewalk, curb and gutter for the west side of Grant Street along Final Final Sports Bar (135 feet). The contract totals \$26,026.50.

"In the past year, I've noticed the sidewalk deteriorating quite rapidly and I don't see it getting better any time soon," said Public Works Director Brad Vick.

In the last seven months,

three people have fallen on the north side of Main Street between the new library and Chestnut Street. The village has an insurance claim from a woman who tripped and injured herself east of Final Final, Vick said. The sidewalks have portions of concrete missing.

According to the project description, "This is a safety hazard for pedestrians; the village has had numerous incidents in the past year of pedestrians falling on these sidewalk segments due to pavement quality."

For the portion between Chestnut and the new library, the sidewalk will not include a terrace. While the sidewalk slope is limited by the existing curb and the business-front sidewalks to the north, to maintain the 1.5% American Disabilities Act (ADA) cross slope on the sidewalk, a terrace would need to be constructed with a steep slope, almost equivalent to a step. This option is not feasible because at its steepest point, the terrace

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Eight volunteers work in the Grow to Share garden Saturday, Sept. 17. They harvested 48 pounds of fresh produce which was delivered to the River Falls Community Food Pantry. The group helped weed and mulch the rhubarb and prep a bed for new blackberries. Photo courtesy of Grow to Share

RF resident wants assurances for the homeless

Grow to Share requests more permanent lease

By Sarah Nigbor

RIVER FALLS – A River Falls resident has taken it upon himself to secure a safe spot for the homeless to stay, according to his comments made at the Sept. 13 River Falls City Council meeting.

Dana Linscott spoke to the council during public comment, saying he's spoken to several current and past council members about helping the city's homeless, many of which have been camping out in vehicles or tents. He described the response he's received as "underwhelming."

He claims to have a place for a homeless encampment on an island near the mouth of

the South Fork of the Kinnickinnic River, which is not owned by the city or state.

"I just cleared it with the DNR," Linscott said. "As long as we follow rules to prevent pollution of the river, they are fine with it."

Many homeless have camped out in vehicles for the past couple of years in the Heritage Park parking lot. Vehicles sometimes have to move every day or every other day, Linscott said.

"In River Falls, parking enforcement is completely left up to officer discretion," he claimed. "This has led to RFPD officers harassing those who have no available shelter

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Pictured are Plum City School District new staff for the 2022-2023 school year: (From left) Lauren Johnson, Leah Milliren, Rebecca Hudson, Haley Huppert, Julie Gore, Angela Laehn, Wayne Radle, Kevin Fosado, Annita Cripe, and Renee Peterson. Photo courtesy of Plum City School District

Meet Plum City schools' new staff members

PLUM CITY – Plum City School District has welcomed several new staff members in the first few weeks of the 2022-23 school year. Learn more about them here:

Annita Cripe
Position: Middle/high school special education paraprofessional

Experience: This is my first year with Plum City or in a school position.

Hobbies/interests: We like to go camping, hunting, fishing and taking in the rest of the outdoors. I also enjoy watching my children play sports for our very own EPC Wolves, gardening, reading and spending time with our dogs.

Family: I am a wife and mom of four.

What are you most looking forward to this year? I am very excited and can't wait to meet all the students.

Kevin Fosado
Position: PK-12 choral music teacher

Hometown: Fond du Lac
Education: UW-Eau Claire. This will be my first year teaching music as I just graduated in May 2022.

Hobbies/interests: Music has always been a huge part of my life as long as I can remember. I started playing the violin when I was 12 and joined choir when I was in high school. When I was in high school, I discovered that my passion for music was more than just singing in a choir, but to teach others to see the beauty in learning about music. My main instrument is my voice, but I also love to perform with my violin for concerts and at church.

In my free time I like working on home projects, cooking and spending time with my family. I also sing in a choir called Chorale a Nouveau, where I can continue to share my love of singing.

What are you most looking forward to this year? I am so thrilled to teach music here at Plum City and share my love of music with the community!

Julie Gore
Position: Fourth grade

Experience: I've been a teacher of third, fourth and fifth-graders (all the best ages!)

Hobbies/interests: I love to ride horse, camp, travel, garden, swim and spend time with my two ridgeback dogs. I also love to hang out with my nieces and nephews and grandkids. I live on a farm, so I have the opportunity to see lots of wildlife and birds!

What are you most looking forward to this year? I'm very excited to join the Plum City teaching team and can't wait to meet students and families!

Becky Hudson
Position: K-12 art teacher
Hometown: Presently live in Spring Valley

Experience: I have been in the teaching field for several years and I come with a wide variety of experiences. I have taught in California and Oregon, as well as Baldwin, Boyceville and Spring Valley.

Hobbies/interests: We enjoy bike riding, camping, gardening and creating. We live on a small hobby farm with goats, chickens, ducks, dogs, cats and a donkey.

Family: My husband and I have two elementary-aged daughters.

What are you looking forward to most this year? What I can tell so far, Plum City seems like a great place to be!

Haley Huppert
Position: 4K teacher

Experience: This will be my first year teaching in Plum City; last year I was in New Richmond as a long-term sub in a kindergarten classroom and teaching in special education rooms as well.

Hobbies/interests: I enjoy gardening, reading books, hunting, snowmobiling and spending time with family and friends.

Family: I have two younger brothers and a sister and I have a cat named Bandit.

What are you most looking forward to this year? I look forward to being a part of the community and School District of Plum City and

making a difference in students' lives!

Lauren Johnson
Position: Third grade teacher

Hometown: Hudson
Education: UW-Eau Claire

Hobbies/interests: In my free time I enjoy anything outdoors. On the weekends, I love to go camping and spend time at my cabin.

Family: I have two brothers and am recently engaged.

What are you most looking forward to this year? I am so excited to create lifelong relationships.

Angie Laehn
Position: 6-12 Dean of Students/district assessment coordinator

Hometown: Pepin
Education: UW-River Falls, College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minn.

Experience: I was the middle level ELA teacher here for 29 years then spent two years the last two years in Durand teaching writing to sixth and eighth graders.

Hobbies/interests: My husband and I enjoy camping, traveling, reading, the Brewers and time with family and friends.

Family: We have two daughters who are both nurses. One is married and we are looking forward to adding another son this February.

What are you most looking forward to this year? I am looking forward to reconnecting with students, families, colleagues and the community in Plum City.

Leah Milliren
Position: Paraprofessional

Hometown: Plum City

Debra Ottman
Position: Food and consumer science teacher

Hometown: Ellsworth

Renee Peterson
Position: District book-keeper

Hometown: Ellsworth
Education: Minnesota State College Southeast, Winona

Experience: Prescott School District, St. Croix and Pierce counties

What drew you to the field of education? I wanted to be a teacher when I was younger but I liked numbers more.

Wayne A. Radle
Position: Middle/high school special education teacher

Hometown: Arkansasaw
Education: UW-Eau Claire

Hobbies/interests: I love the outdoors and watching all kinds of sports.

Family: I love to be living with and taking care of my 89-year-old father.

What are you most looking forward to this year? Since I used to teach here years ago teaching fifth grade, and now I'm MS/HS sped, I'm looking forward to learning this new position.



Pictured are Ellsworth Public Library staff (back, from left): Elise Gregory, Tiffany Meyer, Laurie Braun, Heidi Sundet, Alyson Sauter; (front) Caroline Herfindahl, Alyssa Nelson. Photo courtesy of United Way St. Croix Valley

United Way St. Croix Valley celebrates 1,200th Mental Health First Aider trained in St. Croix Valley Region

HUDSON - "During Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, and year-round, UWSCV aims to decrease stigma and increase mental health literacy through Mental Health First Aid training," said Community Impact Director and MHFA facilitator Alyson Sauter.

This month, United Way St. Croix Valley (UWSCV) celebrated training its 1,200th Mental Health First Aider, marking a milestone that felt nearly unattainable just a few years ago when the COVID-19 pandemic restricted in-person gatherings. The Sept. 15 training certified the Ellsworth Public Library staff members in Adult Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) and was the first Adult MHFA course held in person since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic.

In the spring of 2020, UWSCV quickly shifted to virtual training opportuni-

ties, ensuring that individuals continued to learn vital tools for supporting individuals experiencing a mental health challenge or crisis. With support from UW Madison's Just Recovery grant in 2022, UWSCV partnered with the YMCA in Hudson to train a second Youth MHFA facilitator, increasing capacity for training throughout the St. Croix Valley region.

Mental Health First Aid is an evidence-based, public education program that teaches participants how to identify signs and symptoms of a mental health challenge or crisis and provide initial support to individuals in our communities through a 5-step action plan. The course is proven to increase participants' confidence in helping an individual in distress, with one participant reporting, "I feel more prepared and confident in my ability to support a young person who may be experi-

encing a mental health or substance use challenge. The scenarios provided a great opportunity to practice the skills we learned."

Since 2017, UWSCV has partnered with countless community groups, businesses, and non-profit partners to provide training to their staff, congregation, volunteers, and community members. With the generous support of the St. Croix Valley Foundation, UWSCV continues to offer youth and adult training opportunities, including virtual, hybrid, and in-person options.

To learn more or to request training, visit our website or contact Alyson Sauter, Community Impact Director, at Alyson.Sauter@unitedwaystcroix.org or 715-377-0203 ext 103.

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Flags honorably decommissioned



Approximately 30 participants attended the Elmwood American Legion Post 207 American Flag Retirement Ceremony held Sept. 14 at the Veterans Memorial Park. The ceremony began with Commander Jim Baier and the Post Color Guard presenting flags for inspection by Vice-Commander Pat Hines, which were then honorably decommissioned from service by a prayer from Chaplain Dave Hauschildt. Torn, tattered and faded flags were gathered from the gravesites of veterans, delivered to the ceremony by residents, and accumulated from the disposal unit at the Elmwood Village Office. Photos courtesy of Jerry Thompson

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VIEWPOINTS

State agencies seeking at least \$3.5 billion GPR boost



It's budget time. Really. In the midst of a big campaign year, state agencies and Gov. Tony Evers' office are working on the next budget proposal, which will be unveiled early next year.

This once-every-two-year document takes a lot of time to put together.

State agencies had to submit their budget requests in mid-September. A WisPolitics.com review found that they are seeking a more than \$3.5 billion boost in general purpose revenue in the 2023-25 budget with a dozen asking for double-digit percentage increases.

That's despite Evers' call for most departments to avoid asking for additional state tax dollars. And the overall general taxpayer dollar request is likely to climb higher with the court system and state Legislature yet to turn in their funding requests to the Department of Administration. The Department of Justice, under Democrat Attorney General Josh Kaul, is seeking the biggest boost of any state agency on a percentage basis. DOJ asked for a \$95.7 million GPR increase, which would amount to a hike of just over 60 percent.

Kaul wrote in a letter to Department of Administration Secretary Kathy Blumenfeld that the agency's request was put together to focus on fighting crime through additional services at DOJ as well as programs helping local agencies and organizations.

Some of those priorities include hiring 13 additional

agents within the Division of Criminal Investigation, four more toxicologists at the crime labs, and two more violent crime prosecutors, among others.

The agency also wants to create a 24-hour hate crime hotline to help improve reporting.

"At a time when our state has a significant surplus of funds, meeting our communities' public safety needs is not only a prudent investment but a critical one," Kaul wrote.

Evers has been talking up an expected budget surplus of more than \$5 billion heading into the 2023-25 biennium, rolling out a \$600 million tax cut proposal earlier this summer. Republican lawmakers, meanwhile, have called for holding onto the money until the next biennium — and after the upcoming gov race — to be put toward a package of tax cuts.

The projected surplus — and any revenue growth in the 2023-25 biennium — would allow the gov and lawmakers to fully fund all the agency requests and still have money left over for tax cuts. But agency requests are rarely granted in full, and the additional \$3.5 billion requested — and counting — will likely be reworked by Evers or GOP rival Tim Michels before they submit a budget to state lawmakers early next year.

Joint Finance Committee Co-chair Mark Born, R-Beaver Dam, said the proposed spending reflects the agencies' "wish list."

"Early next year, the Legislature will receive the executive budget and other requests and the Joint Committee on Finance will begin crafting a budget that funds our priorities while ensuring tax dollars are spent wisely," the Assembly rep said.

Of the \$3.5 billion in additional GPR requested re-



viewed, the state Department of Public Instruction accounts for nearly \$2.5 billion.

Evers and state Superintendent Jill Underly rolled out the heart of the agency request earlier this month. The biggest ticket items include \$895.8 million in additional aid to schools to hold down the impact on property taxes, \$753.9 million for special education funding, and \$240 million to create a new student mental health categorical aid.

The full budget adds details such as DPI's request to fully fund aid to small, rural schools with a nearly \$1.3 million boost over the biennium and another \$21.2 million to fully fund high transportation costs for qualifying districts.

The full agency request seeks a 17 percent boost over the DPI's base budget.

As part of the budgeting process, each agency uses the second year of the biennium and then doubles it as the starting point for the two-year request. The proposed spending increases are compared to that base year doubled, the typical process used in state budgeting.

The other agencies seeking double-digit percentage increases are:

- District Attorneys, \$36.7 million, which would be a 32.4 percent increase. The State Prosecutors Office wrote in its cover letter the funding boost would go to addressing ongoing recruitment and retention issues. One provision calls for increasing the entry-level attorney wage to \$35 an hour. The wage will increase to \$27.24 an hour starting Jan. 1.
- Elections Commission, \$2.4 million, which would be a 25 percent increase. The commission voted late last month to approve seeking the creation of an inspector general to oversee an office that would aid the agency in tasks such as handling open records requests and addressing misinformation. The original cost was pegged at about \$1.3 million a year. The agency's formal budget submission listed more than \$1.9 million in costs for the full biennium.
- Public Defender Board, \$41.9 million, which would be an 18.5 per-

cent increase. Like with the DAs, the request is designed to address compensation and workload issues.

- Ethics Commission, \$362,800, which would be a 17.9 percent increase. Among other things, the commission wants to hire two new IT contractors to create a new campaign finance website.
- Office of the Commissioner of Insurance, \$11.5 million, which would be a 16.7 percent increase.
- Tourism, \$1.7 million, which would be a 13.3 percent increase. It's seeking to make its Office of Outdoor Recreation permanent. The office has a mission of promoting outdoor recreational opportunities and connecting businesses with the industry.
- UW System, \$293.6 million, which would be an 11.9 percent increase. Some of the system's priorities include funding the first year of what it calls the Wisconsin Tuition Promise. It would cover up to four years of tuition and fees for students coming from families earning

less than \$62,000 annually. It's also asking for a 4 percent increase in each year of the biennium to the system's base budget.

- Historical Society, \$4.5 million, which would be a 10.3 percent increase. The agency listed three major priorities: transitioning IT services from UW-Madison to DOA as required by the university; preparing to open a new museum on the Capitol Square; and establishing a risk management program to ensure the safety of employees, visitors, and property.
- Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, \$339,300, which would be a 10.3 percent increase. The agency wrote it is seeking the money for personnel and goods and services.

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Remembering Sheriff Ron Cramer

The people of Eau Claire County, and all citizens of Wisconsin, have lost an exceptionally devoted, talented, caring community leader and public servant with the unexpected passing of Sheriff Ron Cramer. Ron faithfully served the citizens of Western Wisconsin for the past 47 years. He was beloved by all.

Ron's professional accomplishments are incredibly vast. One of his primary missions throughout his career was combating drug trafficking, reducing drug addiction, and helping people more easily access needed rehabilitation. He was a tireless advocate for drug reform and influential in the creation and passing of numerous state laws affecting these issues in our state.

Not only was Ron a treasured personal friend, he was

also a valued, reliable and trusted professional resource to me in regard to criminal law and rehabilitation efforts by our state.

Our community will miss his institutional wisdom, vision, and common-sense approach to viable solutions that have improved the lives of all my constituents. His marvelous sense of humor, generosity, and kindness will also be missed by all of us fortunate enough to call him our friend.

My heartfelt prayers are with Ron's wife, Cheryl, and his entire family as they grieve during this difficult time.

In the words of the dispatcher in the final call to badge #500: "You will not be forgotten. Your assignment here is complete. We will take it from here."

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Homecoming: Wake up the echoes

Graduating classes come and go. Marching bands come and go. Cheer squads come and go.

Coaches, team managers, and cable television announcers all come and go.

But there's only one homecoming. And across the U.S., an important date on the calendar is near, Homecoming 2022. Coronations, parades, bonfires — oops, that's a specter from a bygone era, and pep rallies all lead up to the game — perhaps better phrased as Thee Game. Win it and teammates rejoice for decades. Lose it, and those same teammates are haunted beyond decades.

What about the economic impact of homecoming? A 2011 news clip from Albany, Georgia proclaimed, "City officials say Albany businesses should receive an economic impact between \$4 to \$5 million from Homecoming." The owner of a restaurant said homecoming was the biggest week of the year by far. "There's nothing like the Albany State Homecoming weekend," the owner boasted. Is it possible for college fans to spend a little over \$380 traveling to their alma mater as a 2021 study suggested? Ouch. And yes. Gotta eat. Gotta sleep. Gotta get swag. Gotta celebrate. Or commiserate. Remember, consumer spending is responsible for 70 percent of the country's economic activity. This includes spending on football and homecoming.

Bringing it down to a local level, bars and grills will be full before and after

games. Concession stands will be busy, too. Floats for parades don't decorate themselves. And topping the tank to and from big games is a must, even as gas settles in at \$3.70+ a gallon. Back in the day, new dresses and coats were purchased for homecoming. Fast forward to 2022 and more than one family elder may ask, "You paid how much for those jeans and they came with all those holes?"

Families in Wisconsin's St. Croix Valley find ways to come through. They'll do it again for homecoming this fall. Boosters play a big role behind the scenes. An undersized 220-pound defensive lineman needs pasta on the eve of big games, followed by brownies and milk for dessert. Boosters make it happen. Eight and nine-year old kids playing organized football for the first time soon become high school juniors and seniors. Unpaid boosters played big roles in getting them there.

An unnamed university in South Bend, Indiana has high expectations for academic achievement and even higher expectations for success on the football field. Their fight song asks followers to wake up the echoes, cheering her name! This is a call for all loyalists, living or not, to pull for a victory. How can the opposing team stand up to a legion like this?

And now on to the big game, Homecoming 2022. Good luck players, coaches, drum majors, cheerleaders, and fans. Wildcats, Panthers, Cardinals, and Wolves will call upon their legions. Wake up the echoes!

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FROM THE Editor's Desk

BY SARAH NIGBOR

Trash talk

Anyone who has dealt with a backed-up septic knows it's no picnic.

Our septic backed up into our basement about a week ago (two weeks by the time you read this). Luckily it was contained to a small, unfinished room where our big chest freezer is kept. But it was still a disgusting job to clean it up, not to mention the stench.

I called our usual plumber/septic experts, and they said it would be a week until they could get out, due to being short staffed and overly busy. They said they would call when they had an idea of when they could be here. Not ideal, but we figured we could live with it. We've been taking showers and doing laundry at my mother's house. I've had a vacation from dishes and cooking, which is not a terrible thing. The bathroom situation has been less than fun, but luckily we're not home much these days. Carolina likened it to camping and thought it was great. I do not concur.

A week went by with no word, so I called the septic company again. The less than cheerful woman on the other line told me that they did not have me on the emergency list. I'm positive I told them it was an emergency (how much more specific did I need to be?), but I let it go and just asked that they please try to send someone in the next day or so. She made no promises, so I started researching other companies. I had wanted to use this one, because we've been happy with their service before and they're familiar with our system.

The next day, I was on the road to the Ellsworth Chamber luncheon when the plumber called and said he'd be at my house in 15 minutes. Of course, I thought. I was at their mercy, so I turned around and back home I went.

The technician arrived and I'm pretty sure a white halo hovered above his head. He looked like an angel to me, anyway. Until he informed me that he needed me to help him find the septic tank cover outside. I had a general idea where it was, but unfortunately it

was buried beneath brush and sumac. It took a bit of hunting, but I found the stake marking its location as a black snake slithered over my foot. The burly technician screamed like a little child and informed me he was scared of snakes. Well, good thing it slithered over my foot, I thought as I tried to be comforting. I'm not fond of them, but screaming wasn't going to help the situation.

About two hours later, the angel technician grew devil horns as he informed me that most likely we will need a new sewer pipe from the house to the tank, which is about 130 feet. It will cost thousands. We also may need to demolish a retaining wall to replace the pipe. The pipe is about 45 years old and age has caused it to develop dips, or "bellies" that fun stuff gets caught in, causing clogs. He promised we could make due for now if we were careful and that he could come unclog the drain again if needed. As Trapper the Bagle hound pup baroored woefully from his tether in the yard, I felt like laying down in the grass and barooring sorrowfully with him. Unfortunately, I do not have a money tree.

The technician washed his hands in the kitchen sink and left, at which point I ran downstairs to check the drain. I bet he didn't think he'd have to make good on that promise 10 minutes later, but he had to turn around and come back as it had flooded again after he washed his hands. Rather than regale you with more "trash" talk, it turned out to be a clogged kitchen sink line. He still recommended planning to replace the septic pipe, but I was relieved that he finally got to the root of the problem. And I got a nice compliment that our kitchen sink line was remarkably grease-free. I guess all my harping about what gets dumped down the drain has helped.

As his truck pulled away for a second time, I was thankful for him, even with his depressing news about our septic pipe. I'm learning to really not take things for granted this year: I never thought I'd be grateful to do laundry.



WOODWORKING Again

BY DAVE WOOD

'Seeken straunge landes'

*Whan that Aprille with its showers sweet
The drouth of Marche hath pierced to the
route,*

*And bathed every vine in such licour,
Of which pow'r engendered is the flour*

*.....
Thanne longen folk to go on pilgrimages,
And pilgrims for to seeken straunge landes....*

~ Prologue to the Canterbury Tales By Geoffrey Chaucer

Remember having to memorize that in English class? I do, every time my pals and I go on one of our pilgrimages. We don't speak in middle English like Geoff or write in Rhyme Royale. We speak in middle American and write in "rhyme rural."

Yeah, I know our pilgrims this year didn't enjoy enough "showers sweet" and lots of our corn didn't get bathed enough in "sweet licour." Nevertheless, this summer our hearty band kept alive the tradition of going on "pilgrimages" every Wednesday, suffering the "drouth of July" with nary a suggestion to not "seeken straunge landes." We didn't get as far as Canterbury, England, like our 14th century predecessors, but we managed to make it to places like Maiden Rock, East Ellsworth, Hammond, and Roberts, "straunge landes" indeed.

Chaucer's pilgrimage was populated with folks, like the Wife of Bath who was quite bawdy, the Pardoner, the Miller and the Franklin. We settled for fellow travelers, none of them communists, like retired carpenters, school teachers, a truck gardener and an ecologist. There was no "Clerk [student] of Oxenford also" but several of our colleagues had attended UWRF and none had ever ridden a horse as skinny as was the poor clerk's.

And we, of course, had different goals for our trip when last week we made our merry way to Prescott, birthplace of this newspaper and the site where I supped with my bride on our honeymoon at the Steamboat Inn these many years ago.

The Steamboat, sadly, is gone, but the pilgrims made their way down Broad Street to

discover a plethora of opportunities to devour or quaff to our heart's content. Like Lucille's, Scab's Place, The Kitchen Table, Prescott Roadhouse, Muddy Waters, Two Rivers. We had already been up on the hill to Philander's twice this year, so we settled on Muddy Waters. It was Wednesday noon and Broad Street was plumb full of autos. In the back seat, Bubba kept kibbitzing, wondering "Is this Stillwater, or what?" Finally, we got to the end of Broad and found the last spot. No, this wasn't Stillwater, Bubba, but it sure felt like it. Muddy Waters was already packed but our waitress -- I think Chaucer might have called her "Saucy" -- found us a booth for six, perfect. The menu was a packed two-pager full of tempting stuff.

"I want the steak sandwich," intoned Bubba, still wondering if this was Stillwater. More orders followed. Finally, she got to me. "Now you, handsome," Miss Saucette lied.

"A Muffuletta? You've got a Muffuletta?" I exclaimed. "You bet," she said. "It's on a big bun, with sliced ham, salami, provolone and olive sauce." Will wonders never cease?

Soon she was back with bad news. "We're already out of Muffulettas (apparently the copier from New Orleans was overloaded that day.) Billy had ordered a one-third-pound burger, a rarity these days in the age of two-inch thick burgers, which I never seem able to finish. So I ordered one with melted provolone (I still had an itch for something from Italia). It was delicious and I ate the whole damned thing! Before this wonderful achievement, I never realized how "eald" I was. "Eald" is a middle English meaning "old as dirt" and no longer capable of consuming 8 ounces of fatty "stoor." (steer).

Thus ends today's course in Middle English, the way she used to be spoken and which drove most of us crazy in grad school. But it doesn't end my intention to return to Muddy Waters in the "Straunge Lande" of Prescott for a Muffuletta sandwich. Buon Appetito!

Dave would like to hear from you. Phone him at 715-425-9554.

LETTERS to the Editor

More choices in Final Five Voting

To the editor,

The election winner is the candidate with the majority of the votes, right? Not always. If, for example, three candidates are on the ballot, the winner could receive just 34% of the vote. It's not majority rule if more people voted for SOMEONE ELSE than for the winner.

This is a major flaw in our current system, which allows a candidate to win with a plurality instead of a majority. Final Five Voting (FFV) addresses this flaw through a non-partisan primary in which the top five candidates advance to the general election. Voters in the general election then rank the five candidates in order of preference. If a candidate receives a simple majority of the first-choice votes, that candidate wins. If no one receives a simple majority of the first place votes, the candidate who received the fewest first-choice votes is eliminated. This elimination and tallying process continues until a candidate has received a true majority of votes.

This system gives more power to candidates and voters than to the parties. No more voting for the lesser of two evils -- now you have choices. No more throwing away your vote on a third-party candidate whose ideas you like but who you know will lose. Representatives need no longer fear being "primaried" for casting a vote on behalf of their constituents rather than the party.

You can learn more about the Final Five system by visiting groww.org or democracy-found.org. We can upgrade our democracy by giving ourselves more choices.

Maureen Ash
Town of River Falls

The truth about Dems

To the editor,

Victimization being promoted by Mandela Barnes is a moldy stale piece of bread. It's another approach into slavery for those who take the bait. Democrats have never let go of their infamous southern heritage and for decades are turning the country into a plantation of economic slavery. Mandela Barnes has dropped the word "progressive" to appear mainstream, but the cat's out of the bag on his past and his views. Democrats have abandoned America and Americans in a quest for Marxism with a caviar-eating, champagne-drinking, fossil fueled jet flying Politburo. The cities run by them are riddled with crime. Barnes is making this possible in Wisconsin by releasing criminals back on the streets. He's

got his security detail but wants to defund law enforcement and disarm Wisconsinites. Democrats opposed the 13th Amendment, 14th Amendment and 15th Amendment to free slaves and make them US citizens. They enacted Jim Crow laws and poll taxes and were responsible for the lynchings. Why would anyone especially blacks and other minorities still vote for them? The best answer was given by president Lyndon Johnson himself. "Now we've got to do something about this, we've got to give them a little something, just enough to quiet them down, not enough to make a difference... I'll have them voting Democratic for the next two hundred years." You're going to exchange your American birthright for a bowl of lentil soup on a plantation from Mandela Barnes?

Sanjeev Dhawan
Ellsworth

Be informed in order to avoid future surprises

Dear citizens of Ellsworth,

I would like to bring to light some topics that I have been made aware of during the time that I've been attending Village Board and Community Development Authority (CDA) meetings. As a lot of you probably know, the old junior high building at 254 S. Chestnut St. has been a subject of debate for several years and was recently purchased by the Village for \$25,000. In the past it has been sold for as little as \$1 but I digress. At the Village meeting in July, it was said that this building "is the number one priority in the Village at this time" when updating our inadequate sewer and water systems was number 3 on the list. I'd think those things would be higher priorities than a building that has sat vacant for many years.

Speaking of the sewer system, at the most recent CDA meeting, it was approximated that in order to update just the area by the old junior high will cost "\$1.5 to \$2 MILLION." This is on top of the one quote the board has received for about \$1 million for asbestos abatement and demolishing the building. A TID has recently been approved and in my understanding will need at least a \$7 million building complex (42-unit apartment building and a few duplexes are the current thoughts) in order to hopefully pay this TID back in the amount of time the Village is allotted. Also, as soon as the TID is used, the clock is ticking. Therefore until there is a plan in place, the building still stands as is.

In my opinion, a majority of the board is taking a "we'll cross that bridge when we come to it" approach which should NOT be the case when dealing with millions of dol-

lars—especially when this could potentially fall on the taxpayers if proper steps are not put into place.

When I brought up the land by the former ShopKo building as a place for future residential development, I was told that it is "zoned commercial." This land has been listed for sale for at least 15 years. Not only that, but I recently learned that 254 S. Chestnut is ALSO ZONED COMMERCIAL and that all it takes to change that is a Village Board vote. If we are in such a housing crisis as I've been told multiple times, then why hasn't that land been viewed as a potential area for housing development? Especially now that once again there is nothing going into the ShopKo building and that land is sitting there, vacant, unlike the area on S. Chestnut that seems to be in limbo once again and (as the Village website states about this area in Crossing Meadows) it has "excellent access to major transportation routes of US Highways 10 and 63, and State Highways 65 and 72."

Village Board meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. and CDA meetings are on the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Both meet at the Village Hall (130 N. Chestnut St.)

Dawn J. Benoy
Ellsworth

Resumes of Pfaff and Van Orden

To the editor,

The 3rd District will have new representation in congress in 2023. Wisconsin native, Brad Pfaff, who holds rural economic development related degrees from UW-GB and George Mason University is well known throughout the district. He was elected to represent Wisconsin's 32nd Senate District in 2020. Before that he worked in administrative roles for several state, federal and 3rd District farm service agencies. His special expertise is in legislation related to agricultural economic issues. He has legislative experience in implementation of programs related to dairy, bean, corn, forest product, potato, and cranberry production. He was raised on a dairy farm and family farming issues appear to be at the core of his advocacy. He is endorsed by labor, conservation, and agricultural organizations.

His opponent, Derrick Van Orden's background and connection to the 3rd District is more difficult to determine. A Minnesota native, his TV ads emphasize that he spent 26 years as a Navy Seal often in combat zones. According to Wikipedia he served in Bosnia, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Africa. He retired as a Chief Petty Officer. This means he had some administrative, compartmental, operational and advisory duties. A valuable skill set to be sure but acquired in a top-down environment which does not always match up well with the compromise culture neces-

sary in a legislative setting. Combat zones and missions are very loosely defined by the DOD. His ads infer that he was on combat missions, but no record of actual combat action was found. In any event we owe him thanks for his service.

After his military service, Van Orden tried acting where he received training as an actor and participated in several "B" grade military themed/action movies. He has acting or location specialist credits in the films; "Act of Valor," "Surviving the Wild" and "Running with the Devil."

He returned to Minnesota 2015-17 and enrolled in law courses from Bemidji State and the Hamline online jurist doctorate program. He then moved to Butternut, Wis. where with a \$35,000 loan from the village of Butternut he opened the Butternut Cafe. He then relocated to a Hager City area hobby farm and in 2020, he ran for the 3rd District's congressional representative, on the coat tails of, and with Trump's endorsement. After losing, his loyalty to Trump superseded his loyalty to the military oath he took to uphold the Constitution, as he used \$4,000 of his left-over campaign funds to participate in the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection events that led to the anti-American mob attack on the nation's capital. There is no evidence that he participated in the vandalism of the capitol, but to date he has not publicly denounced that assault on the democratic process, and he still has Trump's endorsement. He currently is listed as living in Prairie du Chien.

Based on his TV ads, Van Orden seems to be opposed to candidates experienced in government and legislation, supports term limits, and opposes legislators from retiring to become lobbyists. There is not much there about our district's needs. His dark money supporters spend their dollars attacking Brad Pfaff's "Washington big spending ways," even though Pfaff has never been in congress. (Ironically, the idea of lobbyist restriction is also in the Democrat's platform).

Voters of the 3rd District face a choice between an experienced native Wisconsin legislator, well informed on the issues of the district in Brad Pfaff, or Derrick Van Orden who has lived in the district for little more than three years, has no Wisconsin roots, has no legislative experience, has a government pension with government healthcare and has collected a massive amount of out of state money to run for congress twice in those three+ years (He has collected more than \$1 million to date in 2022). However, in his two runs for congress, he has demonstrated little knowledge of the economic or social underpinnings of the 3rd District and seems to be focused on drawing his support by promoting the divisive culture wars that divide our nation.

To date Pfaff has challenged Van Orden to three debates. Van Orden has refused apparently trusting his "acting" as a patriotic congressional candidate in TV ads more than his ability to prove his knowledge of the needs of Wisconsin's 3rd District. After examining the resumes which candidate will you hire to represent our interests in the next congress?

Ron Ginsbach
Elmwood

WEATHER Forecast

Thu 29	63°/45°		Partly Cloudy	5%
Fri 30	69°/46°		Mostly Sunny	5%
Sat 01	69°/47°		Partly Cloudy	5%
Sun 02	70°/48°		Partly Cloudy	11%
Mon 03	69°/47°		Partly Cloudy	13%
Tue 04	63°/40°		Partly Cloudy	7%
Wed 05	64°/44°		Partly Cloudy	6%

ST. CROIX COUNTY *Fail Log*

Monday, Sept. 19
David Navarro Saucedo, 35, New Richmond, by NR police, operating while revoked, ignition interlock device tampering, misdemeanor or bail jumping, contempt warrant.
Bruce Edward Caver, 47, Woodville, by SCSO, warrant.
Dontaysha Laray McCloud, 49, Minneapolis, by SCSO, SCSO hold, warrant.
Jaason Aarno Bierschenk, 41, New Richmond, by NR police, misdemeanor or bail jumping, operating while revoked.
Jamie Louise Brandt, 32, Minneapolis, by SCSO, warrants.

Tuesday, Sept. 20
Emily Ann Forney, 38, St. Paul, by Hudson police, warrant, possess drug paraphernalia.
James Dietz Lauck, 42, New Richmond, by SCSO, domestic battery, possess drug paraphernalia, felony bail jumping (five counts), domestic disorderly conduct (three counts).
Roger Bruce Bugh, 54, St. Paul, by Hudson police, warrant, possession of burglarious tools, possess drug paraphernalia, resisting or obstructing an officer, retail theft - intentionally take.
Nicholas Trump Card, 35, St. Paul, by Hudson police, receiving stolen property > \$5,000-\$10,000.
Joseph Paul O'Malley, 32, Hudson, by SCSO, sentenced, serving 81 days.
Dawn Shelly Fink, 48, Roberts, by SCSO, warrant.
John Ernest Hartung, 33, New Richmond, by SCSO, sentenced, serving 14 days.

Wednesday, Sept. 21
James Dietz Lauck, 42, New Richmond, by SCSO, contact after domestic abuse arrest (two counts), felony bail jumping (six counts).
Michael Antoine Payne, 35, Hudson, by SCSO, warrant.
Derrick Matthew Denver, 35, Glenwood City, by Glenwood City police, possess drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine, resisting or obstructing an officer.
Julius Isaiah Lewis, 44, Marina del Ray, Calif., by Baldwin police, possession of THC, possess drug paraphernalia, fraud on gas station (two counts).
Marchello Lemc Roland, 41, Minneapolis, by RF police, operate without valid license, OWI-third.
Thursday, Sept. 22
Jonathan T. Mickelson, 25, New Richmond, by SCSO, misdemeanor bail jumping.
Jessica Marie High, 37, Shelly, Idaho, by NR police, resisting or obstructing an officer.
Brandy Lee Crosby, 45, Somers, by NR police, misdemeanor bail jumping.
Sarah Ann Bursack, 42, Minneapolis, by SCSO, possession of methamphetamine, possess drug paraphernalia, possession of THC.
Kraig Duncan Kirby, 31, Minneapolis, by SCSO, warrant.
Robert William Long III, 34, Logal, Ala., by SCSO, warrant from Marshall, Ala.
Brian Francis Anderson, 41, Hudson, by Probation & Parole, probation hold.
Jebadiah Dylan Hanson, 37, Hayward, by SCSO, warrant, criminal trespass to dwellings, criminal damage to property.
Milton Snider Jr., 57, Houlton, by SCSO, theft - movable property > \$10,000.
Marilynn Scout Reuben, 19, New Richmond, by SCSO, misdemeanor bail jumping, domestic disorderly conduct.
Matthew Steven Fox, 40, Glenwood City, by SCSO, sentenced, serving 31 days.
Joseph Jacob Keller Jr., 51, St. Paul, by SCSO, warrant.

Friday, Sept. 23
Seth William Harrison, 23, Hudson, by Probation & Parole, probation hold, possession of THC, possess drug paraphernalia.
Rachel Jean McClure, 28, address not listed, by Wisconsin State Patrol, OWI-first, operating with PAC, possess open intoxicants in motor vehicle - driver.
Melissa Marie Aylward, 42, Glenwood City by SCSO, probation hold, domestic disorderly conduct, criminal damage to property.
James Wydell Graham, 61, St. Paul, by SCSO, sentenced, serving 30 days.
Anthony M. Kralewski, 38, Saint Croix Falls, by SCSO, sentenced, serving 10 days.
Hannah Marie Chamberlin, 35, Menomonie, by SCSO, TLU for St. Croix County.
Ronique Keyaira Franklin, 32, St. Louis Park, Minn., by Probation & Parole, warrants, probation hold.
Saturday, Sept. 24
Ryan Joseph Jarrod Stetler, 30, St. Paul, by Probation & Parole, probation hold.
Ian Michael Erickson, 30, Lakeville, Minn., by North Hudson police, resisting or obstructing an officer, disorderly conduct, criminal damage to property (two counts).
Cheyenne Elaina Gumke, 29, Amery, by NR police, OWI-second.
Sunday, Sept. 25
Kierstin Joann Niederkorn, 37, address not listed, by SCSO, possession of THC, possess drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine.
Leonte Calin, 52, address not listed, by Hudson police, take and drive vehicle without consent.
Joris Januskevicius, 24, address not listed, by Hudson police, possession of THC, possess meth paraphernalia.

PIERCE COUNTY *Fail Log*

Monday, Sept. 19
Mary Marie Bengston, 49, Colfax, by Ellsworth police, possess drug paraphernalia, possession of THC, felony bail jumping, misdemeanor bail jumping, released on \$2,500 signature bond.
Kayla Lois Stewart, 33, St. Paul, by River police, resisting or obstructing an officer, possess drug paraphernalia, possess illegally obtained prescription, released on \$5,000 signature bond.
Tuesday, Sept. 20
Bradley Dean Blanchard, 26, Bayport, Minn., by PCSO, criminal damage to property, two failure to appear warrants, released on \$1,000 signature bond.
Wednesday, Sept. 21
Adam Thomas Fairchild, 33, Coon Rapids, Minn., by RF police, misdemeanor bail jumping, disorderly conduct, failure to appear warrant, released on \$10,000 signature bond.
Wednesday, Sept. 21
Brady Charles Lorentz, 17, Ellsworth, by PCSO, disorderly conduct, misdemeanor bail jumping.
Thursday, Sept. 22
Jeremy Lee Haywood, 20, River Falls, by RF police, probation violation, released.
Leah Marie Lee, 39, Red Wing, Minn., by Department of Corrections, probation violation.
Joshua Miles Trotter, 33, Arkansaw, by PCSO, failure to appear warrant, released on \$100 cash bond.
Friday, Sept. 23
None
Saturday, Sept. 24
Tejay Allen Skordahl, 38, Ellsworth, by Ellsworth police, resisting or obstructing an officer, felony bail jumping.
Sunday, Sept. 25
Javan E'steven Kastberg, 32, Ellsworth, by PCSO, probation violation.
Amirose Marie Mooney, 52, Ellsworth, by PCSO, operate without valid license, felony bail jumping.

Friday, Sept. 23
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None
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Tejay Allen Skordahl, 38, Ellsworth, by Ellsworth police, resisting or obstructing an officer, felony bail jumping.
Sunday, Sept. 25
Javan E'steven Kastberg, 32, Ellsworth, by PCSO, probation violation.
Amirose Marie Mooney, 52, Ellsworth, by PCSO, operate without valid license, felony bail jumping.

PIERCE COUNTY *Land Transfers*

The following property transfers were recorded by the Pierce County Register of Deeds Sept. 19-23.
Monday, Sept. 19
EW Homes Inc. to Daniel J. & Sonja L. Schommer, Lot 51, The Palmetto Phase II, City of Prescott.
Lonnie E. & Helen C. Turner to John Timothy Hennessy, Outlot 11, Amended Assessor's Plat, City of River Falls.
Tuesday, Sept. 20
Wayne L. & Kathleen M. Beebe to Patrick Balfanz, Lot 26, Falcon Heights Second Addition, City of River Falls.
Wednesday, Sept. 21
Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Vincent Seidling, Lot 37, Great Rivers, City of Prescott.
Oevering Homes LLC to Gabriel Adam & Emma Renee Verges, Lot 56, Great Rivers Second Addition, City of Prescott.
Nikki R. Werner to Gregory J. Burkhardt, Beth A. Burkhardt & Nancy Filkins, Lots 1 and 2, Block 8, Original Plat, Village of Maiden Rock.
Thursday, Sept. 22
Nicholas D. Sammont to Dylan R. Holes, Pt. Govt. Lot 3, Sec. 33, Town of Trenton.
Charlie Arneson Living Trust to Cody D. & Monica Shafer, Lots 7 and 9, Valley View Addition, Village of Spring Valley.
Glen Dor LLC to 110 S. Main LLC, Lots 2-4, Block 7, Original Plat, Village of Elmwood.
Lance D. & Helene/Helen Stromberg (aka Helen Stafford) to Randy Jr. & Mylessa Ingli, NE-NW & NW-NE, Sec. 14, Town of Maiden Rock.
Friday, Sept. 23
Clay G. & Kelleen Sweet to Joel & Tracy Swanson, Lot 5, Clifton Highlands First Addition, Town of Clifton.
Katie Kelley to Blake W. Allington, Lots 9-10, Block 8, Does Second Addition, City of Prescott.

ELLSWORTH *Police Department Reports*

The following incidents were reported to Ellsworth Police Department Sept. 19-25.

Monday, Sept. 19
Officers made contact with two suspicious males at 4:49 a.m. outside the Pierce County Courthouse (414 W. Main St.) They said they were just hanging out.
A vehicle was towed from the construction zone at Kinne and Chestnut streets at 12:04 p.m. A resident said the vehicle had been parked there for five days. Attempts to reach the vehicle's owner were unsuccessful.
At 6:03 p.m., a man reported losing his wallet at Nilssen's at 1 p.m. The brown trifold wallet contained \$350 in cash and a food assistance card.
Mary M. Bengtson, 49, Colfax, was arrested for possession of THC, possess drug paraphernalia (two counts), felony bail jumping (two counts), misdemeanor bail jumping (two counts), and operating after revocation (alcohol related) after a traffic stop for a defective tail light at 9:08 p.m. at 185 E. Main St. She was transported to Pierce County Jail.

Wednesday, Sept. 21
Police responded at 1:15 a.m. to Broz Bar (455 E. Wall St.) where a man was flipping over tables and chairs looking for cigarette butts. When police arrived, the suspect kept walking away from them, angry from past contacts. He was trespassed from the establishment.
Officers responded at 1:36 a.m. to 141 S. Maple St. where a woman reported hearing noises in the hallway and nearby apartments. Police checked it out but heard nothing, so the woman agreed to go to bed.
Police were called at 6:42 a.m. for a vehicle that hit a light pole at 312 Panther Drive. The woman left the scene. Police reached her and she admitted to hitting the pole, but denied EMS.
At 10:03 a.m., a woman at 454 High Point Drive reported that her neighbors were pounding on the walls again. Police responded to the apartment but heard nothing and no one answered the door or phone. The complainant called police a short time later and said she was still waiting for an officer to respond. She saw the officer sitting outside but said he never knocked on the door. She wanted to document the neighbors harassing her child and calling him names.
At 1:31 p.m., police responded to a parking complaint at Warner and Piety streets. The driver agreed to move her vehicle, but swore at the officer, accusing him of harassment. She said the village needs to change its parking rules. She was warned that in the future, her vehicle could be ticketed or towed.
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Deputies responded to a property damage complaint at 7:15 a.m. at the Bay City Post Office (W6372 Main St., Bay City.)

Police checked on people sleeping in a vehicle at 8:05 a.m. at the storage units (W6418 Highway 35, Bay City). They said they had gotten tired the night before and stopped to take a nap.

At 1:20 p.m., a caller reported possible drug activity along 890th Avenue around Spring Valley. They said vehicles constantly drive back and forth and stop along the roadway, mostly at dusk and on weekends. They requested extra patrol.

Deputies assisted River Falls police with recovering a stolen vehicle at 3:19 p.m. at 1011 State St.

Officers assisted River Falls police with a two-vehicle crash at 4:19 p.m. at highways 29 and 65 in River Falls.

A deputy assisted a snapping turtle across the road at 4:47 p.m. near 640th Avenue and County Road N, Beldenville.

At 5:02 p.m., a complainant reported that a neighbor's construction crew was using his yard (at N7661 950th St., River Falls) as a turnaround, ruining his freshly planted grass. He parked his truck on the turnaround and asked for documentation in case the truck is damaged.

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Police assisted EMS at 11:31 a.m. at W3262 730th Ave., Spring Valley, where a woman was bucked from a

horse.

At 1:59 p.m., a caller reported suspicious activity at W4025 850th Ave., Spring Valley. They said someone had taken their Yanmar tractor and moved it from the side of their pole shed to the end of their driveway, possibly in order to load it onto a trailer. The keys were missing. The caller wanted her estranged father questioned, so a message was left for him. He called back and said he tried to take the tractor because it's his, but the transmission is out. He yelled at the deputy, hung up, then called back and demanded they tell the complainant that he wants his tractor back. He was advised to get consent before going onto someone's property to get anything. The tractor's ownership is a civil issue.

At 6:11 p.m., police located a vehicle at 620th Street and County Road EE, Bay City, that had been called in as suspicious. The woman said she realized she couldn't park on grass and continued on her way.

At 9:47 p.m., officers responded to N8242 950th St., River Falls, for a large bank heard outside. The caller said she believed it was hail. She had requested extra patrol earlier in the evening at 7:05 p.m. and 8:11 p.m.

Deputies responded to a two-vehicle crash with injury at 9:04 p.m. at Highway 29 and Park Drive. One man was transported to Western Wisconsin Health with undisclosed injuries.

Wednesday, Sept. 21

Deputies assisted Ellsworth police with a disorderly person at 1:16 a.m. at 455 E. Wall St.

Police responded to a bus vs. horse crash at 6:41 a.m. near W4678 230th Ave., Maiden Rock. The bus, which had no children aboard, had no damage. The horse died and the owner was advised.

At 8:17 a.m., a caller re-

ported her concern that goats could get out of the enclosure near Highway 10 and County Road O, Hager City, because they were climbing on each other. Deputies checked on the goats and none had made a break for it.

At 10:02 a.m., an officer located a lawn mower in the ditch near W7580 Highway 35, Hager City. The owner said it had broken down and he was working on getting it removed.

At 11:36 a.m., a caller requested a welfare check on horses at N5591 Highway 63, Ellsworth. The caller said they had no food or water. Deputies checked on the animals, who had access to water and bales through an open gate; they were grazing and appeared to be in good shape.

Officers responded at 11:49 a.m. to a verbal domestic at W1940 820th Ave., River Falls. People were arguing about getting a man medical care but struggling to get appointments. He refused EMS.

A Plum City School District employee requested extra patrol at 12:53 p.m. for 907 Main St., Plum City.

Officers responded to a theft complaint at 4:04 p.m. at N6811 County Road F, Prescott.

A caller reported a missing 2-year-old brown bull at 4:36 p.m. at W3808 650th Ave., Spring Valley. Police checked the area but located no bull.

Deputies assisted the DNR with an ATV crash at 6:02 p.m. near W13250 640th Ave., Prescott. The DNR completed an accident report.

Police responded at 6:29 p.m. to W7965 390th Ave., Ellsworth, for a bail bond violation. The complainant said her son was being disorderly and verbally abusive. He was arrested for disorderly conduct and misdemeanor bail jumping and transported to

Pierce County Jail.

Deputies assisted UW-River Falls police with a man standing on a bridge at 11:34 p.m. at Main and Vine streets in River Falls. Everything turned out to be okay.

Deputies assisted River Falls police with a warrant attempt at 11:52 p.m. at 407 S. Wasson Lane. The person was arrested without incident.

Thursday, Sept. 22

Deputies assisted River Falls police with a vehicle pursuit at 12:14 a.m. near Sixth Street and Cascade Avenue. Officers contacted the suspect's parents and escorted the vehicle to the impound lot.

Deputies assisted Ellsworth police at 9:43 a.m. with a suspicious man looking into car windows in the 200 block of West Main Street. The man wasn't located.

At 6:21 p.m., a caller reported finding three black Lab puppies at W10528 Highway 35, Prescott.

At 7:14 p.m., a caller reported black smoke in the area of Maple Avenue East and Main Street in Plum City. It was coming from a contained backyard campfire.

Officers responded at 7:16 p.m. to W7725 Highway 10, Ellsworth, for a suspicious activity complaint. The complainant said he found a man standing next to the building. He told police he was charging his phone and left the property.

Police arrested a man at 7:18 p.m. in the area of Maple Avenue and Main Street in Plum City for a Monroe County warrant. He was taken to Pierce County Jail.

Friday, Sept. 23

Officers checked on a man sleeping in his car at 9:29 a.m. near 850th Avenue and Highway 128, Spring Valley. He was a traveling nurse and said hotels were full. He was advised to use a

rest stop and not park in the roadway.

A catalytic converter theft was reported at 1:25 p.m. at N3072 830th St., Hager City.

A stolen flag was reported at 5:26 p.m. at N8495 850th St., River Falls.

Officers responded at 6:26 p.m. to a vehicle in the ditch at N4102 1080th St., Prescott. The driver was cited for operating after revocation.

Police were called at 10:14 p.m. to N1620 County Road VV, Hager City, for an out-of-control employee. The person left before officers arrived.

Saturday, Sept. 24

Officers responded to a possible domestic at 2:14 a.m. at W2535 770th Ave., Spring Valley. The parties were separated for the night.

At 5:17 a.m., police were asked to check the area of County Road C and 170th Avenue, Hager City, for a suspicious man walking around shortly after seeing a lawnmower go down the road. Nothing was located.

At 9:13 a.m., a woman at W8110 770th Ave., River Falls, called about her horses being given treats. Police couldn't reach her when they returned her call.

Deputies responded to a garage on fire at 12:49 p.m. at N258 325th St., Maiden Rock. A car, lawnmower and gasoline were inside. Officers assisted the fire department with the lawnmower, which was on fire in a detached garage.

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Police gathered information about an assault at 6:08 p.m. at W10816 Highway 35, Prescott. They were called back to the location at 8:14 p.m. for an abandoned truck on private property and a

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Deputies assisted Ellsworth police at 8:56 p.m. with a man under arrest refusing to exit 112 Evergreen Estates St. The man had a no contact order for that residence.

Sunday, Sept. 25

Deputies responded at 1:41 a.m. to a possible fight outside N1090 825th St., Hager City. The people at the scene did not observe the reported information. The people allegedly involved were not on scene.

Police arrested a person for a warrant at 7:28 a.m. at N6156 425th St., Ellsworth.

At 8:29 a.m., officers responded to the town hall at Highway 128 and County Road B, Spring Valley, for a suspicious parked vehicle. A traveling nurse was sleeping in his vehicle. The complainant was advised it's a public parking lot.

At 9:58 a.m., a vehicle was stopped at N2082 590th St., Bay City, for loud exhaust, expired registration and a revoked driving status. The vehicle was seized for further investigation into other illegal activity. The driver was cited for operate without valid license.

Officers responded to a verbal domestic at 12:44 p.m. at N6513 1323rd St., Prescott. A man stole a cell phone before leaving the residence.

At 1:28 p.m., a man reported illegal garbage dumping at N3027 170th St., Plum City. The suspects were not identified.

Deputies assisted Ellsworth police with a verbal domestic at 7:33 p.m. at 102 Evergreen Estates St.

Police responded to a fight in progress at 10:19 p.m. at 138 Broad St., Prescott. Police took one man into custody for resisting an officer.

PIERCE COUNTY Accident Reports

Officers responded at 5:21 p.m. Sept. 12 to a one-vehicle crash on US Highway 63 just south of 150th Street in the town of Trenton. A 1994 Chevrolet Silverado pulling a Triton trailer, driven by **Michael K. Lorentz**, 53, Ellsworth, was traveling northbound on US Highway 63. The trailer came lose from the truck, crossed the center line and entered the west ditch, where it struck a power line pole. Lorentz wore a seat belt and reported no injuries. The truck had no damage.

Police responded at 8:24 a.m. Sept. 13 to a one-vehicle crash at W6595 490th Ave. in the town of Ellsworth. A 2012 Toyota Rav4, driven by **Shaylyn Jo Otto**, 33, Hager City, was going east on 490th Avenue. She went into the right shoulder area and struck a mailbox, came to rest and parked. Otto attempted contact with the mailbox's owner and notified law enforcement. She said the sun was in her eyes and it was difficult to see. She was reaching for her sunglasses and another car was heading westbound toward her, so she moved over to the right. She caught the edge of the road before striking the mailbox, causing functional damage to her vehicle. She wore a seat belt and reported no injuries.

Deputies responded to a one-vehicle crash at 1:20 p.m. Sept. 13 on County Road B about half-mile south of 890th Avenue in the town of Gilman. A 2012 Ford Fusion, driven by **Caleb Austin LeFevre**, 22, Ellsworth, was traveling north on County Road B on gravel that had just been laid on the road (under construction). The vehicle bottomed out and continued north, eventually coming to rest near 890th Avenue. The vehicle had to be towed due to disabling damage. LeFevre wore a seat belt and reported no injuries.

Officers responded to a one-vehicle crash at 4:26

p.m. Sept. 13 on Highway 35 about one-half mile east of 945th Street in the town of Diamond Bluff. A 2006 Suzuki C50, operated by **Artura Lamont Bellaphant**, 49, Oakdale, Minn., was traveling northbound on Highway 35 when he got a flat rear tire. This caused him to lose control of the bike, which he was able to slow down. Ultimately, the bike tipped over onto its side after entering the ditch. The motorcycle was towed due to disabling damage. Bellaphant, who wore a half-helmet, reported possible injuries but denied EMS transport.

Police responded to a two-vehicle crash at 8:07 a.m. Sept. 15 on 570th Street just south of 690th Avenue in the town of Martell between a 2021 Ford F350, driven by **Randall Scott Erickson**, 60, Stockholm, and a 2015 Chevrolet Cruze, driven by **Emma Mae Jorgensen**, 21, Brooklyn, Wis. Erickson was stopped facing northbound on 570th Street in a highway department truck in a construction zone (closed road) speaking with another highway unit. Jorgensen turned northbound out of a private driveway and stopped behind Erickson, who began to back up to turn around and backed into Jorgensen. Both drivers wore seat belts and reported no injuries. Both vehicles had functional damage.

Deputies were notified of a one-vehicle crash at 10:01 a.m. Sept. 17 that had occurred at 9:30 p.m. Sept. 16 at 70th Avenue and 250th Street in the town of Maiden Rock. A 2010 Chevrolet Camaro, driven by **Justin Lee Thompson**, 34, Hastings, Minn., was heading westbound on 70th Avenue when it traveled into the north ditch and overturned. When police arrived, the vehicle was upside down in the ditch and no one was around. When officers contacted Thompson, he said

he didn't know he needed to report the crash and didn't think anyone would see it. Thompson and passenger **Betsy Xiong Thompson**, 27, Hastings, Minn., wore seat belts and reported no injuries. The vehicle was towed due to disabling damage. Thompson was cited for failure of occupant to notify police of accident and deviation from designated lane.

Police responded to a motorcycle crash at 11:32 a.m. Sept. 17 at 300th Avenue and 620th Street in the town of Hartland. A 2006 Harley Davidson, operated by **Joseph Bryan Mendoza**, 42, Rosemount, Minn., was heading east on 300th Avenue, descending a hill and negotiating a southerly curve in the road. He left the road at the northern edge, entered a grassy median, overturned and was thrown from the motorcycle. Mendoza landed on the pavement in the intersection. He was not wearing a helmet; an ambulance transported him to a Minnesota hospital with suspected minor injuries. The Harley had functional damage.

Officers were notified of a one-vehicle crash at 6:41 a.m. Sept. 18 that had occurred at 11 p.m. Sept. 17 on 900th Street about nine-tenths of a mile west of 850th Street in the town of River Falls. A 2008 Land Rover LR2, driven by **Reid Spencer Dawald**, 24, River Falls, was traveling south on 900th Street. Dawald was looking at his phone and not paying attention to the road. He suddenly saw a deer in the road, left the road, went into the east ditch, struck several trees and rolled, the vehicle landing on its side. He fled the area to his residence. The vehicle was towed due to disabling damage. Dawald wore a seat belt and reported no injuries. He was cited for hit and run - property adjacent to highway, failure of operator to notify police of accident, and

failure to keep vehicle under control.

Police responded to a one-vehicle crash at 8:40 p.m. Sept. 18 on Highway 65 just east of 650th Avenue in the town of Trimble. A 2014 Volkswagen Jetta, driven by an unidentified man, was traveling south on Highway 65, negotiating a curve. Lozano left the roadway, went into the ditch, attempted to re-enter the road and struck a guardrail on the west side. This caused the vehicle to roll multiple times before coming to rest on its side against a tree. When police arrived, the vehicle was unoccupied and two men were found nearby in the woods with injuries. They said they were in the vehicle but not driving. They said another man had been driving but fled. Passenger **Jonathan David Gualan Lozano**, 29, Ellsworth, went to River Falls Area Hospital with suspected minor injuries. Passenger **Manuel Maji**, 42, Ellsworth, also went to RFAH with suspected serious injuries. The vehicle, owned by Lozano, was towed due to disabling damage. It's unknown if anyone was wearing seat belts.

Deputies responded at 9:04 p.m. Sept. 20 to a two-vehicle head-on collision on Highway 29 near Park Drive in Spring Valley. **Aldo Tlatemohu-Anastacid**, 20, Woodville, was traveling west on Highway 29 in a 2003 Dodge pickup when he lost control of his vehicle during a heavy thunderstorm. He crossed the center line and struck a 2009 Chevrolet Impala, driven by **Jacob Lathe**, 24, Hammon. Tlatemohu-Anastacid was going too fast for conditions due to torrential rain, hail and wind. Spring Valley Area Ambulance Service transported Tlatemohu-Anastacid from the scene to Western Wisconsin Health in Baldwin with undisclosed injuries. Lathe reported no injuries; both

drivers wore seat belts. Both vehicles were towed due to disabling damage. Spring Valley Fire Department also assisted at the scene. Tlatemohu-Anastacid was cited for operate without valid license, operate motor vehicle without insurance, failure to keep vehicle under control, driving too fast for conditions and operating left of center.

Officers responded to a two-vehicle crash at 7:38 p.m. Sept. 21 on Highway 65 one-quarter mile west of County Road J in the town of Ellsworth between at 2022 Honda CRV, driven by **Kari Jane Richardson**, 41, Plum City, and a 2009 Ford Focus, driven by **Danielle Dorothy Peterson**, 22, River Falls. Richardson was southbound on Highway 65 and slowed for a deer in the road. Peterson, who was behind her, didn't see her slow in time and rear-ended her. The Honda had minor damage while the Ford had functional damage. Both drivers wore seat belts and reported no injuries.

Police responded to a two-vehicle crash at 4:41 p.m. Sept. 23 on County Road F just south of 820th Avenue in the town of Clifton between a 1996 Dodge R15, driven by **Harley Nathan Williams**, 17, Hampton, Minn., and a illegally parked 2008 Chevrolet Impala, owned by **Anthony L. Frey**, Hudson. The Impala was broken down and parked off the roadway on the east

shoulder of County Road F facing north. Williams was heading north through a curvy area at a high rate of speed. He lost control on the damp road, spun 180 degrees and skidded across the entire road. He struck the Impala while skidding backwards. Both vehicles became locked together and Williams' vehicle spun around into the ditch. Frey's vehicle was unoccupied. Williams and passenger **Carley Marie Hamilton Schmidt**, 17, Hastings, Minn., both wore seat belts and reported no injuries. The Dodge had functional damage, while the Impala had disabling damage.

Officers responded to a two-vehicle crash at 5:07 p.m. Sept. 23 at US Highway 10 and 950th Street in the town of Trimble between a 2015 Ram 150, driven by **Jacob Patrick Maher**, 41, Ellsworth, and 2014 Ford Escape, driven by **Terry L. Hines**, 86, Hager City. Maher was traveling eastbound on Highway 10 and Hines was traveling northbound on 950th Street, stopped at the stop sign at Highway 10. Hines didn't see Maher approaching and attempted to cross the intersection; Maher struck Hines' vehicle, causing disabling damage. Maher's truck had minor damage. Both drivers wore seat belts and reported no injuries.

PIERCE COUNTY Traffic and Forfeitures

Ronald Todd Allgood, 59, Hammond, operate without valid license, dismissed.

Jessica Lynn Barrett, 41, Plum City, OWI-first, license revoked six months, alcohol assessment ordered, \$937.50; failure to keep vehicle under control, dismissed; possess open intoxicants in motor vehicle - driver, dismissed; operating with PAC, dismissed.

Atic P. Contento Lapo, 30, River Falls, driving

against traffic (one way street), \$175.30; keep open intoxicants in motor vehicle - driver, \$263.50.

Jonathan David Gualan Lozano, 29, Ellsworth, operate without valid license, \$200.50; operate without valid license, \$200.50.

Miria M. Guaman, 29, Ellsworth, operate without valid license, \$200.50.

Jaysen Floyd Hallquist, 16, Ellsworth, minor possession of electronic nicotine

delivery system, \$162.70.

Noah Alexander Hines, 18, Beldenville, speeding, \$200.50; possess drug paraphernalia, dismissed.

Cory L. Huppert, 43, Hager City, speeding, \$175.30.

Ciro Romero Gonzalez, 19, Ellsworth, operate without valid license, \$200.50.

Salas Sanchez, 30, Ellsworth, operate without valid license, \$200.50.

Jordan Tyler Schutes, 34, Golden Valley, Minn., re-

fuse to take test for intoxication after arrest, other; fail/yield right/way from stop sign, \$175.30; operate without valid license, \$200.50.

Victor Hugo Torres Ramirez, 52, Maiden Rock, operate without valid license, \$200.50.

Charmain Marie Weiss, 28, Ellsworth, dog at large, \$175.30.

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The Pierce Perspective

(Note: These commentaries are always written by Pierce County residents)

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address is counted among the great speeches. He reminded his audience of the purposes and roles of the government encapsulated in the phrase "government of the people, by the people and for the people."

To Lincoln, the government was a joint project among the people. Government was created, run and benefited the people. In the 19th century this view of government contrasted with the "Self-made Man" where individuals worked for their personal benefit, not for the people.

That contrast still exists. Are the goals of government related to all citizens or designed to aid specific individuals in reaching their goals?

Proper government enacts laws, builds railroads, canals and roads; and establishes things such as a currency, an education system, and other supportive systems to aid in the lives of all citizens. Lincoln stated that government is pro-active in providing an acceptable level of life. The Self-made Man philosophy argues that an acceptable level has to be earned by individual effort and prioritizes competition and not cooperation. The self-made man sees only his own gains, and that leads to division and selfishness.

Lincoln stressed reuniting a nation torn apart by competing in their self-interest. In the years following, the U.S. experienced great growth because democracy and citizenship work when the citizens take joint responsibility. Which road are we taking now? The road of self-interest and conflict or the road of cooperation and unity? The Democratic Party agrees with Lincoln. The nation is better when citizens work towards better lives for everyone.

Signed,
The Pierce County Democrats

PRESCOTT Police Department Reports

The following incidents were reported to Prescott Police Department Sept. 19-25.

Monday, Sept. 19

Bridget Farrah Kopren, 23, North St. Paul, Minn., was cited for speeding and possession of THC after a traffic stop for speeding at 10 p.m. at Cherry Street and Highway 10.

Tuesday, Sept. 20

Officers investigated a noise complaint at 4:49 a.m. at 165 Borner St.

At 9:27 a.m., officers stood by while vehicles were removed from 244 Elm St. for code violations.

David Chaidez, 30, St. Paul, was cited for an ordinance violation at 5:15 p.m. at Ash and Front streets.

At 5:42 p.m., police received a tree limb complaint at 338 Orange St. The complaint was forwarded to public works.

Bruce Lyle Stottrup, 78, Fort Dodge, Iowa, received a written warning for speeding after a traffic stop at 7:52 p.m. at Kinnickinnic and Broad streets.

Sean Michael Murphy, 33, Suring, was cited for speeding after a traffic stop at 8:56 p.m. at Jefferson and Walter streets.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at 9:56 p.m. at 505 Campbell St.

Amber Lynn Thunstrom, 27, Red Wing, Minn., was cited for speeding after a traffic stop at 10:54 p.m. at Jefferson and Monroe streets.

Wednesday, Sept. 21

Steven Terry Yackel, 39, Vadnais Heights, Minn., received a written warning for speeding after a traffic stop at 12:03 a.m. at Kinnickinnic and Broad streets.

Ahmed M. Abdulle, 29, Grand Island, was cited for failure to obey traffic officer/signal after a traffic stop at

2:07 p.m. at Dexter Street and Ryden Road.

Dolores Cano Gutierrez, 32, Porter, Texas, was cited for speeding and operate without valid license after a traffic stop at 6:34 a.m. at Warren and Jefferson streets.

Kathryn Anne Hannah-an, 38, West St. Paul, Minn., was cited for speeding after a traffic stop at 8:08 a.m. at Warren and Jefferson streets.

Josiah David Harris, 27, Cannon Falls, Minn., was cited for speeding after a traffic stop at 8:24 a.m. at Jefferson and Walter streets.

An officer responded at 2:25 p.m. to 1707 Orrin Road for a standby and keep the peace.

Machele Darlene Michels, 35, Rochester, Minn., was cited for speeding after a traffic stop at 3:23 p.m. at Warren and Jefferson streets.

A Prescott juvenile was cited for speeding after a traffic stop at 9:27 p.m. at Warren an Jefferson streets.

Thursday, Sept. 22

Steven John Matson, 54, St. Paul, was cited for speeding after a traffic stop at 6 a.m. at Warren and Jefferson streets.

Deras Coca Herminio, 53, St. Paul, was cited for operate without valid license and operating a motor vehicle without insurance and warned for operation without required lamps lighted after a traffic stop at 6:20 a.m. at Highway 10 and Campbell Street.

At 9:27 p.m., police responded to 1020 Lake St. for a suspicious vehicle. The vehicle moved to another location.

Ryan Raymond Repke, 37, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., was cited for a boat launch fee violation at 11:14 p.m. at Ash and Front streets. He was also cited at 2:23 a.m. Sept. 23 for vehicle parked at the boat launch.

Friday, Sept. 23

Suspicious activity was reported at 6:40 p.m. at 257 Monroe St. Extra patrol was requested.

Thomas Alan Thornton, 26, Buffalo, Minn., was cited for speeding after a traffic stop at 10:06 p.m. at Kinnickinnic and Broad streets.

Saturday, Sept. 24

Andrea Elaine Weseley, 43, Cottage Grove, Minn., was cited for speeding and warned for an inoperable headlamp after a traffic stop at 12:53 a.m. at Kinnickinnic and Broad streets.

A caller reported a possible prowler at 1:27 p.m. at 475 S. Dakota St.

Christopher William Kulak, 44, St. Paul, was cited for operate without valid license after a traffic stop at 11:15 p.m. at Jefferson and Monroe streets.

Natalie Yvette Briones, 38, Hastings, Minn., was arrested for OWI-first, operating with PAC and fail/proper-

ly maintain headlamps after a traffic stop for inoperable headlamps at 11:59 p.m. in the 200 block of Broad Street.

Sunday, Sept. 25

Steven Edward Whillock, 62, Cottage Grove, Minn., received a written warning for speeding after a traffic stop at 6:13 a.m. at Dexter and Jefferson streets.

Caitlin Marcella Ward, 24, Minnetonka, Minn., received a written warning for speeding after a traffic stop at 7:27 a.m. at Dexter and Jefferson streets.

Mark Belavus, 21, Prior Lake, Minn., was cited for speeding after a traffic stop at 9:25 p.m. at Broad and Orange streets.

At 10:18 p.m., officers responded to a fight in progress at 138 Broad St. **Joey Lamont Wilson**, 43, Prescott, was arrested for disorderly conduct, obstruction and a probation violation.

RIVER FALLS Police Department Reports

The following incidents were reported to River Falls Police Department Aug. 24 through Sept. 12.

Wednesday, Aug. 24

At 6:37 p.m., a caller reported a van racing at high rates of speed and squealing its tires in the 200 block of West Cemetery Road. The complainant provided police with the license plate and photos; he said a young man was driving. Officers tracked down the vehicle's registered owner, **Sara Elizabeth Nelson**, 40, River Falls. She told police she was driving and that her son was with her dropping off his friends. After more neighbor interviews, Nelson admitted to lying about driving. She was trying to cover up for her son, who had taken the van without permission and was showing off for his friends. He only had a permit. Nelson was cited \$250 for obstructing an officer and the 15-year-old was cited \$92.50 for exhibition of power.

Ayanna R. Benitez, 52, homeless, was arrested at 8:01 p.m. for a Pierce County warrant. Police found her in an Econoline van parked in the 200 of West Cascade Avenue, where she is currently staying.

Thursday, Aug. 25

Officers on patrol found vandalized city property at 12:23 p.m. near Park Street and Bartosh Lane. The word "poop" was spray-painted in red on a dog waste sign. It's unknown when the damage occurred.

Police responded at 9:50 p.m. to a residence in the 100 block of Sylla Street for an out-of-control juvenile who was mad at their parents for taking their phone away. The parents found sexually explicit content on the phone. The officer told the juvenile that they'd get more privileges if they listened to their parents.

Friday, Aug. 26

At 8:41 a.m., public works employee reported finding graffiti along the White Pathway (374 S. Winter St.) and in Glen Park (630 Glen Park Road). Six benches, four trash bins, three light poles, two electrical boxes, one sign and one railing had been spray painted with various words. At Glen Park, the men's bathroom had graffiti throughout. The damage was estimated to be \$1,000.

At 9 a.m., police on patrol found a Blue Saturn in the median on Highway 35 south of Main Street. The vehicle had collided with the median barrier, causing significant damage to the car's left side. The vehicle was registered to **Raymond Blake Norton**, 31, St. Paul, who officers couldn't reach. The vehicle was towed.

Officers responded at 9:31 p.m. to Holiday (302 S. Main St.) for a fake ID. **Caden Fletcher Langeness**, 19, New Richmond, was cited \$187 for ID card violation and trespassed from the store. He said he bought the ID online and was trying to buy alcohol.

Saturday, Aug. 27

At 12:56 a.m., a woman brought her 17-year-old son to the police station for a PBT because he smelled of alcohol. He denied drinking but had a BAC of .048. He said he was at a friend's house and didn't know he was drinking alcohol. He was cited \$187 for underage drinking/possession of alcohol.

Police responded at 3:30 p.m. to 520 N. Falls St. for a

welfare check. A woman had called 911 to report an "irate" person, then hung up. When police arrived, a man there told them that the woman was intoxicated and yelling and kicking things. After interviewing them both and watching a video the man took of the woman's behavior, police determined the woman needed to leave for the evening or be arrested for domestic disorderly conduct. The woman's daughter came to pick her up.

Michelle L. Tietz, 47, River Falls, turned herself into police on a felony Pierce County warrant at 5:28 p.m. at 127 S. Sixth St. She was transported to Pierce County Jail without incident.

Officers responded at 6:06 p.m. to 1300 S. Main St. for a verbal domestic in progress. A couple there were arguing about custody and accusing each other of various offenses, such as cheating, drinking too much and threats. Both admitted to drinking and agreed to separate for the night. Neither wanted to file charges so they wouldn't get kicked out of the apartment.

Melvin Homes, 31, River Falls, was cited \$187 for possession of THC and \$124 for operate without valid license after a traffic stop for speeding at 8:19 p.m. at Main and Maple streets. During contact, police smelled marijuana. A search of the vehicle revealed 7.98 grams of marijuana and multiple lose buds around the vehicle. The vehicle's owner came to pick up Homes and the vehicle.

Sunday, Aug. 28

At 3:06 a.m., police conducting extra patrol at Hoffman Park (547 Hanson Drive) found a woman sleeping in a van. While speaking with her, they saw in a plain view a bong on the van floor. During a search of the vehicle, police confiscated multiple drug paraphernalia items, 3.14 grams of methamphetamine, 4.83 grams of psilocibin, 7.08 grams of THC and smaller amounts of cocaine and meth, plus Adderall, Bupropion HCL and Memantine pills. **Branda Saree Kolve**, 32, River Falls, was arrested for possession of methamphetamine, possession of cocaine/coca, possession of THC, possession of certain hallucinogenic and stimulant drugs, possess drug paraphernalia, and illegal possession of prescription medication. She was transported to St. Croix County Jail and Child Protective Services was contacted due to police finding her two children's items in the van. She said her mother was watching them that night.

At 10:21 a.m., police found multiple locations with graffiti downtown, including a postal box in Veteran's Park, a dumpster behind 105 N. Main St., a back door at 105 N. Main St. and two doors at 105 S. Main St. The owners were notified.

At 6:42 p.m., police received a suspicious activity complaint about a man with a known drug problem looking "crazy" at Cudd's Court (1450 S. Wasson Lane). The complainant said the man used to live there and had been coming through the past couple of days. Police tried to locate the vehicle but couldn't. At 7:52 p.m., an officer heading north on Highway 65 saw a vehicle two cars behind him matching the description of the suspicious vehicle. The car crossed the center line, then passed a vehicle in a no-passing zone. The squad pulled over and the vehicle

passed the officer, who then pulled out behind the suspect and attempted to pull him over. The vehicle crossed the fog line multiple times into the gravel shoulder and motioned for the officer to go around him. The officer activated his siren, but the car refused to pull over. Two other officers joined the pursuit, with the suspect finally stopping in the parking lot of Hove Auto Body (883 Highway 65). The driver was identified as **James Burton**, 37, River Falls. He was acting erratically and mumbling, so a police called EMS to respond. Police found an open bottle of pills in the vehicle and white residue on the floor that tested positive for meth. Officers put him through field sobriety tests and found cause to arrest him for OWI-fourth, operating while revoked (alcohol related), failure to install ignition interlock device, resisting a traffic officer by failing to stop, carrying a concealed knife and possession of methamphetamine. While in the back of the squad, he began seizing and was brought to River Falls Area Hospital. After being medically cleared, he was taken to St. Croix County Jail.

Officers responded to a welfare check request at 10:52 p.m. in front of 430 Kennedy St. A man had parked in front of the complainant's mailbox four feet from the curb and was slumped over the wheel. Police were able to wake the man, identified as **Manuel Jose Ambuludi Lozano**, 41, River Falls, by shaking his shoulder. He smelled heavily of intoxicants but denied drinking. After field sobriety tests, officers arrested and cited him \$861 for OWI, \$861 for operating with PAC and \$200 for operate without valid license (second with three years) and took him to the police station, where he registered a BAC of .246.

Police responded at 11:18 p.m. to Kwik Trip (1238 N. Main St.) for a driving complaint. The caller witnessed a vehicle driving "all over the road," going varying speeds, and striking a curb when pulling into Kwik Trip. He followed the vehicle from Aldi in Hudson to River Falls. Police made contact with the vehicle, which was parked at the gas station. The driver was identified as **Alfonso Perez Hernandez**, 22, Hudson, who smelled heavily of intoxicants. Another man came out of the store carrying a case of Corona, which he placed in the vehicle. They said they had been drinking at a house in Hudson. After completing field sobriety tests, police arrested and cited Perez Hernandez \$861 for OWI, \$861 for operating with PAC and \$200 for operate without valid license (second within three years). He registered a BAC at the station of .16. Police helped his friend arrange a ride home.

Monday, Aug. 29

A woman reported a theft at 8:16 a.m. via the police station email. She told officers that on Aug. 25, she responded to a Craigslist ad to purchase football tickets for \$409. After multiple conversations and confirmations, she sent the money via AppleCash. The seller put her on hold, saying he was going to verify his account with Ticketmaster and transfer the tickets. After being on hold for several minutes, the woman hung up and tried to call him back, but the number was disconnected.

Officers responded at 11:03 a.m. to 1024 E. Cascade Ave.

for a vandalism complaint. The complainant believed someone had keyed her vehicle sometime between 6 p.m. Aug. 28 and 10 a.m. Aug. 29. The officer thought it was light scratches due to normal wear and tear. The damage was estimated to be \$150.

Thursday, Sept. 8

Officers responded at 12:30 p.m. to a two-vehicle crash in the 1100 block of North Main Street between a 2016 Chevrolet Colorado, driven by **Steven O. Johnson**, 56, River Falls, and a 2013 Ford Edge, driven by **Abrielle Jassmyrn Robinson**, 21, River Falls. Both vehicles were heading south on Main Street; Robinson said she looked over at Culver's and rear-ended Johnson's truck, when he stopped in traffic. Both vehicles had functional damage. Both drivers and passenger **Eli Dale Magee**, 21, River Falls, wore seat belts and reported no injuries. Robinson was cited \$111.40 for inattentive driving.

Police performed a traffic stop for expired registration at 10 p.m. just north of Main Street on Highway 35. The passenger, **Michael James Kirkland**, 33, Amery, had a felony warrant out for his arrest and an attempt to locate bulletin from Amery Police Department for making terroristic threats on his ex-wife. A vehicle search revealed methamphetamine and multiple drug paraphernalia items in Kirkland's possession and in the trunk of the car, which belonged to driver **Melissa Marie Crocker**, 43, River Falls. Crocker was arrested for possession of methamphetamine, possess drug paraphernalia and felony bail jumping. Kirkland was arrested for felony bail jumping, possession of THC, possess drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance. Both were transported to St. Croix County Jail without incident.

Friday, Sept. 9

Nicholas Samuel Fiorita, 22, Oconomowic, was arrested and cited \$861 for OWI, \$861 for operating with PAC and \$124 for operating while suspended after a traffic stop for driving without headlights at 12:33 a.m. at Main and Walnut streets. Fiorita and his passenger, **Amanda Marie Barry**, 19, River Falls, said they'd been drinking at Barry's dorm room and were heading to the Valu Stay. Both smelled heavily of alcohol. After performing field sobriety tests, Fiorita was arrested and booked at RFPD, where he registered a BAC of .13. Barry registered a BAC of .91 and was cited \$187 for underage drinking/possession of alcohol.

Saturday, Sept. 10

Police responded at 1:10 a.m. to Bold Burger (106 N. Main St.) for a fight in progress. When an officer approached the group, **Dylan Joel Sweeney**, 27, River Falls, fled on foot toward East Elm Street. A Bold bouncer said Sweeney had been involved in a fight. The officer chased him through the alley toward Spirit of Grace Church, through River Falls State Bank parking lot and into Ostness Park, where he stopped. He smelled heavily of intoxicants and said he did nothing wrong. When officers were handcuffing him, Sweeney resisted continuously, threatening police, their families and swearing. Officers had to guide him into the squad when he refused to cooperate. Sweeney

was taken to Pierce County Jail on battery, disorderly conduct and resisting or obstructing an officer charges. The bouncer at Bold, plus the victim, told police Sweeney had been acting aggressively outside of Bold. When the victim walked past Sweeney, he made a comment about Sweeney's behavior. Sweeney then punched him in the face and picked him up and threw him to the ground.

Officers were notified at 8:35 a.m. of a hit-and-run crash that had occurred sometime in the night in the parking lot of 1457 Wildcat Court. An unknown vehicle backed into a legally parked 2017 Hyundai Elantra, owned by **Michele R. Gaul**, River Falls. The Elantra had minor damage to the bumper and trunk lid. Gaul said the vehicle had been damage-free at 6 p.m. Sept. 9.

A broken window was reported at 8:26 a.m. at 204 N. Main St. Police found nothing inside the building, which was empty, that had been thrown through the window. Nothing was found outside either. The owner secured the window and said it would cost \$452.50 to replace, with materials and labor.

At 11:26 a.m., an American Legion member reported that two 3-by-5-foot flags had been stolen from Family Fresh (303 S. Main St.) in the last 48 hours. The complainant said six flags, which cost \$60 apiece, have gone missing around town since Memorial Day.

Officers responded at 1:55 p.m. to a dog bite report at 863 Glenmeadow St. A 36-year-old woman out running was bit by a small dog, who escaped its invisible fence. The owners were provided quarantine paperwork.

Police were notified of a two-vehicle crash at 3:42 p.m. that occurred at 2:28 p.m. on the East Division Street ramp at Highway 35 between a 2016 Toyota Camry, driven by **Steven Arthur Rinta**, 64, River Falls, and a 2014 Dodge Caravan, driven by **Dee Ann Dreistadt**, 86, Hudson. Rinta was facing west on the Division Street ramp at the stop sign. He began rolling forward, but saw a motorcycle coming from the south and stopped, at which time Dreistadt rear-ended him. The Toyota had functional damage while the Caravan had minor damage. Both parties wore seat belts and reported no injuries.

At 11:35 p.m., an officer found graffiti on a sign near the Glen Park pickleball court (361 Park St.). The figures "GH8" were painted, along with arrow pointing at a "2017."

Officers responded to a noise complaint at 11:49 p.m. at 314 E. Walnut St., where an estimated 50 people were at a house party. When one officer arrived, he saw a green Kia Sportage leaving with an out headlight. Officers conducted a traffic stop at Cascade Avenue and Sixth Street. The driver, identified as **Karsten Todd Clay**, 19, said he was sober cabbng friends, but he smelled of intoxicants and was slurring. After field sobriety tests and a PBT reading of .83, police had probable cause to arrest Clay for violate absolute sobriety law. He was cited \$313 and released to a responsible party. Police also confiscated a Delta-8 THC vape.

Sunday, Sept. 11

A 2007 Mitsubishi Outlander, driven by **Sophia Nicole Korman**, 22, Hudson, struck a deer at 12:41 a.m.

on Highway 35 just north of Highway 65. The vehicle was towed due to disabling damage. Korman wore a seat belt and reported no injuries.

Officers provided mutual aid at 2:13 a.m. to UW-River Falls police at 850 E. Cascade Ave. (Crabtree Hall), where a resident assistant busted a group of kids drinking in the basement. All of them fled except one, who said he had had two beers in his room while playing video games. He refused to give the names of the others so he wouldn't be known as a "rat." The RA found an empty bottle of Pink Whitney and beer cans in the garbage can.

Officers conducted a traffic stop at 3:13 a.m. at Main and Pomeroy streets on a vehicle going 15 mph, deviating in its traffic lane, and crossing the center and fog lines. **Luis Fernando Japon Ambuludi**, 24, River Falls, smelled of intoxicants and had glassy eyes. An empty Corona bottle was on the car's floorboard and many empty alcohol containers were in the back seat. After performing field sobriety tests, police arrested Ambuludi and brought him to the station for booking, where he registered a .172 BAC. He was cited \$861 for OWI and \$861 for operating with PAC. Police gave him a courtesy ride after booking to 811 State St.

Police responded at 3:15 a.m. to 215 W. Cascade Ave. where a woman reported being tracked earlier in the night by an Apple AirTag. She told police she'd been downtown with friends when her phone notified her at 3 a.m. that an Apple AirTag had been near her phone since 11:40 p.m. It tracked her movements from Bold Bar to a friend's house to the area of Third and Spring streets. Police searched the area but located nothing. The woman searched her clothing but found no tag.

Monday, Sept. 12

Officers responded at 12:29 a.m. to a home in the 400 block of North Wasson Lane where an out-of-control juvenile reportedly had a knife in their bedroom. The juvenile stole the knife from the kitchen while talking to another juvenile on the phone, who was threatening suicide over Snapchat. The juvenile denied taking the knife, but police found it in an air duct, along with a vape device. The juvenile was cited \$92.50 for minor possesses or purchases tobacco/nicotine. Child Protective Services was informed of the juvenile's behavior and the other juvenile's comments about suicide.

At 3:33 a.m., police were asked to perform a welfare check at ValuStay (708 N. Main St.), where a heavily intoxicated man kept knocking on someone's door. When police made contact with the suspect, he asked them into his room to help him find his glasses. He had open misdemeanor cases with an absolute sobriety requirement, but registered a .284 BAC. Charges for misdemeanor bail jumping were referred to the district attorney.

Officers responded at 7:50 a.m. to River Falls High School (818 Cemetery Road) for a vehicle vs. pedestrian crash. A 2015 Ford Explorer, driven by **Sophia Irene Lodge**, 17, River Falls, struck **Jenna Marie Lawrence**, 17, River Falls, who was preparing to cross the parking lot. Lodge said extreme sun glare prevented her from seeing Lawrence, who had suspected minor injuries but declined EMS.

PRESCOTT Area News



PHS students collect plant data at Magee Park

PRESCOTT – Forty-seven Prescott High School students from Matt Rankin’s Environmental Science classes joined Coulee River Trails volunteer Kim Reich in Magee Park on Tuesday, Sept. 20. They spent the morning collecting data as part of a plant survey.

A phone app helped them identify plants within a 10-foot radius of flags placed along GPS coordinates randomly assigned by computer. The data will help determine trail alignments and management plans for the park.

Coulee River Trails is a non-profit community group committed to developing and maintaining a regional trail system in the Prescott area.

Mission: CRT connects and conserves the unique habitat and history of the confluence region, providing a place for recreation and exploration.

Vision: Protect nationally significant habitat as a nature reserve and promote outdoor activity by creating a trail



Students from Matt Rankin’s Environmental Science class at Prescott High School helped collect data as part of a plant survey at Magee Park on Sept. 20. Photo courtesy of Israel Haas

system to allow walkers and bikers to explore and enjoy the unique confluence region

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trails or at www.couleerivertrails.org for news and updates.

Submitted by Coulee River Trails

Prescott Council works on capital plan

By John McLoone

PRESCOTT – The Prescott City Council held a lengthy workshop meeting Wednesday night, Sept. 21, working to align an ambitious schedule of capital improvement projects into budgets over the next several years.

One idea brought up to be looked at down the road – after completion of the current list of capital projects – is a new combined city hall/police department building. City offices are combined with the library at 800 Borner St. N. The police department is just to the east at 1601 Pine St. If that were to happen down the road, talk was that the current city building could allow for library expansion with a community room where the city council chambers are located.

The police department, especially, is short on space.

“We’re running out of room,” Chief Eric Michaels said.

“A pole shed isn’t necessarily great for recruiting new officers,” said City Administrator Matt Wolf. “The whole idea is to throw it out there now.”

Alderspersion Thomas Oss said the city office/library building was intended initially to be just for the library.

“This building historically was built by money given by the DOT (Wisconsin Department of Transportation) for a new library,” he said.

Wolf floated the idea, potentially to be looked at in 2030-31.

Wolf said that everything the council talked about that evening would still need to be voted on by the group prior to any projects getting underway.

“This is just a roadmap,” he said. “Everything has to come before the council.”

One initiative the city hopes to get underway for 2023 is to start a parks improvement fund with the idea that improvements in the future will be funded through it. Money from the fund will come from park fees required in developments that don’t set aside park land, room tax dollars, grant money and unused park upkeep funds not used in current years. The city currently has \$29,000 in park development dollars, and Wolf said he’s anticipating \$10,324 from the new room tax, based on what was collected in its first couple months. A share of the room tax can be used for parks, while the rest goes to the city Tourism Commission overseen by the Prescott Area Chamber of Commerce.

Revenue for projects can



Prescott City Administrator Matt Wolf led a discussion at a city council workshop on Wednesday, Sept. 21. The council worked on putting together a capital improvement plan for the next several years. Photo by John McLoone

come from the two tax incremental financing districts where the city can borrow money, and tax revenue generated within the district pays the debt. The city also has \$409,551 in federal COVID American Rescue Plan Act funds, most of which is earmarked to getting its Well No. 3 back online. The well was shut down last year by order of the Department of Natural Resources because of higher-than-normal nitrate levels.

The city will borrow for road projects, coupled with funds from grants and other sources. Locust Street is set to be rebuilt in 2023, and Elm and Washington Streets in 2024. There will also be mill and overlay work on Orange and Cherry Streets in 2023 and other roads in future years.

In 2023, a range of funds will go for police department and public works department improvements. The police are in need of new radios, because of technology changes. Three new body cameras would be purchased, and upgrades are needed in the training room. Starting in 2024, a new squad car would be purchased every other year, with \$40,000 to be set aside for the first one.

In public works, in the plan for 2023 are a brush hog extension, a lawn mower replacement and the purchases of a Bobcat and plow truck. A street sweeper would be on the table for purchase in 2024.

New shelving and a circulation desk are planned in 2023 for the library.

There was significant talk about parks improvements. In its budget for 2023, \$74,619 will be included for Public Square Park. In 2024-25, more than \$300,000 are planned in Magee Park. Other parks will see dollars spent in them in future years as well.

In Public Square Park, plans for pickleball courts and other improvements are planned in 2023, with the Prescott Pickleball raising funds for half the cost of the project.

“There’s a lot of people showing up at my parks meetings for pickleball. They’re still up for paying 50 percent,” said alderperson and parks committee chair Bailey Ruona. “We’ve had a lot of community outcry for this.”

The parks committee plans to tour parks in the near future to prioritize improvement projects.

For the work needed on Well No. 3, the city hopes to get funding through a new DNR program targeting PFAS contaminants, which were also discovered in the well. The city had hoped for funding through the DNR Safe Drinking Water Loan Program, but it was informed that its median household income is too high.

The well project is expected to cost \$1.7 million. The city has also made a pitch for a \$260,910 of Pierce County’s ARPA funds for the project. In the best-case scenario, the city’s water utility would have to devote \$349,539 to that project. However, if outside grant/ARPA funds don’t materialize, the city would have to come up with nearly \$1.3 million additional.

That brought up discussion about potential water rate increases. The city will consider a Public Service Commission water rate study.

“We’re going to need one,” said Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Beth Lansing said.

The overall capital plan will move to the council for approval once it’s refined, said Wolf.

“It’s good work,” said Oss. “This is such a hard time to look forward. It’s pretty foggy.”

PSD Board digging in to plans for facility swap, outdoor space plans

By John McLoone

“It’s a transformative period for Prescott. There are many things happening.”

Those were the words of Prescott School District Superintendent Dr. Rick Spicuzza at the regular monthly school board meeting, held Wednesday, Sept. 21 in the Prescott High School library.

District staff is busy working with contractor Market & Johnson on projects included in the \$15 million referendum approved by voters in April. Spicuzza told the board that most of the infrastructure projects to invest in the district buildings will take place starting next June. However, because of supply chain issues, the district is working to order needed equipment and supplies now.

“We have started to order things that have pretty long supply chain issues, some of the panel and electric work, fuse boxes, things like that have been ordered,” he said.

The school board was scheduled for a work session Monday, Sept. 26 to talk about other initiatives Spicuzza introduced at the August board meeting.

Those included:

Changing the high school from a five-period to a six-period day.

“It will expand some courses that have only been able to do two terms and not three,” said Spicuzza, noting that it would allow for 12 additional elective classes as well.

A study of outdoor facilities, which would include collaboration with the Coulee River Trail system and a look at the future of the track and football complex, now located adjacent to the Malone Intermediate School.

The board will look at district green space, with possible future proposals to move the track and football complex to land closer to the high school on Dexter Street.

The district isn’t able to run its own track invitational because of the size of the track, which is also deteriorating.

Spicuzza said last month that the district could rebuild and expand the track where it is or consider relocation.

“Our district track is deteriorating faster than anticipated,” Spicuzza said.

The board will be presented with information on outdoor facilities at other Middle Border Conference Schools.

A look at the district academic and learning model and alignment of middle school and intermediate school grade levels.

Spicuzza suggested last month that fourth and fifth grades should be housed at what is now the middle school building, which would allow grades six-eight to move into the larger intermediate school building. He said that studies conducted by the board have shown that the Prescott Middle School building should only house two grades.

“It is something that’s been the elephant in the room,” he told the board. “We have had two independent facility studies that have identified that the current middle school facility is viable, and we’re investing in and maintaining that. But it’s viable for two grade levels.”

The middle school, located at 125 Elm St. N., is the oldest of the district’s buildings.

On the flip side, the Malone Intermediate School, the former high school building, is much larger and more modern.

“The physical state of the building and space matches better with our middle school students,” said Spicuzza. “It impacts students’ learning and programming. We do not have flexibility for any collaboration space or small group instruction based on how the middle school building is situated. I believe that sixth, seventh and eighth grade are a best fit at the intermediate school.”

Administration would like the change made so that the buildings are switched around a year from now when students head back to school.

“In order to pull this off and make sure we’re not underusing a facility, I believe that we should be planning for fall 2023 of making the swap,” he said.

Some changes would be needed at the intermediate school, such as the facilities garage being relocated to allow for construction of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) space.

While referendum dollars are being used for infrastructure improvement, the \$1.167 million the district has set aside in its capital project fund can go toward changes needed in classrooms and educational space.

“The three buildings we’re investing in were all built in the 1960s or before,” Spicuzza said. “We are in the best financial position the Prescott School District has been in in a long time. We have the ability to say, ‘How do we want to make sure that the learning environment matches the academic model?’”

He said that in spite of the fact that the facilities – especially the middle school building – aren’t tailor-made for modern educational models, the district students excel. He hinted that the community will be pleased with state test results expected to be released at the end of this week.

“Structures, we believe, sometimes suppress the ability for us to enhance or provide new programming,” Spicuzza said.

Student rep

The board welcomed new student representative, senior Rian Engeldinger. She made a brief introduction, as it was her homecoming week, and her presence was required at the powder puff football game.

“This year’s going extremely well,” she said.

The high school student council has a goal of including the community in more events this year, she said.

Big game

Spicuzza announced that the Prescott High School boys basketball team will play a non-conference game following a Milwaukee Bucks game at the Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee on Martin Luther King Day, Monday, Jan. 16.

The game will be played at 5:30 p.m., with an official announcement coming from the Bucks soon.

“It will be one of the best non-conference games in the state this year,” said Spicuzza.

New tech specialist

The board approved the hiring of a technology integration specialist, Josiah Wilson, who will work with staff and students to enhance the use of technology. Wilson is a licensed teacher.

PRESCOTT KIWANIS CLUB Student of the Week

The Prescott Kiwanis Sept. 28 Student of the Week is sophomore Max Dearborn, who was nominated by Library Media Specialist Joan Simon.

“Max has been involved in all of our library clubs for two years including National History Day, Book Club, Writer’s and Guys Read,” Simon said. “Max is an avid reader and an excellent writer. He attends all meetings and always has a positive attitude. Always willing to help. Max volunteered to help reorganize the Malone library after the third grade moved back to Malone Elementary before school started this year. He even brought his brother along!”

Max is the son of Marvin Dearborn, Alys Burr, and Daniel J. Dearborn. He is a member of the cross country team, Book Club, National History Day and Writer’s Block. He enjoys drawing, writing and building living worlds.



Max Dearborn

In the future, he plans to continue writing stories and making worlds in a variety of media. He might even make games with his brother.

ELLSWORTH Area News



Ellsworth student Kaia Jacobson and fourth grade teacher Courtney Langer volunteered at a recent Tradehome Shoes/Minnesota Vikings event to donate shoes to 500 children in foster care. Photo courtesy of Courtney Langer



Tradehome Shoes Vice President of Store Personnel Mark Jacobson and retired Viking Esera Tualo at the Tradehome Shoes giveaway at the Vikings training facility. Photo courtesy of the Minnesota Vikings



A Vikings player hugs a little girl at the Tradehome Shoes giveaway event in September. Photo courtesy of the Minnesota Vikings

Fourth grader's idea expands to NFL partnership

Tradehome Shoes partners with EES to provide shoes to area children

By Sarah Nigbor

ELLSWORTH – You never know what one idea could turn into or the impact it could have. Just ask Ellsworth Community School District student Kaia Jacobson. What began as a way to help her classmates has grown into a partnership impacting thousands of children and involving an NFL team.

In December 2020, Jacobson and her classmates in Courtney Langer's fourth grade class at Ellsworth Elementary School learned about giving back to the community and how to implement action steps to help others. The first step in the process was to notice a problem.

But Kaia Jacobson wanted to go bigger. She rallied her class to get involved and help others in the community on a larger scale. The 22 students brainstormed a marketing plan to raise enough money to purchase 50 new pairs of shoes. They called it "Kicks for Kids."

Nilssen's grocery store donated the space on a Saturday for the kids to have a stand. The class rotated shifts and students' families donated baked goods as a "thank you" gift to hand out. Local companies such as Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services also hosted donation boxes at their facilities where people could donate money or new shoes.

In one weekend, the class raised \$2,105, Langer said. Tradehome Shoes also donated shoes and offered EES a partnership to buy shoes for its back-to-school event each year, at cost.

"This partnership is going on its fourth year, where Mark has continued to support EES," Langer said.

Even bigger

According to Langer, Mark Jacobson has expanded this mission and has led the company to start a new initiative called "Trade at Home, Give at Home."

"This is now their 'giving back' portion of the company," Langer said. "They started a brand called Century where it started with socks and for every pack of socks sold, donations of socks were given to the community. Now Century waterproofs and donates \$1 for every can sold to help purchase shoes for school children."

"There's a lot of companies out there that give back nationally, but we wanted to give back locally," Mark Jacobson said. "So we wanted to give back in towns like Aberdeen, South Dakota, and Willmar, Minnesota, and all of these little communities that have supported us for all these years. So every single town that we have a presence in, we give back shoes to the local school."

This year they raised enough money to donate 7,000 pairs of shoes and over 60,000 packs of socks to lo-



In 2020, Kaia Jacobson and her classmates in Courtney Langer's fourth grade class raised more than \$2,000 to donate shoes to Ellsworth kids. Photo courtesy of Courtney Langer

cal communities.

"They also are coordinating with a number of schools to provide reduced cost shoes, like EES," Langer said. "To allow the school to receive as many shoes as they need at a reduced cost."

In September, several Minnesota Vikings players, such as Camryn Bynum, C.J. Ham, Harrison Phillips and Irv Smith Jr., along with retired Vikings Scott Studwell and Esera Tualo appeared at an event at Twin Cities Orthopedics Performance Cen-

ter in Eagan, Minn., where they teamed up with Tradehome Shoes to surprise 500 children in foster care with new shoes, socks and Under Armour backpacks.

The Vikings event was the first "in person" giveaway that Tradehome has had for the shoes. Vikings players signed autographs and helped size shoes for 400-500 foster kids and their families. Families enjoyed a meal, games, and a DJ at the MN Vikings Training Facility.

Kaia Jacobson, Mark Ja-

cobson, Tradehome Shoes team members, and Langer all volunteered at the event.

"This will hopefully be a yearly event as we continue to grow this mission!" Langer said.

As for Kaia Jacobson, what a feeling to see her idea grow from a classroom project to something affecting thousands of kids.

"This is super cool, being able to help change people's lives for the better," she told a Vikings reporter.



(From left): Braden Marshall, Tate Drake and Leighton Thom helped to clear the cross country trails at Cairns Woods for Ellsworth High School's Community Service Day on Sept. 21. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



(From left): Zander Hicks, Wyatt Peterson, teacher Tanner Christopherson, Grace Bierbrauer and Sonya Ortiz refreshed the mulch at Bonnie Langer Memorial Park at the corner of Main and Chestnut streets in Ellsworth for Ellsworth High School's Community Service Day on Wednesday, Sept. 21. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



Jasper Knutson power washes the site that will be home to Ellsworth's newest mural, along the parklet in Ellsworth's East End. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



Alex Knight and teacher Katie Sief paint the hallway at E-Town Collaborative as part of EHS's Community Service Day on Sept. 21. Photo by Sarah Nigbor

EHS gives back for Community Service Day

ELLSWORTH – Thank you to all students, staff and community members who helped make this year's Day of Service a success! All ninth, tenth and 12th grade students worked for three hours at one of 28 sites on a service project.

Among the sites were the Ellsworth Ambulance, Camp Pepin, Cairns Woods Trails,

Ellsworth Care Center, EBSA softball/baseball fields and Bonnie Langer Memorial Park. All EHS students then had a school wide picnic to celebrate their work. A huge thank you to all groups who hosted a site!

Submitted by EHS teacher Anne Pechacek

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RIVER FALLS Area News

RF man flees from police, gets tased

By Sarah Nigbor

A River Falls man attempted to run from police after being detained for giving them a false name. The incident involved multiple law enforcement agencies resulting in a few officers being injured.

Isreal was ordered to pay \$5,000 cash bail Sept. 12 in Pierce County Circuit Court on felony escape – criminal arrest (repeater), two counts of felony resist officer – substantial bodily harm/soft tissue injury (repeater), resisting or obstructing an officer (repeater) and possess drug paraphernalia (repeater) charges. If convicted, he faces up to six years in prison and/or up to \$10,000 in fines.

According to the complaint:

At 11:45 p.m. Sept. 7, an officer responded to the area of North Second and East Cedar streets in River Falls after receiving a smoke complaint. While attempting to find the smoke's source, the officer saw a fire burning in the backyard at 402 1/2 N. Third St. and a grill with flames where someone was cooking. The flames in the firepit were green in color and smelled of burnt plastic.

The officer approached and got a look at the man at the grill, who matched a description police had received of someone possibly staying at the residence with active warrants for disorderly conduct, battery and resisting with a history of being "highly combative with law enforcement." The officer requested other officers respond for back up.

When more officers arrived, they approached the man and called out the name "D'Angelo." He did respond the first time, and the second time turned around and said that wasn't his name. He claimed to be someone named Isiah Isreal, D'An-



D'Angelo Isreal

gelo's brother, and said he had no identification to provide. Pierce County dispatch found no one by that name.

At this point, two women, ages 47 and 21, and a man came outside. The older woman said police had no reason to identify the man claiming to be Isiah. Police informed her that they were investigating an ordinance violation and needed to identify him. The woman became extremely confrontational and upset.

The younger woman said she knew no one named D'Angelo and that the man in question was her boyfriend, Isiah. Police told the man that he was being detained due to giving police a false name. He asked if he could get the food off the grill, which officers allowed. He told them he was going to take it inside, but the officers told him to set it down. The older woman, who had gone in the house, came running outside and attempted to wedge herself between an officer and the Isreal. Police instructed her to step back, at which point Isreal attempted to run. He became combative and physically resisted by pulling his hands away and refusing to comply with orders. Police got him to the ground and pressed a taser against his back, giving him multiple commands to stop resisting or he would be tased. Isreal grabbed the officer's radio microphone and pulled it off his vest.

The officer got it back and requested additional officers to respond.

Police were eventually able to get Isreal's hands behind his back and placed him in handcuffs. The older woman continued to provoke a disturbance and accused officers of arresting him because he's Black. Isreal continued to insist that D'Angelo was his big brother.

Additional officers from Pierce County, St. Croix County, Hudson police and Wisconsin State Patrol arrived on scene. As officers were walking him to the squad, Isreal ripped his arms away and ran back toward the house. Officers chased him and commanded him to stop, but he refused. A Hudson officer deployed his taser, but it was ineffective. Police caught up with him and took him to the ground, where he was placed in leg shackles. EMS responded for an evaluation and taser probe removal.

During the chase, the older woman pushed another officer and scratched her arm. She was identified as Solvaline R. Brown, arrested for battery to law enforcement, handcuffed and transported to Pierce County Jail.

At the hospital, Isreal became compliant and staff medically cleared him to go to jail. At the jail, he again told them his name was Isiah, but fingerprints revealed he was in fact D'Angelo Isreal.

Another officer had trouble walking and bending his knee after the incident. He sought treatment at River Falls Area Hospital where he had to get x-rays. Another officer was treated for possible torn ligaments in his thumb.

Isreal is scheduled to appear in Pierce County Circuit Court at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 28 for an arraignment hearing.

St. Bridget invites community to Jesus for Real

RIVER FALLS – The public is invited to hear best-selling author, speaker and theologian, Dr. Marcelino D'Ambrosio, who will headline a three-evening parish mission at St. Bridget Church in River Falls, on Oct. 3, 4, and 5.

The event is co-hosted with St. Mary's Immaculate Conception in Hammond and UW-River Falls Falcon Catholic.

The parish mission will begin each evening with a free, tasty meal served 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by praise and worship at 6:45 p.m., and an inspiring, humor-filled presentation by D'Ambrosio.

"The event theme, Jesus for Real, expresses that Jesus is here with us in every moment of every day," says John Hueg, St. Bridget Parish Administrator. "A relationship with Jesus is as real as having a relationship with a best friend."

D'Ambrosio, peppers his talks with stories and real-life examples. He will address a different topic each evening:

- **Monday, Oct. 3** – Personal Prayer, Pathway to Joy
- **Tuesday, Oct. 4** – Getting More Out of Mass – Mass Matters
- **Wednesday, Oct. 5** – Discipleship as the Greatest Adventure

"We invite anyone who is seeking to begin, renew or revive their relationship with



Dr. Marcelino D'Ambrosio

Jesus Christ as Lord, Savior and friend," explained Jodie Rubenzer, spiritual director at St. Bridget.

Last fall, St. Bridget offered a book study using D'Ambrosio's book and video: *Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life*, part of a ground-breaking study of the life and ministry of Jesus filmed in the Holy Land. The program was so well received that Rubenzer invited him to lead the parish cluster mission this fall.

"He is engaging and refreshing, using humor and lots of practical examples," Rubenzer explained. "That's exactly what we wanted for our parish mission."

The speaker's website, <https://www.crossroadsinitiative.com/dr-italy/>, offers a glimpse into his background and the enthusiasm he brings.

D'Ambrosio was raised in Providence, RI, where many

people had unpronounceable names like his. He initially set his sights on stardom, playing bass guitar in several popular rock bands by the time he was 16. But a deeper encounter with Christ changed his course and led to a Ph.D. in theology under the guidance of renowned Jesuit theologian, Avery Cardinal Dulles. Now better known in TV and radio as "Dr. Italy," D'Ambrosio is a speaker, best-selling author, pilgrimage director and theologian whose teaching career has included Loyola, the University of Dallas, and most recently, Catholic Distance University.

A husband and father of five, Dr. D'Ambrosio is director of Crossroads Initiative, a nonprofit ministry of evangelization and renewal. He has served as an expert commentator on religious issues on national news and is a sought-after guest on a variety of Catholic radio networks such as Relevant Radio, EWTN, and the Sirius Catholic channel.

Join the parish mission at St. Bridget Church in River Falls, and walk out with a practical plan to make your life a grand adventure with the one and only Jesus Christ.

Submitted by St. Bridget Church

ST CROIX THERAPY GOT TALENT

Show your talent

Can you sing, dance, tell jokes, magic tricks, play an instrument, or perform another special talent? If so, show your talent at St Croix Therapy Got Talent event at St. Bridget's Church on Saturday, October 8th. All ages are welcome. Limitless Cycling will be giving bike rides in the St. Bridget's parking lot. We hope to see you there!

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St. Croix Therapy Got Talent brings all abilities together

By Sarah Nigbor

RIVER FALLS – Can you sing, dance, tell jokes, perform magic tricks, play an instrument, or perform another special talent? If so, you're invited to participate in the St. Croix Therapy Got Talent event at St. Bridget's Church (211 E. Division St., River Falls) on Saturday, Oct. 8.

Brittany Moreland, a therapy aide/group coordinator at St. Croix Therapy, hopes the event will help bridge gaps and create connections between individuals of all abilities. All ages from 1 to 100 are welcome to participate.

"After the talent show, there will be a sensory bin, games, and Limitless Cycling will be giving adaptive bike rides in the St. Bridget's parking lot," Moreland said.

The idea is to bring clients, their brothers and sisters and the community together. St. Croix Therapy's Board of Directors applied for and received a Sparks grant from the

Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities. The grant money is meant to help organizations understand and implement inclusive programming better and help people with disabilities be more included and known in the community.

One member proposed a talent show after watching her grandchild perform in a school talent show. Moreland said the idea was a hit.

"We wanted to broaden it and make it about all abilities," Moreland said. "Mainly the biggest thing is just showcasing your talent. The big mission is showing that no matter what ability you have, you have a special talent. The big focus is building connections in the community and creating inclusion."

All participants will perform in a welcoming atmosphere in front of a supportive audience. Moreland, a former St. Bridget's member, said the church is a welcoming place where families can feel safe and not judged. All participants will get ribbons.

Participants must sign up by Sept. 30 using the link or QR code on the flyer or in the Facebook event. Paper applications are available at St. Croix Therapy (742 Sterbenz Drive, Hudson).

The talent show will go from about 1-1:45 p.m. Limitless Cycling will begin giving rides at 1:45 p.m.

"If a participant is waiting for a bike ride, there will be sensory stations and games," Moreland said. "For some families, it's tough to go for the whole event. They can do one or the other. We just ask that if they're doing just bikes, to come at 1:45 p.m. so as not to interrupt perfor-



Bert (left grey shirt) and Zachary (right in blue shirt) jamming on the drum at St. Croix Therapy. Photo courtesy of St. Croix Therapy

mances." The event is free, although donations are greatly appreciated.

About the sponsors
 Limitless Cycling is a nonprofit organization that supports and honors seniors, veterans, and the less-abled communities young and old alike. They bring adaptive bicycles to various senior living facilities, community centers, youth clubs, and trails in, and around, the St. Croix River Valley.

St. Croix Therapy, a nonprofit, offers both traditional and innovative therapeutic techniques to aid in the development and treatment of children as well as physical development and recovery therapies for adults. Its mission is to provide customized innovative therapeutic techniques and year-round programs to people with challenges and disabilities so that they can achieve increased independence through developing skills in functional movement, sensory processing, social skills, and communication. Their services integrate physical, occupational, speech and aquatic therapies.

Formerly known as Special Children's Center, St. Croix Therapy has served the St. Croix Valley since 1986. They provide services to children with disabilities,

developmental delays and sensory processing disorder and to adults with disabilities and chronic pain. They contract with Pierce, St. Croix and Polk counties for Birth to Three services. They also offer adaptive swim lessons, open swim, community swim and social skills groups.

"I went there as a kid and watched my sister have therapy and I knew that's where I wanted to work someday," Moreland said. "They just impacted my family so much and I see that with other families too. So I was very thankful when my sister's first therapist reached out and said they had an opening. It's very dear to my heart."

St. Croix Therapy serves families not only in the St. Croix Valley, but in Eau Claire and the Twin Cities.

"You don't have to have a disability to come to some of our programming," Moreland said.

St. Croix Therapy bills insurance companies for the therapy it offers, which helps to cover basic operating costs. However, as a small nonprofit, it counts on partnerships, donors, community grants and foundations to assure young people and their families have access to year-round workshops, groups, camps and programs.

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Grow to Share

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except their vehicles. In at least one case, an officer intentionally and unlawfully disabled a vehicle in order to apply an otherwise inapplicable ordinance to it. This is not only ethically, morally and legally wrong, it creates an unwanted liability for the city of River Falls when an employee of the city intentionally harms an individual while on duty. The city is liable for the harm done when that harm is done unlawfully and under color of law; the liability is compounded. It's time for this practice to stop and for a clear city and police department policy to be created which states it is unacceptable."

Linscott said he believe Mayor Dan Toland is unwilling to suggest a police change.

"I call upon the River Falls Common Council to enact a policy which forbids River Falls Police Department members from criminalizing the actions of any unsheltered River Falls resident," Linscott proclaimed.

He also asked the council to consider granting a parking exception for the southwest 100 feet of the Heritage Park parking lot so those who have no shelter other than their vehicles do not have to move their vehicles daily.

"The entire parking lot is a place where River Falls homeless who are fortunate enough to have vehicles to shelter have been allowed to park," Linscott said.

After calling some River Falls officers "biased," he asked council members to consider providing electricity to the homeless at the same rate they do for food vendors during Chamber events.

"While the city may not, as the mayor claims, have any obligation to provide emergency shelter for homeless residents, even in severely cold weather, this would represent the minimum obligation that humane individuals owe each other. Those River Falls residents who cannot afford traditional housing should not be intentionally punished for this, their misfortune," Linscott said.

While the council does not respond to public comment during the meeting, City Administrator Scot Simpson did.

"River Falls police serves with compassion," Simpson said. "Their actions are lawful and they are not acting as individuals. There's quite a bit of command structure, supervision and training and they work as a team."

Grow to Share

Grow to Share's Program Coordinator Taylor Stevens was on hand to ask the council to consider a more permanent lease with the nonprofit organization.

Currently, Grow to Share occupies land just north of First National Bank of River Falls Field within Hoffman Park (547 Hanson Drive). A group of mothers founded the nonprofit garden enterprise in 2009 because they wanted their kids to be more involved in healthy living and growing food. Thirteen years later, all community garden plots are completely booked out, the sharing garden has been expanded and a master gardener's demonstration garden has been added, Stevens said.

She presented a petition with more than 100 signatures asking the city to allow them to stay in their current location permanently.

"Our big ask is land security," Stevens said. "We cannot expand with the current language of this lease."

The lease states that the city has the right to terminate the contract, dated 2013, at any time with a 30-day written notice (even during the growing season.)

"Land security is crucial not only for Grow to Share but our growing community," Stevens said. "We want to meet the needs of our community and surrounding areas."

Current location is extremely bikeable and walkable, she added.

"It's a beautiful expression of sustainability, which is another of the city's values," she said.

It could perhaps inspire models of sustainability across the country.

The group's mission is to facilitate a volunteer-based collaborative garden, promote experiential learning, foster a healthy community and share the harvest. Its vision aligns with its mission: Cultivating healthy lifestyles in collaboration with local organizations, including hunger relief, hands-on food education, access to organic produce and volunteer opportunities.

Stevens said she would like to create more educational partnerships and continue partnerships with Kids Club, the School Forest, School District of River Falls and Community Education. The garden hosts workshops for canning, wellness, seed sowing, harvesting, and gardening tips/tricks.

The board would like to expand the number of food pantries it donates to, Stevens said. So far this year, the garden has donated 1,258 pounds of organic produce to area

pantries.

People have worked a total of 725 volunteer hours so far this year, including children, high school students, clubs, organizations, church groups, Scout troops, families, people with disabilities and seniors.

"Grow to Share is positive community for people of all ages, ethnicities, backgrounds and ability levels," Stevens said.

The garden has helped serve 700 adults, 350 children and 90 seniors monthly have been served through the RF Community Food Pantry, a number that has doubled since the pandemic. Grow to Share is the largest donor of fresh, locally grown produce.

With land security, the group could pursue its long-term goals:

A produce stand offering local, organic produce at the garden for all people for a small donation

A picnic shelter, allowing the group to offer more educational opportunities and a safe space for people to meet and gather at the garden.

A garden kitchen in partnership with increasing workshops – offering classes that include cooking right there in the garden.

"With negotiation of a new lease and land security, we'll be able to expand our efforts significantly," Stevens said. "Grow to Share fits into all the pillars of the city's future plans: Sustainability, outdoor recreation, inclusive community."

Stevens moved to River Falls from Illinois in 2020 on a whim and Grow to Share offered her a place to get to know people, a family.

Alderspersion Jeff Bjork said at the garden, people are talking to each other. "They're talking about the news, about what's happening in the city," Bjork said. "It's a gathering place. You're not just growing vegetables and fruits there. You're growing a community and strengthening that."

Resident Reese Matz stepped to the mic to talk about what the garden means to her and her son.

"I don't have land of my own and I have a son who enjoys going to the garden, digging in the dirt and getting muddy, finding worms and bugs, and when I found out that at any time Grow to Share could lose its land, that also meant my son could lose his garden, could lose a place that we've been going to for years, and it's provided stability for us through many life circumstances," Matz said.

Toland told Stevens that Grow to Share is phenomenal, but it might not be located in Hoffman Park forever.

"I don't think you have to worry about land

security now," Toland said. "What I mean by land security, like you guys say, is you have a place to do this. Odds are it's probably not where you are right now, because I don't think we've ever stated you will be there forever. But, if it isn't there, understand the city will work with you to find a place that'll work for us and you and everybody involved."

Simpson said it was never meant to be a permanent lease; it would limit plans the city has for Hoffman Park.

"But that doesn't mean you can't change plans," he added. "Staff hasn't said you're going to be evicted. We haven't given any notice, there's no intent to do that."

The city is in the midst of reworking its Parks & Recreation, Open Space and Comprehensive plans, Simpson said. The previous council was hesitant to go ahead with a lease and made it known it wouldn't be long-term, he added.

"We need to be assured that we have a space here," said resident Reuben Herfindahl. "We need to be assured that this is not another area, green space in the city that we're going to lose to a parking lot or lose to apartment buildings, and I think that's a lot of the community concern here, is that without something in writing, we're going to lose this space."

To learn more about Grow to Share, visit www.growtogether.org

Other business

- The council approved an ordinance annexing N8817 1010th St. and N8753 1010th St. from the town of River Falls into the city. The properties will be zoned R-2 multiple family medium density residential.
- The council approved an official zoning and future land use maps amendment to rezone the parcel at the southwest corner of South Wasson Lane and Cemetery Road from R-3 multiple family high density residential to a school zone for the anticipated new Renaissance Charter Academy.
- A development agreement with RF Ren Project LLC was approved.
- An agreement with the Episcopal Diocese of Eau Claire was approved, accepting about \$6,000 in funds to go toward the preservation of Foster Cemetery, which the diocese bequeathed to the city in 2000.
- A development agreement with RF Holdings LLC was approved for the 708 N. Main St. project. ValuStay will be razed and replaced with a commercial building.

T-Mobile grant will help RFPL provide more hotspots

By Sarah Nigbor

RIVER FALLS – River Falls Public Library is the recipient of a \$17,800 T-Mobile Hometown Grant which will be used to provide additional hotspots for checkout by library card holders at no cost. The money will be used to provide library card holders with access to connectivity with hot spot devices and free wi-fi service for community use at the library.

"Since the pandemic, the demand for internet access and awareness of the information divide has increase substantially," said Library Director Tanya Misselt in the grant application. "This is true both in and around the City of River Falls. Sadly, 14.8% of family households in the City of River Falls live in poverty (U.S. Census 2021)."

Misselt provided some statistics in her grant application:

In the City of River Falls, 2,038 households (population is 16,000) do not have broadband internet.

In the River Falls School District, 19% of students report they come from a low-income family.

In Pierce and St. Croix counties, 17,000 households are without broadband internet.

"While there are nationwide efforts to expand broadband infrastructure, it is not yet available in many rural areas," Misselt said. "It may take years to develop that infrastructure. Even after proper infrastructure is developed, the service cost will continue to be out of reach for low-income households. Many of those households will continue to rely on the library for hotspots."

Currently, RFPL circulates 26 hotspots on two T-Mobile accounts from three sources of funding. Local government funds 11 hotspots, while the River Falls Library Foundation provides funding for 15.

"Since the start of the pandemic, our community has come to rely on these additional hotspots for work, school, social connections, lifelong learning and affordable entertainment," Misselt said. "The library is in urgent need of funding to continue the current number of hotspots that the public library circulates. Due to high demand, the library also needs to expand this service."



River Falls Public Library Director Tanya Misselt beams during the presentation of the ceremonial T-Mobile grant check at Bacon Bash Saturday, Sept. 24. Photo courtesy of Michael Metro

The library pulled together enough funding to continue its contract for a few more months. Without the grant, the library might have had to drop the account; \$10,584 of the grant will go toward another two-year contract. The library will also implement an additional 10 hotspots with the remaining \$7,056 to meet demand. Currently, the waiting list for hotspots is 25 people deep.

Surveys show that card holders use the hotspots for a variety of reasons, such as attending virtual meetings and classes, submitting homework, accessing entertainment, searching for housing, accessing email, online banking, job hunting, telehealth visits, and more. The hotspots can be checked out for two weeks.

"Our world is more interconnected to information on the Internet than ever," Misselt said. "Thanks to the T-Mobile Hometown Grant we can provide more library patrons with access to online library resources and the Internet through the circulation of additional hotspots. Now, more than ever we can help our community stay connected. Thank you, T-Mobile!"

As part of its Hometown Grant program, T-Mobile works with Main Street America and Smart Growth America, two organizations that have decades of experience helping to build stronger, more prosperous small towns and rural communities. Together, the organizations assess applications based on level of detail and completeness, potential community impact, project viability and other factors.

"We're proud to work with T-Mobile and Smart Growth America to support these innovative projects in rural communities across the country," said Main Street America's Interim CEO Hannah White. "These grant recipients represent the creativity and passion for place we've long seen in Main Street communities, and we are excited to see how the projects positively impact these areas in the coming years."

Each quarter, T-Mobile awards Hometown Grants for up to 25 towns with a population of less than 50,000 and anyone with a vision for how to make their community even stronger than it is today can apply.

Commitment to Rural America Hometown Grants are part of T-Mobile's five-year commitment announced in April 2021 to bring 5G to rural America, open hundreds of new stores and support economic development in small towns by providing \$25 million in funding.

"At T-Mobile, we go way beyond wireless to do what's right for communities across the country," said Jon Freier, President, Consumer Group at T-Mobile. "Through Hometown Grants, we're empowering people in small towns and rural America to make a difference where they live, and the results have been incredibly inspiring. With 125 recipients and counting, it's a privilege for the Un-carrier to continue supporting community development projects from coast to coast."

Homicide trial

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ton Avenue, a Honda CRV driven by Ford pulled into the left turn lane of westbound County Road 42 to cross onto Newton Avenue. Garza was a passenger in the Ford vehicle.

As Ford's vehicle crossed County Road 42, it was "T-boned" by Bond's car, "causing it to split in half," the complaint states. Dennis-Bond's vehicle was slightly behind her brother's, and it just missed striking the Honda. Both Ford and Garza died at the scene as a result of injuries suffered in the crash.

Another sister was in Bond's vehicle, and she was transported to the hospital with "significant injuries as a result of the crash, and initially police were informed she may not survive and would require significant future medical care," according to the complaint.

Several witnesses to the crash described that the vehicles driven by Bond and Dennis-Bond were "racing" or traveling at a high rate of speed just prior to the crash. One witness described that the vehicle driven by Bond was driving "incredibly fast" and hit another car (Honda) that "basically turned into powder and split in half." Another witness estimated the two cars passed him go-

ing 100 mph.

A Minnesota State Patrol accident reconstruction report stated that Bond's vehicle was traveling between 93 and 100 mph at point of impact and had been going 114 five seconds before the crash. It was estimated that Dennis-Bond's car had been traveling at speeds between 91 and 107 mph.

In a court filing in June, Dennis-Bond's attorney, Bobby Jo Chapman, argued that charges against Dennis-Bond should be dismissed because the state's case lacks probable cause, since the accident didn't in-

volve her vehicle.

A court filing indicates that Bond and Dennis-Bond had rolled down the windows in their cars at the stop light on County Road 42 and Burnsville Parkway and had a conversation as to which car could reach 50 mph faster. The crash reconstruction report stated that had the Bond and Dennis-Bond vehicles been driving the posted speed, the Honda CRV would have cleared the intersection, and the accident wouldn't have occurred.

Wermager ruled that there was probable cause on each count against Dennis-Bond.

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Ellsworth board

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would be 31% grade. Vehicles would be forced to park closer to the Main Street traffic lane in order to open their passenger-side doors, which creates a whole new safety hazard.

The new sidewalk will tie into the curb to the south and the business front sidewalk portion to the north. The project scope doesn't include any changes to the profile of the curb and gutter or north business sidewalks. At the steepest location, the sidewalk would have an 8.1% grade.

Village President Becky Beissel said the village was "entertaining the decision not to assess for this. We don't need to if it's for the greater good of the community."

If the new sidewalk benefits the community at large rather than just the businesses themselves, the village doesn't need to assess property owners for the cost.

Vick said there is money in the public works budget for the project, with money left over.

"Does this make it (the sidewalk) more user-friendly for people with disabilities?" asked Trustee Mindy Anderson. "I hear that come up quite often."

The answer is yes. "The sidewalk with the 8% grade, it will be the slope the whole way across the sidewalk, instead of an angle," said Trustee Andrew Borner.

Construction will begin in October. And as one village trustee said, "It (the sidewalk) needed to be taken out the day after it was put in."

Other business

- The village board will vote on the newly updated Comprehensive Plan at the Oct. 3 meeting. A public hearing will also be held. A copy is avail-



This portion of sidewalk, extending from the new library at 388 W. Main St. to Chestnut Street, is one segment that will be replaced by Pember Companies. Photo by Sarah Nigbor

able for viewing at the village hall and a link is online.

- The board approved a street use permit for Ellsworth E3 CDC for a portion of Broadway Street for the Fall Festival, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15. The "East End Revival" event will have pumpkin painting, harvest vendors, baked good, children's games, music in the parklet, the E-Town Collaborative grand opening and a Day of the Dead art show.
- The board approved a change order request for the new library project totaling \$11,161. The money went toward labor, material and equipment to provide ventilation to the History Room, drywall/finish the History Room walls, and revise lighting fixtures.
- The board approved the August Market & John-

son invoice for 388 W. Main St. for \$109,694.94.

- A quote for rebuilding a retaining wall at 354 Warner St. was approved for \$6,400. The village will split the cost 50/50 with the property owner.
- The board approved a contract with 120 Water for \$13,387.50. The Environmental Protection Agency has asked every utility to produce a service line inventory, that's digital, searchable by address and public-facing, showing lead and copper lines. It's due by Oct. 16, 2024 to be in compliance with state, EPA and DNR regulations. It's the first step in removing and replacing lead service lines.
- The board approved a tree removal at 628 Kinne St. for \$4,750. The tree, which is hollow, is in the village's right-of-way. A portion of it already fell on the corner of a house.

Plum City Care Center Chatter

By Laura Kadlec
Activities director/music therapist

We have begun to notice some crispy mornings: some with Rice Krispies, others with creaky joints, but all of us with that autumn coolness signaling a coming change. There is a whisper of sadness that accompanies fall, as flowers fade and leaves tumble. We kept the mood cheery with our Monday morning sing-a-long. Stacey has been known to tell a joke or two in between tunes. "Why should you never wear a polka dot shirt when playing hide and seek?" Because you are always spotted!" The afternoon included a popcorn social with the best popcorn in the county. Our afternoon concluded with a new game, Tic-Tac-Toss. Similar to tic-tac-toe but with bean bags. Top throwers were Alvin Bergmark and Carol Campbell followed by Frances White earning second place and Shirley Klinski coming in third. After supper, Teresa Fedie stopped in and assisted with Bingo! Special thanks to Joyce and Marie Berger for donating a few bags of candy.

Tuesday began our day of worship with Father Jojo and Terry Pelzel. We enjoyed a special time of mass and communion with a good-sized group of folks. Soon after, we had a fun game of Name That Tune. We listened to over 50 songs and winners were as follows: Aileen Wayne (fourth place), Shirley Klinski and Mary Ellen Coulson (third place), Barb Grewe (second place) and first place finisher Carol Bauer! Lunch arrived and the crafting group arrived with paint and brushes to begin designing their canning jar scarecrows. However, there really was nothing scary about them as they all turned out extremely cute! After cleaning up our mess, we were excited to welcome Pastor Paolo from the Arkansas Methodist Church, along with Barb Winberg who provided music for us. We are so very fortunate to have such a caring community of pastors and lay people willing to bring a worship service to us each week. After a quick bite for supper, we played a fun game of Uno. Big winner was Alvin Bergmark.

Wednesday was another week of kids and bowling. This week's helpers were Heather Benitz and Janessa Hemphill from the Plum City Elementary School. We are so happy to have our school students back with us again to help set pins for bowling! The girls did a great job of keeping score as well. Winners were: Shirley Klinski and Milda Bautch (fourth place), Ivan Mason (third place), Frances White (second place) and first place champ Alvin Bergmark. The afternoon offered bingo with Lana Ingli on deck to deliver candy, fruit, and quarters. Black out winner this week was Barb Halling. To celebrate National Filled Donut Day, we served raspberry



A happy birthday happy hour to Bill Lippert and thank you for bringing us cake and ice cream! Photo courtesy of Laura Kadlec



John and Sue Robelia enjoy some time together while Rich Schroeder sang us tunes. Photo courtesy of Laura Kadlec



Ivan Mason also enjoys a beer (or two?) at week's end. Photo courtesy of Laura Kadlec

filled donuts fresh from Molly's on Main! So-o-o-o-o good it was worth spoiling our appetite for supper!

Marlene Zimmer joined first thing on Thursday morning to read all the news from the Journal and the Courier Wedge. We enjoy keeping in touch with the doings of the area. Coffee and cookies add to the fun. Lunch followed and soon ladies were lined up for manicures. We enjoy choosing colors along with chatting about our outings. It was fun to hear about Zeona's upcoming wedding and we are eager to hear how it went! Yips and barks were soon heard throughout the dining room as Brad's pups announced their arrival. Everyone had a chance to hold one and choose a name. Supper soon arrived and a few folks stayed up to play Pokemo. This week's big winner was Nancy Bishop.

It was Friday. Time to drag out the drums. A dozen drums and 12 drummers drumming. Minus the 10

lords a-leaping and the nine ladies dancing. But soon enough we will be drumming to Little Drummer Boy! Until then, polka and marches remain the favorite. Our afternoon is always happy hour, but this week it was a happy birthday happy hour in honor of Bill Lippert who turned 95! We celebrated with him as he shared cake and ice cream while Rich Schroeder shared his fantastic music. We all enjoyed a great afternoon of friends, family, and fun. Supper was served and soon after we settled in for our Friday night movie. This week's movie was a little different, at times funny, and something to make you think. "Get Low" was about an elderly man who chose to have his funeral BEFORE he died to see who would show up and just what they might say about him. We did enjoy it. As you consider taking a drive to see the trees changing colors, consider driving our way. Or better yet, take us with you! See you soon!

SVSSP events for October

SPRING VALLEY – Spring Valley Seniors Staying Put, Inc. (S312 McKay Ave. PO Box 193) offers an array of non-medical volunteer services to help seniors and adults with disabilities maintain their independence in Spring Valley and Elmwood. They also offer people the chance to volunteer in the rural tradition of "neighbors helping neighbors." These services are offered at no charge, but donations are graciously accepted.

SVSSP has new office hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday. Call 715-778-5800 for a complete listing of services.

Transportation: Staying Put provides local and non-local transportation for groceries, banking, and medical appointments. Call 715-778-5800.

Meals on Wheels: For info on home-delivered meals, call ADRC of Pierce County at 715-273-6780, or the ADRC of St. Croix County at 715-381-4360.

Coffee Klatch: 10-11 a.m. Monday through Friday at the Staying Put office. Enjoy fresh coffee or tea. Sit and visit, chat about daily, past and future events with old/new friends from Spring Valley and Elmwood. All clients and volunteers are welcome to drop in!

Craftae: 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4 at the SV Community Center – Lovely tea and scones, a simple craft and conversation with friends! Call office to register or for a ride at 715-778-5800.

Strong Bodies fitness sessions: Co-sponsored by Pierce County ADRC. Classes are held 9:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays at the SV Village Hall. Call to register at 715-

778-5800.

Senior Dance: 2-5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, SV Community Center. Featuring "Bobtown Boys." Call to register or for a ride at 715-778-5800.

Chair Yoga, 2-3 p.m. Thursdays at the SV Community Center. Call to register at 715-778-5800.

Books-to-go/SV Library: Volunteers will deliver books or movies, along with a friendly visit. For more info call SV Library at 715-778-4590 or Staying Put at 715-778-5800.

Care Baskets: Assembled and donated by a Staying Put volunteer, delivered to members experiencing loss, illness, loneliness. Please call the office if you have a tip: 715-778-5800.

Tech Workshop: For personal help on your electronic device, call 715-778-5800.

Memory Café: Every second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. This is a social get-together for older adults held 10-11:30 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, S520 Church Ave., SV. Come share your memories with a friend or companion. Have fun and share stories, enjoy coffee, tea and treats, all are welcome. For info or a ride, call Staying Put at 715-778-5800.

Walking Buddies: Would you like a walking partner? Call Staying Put at 715-778-5800.

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Homecoming 2022: Cardinal pride goes far and wide



Members of the Spring Valley High School Vallettes led the 2022 Homecoming parade down McKay Avenue on Friday, Sept. 23. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



Freshman Spring Valley High School royalty Gaige Larson and Danika Schmitt rode in style Friday, Sept. 23 during the Homecoming parade. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



Sophomore Homecoming royalty Carter Koehler and Shelby Willman braved the drizzly weather during the SVHS parade Friday. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



Junior royalty Diego Schmitt and Abby Thompson were next in the lineup of the Spring Valley High School Homecoming parade on Friday, Sept. 23. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



Senior royalty Keegan Merth and Lydia Hannack wave at the crowd lining McKay Avenue Friday, Sept. 23. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



Senior royalty Addie Kado and Mak Parsons were all smiles as they greeted the well-wishers and Cardinal fans lining McKay Avenue Friday, Sept. 23 during the Homecoming parade. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



This year's Spring Valley High School Homecoming Queen Phoebe Vodnik and King Justin Rielly wave at Cardinal fans Friday, Sept. 23. Photo by Sarah Nigbor

PC Homecoming court announced



Plum City High School's 2022 Homecoming Court nominees are (front, from left) Chloe Grantee, Allysha Hines, Anna Henn, Hailey Bechel, Grace Hinrichs; (back) Ted Hassing, Payton Kopp, Carter Benson, Christian Martin. Not pictured: Bryce Cordon. Coronation will occur at the bonfire this Thursday. Photo courtesy of Plum City School District

Elmwood Homecoming court



Elmwood High School will crown its 2022 Homecoming King and Queen at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28 in the Wolf's Den gym. Pictured are court members (from left) seniors Carol Marsh, Kyle Trainor, Hannah Forster and Bennett Luther; juniors Rocklyn Robey and Caden LeBlanc; sophomores Michaela Watts and Ryan Bemis; and freshmen Hannah Fesenmaier and Jackson Neubauer. Photo courtesy of Elmwood School District

PHS celebrates Homecoming Week!



Adeline Raebel and Rhianna Stutz wear their Cardinal jerseys to show their Homecoming pride. Photo courtesy of Andrea Herzan



Toby Ripley, Ben Olson and Evan Radke perform during the Homecoming pepfest at Prescott High School's Homecoming festivities. Photo courtesy of Andrea Herzan



Elizabeth Gergen (left) and Angela Magee (right) enjoy snacks and drinks during the 2022 homecoming festivities during their tailgating party in the Laney Field parking lot in Prescott on Friday, Sept. 23, ahead of the Cardinals game against Amery. Photo by Reagan Hoverman



Flute players Amanda Miller, Maddisen Mastel, Talli Roth and Makenna Hildebrandt helped rally the Prescott High School student body with rousing music for the Homecoming pep fest. Photo courtesy of Andrea Herzan



The Prescott High School 2022 Homecoming Court is (from left): Matthew Lynes, Charlie Huppert, Dryden Seely, Ben Olson, King Zach Middleton, Queen Mabel Rohl, Ella Johnson, Lili Campfield Huth, Norah French and Madasyn Rundquist. Photo courtesy of Andrea Herzan



Prescott school staff donated time and energy by serving food in the hours leading up to Prescott's 2022 homecoming game against the Amery Warriors on Friday, Sept. 23. (From left): Rick Montreal, Abby Nawrocki, Josh Fiege, Rick Spicuzza and Amy Lubich. The school staff served freshly cooked hamburgers and hot dogs from Ptacek's. Photo by Reagan Hoverman

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of property value in 2017-18.

"Financially, we're very strong," said Board President Mike Matzek. "We've dropped the mill rate four points. That's pretty incredible. It's super impressive and a positive."

Of the total levy, \$5,205,027 is the state-set revenue limit the district is allowed to levy. On top of that, the school district's community service levy for this school year is \$175,000. The levy from voter-approved debt is \$3,779,875.

Spicuzza said the biggest challenge to budgeting is the fact that the state legislature isn't acting on funding schools.

"At this time, they are sitting on somewhere between \$5-\$7 billion in taxpayers' money. I believe it would be very helpful for that money to be coming back to our community to invest in our students and staff and the great academic programs we have."

Spicuzza had predicted it would be a difficult year, but with the addition of some money that has come in from federal COVID Emergency Relief for Schools, the district general fund balanced out with revenue and expenses of \$17,296,768.

"At this time, we believe we will have a balanced budget. That is a testament to a lot of the foresight you had as a board to pay

off some of your previous debt for loans you had, being able to reduce \$1 million in interest, our ability to pass the referendum and lock in rates," said Spicuzza.

In the budget, the district was able to put \$125,000 into its capital projects fund, which can be used for building and classroom projects not included in the \$15 million projects that voters approved in April. That fund will be at \$1,167,000.

The district also has a fund balance of \$5.6 million.

"Our fund balance is creeping up. We're projecting to be at around \$5.6 million. We have a budget of \$17 million. What's the ceiling that we set in policy that we want to be around?" Matzek asked.

"We're at the ceiling," Spicuzza responded.

A work session was planned for Monday, Sept. 26 to start talking about proposals surrounding aligning grades in different buildings and looking at the district greenspace and outdoor athletic facilities.

"This is where you start to talk about putting the puzzle pieces together as you identify the learning areas that have to be enhanced, as well as the grounds for athletics that we've started to discuss," Spicuzza said. "When we went out for \$15 million (the April referendum for building infrastructure projects), we specifically stated we would be looking at not increasing our mill rate as well as not increasing the amount of the levy. It was a promise made and a promise kept."

Senior Gathering Place news

PRESCOTT – Welcome October and the beginning of fall activities at the Senior Gathering Place (1220 St. Croix St., Prescott).

Monday Oct. 3: 9 a.m. Pickleball meets at the Middle School tennis courts.

Tuesday, Oct. 4: 9 a.m. Walking Group meets at the track outside, followed by 10:30 a.m. programming and publicity committee meetings at Gathering Place. At noon, lunch will be provided; all are invited to share lunch and conversation.

Wednesday, Oct. 5: 9 a.m. Pickleball meets at the Middle School tennis courts. From 10:30-11 a.m., Senior Cardio Strength will be in the Malone Intermediate School gym, followed by Senior Chair Yoga from 11:05-11:35 a.m. Join friends for Bridge, Euchre or a card game of choice from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 6: Learn how to play Canasta. Many members remember playing Canasta years ago and wish to resume playing. Come re-

learn with us and if you are an experienced player, your input would be appreciated! Gathering Place will be closed Friday, Oct. 7, but Memory Cafe takes place

at the First National Bank Community Room (lower level) from 10-11:30 a.m.

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EHS Homecoming King & Queen crowned



Ellsworth High School's Homecoming court received its crowns on Sunday, Sept. 25 at Fuller-Symes Field. They included (from left) freshmen George Rohl and Julia Boyle, junior Mary Prissell, seniors Julia Anderson and Jurrell Gooden, Queen Audrey Farrell, King Sam Kollbaum, junior Max Langer, and sophomores Karissa Killbaum and Sawyer Blomberg. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



Teacher Alyssa Matzek crowns Audrey Farrell as the 2022 Ellsworth High School Homecoming Queen on Sunday, Sept. 25 as her classmates applaud. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



Sam Kollbaum (far right) is crowned Ellsworth High School's 2022 Homecoming King Sunday, Sept. 25 as seniors Jurrell Gooden and Bo Hines look on. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



Julia Anderson receives the senior princess crown as her friends look on Sunday, Sept. 25 at the Ellsworth High School Homecoming coronation. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



Senior Jurrell Gooden is crowned as the senior class Ellsworth High School Homecoming court member on Sunday, Sept. 25 as his buddies look on. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



Sophomore court member Karissa Kollbaum (far left) receives her crown from teacher Alyssa Matzek as fellow sophomore court member Sawyer Blomberg (second from right) makes sure his crown stays on. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



Junior Mary Prissell is crowned a member of the Ellsworth High School Homecoming court on Sunday, Sept. 25. Photo by Sarah Nigbor

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Teacher Alyssa Matzek places the junior class boy's crown on the head of Max Langer on Sunday, Sept. 25. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



Freshman Julia Boyle is crowned a member of the 2022 Ellsworth High School Homecoming court on Sunday, Sept. 25. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



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(From left): Seniors Maddie Reiter, Madasyn Rundquist, Ava Salay, Rhi Stutz, and sophomores Gabbi Matzek and Jeanne Rohl. The Cardinals roster celebrates a third consecutive Middle Border Conference championship after securing the league title at the Clifton Hollow Golf Course on Monday, Sept. 26. Photo courtesy of Prescott Girls Golf



Prescott senior Ava Salay hits driver off of the 10th tee during the 2022 Middle Border Conference championship meet at the Clifton Hollow Golf Course on Monday, Sept. 26. Salay posted a two-under par round of 70 that included two eagles on the back nine. Photo by Reagan Hoverman

Prescott girls golf three-peats as Middle Border Conference champions

By Reagan Hoverman

There's going to be more hardware to add to the Prescott High School trophy case.

The Prescott girls golf team won its third consecutive Middle Border Conference championship on Monday, Sept. 26, at the Clifton Hollow Golf Course in rural River Falls. The Cardinals' team score of 337 beat second-place Altoona-Regis by an astonishing 47 strokes.

While Prescott certainly has been dominant throughout the season in league play, the Cardinals seemed to kick it into another gear for the conference title on Monday afternoon. While windy, cold conditions and fast greens shipwrecked scores for other teams, Prescott battled through to claim the title.

Prescott head coach Chad Salay spoke about winning the league title and playing a conference championship meet at a home course. He also spoke about how playing a familiar course factored into the final scores on Monday afternoon.

"It feels good. Three in a row is awesome and it feels great for our seniors to go out with a conference championship," Salay said after the round at Clifton Hollow. "We hosted today and we chose to host here for a reason — it's because our girls can play this course well. Altoona has probably only played here once. I wasn't necessarily expecting (winning by) 40, because (Altoona) has some good players."

Leading the charge for Prescott was senior star Ava Salay, who posted a two-under par

70 to earn medalist honors for the day. Ava Salay's score was nine shots clear of second-place junior Ava Pasha from Somerset.

While Ava Salay owns the course record at Clifton Hollow, a mark of 65 that she set in October 2021, there just wasn't a 65 out there on Monday afternoon. Given the ultra-fast greens, the gusting winds and the cold weather, Ava Salay thought that a level par round of 72 would have been an excellent score. "It was great (to shoot 70). After my front nine (37), I thought if I could shoot even today that would be ideal and that's where I was going into the last hole until I made that eagle," Ava Salay said after the round. "To shoot a 70, I'm very happy about that."

Ava Salay began the round by making bogey on two of the first three holes. She

bounced back with a birdie on the par-four seventh to solidify a front nine 37. When Ava Salay got to the back nine, that's when the fireworks started.

After making bogey on the tenth hole, Salay poured in a 10-footer for birdie at the par-four 11th. Two holes later on the short par-four 13th, Salay drove the green and then drained a 20-foot eagle putt to get into red figures for the tournament (-1).

She surrendered a shot at the par-three 14th by making bogey which moved her back to even for the tournament. Going to the 18th tee, Salay was sitting at even. That's when she blasted a drive down the middle of the fairway, hit her second shot onto the green

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The Ellsworth Panthers defensive line faces off against Rice Lake's offense during the Friday night battle. Ellsworth head coach Rob Heller praised Ellsworth's defensive line for shutting down a dynamic Rice Lake rushing attack. Photo by Reagan Hoverman



Ellsworth senior running back Bo Hines follows blockers and bursts through a hole during the Panthers' road game against Rice Lake. Hines finished the game with a team-high 115 rushing yards on 23 total carries. Photo by Reagan Hoverman

Ellsworth football wins last-second thriller on the road against Rice Lake

Panthers improve to 4-0 in MBC action, secure playoff spot

By Reagan Hoverman

Ellsworth head coach Rob Heller couldn't have scripted a better ending to one of the most anticipated games of the season.

With the game on the line late in the fourth quarter, the Ellsworth Panthers put together a four-minute, 83-yard drive that culminated in senior running back Jurell Gooden punching in the go-ahead touchdown that helped secure a 16-8 victory against Rice Lake on Friday, Sept. 23.

Rice Lake entered the game with a 4-1 record and ranked as the No. 4 team in the state in Division 3. Ellsworth also entered with a 4-1 record and as the No. 4 ranked team in the state in Division 4, according to the weekly *Wissports.com* coaches' poll.

Ellsworth and Rice Lake went into the halftime locker room tied 8-8 and a fruitless third quarter by both teams meant that the game was going to be decided in the final

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River Falls seniors Taylor Peterson (#14) and Abi Banitt (#2) high five in celebration moments after defeating the Hudson Raiders 3-1 on the road in the annual rivalry game on Thursday, Sept. 22. Photo by Reagan Hoverman

River Falls volleyball defeats Hudson in four sets

By Reagan Hoverman

It's been a rough couple of weeks for fans of the Hudson Raiders.

The River Falls High School volleyball team became the third Wildcats team in the last three weeks to defeat Hudson in an annual rivalry game. With the four-set victory, the volleyball team joined the soccer team and football program in knocking off Hudson this season.

While the volleyball team was certainly focused on beating the Raiders in that annual rivalry game, which was played in Hudson on Thursday, Sept. 22, River Falls head coach Sara Kealy noted that the excitement of another victory over a bitter rival was making its way into the locker room.

"Everything River Falls vs. Hudson, all I've heard about for the last week is about The Jug and us beating the boys' soccer team," Kealy said. "I said, 'Yeah. That's great, but you still have to go play volleyball.' Just trying to get them to focus and not be in the on-line media back-and-forth."

The River Falls volleyball team potentially used some of that momentum from reclaiming The Jug and upsetting the boys' soccer team in the first set on Thursday night. The Wildcats came storming out of the gate on the road in a hostile crowd environment.

River Falls strung together a scoring run in the middle of the first set to take a commanding 15-9 lead, which forced Hudson head coach Brittany Young-Sanchez to take a timeout. The pause in the action did little to slow

the Wildcats' momentum. River Falls turned that six-point lead into a 13-point victory in the debut set, 25-12, to take a 1-0 lead in the best-of-five series.

Hudson proved that it wouldn't go quietly, as the Raiders responded with a strong showing in the second set. Hudson jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead that coach Kealy quickly slowed with a timeout. However, Hudson continued to play hard and at one point led River Falls 17-9 in that second set. The Raiders cruised to a 25-16 victory. Kealy spoke about the stark difference between the first and second sets.

"I feel like we've done that a lot," Kealy said. "We would have a really strong first set and then we would just take the foot off the gas and you can't do that against talented teams. We find ourselves in the third set a lot, but that's going to be something we have to figure out because you can't go into the playoffs (doing that)."

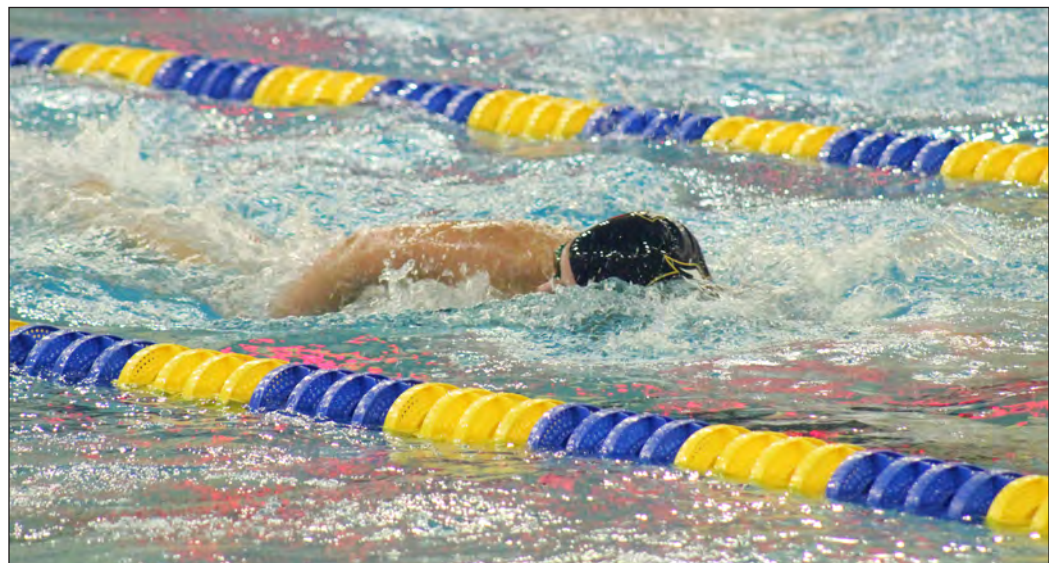
River Falls did find itself in the third set, but Hudson's momentum continued. Both teams refused to allow the other to string together any notable scoring runs. The game was tied nearly a half dozen times at scores including 3-3, 12-12, 16-16, 18-18 and 21-21.

That's when River Falls' senior leadership took over and players like Brianna Brathol, Morgan Kealy and Taylor Peterson took the game over. The Wildcats scored four unan-

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River Falls freshman Avery Singel bounces off of the diving board during one of her many dives against Tartan on Tuesday, Sept. 20. Singel finished the meet in third place overall with a score of 191.65, trailing only senior teammates Jaydin Dwyer and Kayleigh Volkman. Photo by Reagan Hoverman



River Falls senior swimmer Ellery Ottem breaks the surface as she comes up for a breath during her record-breaking performance on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at home against Tartan. Ottem rebroke her own school record in the 500 Yard Freestyle with a time of 5:09.32. Photo by Reagan Hoverman



River Falls junior quarterback Jacob Range lines up under center moments before handing the ball off to junior running back Jonah Severson for a two-yard touchdown run to start the fourth quarter. Photo by Jeff Bjork

RFHS Wildcats remain unbeaten after 28-7 homecoming victory

By Reagan Hoverman

The River Falls Wildcats improved to 6-0 for the season after defeating Superior 28-7 in front of a raucous homecoming crowd at David Smith Stadium on Friday, Sept. 23.

Going into the game, River Falls was ranked as the No. 3 team in the state for Division 2 and after the blowout win over Superior to remain unbeaten, the Wildcats have a chance to move even higher in the Wisports.com weekly coaches' poll.

The homecoming victory featured a little bit of everything that makes River Falls one of the top five teams in the state. Junior running back Jonah Severson broke loose for a long touchdown. Junior quarterback Jacob Range connected with receivers for big plays down the field and the defense continues to be a brick wall for the opposition.

While it's easy for media members and the public to buy into state rankings, River Falls head coach Ryan Scherz stated that his coaching staff and the boys in the locker room look at the rankings a little differently.

"I don't put much stock into the rankings, but I'm glad our kids are being recognized for the great work they've done," Scherz said. "I don't know if we are the third best team in the state. I do know that if we go out and play well, we can play with anyone. If we don't play well, we can certainly lose to anyone. Our kids know both of those things to be true as well, and we prepare really hard to make sure the latter doesn't happen."

River Falls entered the game with a perfect 5-0 record, whereas Superior went to River Falls as a winless 0-5 squad. That didn't stop the Spartans from getting on the board early in the homecoming contest, which sent the Wildcats a message that Superior wouldn't just roll over.

Superior jumped out to a 7-0 lead after senior quarterback Carson Gotelaere scored on a seven-yard quarterback keeper. River Falls responded with a quick scoring drive of its own, as the aforementioned Severson hit a hole, shed a few tacklers, and scored a 62-yard rushing touchdown to tie the contest 7-7.

Three minutes later, the River Falls defense forced a turnover on downs by stuffing a Superior running back dive play on fourth-and-one around the Wildcat 30-yard line. The Wildcats began the drive with three straight handoffs to Severson which got River Falls into Superior territory.

After a couple of short gains, River Falls found itself in a fourth-and-six at the Superior 38-yard line. That's when Range dropped back to pass, rolled out to his right, and fired a missile down the sideline to senior wide receiver Wyatt Bell who hauled in the pass and strolled into the endzone to make it 14-7 shortly before the halftime intermission. Scherz spoke about Range continuing to improve as a passer each week.

"Jacob is always looking



It was a cool and damp night, but there were still over 100 people who attended the RFHS Alumni Association tailgate gathering honoring the 1969-1974 football programs. Players, cheerleaders, coaches, and fans all attended prior to the homecoming battle between Superior and River Falls. Photo by Jeff Bjork



River Falls Homecoming Royalty Michael Putzier (left) and Kadcence Zielski (right) stand in front of the packed home crowd during halftime of the homecoming game against Superior on Friday, Sept. 23. Submitted photo

RF swim, dive chasing first conference title in school history

Brudzinski: 'A conference championship is definitely in play'

By Reagan Hoverman

Since 1989, Eau Claire Memorial has either outright won or had a share of the Big Rivers Conference championship in all but six of the seasons for girls swimming and diving. The Old Abes have been the preeminent power in the BRC for decades and this season, River Falls is looking to unseat them.

The River Falls High School swimming and diving program is 2-0 in Big Rivers Conference play this season and is eyeing its first league title in program history. That dream became much closer to reality after the Wildcats defeated Eau Claire Memorial 85-84 in the second dual meet of the season.

That contest, held in River Falls on Tuesday, Sept. 13, featured a thrilling back-and-forth battle in which the Wildcats came out victorious. That seemingly ordinary Tuesday night turned out to be historic, as it was only the second time in school history that River Falls defeated Eau Claire Memorial. River Falls head coach Caitlin Brudzinski spoke about the start of the conference season.

"As far as we know, that's the second time in school history we've beat them. The first was three years ago," Brudzinski said. "To have that slim of a margin is fairly rare. Sometimes it comes down to those little points if teams are that closely matched."

According to Brudzinski, in previous seasons Memorial regularly beat River Falls by 15-30 points depending on the meet. The one-point victory proves that River Falls' roster is ready to compete with Memorial this season and that a conference championship isn't out of the question.

"We've swam Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire Memorial and we've won both meets," Brudzinski said. "A conference championship is definitely in play. Chippewa swam Hudson last week and I just saw that Chi-Hi beat Hudson by three points. It's going to be interesting to see results (from around the conference)."

High school swimming and diving is unique compared to most other sports because the conference championship isn't decided by standings alone like in football, basketball or volleyball. Instead, it's decided based on dual meet standings and also the annual conference championship meet. Brudzinski explained how a champion is decided.

"Our conference championship is decided by the dual meet record and by the conference championship meet," Brudzinski said. "Typically, the top team in dual record usually wins that conference meet but if teams are this close, that could be a toss-up as well."

River Falls began the conference schedule with a 90-80 win against Chippewa Falls and an 85-84 victory against Memorial. While the Wildcats are off to a stellar undefeated start, there is a lot of work left to be done before raising a conference championship trophy.

That would include having a strong showing against the Hudson Raiders on Thursday, Sept. 29. While not on Memorial's level historically, Hudson has been one of the two strongest teams in the Big Rivers for the better part of 10 years. That run included three consecutive outright conference championships from 2014-2016.

"A conference championship is in the realm of possibilities, but I'll get back to you after we swim Hudson next week," Brudzinski said.

The Wildcats have also been active in non-conference competition this season, including a 134-51 victory at home against Tartan, Minn., on Tuesday, Sept. 20.

River Falls defeats Tartan 134-51, Ottem breaks school record

River Falls secured a first-place finish in 11 of the 12 varsity events during the home meet against Tartan on Tuesday night. In the lone event that the Wildcats didn't win, River Falls secured a second-place finish less than a second after Tartan's winner.

The standout performance of the night belonged to River Falls senior Ellery Ottem, who broke both a pool and school record in the 500 Yard Freestyle, a record that she also previously held. Her time of 5:09.32 beat the nearest second-place finisher by approximately a minute and ten seconds.

After Ottem had finished the race and waited for other swimmers to finish, a raucous home crowd of River Falls football players chanted "Ellery! Ellery! Ellery!" in celebration of her breaking another school and pool record. Brudzinski spoke about Ottem's GOAT-like status in River Falls swimming lore.

"It's been a lot of fun (to watch her do this)," Brudzinski said. "She owns all of the individual records other than diving. There is only one swimming school record that her name isn't currently on. One of her goals has been to rebreak some of those records she set previously."

River Falls and Tartan have scheduled friendly non-conference matches for years, in part because Brudzinski's husband, Michael Brudzinski, is the head coach of the Tartan girls swimming and diving program.

In addition to competing in the pool, the girls in both programs have become friends outside of the pool. After the annual meet between Tartan and River Falls, both coaching staff and rosters will celebrate with a dinner together at a venue of their choosing. This year, the post-swim get-together was at Junior's in River Falls.

"It started before I took over the girls' team, he coaches the high school at Tartan and the club team in River Falls, so he's coached all of these girls," Caitlin Brudzinski said. "It's a lot of fun and it's really great to see the girls branch out and sit and eat dinner with the girls from the other team. It's a lot of fun."

While Tartan has struggled in recent years, Caitlin Brudzinski stated that the all-time record between the two programs is fairly close. It's been competitive for many years. The 134-51 victory simply displayed the talent River Falls has on the roster this season and why the Wildcats are closer than ever to winning a Big Rivers Conference Championship.

That championship picture will become clearer on Thursday, Sept. 29, when River Falls travels to Hudson for the next Big Rivers Conference dual meet. The first event is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in Hudson.



Prescott senior Ava Salay hits a chip shot from just off the 10th green at the Bristol Ridge Golf Course in Somerset on Thursday, Sept. 22. Salay earned medalist honors with a round of 38. Photo by Reagan Hoverman

Prescott girls golf wins at Bristol, sweeps MBC meets

By Reagan Hoverman

The Prescott girls golf team made it a complete sweep of the Middle Border Conference regular season with a 13-shot victory over second-place Altoona/Regis on Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Bristol Ridge Golf Course in Somerset.

Bristol Ridge has proved to be a thorn in the side of Prescott in recent years. Last season, it was the only meet during the entire campaign that the Cardinals didn't win, which is saying something, considering last year culminated in the varsity roster and head coach Chad Salay hoisting a state championship trophy at University Ridge in Madison.

The win at Bristol Ridge on Thursday afternoon proved that Prescott doesn't rebuild, it reloads. The Cardinals finished Middle Border Conference play with a flawless 8-0 record in nine-hole meets. Coach Salay spoke about the victory to conclude the regular season.

"It was pretty solid overall. For us, Bristol is probably the hardest course we play," Salay said. "It's always been a thorn in our side. The margin of victory was a little closer than what it's been all year and it was tight there for a while, but we're happy to get the win."

Prescott scores include senior Ava Salay's medalist performance of 38, senior Rhi Stutz posted a 42, while senior Maddie Reiter and sophomore Jeanne Rohl rounded out the scoring with 45 each. Chad Salay spoke about Ava Salay's medalist performance and Stutz's 42, which secured a solo third individual finish.

"Ava was happy with her round but the par threes got her a little. She played those three over par and played the rest of the course one-under," Chad Salay said. "Rhi was a little frustrated because she made bogey on the last hole. We've had such a nightmare at Bristol in the past, I think they were happy to just be done with the course."

Chad Salay spoke of the match being close midway through the round, which at one point saw Altoona/Regis within single-digit strokes of Prescott. However, it was the



Ellsworth senior Kayley Bayer hits an iron from the middle of the 12th fairway during her team-best round of 51. Bayer and the Panthers earned a sixth-place finish at the final regular season Middle Border Conference meet of the year at the Bristol Ridge Golf Course in Somerset on Thursday, Sept. 22. Photo by Reagan Hoverman

Cardinals that finished the job and secured the eighth conference win of the season. Prescott posted a first-place team score of 170 compared to Altoona/Regis' 183.

While Prescott is undefeated in conference matches this season, the biggest meet of the year thus far will be at the Middle Border Conference Championship on Monday, Sept. 26, at the Clifton Hollow Golf Course in Prescott.

Prescott considers both Clifton Highlands and Clifton Hollow home courses, so Chad Salay and the Prescott Cardinals roster are confident heading into the MBC Championship on Monday morning. Chad Salay spoke about playing for a league title at a home course.

"It's one of our home courses and a lot of our girls play out there quite a bit. We're playing within friendly confines," Chad Salay said. "It's just a course that fits our girls' game, so we're feeling great about it. It's nice to host because we can set it up mostly how we want it, there are some things we have to follow, but it's just really comfortable because we have a nice healthy lead and we're at a home event, more or less."

The Middle Border Conference Championship was slated to begin on Monday,

Sept. 26, at 9 a.m. Prescott's players were expected to tee off shortly before 10 a.m. This week's edition of The Journal will contain a recap story.

Ellsworth Panthers finish sixth at Bristol

The Ellsworth Panthers girls golf team earned a sixth-place finish at the Thursday afternoon nine-hole meet at the Bristol Ridge golf course with a total team score of 218.

Despite the sixth-place finish, Ellsworth was within striking distance of several other middling teams in the Middle Border Conference standings, including Osceola (212), Somerset (213) and Saint Croix Central (216). Ellsworth's scores include senior Kayley Bayer's team-best 51, freshman Lexi Marks' 53, sophomore Aaliyah Huppert's 55 and freshman Addy Huppert rounded out the scoring with a 59. Ellsworth's roster, although led by a senior, is built to win in the future with young freshman talent including the aforementioned Marks.

That young roster was put to the test on Monday, Sept. 26, at the Middle Border Conference Championship meet at the Clifton Hollow Golf Course in Prescott. Ellsworth was slated to tee off around 9:30 a.m.

it flying deep out of bounds. That remained true on Thursday night against Hudson.

"We're giving them serving zones but I honestly think we're just rushing," Sara Kealy said. "At one point I said when it comes to Morgan (Kealy), who's a great player. 'Just give her the center of the court. Just get the ball in bounds.' They work so hard to get a serve and then they rush through it. They need to slow down."

Figuring out serving and saving a couple of points in each set could be the difference between winning and losing a sectional championship later this fall. Coach Kealy spoke about taking advantage of scoring opportunities with good servers early in sets.

"We've got some really good servers right out of the gate. We've got Morgan (Kealy) Brianna (Brathol) and Abi (Banitt) right off the bat," Sara Kealy said. "We've got to score points when those kids are behind the line and we're letting people off the hook too easily."

With the win, River Falls improves to 17-5 overall and 2-1 in Big Rivers Conference action. The Wildcats have sole possession of second place in the conference standings and trail only Chippewa Falls' 4-0 record in league play.

Up next for the Wildcats is a game on Thursday, Sept. 29, at home against the 11-8 (2-2) Rice Lake Warriors. That contest is slated to begin at 7 p.m.



Spring Valley Cardinals football team members were escorted down the parade route Friday by Spring Valley Fire. The rain held off during the parade, although it was a gloomy day. Photo by Sarah Nigbor

Spring Valley topples Clear Lake in homecoming victory

By Reagan Hoverman

The Spring Valley football team gave their rowdy homecoming crowd a lot to cheer about on Friday night, as the Cardinals defeated Clear Lake 12-8 to remain undefeated (4-0) in Dunn-St. Croix Conference contests this season.

Spring Valley's annual homecoming contest featured a low-scoring affair between two ground-and-pound teams that worked to control the line of scrimmage in a game that could have gone either way late in the fourth quarter.

Sophomore Cade Stasiak opened up the homecoming game with a methodical drive down the field in the first quarter, which he capped off with a four-yard touchdown run to give Spring Valley a 6-0 lead with two minutes remaining in the opening frame.

After multiple defensive stops by both teams, Clear Lake put together a scoring drive late in the second quarter that culminated in a 10-yard touchdown pass from senior quarterback Jacob Burbach to sophomore wide receiver Jordan Blanchard. Clear Lake took an 8-6 lead after a successful two-point conversion.

Spring Valley head coach Ryan Kapping spoke about the low-scoring defensive battle between the Cardinals and Warriors.

"I thought both defenses were playing pretty well the other night," Kapping said. "We did make some mistakes that put us into down and distance situations that we don't like to be in like third-and-longs that we weren't able to convert. We also had a couple of turnovers that cost us scoring opportunities as well."

Some of those third-and-long situations were likely harder on the aforementioned Stasiak because he hasn't seen many of them this season. The Clear Lake game was only his second start of the year, as he took over for full-time starter junior Wyatt Goveronski after he went down with an ankle injury during the second half against Glenwood City in week four. Coach Kapping stated

there is no further status update on Goveronski's recovery timetable.

While Stasiak and the Cardinals' offense may have struggled in the passing game, Spring Valley returned to its bread and butter in the second half – the rushing attack. In the third quarter, the Cardinals marched down the field and regained the lead when Stasiak scampered into the endzone for a three-yard touchdown carry to make it 12-8 in favor of Spring Valley.

"Our run game was a combination of our offensive line playing a strong game and Cade (Stasiak) and Diego (Schmitt) both doing a nice job of gaining yards after first contact," Kapping said of the rushing attack.

A scoreless fourth quarter for both programs meant that Spring Valley had secured not only a 12-8 homecoming victory, but also another win in the Dunn-St. Croix Conference. Spring Valley improves to 5-1 for the season and 4-0 in league play thus far. Kapping spoke about homecoming and facing adversity in the game.

"I don't know how much homecoming itself factors into excitement about the win," Kapping said. "But we faced some adversity and were able to work through it and get a win."

Spring Valley is slated to face off against the Turtle Lake Lakers on the road on Friday, Sept. 30. Turtle Lake has proved to be one of the top teams in the conference this season. The Lakers are 4-2 this season and 3-1 in Dunn-St. Croix Conference games. Turtle Lake remains in a three-way tie for second place with Cadott (3-1) and Elmwood/Plum City (3-1). Kapping spoke about that upcoming matchup.

"Against Turtle Lake we will have to be much better than we were last week," Kapping said. "Defensively they will stress us both on the ground and through the air so a key for us will be to sustain drives on offense and finish them to help the defense out."

That potentially season-defining game on the road against Turtle Lake is slated to begin at 7 p.m. on Friday.



Prescott sophomore Gabbi Matzek lines up a putt during the Middle Border Conference championship on Monday afternoon at the Clifton Hollow Golf Course on Monday, Sept. 26. Matzek's round of 86 helped Prescott secure its third consecutive MBC title. Photo by Reagan Hoverman

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and then sank a long eagle putt to secure the two-under round of 70.

Other Prescott scores include senior Rhi Stutz's round of 85, sophomores Jeanne Rohl and Gabbi Matzek both posted rounds of 86, senior Maddie Reiter shot a 95 and senior Madasyn Rundquist rounded out the scoring with a 103.

While Ava Salay will get a lot of well-deserved attention for her outstanding round of 70, Rohl and Matzek's rounds of 86 were just as impactful. Chad Salay stated earlier this year that if he can get a couple of the younger girls to start shooting around 90, it would make Prescott nearly uncatchable, and his girls are doing exactly that.

"Definitely Gabbi (Matzek), that was a huge round for her confidence-wise," Chad Salay said. "Jeanne (Rohl) has also kind of stepped into that range, 43, 44, especially at a course like this; it's not out of the question for her. Darren (Reiter) and I are so pumped knowing going into state that (Matzek) can shoot mid-80s in conditions like this."

Prescott graduated two of its most impactful players from last season's team in then-seniors Liz Rohl and Jessica Heinsch. Ava Sa-

lay spoke about trying to replace some of those scoring averages and how the younger players have stepped up to the challenge.

"It's awesome and I applaud them for how far they've come this year. We needed girls like that and they've stepped up," Ava Salay said. "Every time they play well and have a great score it's great to see. I hope they know that they're appreciated."

In the last couple of weeks, Prescott has found its groove in the varsity lineup. Ava Salay has continued posting collegiate-caliber scores while younger varsity players have begun stepping into roles previously filled by those aforementioned seniors from last season. For Ava Salay, it's all coming together in the quest for a third consecutive state championship.

"I think we're ready to go for another state championship," Ava Salay said. "Seeing what we shot today in this event, I think that we're ready and our whole team is prepared."

Prescott's third consecutive Middle Border Conference championship is potentially a good omen, as the two previous times the Cardinals won the league title, they won a state championship in those same seasons.

Prescott will begin its playoff run on Wednesday, Sept. 29, in the WIAA Division 2 Regional, at the Hills Golf Course in Hammond. That meet is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

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answered points to secure a 25-21 victory in the third set and take a pivotal 2-1 lead in the series.

Although those River Falls seniors are unquestionably the most talented on the team, coach Kealy stated that some of the younger players need to assert themselves on the floor and become more involved in the game.

"We've got a couple of kids that do a lot for us with Morgan (Kealy), Brianna (Brathol), Abi (Banitt) and Taylor (Peterson)," Sara Kealy said. "I'm trying to get those less experienced players to rise up and I think what's happening is those experienced players are dominating and the other players are happy to let them do it. We're having a lot of conversations about asserting yourself and doing your job."

River Falls closed out the series with a 25-15 victory in the fourth and final set on the road against Hudson to win the series 3-1. Coach Kealy was happy with the victory, but she also spoke about some areas that need to be cleaned up, especially serving.

Throughout the 2022 season, River Falls has had issues getting serves into play – whether it be hitting it into the net or sending



Prescott senior defensive back Tucker Lansing makes a move in the open field against an Amery defender during the Cardinals' homecoming game on Friday, Sept. 23. Photo courtesy of the Prescott High School football team

Amery blows out Prescott 36-7 in homecoming game

By Reagan Hoverman

While high school students often create long-lasting memories during homecoming week, the actual Friday night football game is going to be something Cardinals fans hope to quickly forget.

The Prescott Cardinals football team struggled in multiple phases against Amery on Friday, Sept. 23, throughout the annual homecoming game. The 36-7 loss drops Prescott to 2-4 overall for the season and 1-3 in Middle Border Conference games this year.

Perhaps Prescott's biggest issue throughout the Amery game was slowing down the Warriors' rushing attack. Amery junior running back Koy Hopke had a field day against Prescott and quickly quieted a previously rocking Cardinals home crowd.

Hopke got the Warriors on the board first when he followed blockers and shed a few Prescott defenders en route to a 26-yard touchdown run to give Amery a 7-0 lead with approximately two minutes left in the first quarter.

Prescott's offense continued to struggle to start the second quarter and gave the ball back to Amery. The Warriors wasted no time breaking the game open, as junior wide receiver Kruse Yuhus took a jet sweep 47-yards to the house. The score gave Amery a 15-0 lead less than a minute into the second quarter.

Prescott's lone score came in response to that explosive Amery possession. The Cardinals drove down the field before sophomore running back Barrett Temmers crossed the goal line on a two-yard touchdown run to make it a 15-7 contest.

However, it was again Amery's rushing attack that proved to be too much for Prescott to handle. The Warriors' offensive line opened another massive hole that the aforementioned Yuhus sprinted through. He followed the daylight all the way to the endzone, which gave Amery a 22-7 halftime lead.

The Warriors proceeded to score 14 ad-

ditional unanswered points, which came via two Hopke rushing touchdowns – one in the third quarter and the second midway through the fourth quarter. The Warriors cruised to a 36-7 victory in front of a stunned Prescott home crowd.

By the time the clock hit triple zeroes, Prescott had allowed 400 rushing yards and five touchdowns in the week six loss. Amery's Hopke alone accounted for 31 rushing yards and three touchdowns on 31 total carries. While Hopke served as the bell-cow back, the aforementioned Yuhus also tallied 148 rushing yards and two touchdowns on only nine carries.

Prescott's Temmers provided the only notable offensive production. He finished the game with 88 rushing yards and a touchdown coming via 19 carries. Throughout the season, Prescott head coach Jordan Hansen has spoken about the youth on his roster, which featured several sophomore starters at key positions on both sides of the ball.

Perhaps, the struggles against Amery and some of the other Middle Border Conference teams can be attributed to that youth and inexperience on the Cardinals' roster. Regardless, Prescott is scheduled to face a gauntlet of great teams in the next three weeks of league play.

The Cardinals are slated to play on the road against Baldwin-Woodville on Friday, Sept. 30. The following week Prescott hosts the 5-1 Ellsworth Panthers, and then the Cardinals finish the regular season on the road against the Rice Lake Warriors.

Two out of the final three games will be against a team that played in a state championship game last fall in Madison. Prescott is going to have to produce a couple of great performances in the next three weeks if the Cardinals want any chance of making the 2022 postseason.

That journey will begin on Friday, Sept. 30, on the road against the 4-1 Baldwin-Woodville Blackhawks. That game is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.



Ellsworth senior Bo Hines (#22) puts up his arms in celebration moments after senior running back Jurell Gooden crossed the goal line to all but secure the victory over Rice Lake on Friday, Sept. 23. Hines is flanked by Ellsworth's celebrating roster and coaching staff. Photo by Reagan Hoverman



Ellsworth senior running back Jurell Gooden makes a move in the open field during the Friday night 16-8 victory on the road against Rice Lake. Gooden scampered into the endzone on a three-yard touchdown run with less than 40 seconds remaining in regulation to help secure Ellsworth's victory. Photo by Reagan Hoverman

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quarter. After both teams had their offense stall, Ellsworth got the ball back with just over four minutes remaining in regulation by forcing a turnover on downs.

The Panthers handed the ball off for a short gain on first down before senior running back Bo Hines broke loose on a 25-yard rush down the Ellsworth sideline before being wrestled down by multiple Rice Lake defenders.

Ellsworth continued to move the chains with a steady diet of handoffs to foremen-

tioned seniors Hines and Gooden. With just over a minute remaining in regulation, Hines again broke loose. This time it was a carry down inside the Rice Lake 10-yard line before he was pushed out of bounds by Warriors defenders.

Two carries got Ellsworth down to the three-yard line. That's when Gooden followed blockers into the endzone. A successful two-point conversion gave Ellsworth a 16-8 lead with less than 30 seconds remaining in regulation. Ellsworth's defense got a stop and secured the season-defining win over Rice Lake. Heller spoke about that magical 83-yard drive to chew nearly the entire



River Falls junior Ellie Krueger hits iron at a short par three during a meet earlier this season. Krueger played some of her best golf at the big Rivers Conference Championship at the Lake Wissota Golf Course in Chippewa Falls on Wednesday, Sept. 21. Her round of 95 included two birdies. Photo by Reagan Hoverman

RF girls golf finishes fourth in BRC Championship

Wildcats junior varsity wins JV BRC Championship

By Reagan Hoverman

The River Falls High School girls golf team earned an expected fourth-place finish at the annual Big Rivers Conference Championship meet, which was held at the Lake Wissota Golf Course in Chippewa Falls on Wednesday, Sept. 21.

For the Lady Wildcats and head coach Tim LaVold, results from the entire season pointed to River Falls earning a fourth-place finish in the Big Rivers this season, given the strength of established programs in New Richmond and Hudson and the significant leap that Chippewa Falls took this offseason.

The Wildcats finished the BRC Championship with a team score of 399, trailing Chi-Hi's 374, New Richmond's 359 and Hudson's 358. Individual scores include junior Mahlia McCane's team-best 90, junior Ellie Krueger posted a 95, senior Alisha Latham shot a 106 and senior Mollie Schmidt rounded out the scoring with a 108. LaVold spoke about the conference championship meet.

"We have finished in fourth place pretty much all year so doing so again at Conference was not surprising and the score was a reflection of some difficult conditions on Wednesday," LaVold said. "Chippewa Falls did a nice job of improving their team this year and earned that third-place finish."

Despite playing in tough conditions, Krueger's 95 included some of the best stretches of golf she's played in her young career. LaVold spoke about Krueger playing smart golf and pouring in at least one long putt during the conference championship round.

"Ellie (Krueger) played a great round of golf. She is working hard at her mental approach to the game and saw some big success in that area in her score Wednesday," LaVold said. "She made her first two birdies ever which included a 50-foot putt for birdie on the sixth hole and an absolutely surgical-like playing of the 18th hole. She hit three perfect shots on the 18th hole to finish her round with a great birdie."

The aforementioned McCane, River Falls' #1 golfer, posted that team-best round of 90 at the championship on Wednesday afternoon. That score came up just one shot shy of earning her a place on the First-Team All-Conference roster for the 2022 season. She still landed a spot on the Second-Team All-Conference list.

"Mahlia was working toward her goal of First-Team All-Conference and unfortunately came up one shot short to finish Second-Team

All-Conference," LaVold said. "This is still a fantastic accomplishment for her."

While the varsity squad earned a fourth-place finish, the River Falls JV roster played some of its best golf of the season and captured the JV BRC Championship on Wednesday afternoon. LaVold spoke about the JV's success in Chippewa Falls.

"Freshman Nathalie Rotsaert led the Wildcat JV team to the JV BRC Championship title," LaVold said. "She shot a 44 to win the individual title and Riley Schmidt and Maddie Tiffany finished tied for second place as they both shot 48. Isabelle Davenport and Mallory Johnson also placed in the top-10 for the victorious Wildcats."

The Wildcats' biggest goal this season is to advance to the sectional tournament as a team and that goal is still very much in play. River Falls will be competing in the Division 1 Regional at Mill Run in Eau Claire on Thursday, Sept. 29.

To reach sectionals, River Falls will have to be one of the four teams that advance out of the regional on Thursday afternoon. The Cats have already played Mill Run this season and posted some of their best individual scores of the year, including McCane's career-best round of 77.

"I'm excited for this week and the Regional meet. We like playing at Mill Run," LaVold said. "The girls are all feeling good about their games and most importantly they are all doing the right things to prepare for the event. We are going to do some fun team-building things this week and we will be ready to tee it up on Thursday."

While advancing to sectionals as a team is the goal, LaVold stated that regardless of what happens, he's happy with how the girls have played this season and how seriously they've worked on their games throughout the summer and into the fall.

"This is what it's all about. No matter what sport or activity you are in," LaVold said. "Getting the opportunity to perform when it matters most. I have been very happy with the way the girls have handled themselves this season and the dedication to their team and their own game that they show every day in practice. It should be a fun couple of weeks."

River Falls is slated to tee off on Thursday at 9 a.m. at the Mill Run Golf Course in Eau Claire. The top four total team scores will advance to the Division 1 Sectional on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at Troy Burne in River Falls. Golfers will tee it up at 9 a.m. for that meet to go to state.

clock and win the game.

"I'm really proud of these guys. With the talent that we graduated last year, to see these young guys and the roles they've stepped into this year, it says a lot about this team and the seniors," Heller said. "To face the adversity we did at the start of the second half, to come out stagnant and then have a drive like that, it defines the toughness of these guys and the willingness to execute when it really counts."

The stakes certainly couldn't have been higher on Friday night in Rice Lake. Not only did both teams enter ranked top-five in the state in their respective divisions, but both teams entered in a tight competition for the Middle Border Conference crown, as Rice Lake was moved into the MBC this season.

Going into the contest, Ellsworth had a perfect 3-0 record in league play while Rice Lake was 2-1. However, an Ellsworth loss would have brought a conference championship back into play for both the Warriors, who would have moved to 3-1, and Baldwin-Woodville (currently 3-1).

Now, Ellsworth controls its destiny, as the Panthers have already defeated both Rice Lake and Baldwin-Woodville this season, which coach Heller stated are the three best teams in the MBC this year.

"We don't want to count our chickens before they hatch, Baldwin-Woodville beat them last week, but I think we've got a clear-cut three teams at the top of the league," Heller said after the win on Friday night. "It's exciting that we can punch a playoff ticket this early in the year and anytime you can beat a team like Baldwin and Rice Lake, it says a lot about your team."

Last season, both Rice Lake and Ellsworth finished runner-up in the state championship

game in their respective divisions. Rice Lake has a state championship-caliber offense and Ellsworth held it to eight total points on Friday night.

When the Panthers' offense struggled, the defense inevitably went onto the field and forced either a short drive or a three-and-out to get the ball back to the offense. Heller spoke about what his defense did against a potent Rice Lake offense.

"There's some stuff that we need to clean up, but the defense bailed us out all night," Heller said. "They played extremely well, kept us in it, and gave the offense an opportunity to have that game-winning drive at the end. I think that's what good teams do."

The win keeps the Panthers in sole possession of first place in the Middle Border Conference standings with a 4-0 record, while Rice Lake drops to a three-way tie for third with Somerset and Saint Croix Central. Baldwin-Woodville moves to solo second with a 3-1 record.

Coach Heller spoke about how this team could have mailed it in after last season's success, especially given the talent lost to graduation. Instead, these boys have begun crafting a legacy of their own in the annals of Panther lore.

"I'm just really proud of these seniors," Heller said. "With the talent that we graduated, for them to step up and win a game like this, this can build confidence. This can let your season take off. To be sitting in the catbird seat at this point in the MBC, we're sitting pretty good for the rest of the season."

The Panthers are at home on Friday, Sept. 30, against the Osceola Chiefs in another MBC clash. That contest is slated to begin at 7 p.m.



OUTDOOR Tales and Trails

BY DAVE BECK



Mountain texting

Bow hunting in the Rocky Mountains is a pretty quiet and interesting place to be when you are by yourself. Time and days blend together and become inconsequential. Before you know it, you are swallowed up by the mountains and become a part of them. If something newsworthy happens in the outside world, it happens without you. Stock markets go up and down. Football games are won and lost. Politicians continue to squawk. The Earth keeps spinning and all the while the mountains remain the same.

If you're paying attention while you are hiking in the stands of aspens, you will notice "text messages." Cattlemen, hunters and hikers leave their messages carved into the white bark trees. Some of the messages are not only decades old, they are generations old. More often than not the messages are left by successful hunters who mark the spot where they bagged a mule deer or an elk. Names or initials with dates are carved in the trees to offer a story to all who pass by and take the time to read them. The picture above of an aspen tree

is a good example of a great elk hunting day for Allen Whitmer who bagged his elk way back in 1980. Once off the mountain I asked around and Allen was a cattle rancher from Delores, Colo. He has since passed but his family knows where this tree is and considers it hallowed ground.

I encountered these crude text messages during my first trip out west. I thought it was some sort of graffiti defacing something pure and good. Over the years my thinking has changed and now I stop and read every tree. The mountains are full of mystery yet you get a tiny glimpse into the past on what happened on one particular day in that history. For example, one photo tells a story about a great day Corey Veach had hunting back in 1987. No doubt he walked pretty tall on his way back to camp that day.

The Veach family were not only hunters, they were cattle ranchers as well and still are to this day. Darrel was the patriarch of the family. His cattle and his journey are also stenciled into these aspen trees, not for eternity, just

for their life cycle.

I snapped photos of all the trees that I could read and some that I couldn't. Like I said earlier, the messages on those aspens offer a tiny glimpse into days gone by and make the mountains even more interesting. On one of my last days elk hunting, I came across one tree and was reminded on who was the very first to use the trees for text messages.

The tree in the photo above is a great example of a territorial bear marking. I walked a little faster getting off the mountain that day.

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These "mountain text messages" tell stories of days gone by, great hunts and history made. Photo by Dave Beck



SHOTS from the Hip

BY CRIFE OLSON

The Prescott girls golf team is still the #1 ranked team in Division 2 as Head Coach Chad Salay and his golfers begin their WIAA State Title defense at the WIAA Division 2 Regional held at Pheasant Hills Golf Course in Hammond. The Sectional Tournament will be held on Oct. 5 at Hidden Greens Golf Course in Solon Springs. Other area teams ranked in the final regular season poll include Altoona/Eau Claire Regis at #5 and Hayward at #7.

Congratulations to Prescott Middle School student Chase Radloff on bagging his first bear last week near Webb Lake in Burnett County. Other youngsters who were also successful in harvesting a black bruin include Prescott High School sophomore brother combination Luke and Lewis Kinneman.

Bravo to Prescott High School Cross Country Captain Tyler Loucks on his impressive performance in the Roy Griak Invitational. Almost 500 runners from over 100 schools from nine different states competed in the annual Twin Cities area running event. Loucks finished in 16th place in what is identified as among the top cross country races in the Midwest. Prescott harriers will run in a 13-team invitational this Saturday hosted by New Richmond High School.

The Prescott Cardinal volleyball team placed second in last Saturday's Abbotsford Invitational. Head Coach Tracey Budworth and the Cardinals rolled into the final with convincing victories over Rosholt, Colby, Loyal, and Abbotsford before falling in the championship match to Stratford. After conference games this week against Amery and Ellsworth, Prescott will compete in an invitational tournament in Amery.

In the most recent Wisconsin Volleyball Coaches Association state rankings, the Bloomer Blackhawks (17-5) remain the only team Division 2 from the western part of the state receiving votes. Incidentally, five of the top 10 schools ranked in Division 2 are private schools.

Amery junior running back Koy Hopke leads the Middle Border Conference in rushing with 844 yards, averaging 6.5 yards a carry. However, it is on the wrestling mat where Hopke has received worldwide recognition. Earlier this summer Hopke won two gold medals at the Pan American Games in both freestyle and Greco-Roman and followed that performance with a gold medal in freestyle at the July U17 World Championships in Rome, Italy. The talented grappler hopes to one day wrestle for the United States in the Summer Olympics.

The Prescott CAB Company will be looking for a handful of volunteers this Saturday for some infield maintenance work at Firehall Field. The back edge of the infield is creating standing water problems at times and volun-

teers hope to mitigate this drainage issue before next spring rolls around.

With their second consecutive loss in the Middle Border Conference Rice Lake finds itself sporting a .500 record in league play. Anecdotal word on the street was the former Big Rivers Conference member was none too pleased about joining the Middle Border Conference for football due to competition quality. I wonder if that same bird is singing outside the Barron County school?

According to the most recent national statistics, high school head coaching turnover has become an increasing issue. The numbers show that 52% of head coaches quit after two years or less on the job. Those who remain on the job for more than 10 years is approximately 10%. The primary reasons given by coaches for resigning their positions included time commitment, family reasons, and dealing with parents.

Committee Chairperson Tanya Sponholz reminds everyone the Prescott Hall of Fame Committee is accepting nominations for Fall 2023 induction into the Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame Committee will be accepting nominations through June 2023. Nominating forms can be found at the Prescott School District website: <https://www.prescott.k12.wi.us/community/hall-of-fame.cfm>

With their crucial victory over Rice Lake last Friday the Ellsworth Panthers have now won 18 consecutive conference games and are now the favorites to win their third consecutive Middle Border Conference title. Despite losing a large number of players from last year's state runner-up team to graduation, Head Coach Rob Heller and his charges have another title in their sights and a high seed heading into the fast-approaching state playoffs.

Headshaker of the week. As many of you know the WIAA is in the process of considering a competitive balance plan connected to the division placement of teams during the tournament series. Since the merger of the WIAA and WISAA (State Private School Association) over a decade ago, fans and coaches have griped and complained to the WIAA about the fairness associated with lower enrollment private schools competing against public schools with similar enrollments during WIAA tournaments. Those who have seen part of the proposal to deal with the supposed competitive advantage held by private schools report a calculator, an abacus, a slide rule, a protractor, a compass, and a caliper is necessary to understand the newest proposal. The detailed explanation is not only complex but it is almost impossible for the typical high school sports fan to understand. One more thing...it's a headshaker.

EPC football relying on its dynamic rushing attack

Wolves' Trevor Asher has 1,500 rushing yards

By Reagan Hoverman

The Elmwood/Plum City football team improved to 4-2 overall and 3-1 in Dunn-St. Croix action with a 24-21 victory against Boyceville on Friday, Sept. 23, in large part because of a dynamic offensive rushing attack.

Elmwood/Plum City senior running back Trevor Asher has been a difference-maker this season for the Wolves. Asher has accounted for more than 1,500 of the Wolves' 2,000 total offensive yards and 18 of the team's 22 touchdowns through the first six games of this year.

Asher's brilliance was on full display during the home game against Boyceville on Friday night. Less than four minutes into the first quarter, Asher broke loose for an 84-yard touchdown run and then successfully scored the two-point conversion to take an 8-0 lead.

Boyceville responded late in the opening frame with a touchdown drive of its own, capped off by a six-yard touchdown run. Through the second and third quarters, Boyceville scored 14 unanswered points to take a 21-8 lead going into the final 12 minutes of action.

Asher and the Wolves remained calm at the start of the fourth quarter and put together a two-minute scoring drive. Asher got Elmwood/Plum City back on the board with a 47-yard touchdown run and another successful two-point conversion to make it a 21-16 ballgame, still favoring Boyceville.

After the Wolves' defense made a late defensive stand, Elmwood/Plum City and Asher took to the field with a chance to lead a game-winning drive. That's exactly what they did. The dynamic rushing attack continued, as Asher capped off the scoring drive with a 21-yard touchdown run. A successful two-point conversion pass made it 24-21 for the Wolves. One more defensive stand on the ensuing drive secured the victory.

"Trevor (Asher) loves football. He's a very heady football player and he watches film and watches it with a purpose," Elmwood/Plum City head coach Mike Birtzer said of Asher. "He's an unbelievably hard worker in the weight room. He will go out of his way to help others get better too."

While Asher has accounted for nearly all of the Wolves' offensive output this season, he hasn't let it go to his head, according to coach Birtzer. Asher is always quick to give praise to his teammates, even though he's the one filling up the stat sheet every Friday night.

"This entire group is very close and they will do everything for each other. These guys want to see Trevor (Asher) have success and they're proud of his success," Birtzer said. "He understands that he doesn't have that success if it isn't for his teammates."

The Elmwood/Plum City Wolves run an old-school single wing offensive scheme that sometimes requires Asher – the most athlet-

ically gifted player on the team – to get out and block for other players. Other standout athletes might think they're too good for that, but Asher embraces the opportunity.

"In our rushing attack, he has to get out and block," Birtzer said. "He's never turned down an opportunity to get out and block. That's the selfishness that he has."

The Wolves' unique offensive scheme relies on both athletically gifted backs and an offensive line working in unison. Through the first six weeks, both aspects have been firing on all cylinders and that's what has helped Asher put together one of the best statistical campaigns in the state thus far.

"The single wing has a lot of moving parts and the offensive line has to work together," Birtzer said. "It has to be all five of them working together and they've done that. They take pride in how well they work together."

While the Wolves' rushing attack has been potent through the first six weeks, the passing attack has been anything but. Elmwood/Plum City has accumulated only 83 passing yards and one touchdown through the air this season.

While running the football nearly all of the time may work against weaker non-conference teams and struggling teams in the Dunn-St. Croix, coach Birtzer knows it won't work later in the season against top-tier programs – especially in the playoffs.

"We have to balance it out," Birtzer said. "I don't know what it's going to take. We've tried different things and we work on it at practice, but we've been a few steps off on each one. When we pass we haven't given our thrower time and our receivers haven't been where they need to be. It's something we've got to fix in the next couple of games because we're going to need it."

The Wolves' 4-2 overall record and 3-1 display in Dunn-St. Croix play is good enough for a share of second place. Elmwood/Plum City is in a three-way tie with Cadott and Turtle Lake. Spring Valley remains atop the conference with a 4-0 record in league play.

Spring Valley is coming off of a 2021 conference championship and despite graduating extensive talent, the Cardinals remain the best team – at least record-wise – in the conference. Boyceville, Cadott and Turtle Lake all remain tough, in addition to Birtzer's Wolves. He spoke about the competition in the conference.

"Spring Valley has got the edge because they've got the mental edge. It's because of how successful they've been," Birtzer said. "This conference is unbelievably tough this year. It's got a lot of teams that could sneak up and bite you (like Cadott did to us). It's a good, physical conference that will be a battle right down to the end."

The Wolves will look to continue their successful 2022 campaign on Friday, Sept. 29, at home against Colfax. That game is slated to begin at 7 p.m.

Community CALENDAR

Wednesday, Sept. 28

LEGO Club, 4 p.m., Plum City Public Library (611 Main St., Plum City). Come build masterpieces and friendships!
Badger Box Distribution, starts at 9:30 a.m., 905 Dexter St. N., Prescott. Great food, all produced in Wisconsin. Sponsored by the Hunger Task Force, Prescott Area Food Pantry and Gitchi Gaming. Products vary per month. For more information, call 715-262-4143.

Thursday, Sept. 29

Grandpa & Lucy, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Plum City Public Library (611 Main St., Plum City). For grades 1-3. Join us for a fun after-school story about love

and dementia.

Celebrate Neighbor National Parks, 4-6 p.m., Great River Road Visitor & Learning Center "(200 Monroe St., Prescott). Celebrate two national parks that meet at the confluence: The St. Croix National Scenic Riverway and the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area. Rain or shine! New superintendents have been appointed to manage these parks and will be on hand to meet community members. A brief program will be followed by refreshments.

Friday, Sept. 30

Autumn Hike, 4-6 p.m., River Falls Community Forest.

Celebrate autumn! Flameless candle luminaries light your path for this evening hike through a 40-acre, old-growth forest in the lower river canyon downstream of the City of River Falls. The preserve contains 1,500 feet of river frontage and includes the mouth of Rocky Branch. The purchase of The Community Forest in 2021 helped to provide access to The School Forest owned by the River Falls School District, which had been landlocked for years. Hot cocoa, hot apple cider, and popcorn will be available at the trail where the Kinni River and Rocky Branch Tributary meet, provided by Whole Earth Market Co-op!

Free event! Please register at <https://bit.ly/3KuKxnv> Park at the River Falls #12 Trailhead (off of River Ridge Road) or at The Community Forest entrance off of FF.

Friday Night Cruzin' & Chili Feed, 4-7 p.m., Comforts of Home (2354 Aurora Circle, River Falls). Second annual car show and chili feed and bake sale. \$5 for chili and the fixings. To register your car, contact Cassandra at cgavin@cohseiorliving.com or 715-495-1384.

Saturday, Oct. 1

UWRF Homecoming Parade, 11 a.m., Main Street, River Falls. Parade starts at the American Legion (701 N. Main St.) Cheer on the UWRF Falcons as they take on UW-Stevens Point at 1 p.m. at David Smith Stadium (267 Emogene Nelson Ave., River Falls).

Freedom Park Sunset Soiree, 4-8 p.m., Great River Road Visitor & Learning Center, (200 Monroe St., Prescott). Annual fundraising event featuring an Oktoberfest twist this year. Enjoy delicious food, cold German beer, live music, silent auction

and more. Tickets are \$10. Silent auction opens online at 10 a.m. Sept. 24 and closes at sunset (6:52 p.m.) Oct. 1.

Fall Food Truck Festival, 11 a.m., St. Bridget Parish School (135 E. Division St., River Falls). Enjoy food, beer, wine, games and a raffle while supporting students during this fundraising event.

Sixth Annual Oktoberfest, 11:30 a.m., Rush River Brewing (990 Antler Court, River Falls). German beer, stein holding contest, hammer game tournaments, commemorative mugs, The Big Cheese (1-7 p.m.) and Holy Donuts (1-5 p.m.)

Plum City Fall Fest, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., W1714 330th Ave., Plum City. Held rain or shine! Great vendors, antique tractor display, "The Blue Notes" saxophone quartet (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.), door prizes, food and fun!

Prescott Chicken Fry, 4:30-8 p.m., Prescott American Legion Hall (710 Pearl St.) If the Colonel had his recipe, he'd be a General. Takeout orders, all you care to eat. For information on hall rentals, contact 715-220-8113.

Sunday, Oct. 2

Fall Festival & Bazaar, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Ono Methodist Church (N3298 County Road CC, Maiden Rock). Live music, family activities, food, worship service (10 a.m.), mini farmers market, pies, baked goods, and petting zoo.

UWRF Homecoming Concert, 2 p.m., William Abbott Concert Hall, Kleinpell Fine Arts Building, UWRF campus, River Falls. Including symphony band, choir, alumni choir and more. Tickets are \$8 at the door, \$5 for seniors and \$2 for students.

St. Matthew's 125th Anniversary Dinner, noon to 3 p.m., St. Matthew's Lutheran Church (W3006 Highway 29, Spring Valley). Everyone is welcome to come celebrate!

Tuesday, Oct. 4

Prescott Chamber Coffee, 7-8 a.m., Twisted Oak Coffee in Prescott. Join members for a morning cup of coffee and conversation. Announcements and programming at 7:30 a.m., but all are welcome to stop by anytime.

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Results for last week's Varsity Football games (Sept. 23)

- Superior 7 @ River Falls 28
- Chippewa Falls 21 @ New Richmond 7
- Eau Claire Memorial 8 @ Hudson 23
- Menomonie 6 @ Eau Claire North 20
- Amery 36 @ Prescott 7
- Baldwin-Woodville 27 @ Osceola 6
- Ellsworth 16 @ Rice Lake 8
- Somerset 26 @ St. Croix Central 0
- Boyceville 21 @ Elmwood/Plum City 24
- Cadott 31 @ Glenwood City 0
- Clear Lake 8 @ Spring Valley 12
- Turtle Lake 33 @ Colfax 32

Schedule for this week's Varsity Football action (Sept. 30)

- River Falls @ Chippewa Falls
- Eau Claire Memorial @ Superior
- Hudson @ Eau Claire North
- New Richmond @ Menomonie
- Osceola @ Ellsworth
- St. Croix Central @ Amery
- Prescott @ Baldwin-Woodville
- Rice Lake @ Somerset
- Spring Valley @ Turtle Lake
- Boyceville @ Glenwood City
- Cadott @ Clear Lake
- Colfax @ Elmwood/Plum City

Local High School Conferences for Fall 2022

Dunn-St.Croix Football

School	Conf. Record	Overall
Spring Valley	4-0	5-1
Elmwood/Plum City	3-1	4-2
Turtle Lake	3-1	4-2
Cadott	3-1	5-1
Boyceville	2-2	4-2
Glenwood City	1-3	3-3
Clear Lake	0-4	2-4
Colfax	0-4	1-5

Middle Border Football

School	Conf. Record	Overall
Ellsworth	4-0	5-1
Baldwin-Woodville	3-1	4-1
Rice Lake	2-2	4-2
St. Croix Central	2-2	4-2
Somerset	2-2	3-3
Prescott	1-3	2-4
Osceola	1-3	2-4
Amery	1-3	1-5

Big Rivers Football

School	Conf. Record	Overall
River Falls	4-0	6-0
Hudson	3-1	5-1
New Richmond	2-2	4-2
Chippewa Falls	2-2	3-3
Menomonie	2-2	2-4
Eau Claire North	2-2	2-4
Eau Claire Memorial	1-3	3-3
Superior	0-4	0-6

Schedule for coming week of Volleyball Matches

Thursday, September 29

- Rice Lake @ River Falls
- Eau Claire North @ Eau Claire Memorial
- Hudson @ New Richmond
- Menomonie @ Chippewa Falls
- Amery @ Baldwin-Woodville
- Osceola @ Altoona
- Prescott @ Ellsworth
- Somerset @ St. Croix Central
- Boyceville @ Elmwood Plum City
- Durand @ Glenwood City
- Elk Mound @ Colfax
- Mondovi @ Spring Valley
- Pepin @ Blair-Taylor

Monday, October 3

- Blair-Taylor @ Durand

Tuesday, October 4

- Chippewa Falls @ Stevens Point
- Amery @ Ellsworth
- Baldwin-Woodville @ Osceola
- St. Croix Central @ Altoona
- Somerset @ Prescott
- Immanuel Lutheran @ Boyceville
- Gilmanton @ Pepin

Dunn-St.Croix Volleyball

School	Conf. Record	Overall
Spring Valley	2-0	12-5
Elmwood/Plum City	2-0	6-6
Elk Mound	2-0	4-11
Colfax	2-0	5-6
Boyceville	0-1	3-12
Glenwood City	0-2	3-9
Mondovi	0-2	2-8
Durand	0-2	2-5

Middle Border Volleyball

School	Conf. Record	Overall
Prescott	2-0	10-8
Altoona	2-0	12-6
Osceola	2-0	10-8
Somerset	1-1	9-6
Ellsworth	0-2	3-8
Amery	0-2	9-2
Baldwin-Woodville	1-1	17-3
St. Croix Central	0-2	6-7

Big Rivers Volleyball

School	Conf. Record	Overall
Chippewa Falls	4-0	21-1
River Falls	3-1	18-5
Hudson	2-2	21-4
Rice Lake	3-1	9-8
Eau Claire Memorial	1-3	14-7
Menomonie	2-2	5-12
Eau Claire North	1-3	14-8
New Richmond	0-4	2-13

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New student enrollment grows at UWRF

Growth tied to UWRF's distinction as a regional public university

RIVER FALLS – The University of Wisconsin-River Falls is encouraged by its early fall enrollment numbers which show an increase in the number of new students in the university's classrooms.

UWRF is one of the campuses in the University of Wisconsin System seeing increases in new student enrollment. Systemwide enrollment estimates show 26,442 first-year students, including freshmen and first-year transfers, enrolled this fall compared to

25,869 in fall 2021 and 25,602 in fall 2018.

Overall enrollment at UWRF is slightly down from last year, as is the case at most of the UW System comprehensive campuses which show an average drop of 3 percent, attributable to the unfortunate impacts of the pandemic on student persistence. In response, UWRF has enhanced student support efforts including advising, counseling and adding a Dean of Students position.

Additionally, UWRF is developing new

programs for students to help their transition from high school to college.

"We are dedicated to the success of new students with programs such as our nearly completed First-Year Experience Program," said UWRF Provost David Travis. "UWRF wants students to feel confident as they navigate uncharted waters."

UW-River Falls also is introducing several new opportunities for students as it keeps its eye on enrollment growth, including eS-

ports and Marching Band.

"We are listening to students and responding with programs and opportunities that will meet both academic and co-curricular interests," said UWRF Chancellor Maria Gallo.

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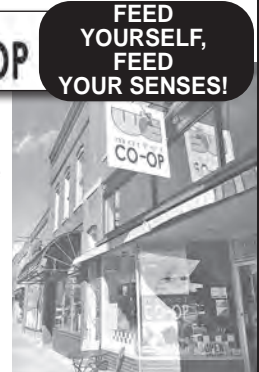
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A Look Back

Compiled by Joseph Back

10 years ago PRESCOTT JOURNAL Sept. 27, 2012

Weather report
Sunday, Sept. 16
Hi 78, lo 59
(one week later)
Saturday, Sept. 22
Hi 58, lo 41
Reliving the past through video games
By Louis Garcia

I recently played a PlayStation 3 video game called "Papo & Yo." It isn't a perfect puzzle performer, but it shows that video games can do more than just give gamers satisfaction from shooting each other in online matches of Halo or Call of Duty, but also tell an emotional story. Below is a column about how this game not only resonated with me on an emotional level, but how it proves that video games can be so much more—not that I don't enjoy jumping online to cause virtual mayhem now and then.

(recounts personal tale of family history and trauma)

I wonder what a younger me would think about this game (by a creator with similar childhood experiences). I doubt I would've taken much interest in it, having already found a good home in role-playing games and action-packed adventure games. But as an adult, it reminds me of important things, prompts me to reflect on the hardships I grew up in, and makes me determined to never put my own children through those horrors (of a father who drank).

25 years ago PRESCOTT JOURNAL Sept. 25, 1997

The Prescott Cardinal grab their first victory of the season at Amery with a 15 - 7 finish

Quote of the Week: "We should hold this (liquor license) for something the city needs - a bowling alley, convention center or reception center. —Mayor Jim Richman, on why he opposed issuing the new liquor license to a certain business in town

Vacating Ellen Street sent back to committee

Help for sexual abuse/assault victims
Are you a victim of sexual abuse or assault?

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domestic violence. A 24-hour crisis line is available at 1-715-345-5014. More at www.turningpoint-wi.org.

40 years ago PIERCE COUNTY HERALD Sept. 30, 1982

42-year-old Red Wing man charged with rape in assault of 17-year-old Pierce County girl.

133 cattle die from poison in silo at Plum City

Free introductory flying lesson
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55 years ago RIVER FALLS JOURNAL Oct. 5, 1967

William Ogle is the new manager at the Sears Store.

The Grey Ladies will meet at the home of Mrs. Violet Engebret at 2 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 9.

City Hospital Guild to meet Monday, Oct. 9 at the Hospital at 7:30 p.m.

Main Street parade at 10 a.m. "Will use the same parade route as in the past."

Lake Elmo native and Racine schoolteacher Joan Eberhard, age 21, becomes the 17th traffic death for St. Croix County in 1967.

70 years ago PRESCOTT JOURNAL Oct. 2, 1952

First Lieutenant Robert L. Hamman of Prescott is fast making a name for himself in the Korean air war. He is bombardier on the flight leader bomber and was recently accompanied by Brig. Gen. Wiley D. Ganey, chief of the FEAF Bomber command on a daylight strike on targets in northeast Korea. It was the first daylight raid in a year and was highly successful, according to the Stars and Stripes, US forces newspaper for the area.

Lt. Hamman has but seven more missions to fly before he can return to his country. His wife is living in Prescott.

113 years ago THE RIVER FALLS JOURNAL Sept. 5, 1907

The State Fire Marshal's Duties

Provisions of the Law Under Which He Will Work

Suspicious Fires
If there be circumstances which suggest a probability that the fire was started intentionally by someone, no matter how small the loss, the state fire marshal must be notified at once.

Powers of the Fire Marshal
The fire marshal, his assistants or deputies may take up the investigation of any fire at any time and exercise all the powers of a court. They may compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books; may administer oaths, make arrests, and punish for contempt with fine or jail sentence. They may separate witnesses and exclude attorneys during examinations. The fire marshal must reduce all testimony he takes to writing, furnish a copy of it with all other facts of value to the prosecuting attorney of the county and follow each case until it is disposed of.

The fire marshal or any of his assistants, is given the right, at all times of day or night, to enter a building in which a fire has occurred, or the buildings nearby for the purpose of examination and may "at all reasonable hours," enter any building or premises for the purpose of investigating fire dangers.

May Remove Dangers
The fire marshal or his assistants may direct that any building which is so dilapidated as to be a fire danger shall be repaired or that dangers from combustibles or explosives be remedied. The owner who fails to comply with the order of the fire marshal can be punished by a fine of \$10 to \$50 for each day's neglect, by suit brought in the municipal or justice's court.

Would be arsonists warned
The most important duty of the fire marshal is to create a universal impression that swift pursuit and inevitable punishment awaits anyone who burns property for revenge or to defraud.

Sept. 12, 1907

News of Wisconsin
Tobacco Men to Meet.

Chippewa Falls—Thomas Emmerton, president of the state branch of the American Society of Equity, has called a meeting of the tobacco growers of Wisconsin to be held at Madison Oct. 9 and 10. The principal object of the meeting is to devise plans for the control of the marketing of the tobacco crop.

Deaf Girl Regains Hearing.
Appleton—Elsie Kressen, a 16-year-old girl, who has been deaf for years, suddenly regained her hearing while at play. She was

seized with a rumbling sound in her ears, then felt a shock like a heavy blow on the head and thereafter could hear perfectly.

Sept. 19, 1907

Meetings every Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock in the parlors of the Congregational Church. Topic for Sept. 22, "God's Omnipotence." Leader Inez Williams.

Sept. 26, 1907

County neighborhood updates
OLIVET
Mrs. Ida Yates spent Sunday in Rock Elm. A light frost visited this section Saturday night but did no damage.

CLAY CORNERS
Confirmation at the Martell church Sunday, Oct. 13.

FARGO
Farmers are busy cutting their corn. Jack Frost was a visitor here Saturday night.

DONEGAL
Death has again visited this community and borne from our midst the spirit of Mr. M. Fitzsimmons to the shining realms above, from whence no traveler returns, there to await the sorrowing relatives and friends.

160 years ago PRESCOTT JOURNAL Sept. 24, 1862

Persons who are indebted to us for the Journal will find it to their advantage to call and pay up. Pork, Hay, Beans, and even wheat will be taken for subscription.

Some Follies
—To think that the more a man eats the fatter and stronger he will become.

The belief that the more hours children study at school, the faster they learn.

To imagine that every hour taken from sleep is an hour gained.

Soldier's Supper
A dinner was given by the citizens of Pierce County, to the Salomon Tigers, on the 23rd. The entertainment was inferior to none hereto fore given to the different companies which have been organized in this county. Immediately after dinner, a fine flag, made by some young ladies of Prescott, was presented to the company. The presentation was made by A. H. Young, on the part of the ladies, and was received by Col. D. J. Dill for the company.

The whole proceeding was a "big thing," and passed off to the entire satisfaction of all present.

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715-425-5220
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Morning Service 11:00 AM
Evening Service 6:30 PM
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:30 PM
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Rev. Stacy Johnson Myers,
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Firstchurchfr.org

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FirstCov-office@frcov.org
Adam Christian, Lead Pastor
Brian Majerus, Pastor Of
Christian Formation &
Family Ministries

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Pastor Annie Ladnier
715-425-9750
www.hopelutheranrf.com/
YouTube: Hope Lutheran River Falls

Journey Church of River Falls
(Assembly of God)
605 Valley View Dr
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River Falls, WI 54022
Pastor Scott Jensen
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www.lmcrf.org/

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N8623 County Road Y
River Falls, WI 54022
Pastor Dave Teig
715-684-3701
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Rev. Gerald P. Harris, pastor

Our Churches
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1265 Ridgeway St.
Hammond, WI 54015
www.stmaryshammond.org
(715) 796-2244

Spirit of Grace United Methodist Church
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River Falls, Wisconsin 54022
Rev. Andrew Church
phone: 715-425-6233
email: office@spiritofgracefr.org
spiritofgracefr.org

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River Falls, WI 54022
uusrf.org/
715-425-5115

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Bay City WI
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https://www.facebook.com/Bethlehem.Eidsvold
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Tabor Lutheran
N1298 530th Street
Bay City, WI 54723
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COUNTRYSIDE
Our Savior's Lutheran Church (ELCA)
N6450 530th Street
Beldenville WI 54003
Pastor-Lucas Ladnier
Contact Phone: 715-273-4570
admin.os@hbc.com
Website: www.oursaviorschurch.info
Sunday Morning Worship 9:00 am

Sacred Heart Catholic Community
Spring Valley - Elmwood - Boyceville
Father Arockia Amirtha Raj Stanislaus
Phone: 715-778-5519
email: admin@svecatholic.org
website: svecatholic.org

ELLSWORTH AREA
Bethel Covenant Church
W8405 County Road KK
Ellsworth, WI 54011
(715) 792-2397
www.bethelcov.org
Sunday Worship at 10am
(In person or Facebook)
Wednesdays 10-noon
Double K Cafe Fellowship
Also on Facebook

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
N3699 730th Street, Ellsworth WI
https://www.bethlehemseidsvoldchurches.com/
https://www.facebook.com/Bethlehem.Bethlehem
Please check website or facebook for current worship time and location

C3 Church
Pastors Matthew and Angelina Anderson
(715) 273-3678
www.c3church.us
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W7562 US Hwy 10
Ellsworth, WI 54011
Hudson Campus
529 2nd Street
Hudson, WI 54016
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OBITUARIES

Susan Carpenter 1959-2022



Susan Carpenter, 62, of Prescott, Wisconsin passed away peacefully at the end of August. She was born in a small town in south central Wisconsin, and grew up in Madison during the 60's and 70's.

Sue attended the University of Arizona for her first year of college, then transferred back to the University of Wisconsin, Madison to earn high marks and a bachelor's degree in education (behavioral disabilities). She loved her college days, recounting endless stories of being a Badger during Madtown's heyday (e.g., being body-passed to the top of the Camp Randall bleachers on football Saturdays, State Street Halloweens, Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority dances). Sue loved having fun then and always would!

After graduating and a short stint working with special needs adults, Sue's free spirit swept her and her best friend into the Colorado Rocky Mountains - their plan was to work banquets at the Keystone Ski Resort lodge for the upcoming ski season. She fell so completely in love with the mountains and the active, but laid-back Summit County lifestyle, however, that she stayed for the next 4 years filled with skiing, camping road trips, biking and hiking along the Continental Divide and concerts at Red Rocks in Denver.

She was, and forever would be, a very hard and dedicated worker who never shied away from the task at hand and rather, would plunge right in and get it done. That, coupled with her sunny smile and quick laugh, made her a favorite at the resort, working multiple jobs there and ultimately managing food and beverage operations at the Mountain House, the large restaurant, cafeteria and bar at the base of the resort's main ski area. Even work, though, held an occasional adventure as Susan would recall hitching moonlit (near vertical) rides in the SnoCat groomers to get down the mountain after waitress shifts at the mountaintop restaurant and white-knuckling her way through blizzards up "the Pass" to get to her A-Basin bartending job on time.

She made many close friends in Colorado but one turned out to be closer than others. Working on the big, unruly coffee machine in main lodge kitchen at Keystone, Sue, the banquet waitress, and Charlie, the Garden Room waiter and husband to be, banged into each other and the spark of their lifelong romance was struck.

The two soon moved back to Madison, Sue pursuing a degree in nursing (a dream since being a teenage candy stripper at Madison General) and Charlie one in law. Upon graduation, they moved up to the Twin Cities where Susan commenced a long, varied, successful and satisfying, near 32 year run as a registered nurse.

Sue was a natural at it - hardworking, smart, good natured and with a bedside manner of a saint. Her fearless appreciation for new experiences/challenges led her through a career which

began with cardiac care at a large Minneapolis hospital and thereafter included acting as charge nurse at a small hospital in Hastings (oftentimes single-handedly managing its emergency room, obstetrics ward and elder care facility all in the course of a shift), endoscopy/diagnostics, pre and post op (PACU) nursing at several well established orthopedic surgery groups in the Twin Cities and finally concluded with Sue excelling as a rare and chronic disease case manager for several national health insurance companies. Sue's knowledge gained from all that experience was amazingly broad and she routinely put it to good use helping friends and family through all sorts of medical issues.

Notwithstanding, her nursing accomplishments, it was those Susan was closest to that she treasured the most, her dear family being paramount. She invested the whole of her heart, spirit and energy in her children. She loved them without reservation, she was their champion, cheerleader and counselor, always ready to go to bat for them. She boasted happily of their accomplishments and felt a deep pride and contentment seeing them grow to be thoughtful, kind adults.

She was also devoted to her many, many friends (included her beloved Labrador's . . . and most every other dog that crossed her path - none left unpattd). With a warm, outgoing and caring manner, quick wit, ready laugh and bright smile, she made friends of most she met, drawing many close with her extraordinary empathy, honesty and strength. The love and support you friends gave us this last year and a half moved Sue to tears often - our deepest thanks to each of you.

She'll be sorely missed by all of us, including her Luna, her sweet little black lab puppy. We all love you so much Sue!

Susan is survived by Charlie, her adoring husband and her very best friend of near 38 years, her loving children Charlie, Sam and Emmie, her mother and father Mary and Russ, loving siblings Sara and Scott, as well as many loving in-laws, cousins, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 pm on Sunday, October 9, 2022 at Joy Lutheran Church in Prescott, Wisconsin. A celebration of Susan's life will follow the service that day at the Hastings Golf Club in Hastings Minnesota, where family and friends are invited to gather for food and drinks from 4-8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Animal Ark - Minnesota.

Debra Larson 1961-2022



Debra Jean Larson, age 61, of Beldenville, Wisconsin passed away at home, Tuesday Sept. 20, 2022, with her loving family by her side.

She was born Aug. 24, 1961 in St. Paul, Minnesota to Robert and Jeanne (Spies) Goetzke. She graduated from Woodbury High School in 1979 and married the love of her life on April 21, 1979 at Guardian Angels in Oakdale, Minnesota.

Deb's life was always about family, faith and the outdoors. You could often find her soaking up the sunshine while doing yard work, playing golf, softball, camping, boating, hiking, walking, riding bikes, and fishing. She loved music. Singing was a passion of Deb's. She especially loved to sing in her choir and also around the campfire with her family.

The thing Deb enjoyed most in life was being a Nana to her six grandbabies. Nothing gave her greater joy than to spend time with them reading stories, playing games, baking cookies, and being their biggest cheerleader.

Deb gave love that was unconditional and pure. And while death can steal life, it cannot steal love. Love remains. We are positive Deb's love will still be shared and experienced through all those who were blessed to know her.

Deb is survived by her husband of 43 years, Rick; children Scott (Jennifer) Larson of Cottage Grove, MN, Jennifer (Marc) Meyer of River Falls, WI, Rachel (Travis) Swanson of Afton, MN;

six grandchildren, Isabelle, Lucas, Owen, Mayzie, Hannah and Emma; her mother, Jeanne; siblings, David (Theresa) Goetzke of Hugo, MN, Dan (DeeDee) Goetzke of Prescott, WI, Donna Faschingbauer of Woodbury, MN, Diane (Jeff) Hrstich of Woodbury, MN, Don (Laura) Goetzke of Woodbury, MN, Dale (Nikkol) Goetzke of South St. Paul, MN; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

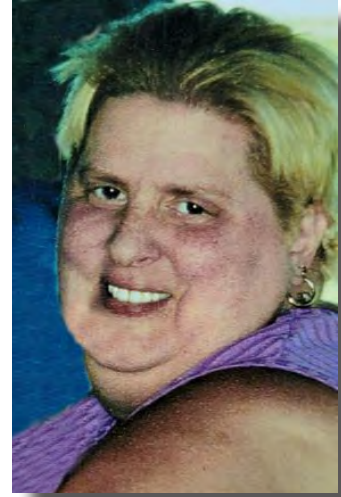
Deb is preceded in death by her father Robert Goetzke; brother in law, Al Faschingbauer; nephews Kevin Goetzke and Isaac Bushway.

A mass of Christian Burial will take place at 12 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 29, 2022 at Guardian Angels Catholic Community 8260 4th Street North, Oakdale, Minnesota 55128 with visitation starting at 10am.

Arrangements entrusted to O'Connell Family Funeral Home in Ellsworth, Wisconsin.



Debbie Kannel-Howard 1959-2022



Debbie Mae Kannel-Howard, age 63 of Ellsworth, died on Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2022 at Prescott Nursing and Rehab. Debbie was born to Marvin and Ina (Howard) Burman on July 29, 1959 in Minneapolis, MN. Debbie attended South High School graduating with the class of 1977. She went on to get a 2-year degree in Nursing becoming an LPN. Debbie's life was blessed with one son, Ryan.

Debbie was extremely proud of growing up as what she would call half-city and half-farm. She would spend many summers in Oklee, MN on a family farm. One of Debbie's greatest achievements was becoming a nurse and obtaining a job in Colorado. She was also very fond of crocheting, and needlework/embroidery giving many gifts over the years to family and friends. Debbie was also a very talented artist and enjoyed drawing. Debbie also had a large Garfield collection with over 200 different Garfield the Cat collectables.

Debbie is survived by her son Ryan; siblings: Lynn Burman, Violet Finkleson (Lin D Ann Burman), and Wendy Stauffacher; and other Burman family: John Sodeburg, David Stauffacher

and Rebecca Stone; cousin: Lloyd Howard along with numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; and special friends: Tom & Beth Hofmeister and family. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband: Steven John Kannel, parents: Marvin and Ina, and brother-in-law, Daryl Finkleson, and sister-in-law, Dawn Burman.

A Celebration of Life will be from 2-6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022 at Freedom Park: 200 Monroe St. Prescott, WI 54021.

Services entrusted to O'Connell Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Prescott, www.oconnellfuneralhomes.com, 715-262-5404



Jerome Huppert 1958-2022



Jerome Francis Huppert, age 63, of Ellsworth, died unexpectedly, of natural causes, Saturday Sept. 17, 2022, at his residence. Jerome was born on Dec. 4, 1958, in Red Wing, MN, the son of Chester and Jeanine (Johnson) Huppert. He graduated from Ellsworth High School in 1977. Earlier in life, he worked for Andersen Windows in Bayport, MN. Looking to follow his heart, he began his own trucking service hauling grain and fertilizer. He so loved driving his Kenworth, but more importantly seeing old client farmers who quickly became longtime friends.

He loved spending time on his farmstead. He rented out his land to local farmers and was always eager to help when they needed a hand. His love of the "Green and Gold" extended from John Deere memorabilia to Packer football. He always looked forward to Huppert Cousin Reunions. He was all smiles last year when his cousin Lynn gave him a helicopter ride for an aerial view of the farmland he so loved. He was a member of the English Lutheran Church in Ellsworth.

Jerome is survived by his dad Chester of Ellsworth; siblings David (Sarah) Huppert of Bay City, Kimberly (Brian) Cooper of Stevens Point, Barbara (Lance Dills) Huppert of Madison; nieces Marie (Chris) Mill-

er of Montello, Amy (Eric) Suchon of Farmington, MN, Allison Huppert of Bay City; great nieces/nephews Warren Miller, Cooper Suchon, Greta Miller, Fox Suchon; aunts/uncles Mary (Bill) Boston of Stevens Point, Pete (Jackie) Johnson of Red Wing, MN; as well as many cousins and friends. His mother Jeanine and best friend canine Toby preceded him in death.

A Celebration of Life for Jerome will be Saturday, Oct. 8 from 9-11 a.m. with a prayer service at 11 a.m. at the O'Connell Family Funeral Home of Ellsworth. Private Interment will be in the St. Francis Cemetery in Ellsworth. Memorials are preferred to the discretion of the family. Funeral and cremation services entrusted to the O'Connell Family Funeral Home of Ellsworth.



PUBLIC Notice

CITY OF PRESCOTT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for Boat Launch Dock and Fishing Dock, will be received by the City of Prescott, City Clerk, at the City Hall, 800 Borner Street N., Prescott, WI 54021, by 1:00 p.m., local time, October 6, 2022, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The work, in general, will include the approximate quantities and items listed below:

Boat Launch Dock (6' wide)	300	If
Fishing Dock (6' wide)	160	If

The proposals shall be submitted on the forms furnished with the specifications. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check payable to the owner equal to five percent (5%) of the proposal or a bid bond of a bonding company duly authorized to do business in the State of Wisconsin in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the proposal. This proposal guarantee shall be subject to forfeiture as provided by law.

Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.cedarcorp.com. You may download the digital plan documents for \$30.00 (Quest eBidDoc #8299103). Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. An optional paper set of project documents is also available from Docunet Corporation. Contact Docunet at 763-475-9600 for pricing and instructions to obtain a paper copy. Please make your check payable to Docunet Corporation and send it to 2435 Xenium Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55441.

Proposals shall not be withdrawn for a period of 45 days after the date of opening. The City of Prescott reserves the right to reject any or all of the proposals and to waive any informalities therein.

Dates of Publication: September 21st and September 28th, 2022

By Authority of: Matt Wolf, City Administrator

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PIERCE COUNTY WISCONSIN Notice of Public Hearing (State of Wisconsin)) ss. County of Pierce)

Public notice is hereby given to all persons in Pierce County, Wisconsin, that a public hearing will be held on the 5th day of October, 2022, at 6:00 pm, in the County Board Room in the Courthouse, in Ellsworth, WI before the Land Management Committee to consider and take action on a request for a conditional use permit for Sludge Disposal in the General Rural Flexible District by David Sauer, Cedar Corporation, agent for Ralston Purina & Nestle Purina Petcare Co, agent, on property owned by William E Schroeder, located in parts of the N 1/2 of the SW 1/4, SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4, the SE 1/4 of Section 29, also in parts of the N 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section 32, all in T25N, R17W, Town of Hartland, Pierce County, WI.

Public attendance is available in person or virtually with the link or phone number provided below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81250195401?pwd=Yk9N-MURTM2F4QmnpV3doYWVvYkFyQT09>

Meeting ID Number: 812-5019-5401
Password: 328518
United States: + 1 (312) 626-6799
Access Code: 328518

All persons interested are invited to said hearing and to be heard.

Andy Pichotta
Director
Pierce County, Wisconsin
PH-CUP22.05

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CITY OF RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Plan Commission of the City of River Falls will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 222 Lewis Street to consider the following:

A General Development Plan (GDP) for a 190-unit multi-family residential development on Paulson Road at Radio Road (PID 276116800000).

All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard. Please be advised that the presiding officer (the Mayor) may set time limits or limit repeat comments.

Proposed resolutions and maps are available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall at 222 Lewis Street, or on the City's website (www.rfcity.org) under the "agenda center" corresponding to the date listed above.

Emily Shively, City Planner

Publish: Pierce County Journal
September 28, 2022

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SUBSCRIBE TODAY CALL US 715-273-8078

PUBLIC Notice

VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH BOARD MEETING
October 3, 2022 7:00pm

130 N. Chestnut St. Lower Level Boardroom (East Rear Entrance)
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88507390640?pwd=b3RkMjZdZnMtJdkZEM09DdU9GQ-085dz09>

Meeting ID: 885 0739 0640
Passcode: 368822

1. Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

10-minute discussion limit on all agenda and non-agenda items per Roberts Rules of Order, the Village Board may suspend this rule if deemed necessary, no board action may be taken on non-agenda items

2. Approval of minutes – 9/12

3. Approve payments and deposits

4. Public comment on non-agenda items

5. Public hearing for amended 2009-2029 Long Range Comprehensive Plan

6. Approval of amended 2009-2029 Long Range Comprehensive Plan

7. Discuss and approve Ellsworth Senior Center request for 2022 budgeted amount of \$2,700

8. Discuss and approve Ehlers Invoice for TID #12 Creation in the amount of \$9,000

9. Discuss and approve Ehlers Invoice for Preparation of Supplemental Reports on TIDs 4,7,8,9,10 and 11 in the amount of \$6,000

10. Discuss and approve Resolution 2022-10 in Recognition of Deputy Director Curt Witynski and Communications Director Gail Sumi's retirement and recognition of 50+ years of combined service with the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.

11. Discuss and approve new sidewalk, curb, and gutter at 388 W Main Street (in front of drive-thru)

12. Committee/Commission meeting reports/recommendations.

- a. TID Joint Review Board**
- b. Plan Commission**
- Review October 3 meeting minutes
- c. Board of Appeals**
- d. Board of Review**
- Review September 12 meeting minutes
- e. ETZ**
- f. Water and Sewer**
- g. Street & Sidewalk**
- h. Salary and Labor**
- Review September 15 & September 28 meeting minutes
- i. Parks, Recreation, & Development**
- j. Finance, Purchasing, Buildings**
- k. Public Safety**
- l. Health, License, Welfare**
- m. Solid Waste, Cable TV, Special Committee**
- n. Cemetery**
- o. Community Development Authority**
- Review September 15 meeting minutes

13. Department Head Reports: Department activity/update

- a. Chief of Police**
- b. Director of Public Works**
- c. Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Office**
- d. Library Director**

14. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted by
Brad Roy, Administrator
Clerk-Treasurer

Posted at the Village Hall, Village Website, and the Ellsworth Public Library

Emailed to The Pierce County Journal

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TOWN OF RIVER FALLS

The following River Falls Town Meetings will meet on Monday, October 3, 2022, beginning at 6:30 P.M. at the River Falls Town Hall, W9015 770th Ave.

6:30 P.M. – Plan Commission
Agenda: Plan Commission Agenda: Minutes; Comments & Requests; Zoning Administrator Report; Review of Solar Energy Permitting; Short Term Rental Policies
A quorum of Town Board members may be present.
8:00 P.M. – Regular Board Meeting

AGENDA

- Call to order
- Consider for approval or other action:
- 1. Approve agenda
- 2. Minutes from September 19, 2022, Regular Board Meetings
- 3. Financial/Fire Call Report

- 4. Public Comments and Requests
- 5. Zoning Administrator Report
- 6. Plan Commission Recommendations
- 7. Consideration of Halverson Land Donation
- 8. Committee Reports
- 9. Board and Staff Communications
- 10. Future Agenda Items
- 11. Audit and Pay Bills
- 12. Adjourn

Action may be taken on any agenda item. This agenda is subject to change. Some agenda items may be taken up earlier in the meeting, or in a different order than listed. The posted notice at the Town Hall is the primary notice. Meeting notice posted on the Town's website www.town-of-riverfalls.com, at the River Falls Town Hall, W9015 770th Avenue, River Falls, WI and at the River Falls Town Shop, N7750 State Road 65, River Falls, WI.

Sarah Meyer, Clerk

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Town of Kinnickinnic Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 4, 2022 7:00pm

A Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Kinnickinnic will meet Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, 1271 County Road J River Falls.*

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Statement of Public Notice**
- V. Clerk's Report**
- VI. Approve Minutes**
- VII. Treasurer's Report**
- VIII. Public Comments**
- IX. New Business**
 - a. From Plan Commission: Recommend to conditionally approve Wilson Subdivision Concept Plan, discussion and action.
 - b. Presentation of Proposed Budget, discussion and action.
 - c. Set date for Public Hearing and Elector's Meeting, discussion and action.
 - d. The Current, discussion and action.
 - e. Ordinance/Resolution Review, discussion and action.
 - f. Building Maintenance, discussion and action.
 - X. Old Business**
 - a. Comprehensive Plan, addendum, discussion and action.
 - b. Bettendorf Vorwald Street Subdivision, discussion and action.
 - c. Bettendorf Major Subdivision Preliminary Plat, discussion and action.
 - d. Update of Plan Commission, discussion and action.
 - e. Update of the Road Committee, discussion and action.
 - f. Update of the Broadband Committee, discussion and action.
 - g. iPad Training, discussion and action.
 - XI. Pay Bills
 - XII. Chair Announcements**
 - XIII. Adjourn

Nicky Thompson, Clerk

This agenda is subject to change. The posted agenda at the Town Hall is the primary notice.

*Town Hall is handicapped accessible
**This topic is to be limited to such items as establishing the next meeting date, items for the next agenda, and reminders of scheduled events.

***The Town Board may take action on any of the above agenda items, committee and commission members may attend for information gathering purpose, should a quorum appear, an agenda item will be subject for approval at a future TB meeting.

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TOWN OF ELLSWORTH

The Ellsworth Town Board will meet Monday, October 3, 2022 at 6:45 p.m. at the Town Hall (W6058 490th Avenue, Ellsworth).

Agenda:

Call to order; move into closed session per WI Stats 19.85(1) (c) to discuss employee compensation; move back into open session at 7:00 p.m.; meet with Christopher Holtkamp regarding updating the town's comprehensive plan; possible action to approve hiring Christopher Holtkamp as consultant for the town's comprehensive plan; minutes; financial report; road work report; update 480th Ave road project; 610th Ave cost sharing update; other roadwork; review and approve driveway applications; hiring of part time maintenance position; ambulance committee report; grant operator and provisional licenses; update on transfer station refuse hauling; update on purchase of town hall monitor; update on purchase of vault for town hall/shop; discussion on establishing Code of Ethics and Procurement Policy; ap-

prove bills; preliminary 2023 budget planning; public comment; correspondence; animal issues; next meeting date; adjourn.

Any agenda changes will be posted at the town hall.

Phyllis J Beastron, Clerk

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TOWN OF CLIFTON Clifton Town Board Meeting

The Clifton Town Board will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 7:00pm at the Clifton Town Hall located on the corner of FF and QQ. The agenda: call to order, approval of minutes, treasurer's report, public comment, building permits, Consideration for After the Fact CUP for Ross Wegge, Amendment to Clifton Township Comprehensive Plan, approval of checks, adjournment.

Submitted by: Kris Johnson
Clifton Clerk/Treasurer

WNAXLP 9 28

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, PIERCE COUNTY Notice and Order for Name Change hearing Case No. 22CV149 IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Lane Andrew Pierzyna

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From:
[First] Lane
[Middle] Andrew
[Last] Pierzyna

To:
[First] Lane
[Middle] Andrew
[Last] Duden

BIRTH CERTIFICATE:
[First] Lane
[Middle] Andrew
[Last] Pierzyna

IT IS ORDERED:
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Pierce County, State of Wisconsin:
Judge's Name: Honorable Elizabeth Rohl
Place: Pierce County Court-house
414 W. Main Street
Date: Nov. 21, 2022
Time: 9:30 am
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-273-3531 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Pierce County Journal, a newspaper published in Pierce County, State of Wisconsin

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT PIERCE COUNTY

Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No 22CV128

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF ELIZABETH FLOR ESPINOZA

By (Petitioner) Kellie Elizabeth Schaefer

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: [First] Elizabeth [Middle] Flor [Last] Espinoza

To: [First] Elizabeth [Middle] Anne [Last] Schaefer

Birth Certificate: [First] Elizabeth [Middle] Flor [Last] Espinoza

IT IS ORDERED:
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of PIERCE County, State of Wisconsin:
Judge's Name: Judge Elizabeth Rohl
Place: Pierce County Court-house, WEST Courtroom, 414 W Main Street, Ellsworth, WI 54011
Date: November 23, 2022
Time: 9:30 am

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Pierce County Journal, a newspaper published in PIERCE County, State of Wisconsin.

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Prescott School District Board of Education Regular Meeting August 17th, 2022 APPROVED MINUTES

Members Present: Matzek, Block, Holub, Rudolph, Sizemore

CALL TO ORDER by Board President Matzek, subject to section 19.83 Wisconsin Statutes @ 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library

BUSINESS MEETING:

Board President Matzek adopted the consent agenda. The consent agenda was adopted and approved. Approved July 13th, 2022 regular board minutes. Approved the July checks as presented. July payroll checks 18102-18119, advice of deposits 900091905-900092346, general fund checks 61403.61425-61536, activity fund checks 10225, district wires 202200004-202200064, district ACH 222300004-222300007. Acceptance of the following resignations: Scott Horton - HS Administrative Assistant. / Shannon Brady - Food Service / Marcy Westphal - Teacher Assistant Elementary/ Julie Backes - MES Administrative Assistant/ Heidi Rightman-SPED Aide. Acceptance of the following new hires: Kenneth Jones - Custodian (Intermediate School); Nathaniel Bohnen - Custodian (Middle School); Florensa Brunberg- Food Service (Elementary School). Recognizing Green Bay Packers \$5000 Donation-Physical Education Program. Student Affiliation Agreement Renewal between UWRF and Prescott School District. 2022-2023 Return to Learn Plan per Building. Seclusion and Physical Restraint Annual Report.

RESIGNATIONS

Motion by Sizemore, seconded by Holub to approve the acceptance of intent to resign by Amber Schurman - OT Elementary Teacher; Kyle Flaherty - IT Director; Tim Leis - Career and Technology Education Teacher. Motion carried.

NEW HIRES

Motion by Sizemore, seconded by Block to approve the hiring of: Chantelle Byram - Benefit Specialist/Human Resources Generalist; Nicole Lenzer- Food Service Supervisor; Lindsey Wall- Math Interventionist internal hire; Logan Figueroa - Career and Tech Ed High School. Motion carried.

Motion by Holub, seconded by Rudolph to approve September 28th at 6:00pm for the Annual Meeting.

Motion by Sizemore, seconded by Rudolph to approve High School Trip Lac Du Flambeau September 28th-October 2nd.

Motion by Block, seconded by Sizemore to approve the proposed five-cent increase for Breakfast and return to same cost Lunch prices as presented by Food Service.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION

Mr. Igou presented Music Trip to Wisconsin Dells: Beyond the Notes, dates will be May 24th-May 25th and he explained cost and fundraising opportunities as well. Will be presented again next month for approval.

Dr. Spicuzza gave a brief update on August 30 & 31 Return to Learn plans with Transportation and Food Service in operation, then Principals went into detail according to their buildings. Mr. Igou (Middle School) will be focusing on relationship building and character traits, picture day will be Aug 30th. Mr Fiegue (High School) Aug 30th picture day, Tuesday is Freshman day and learning how High School work, Wednesday will be the 2nd annual Cardinal Olympics day with Intermediate School. Mr. Kosmalski (Intermediate School) Tuesday will be decorating lockers and relationship building in the classroom (classroom procedures and routines), Wednesday is 2nd Annual Cardinal Olympics day with the HS. Mrs. Dusek (Elementary School) will be working on routines and tours of the building.

Dr. Spicuzza explained the Partnership with Freedom Park CRT Pathways, he showed the map of the proposed New Cross Country Trail project. Slides were shown.

Update on Collaboration Time and School Calendar. Transportation and Child Care was discussed and updates were given.

Mr. Kosmalski gave an overview of the Survey and Data Retreat. Slides were shown and explained.

Dr. Spicuzza updated the Board on Bid Package for Bond Referendum, a year ago the Guiding Change Document

was reviewed and led to the Facility Advisory Committee that led to our successful April referendum investing in our schools to secure the future.

Dr Spicuzza brought to the Board's attention some proposals to add to the Board Calendar and pacing of topics for future meetings and decisions. Proposal 1- Prescott High School; Proposal 2- Prescott High School Grounds: Coulee River Trail System; Proposal 3 - MIS Varsity Track; Proposal 4- Middle and Intermediate Building Grade-level; Realignment. The Board decided to set up a work session to discuss this further.

Motion by Sizemore, seconded by Holub to go into Closed Session under exemptions 19.85(1)(e) and (c) at Prescott High School Room 117 at 8:20pm Wis. Stat. §§ 19.85(1)(e) *Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; Wis. Stat. §§ 19.85(1)(c) Considering promotion, compensation, and performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.*

Motion by Sizemore, seconded by Block to adjourn from Closed Session back into Open session at 8:50pm. Motion carried.

Motion by Sizemore, seconded by Block to adjourn from open session at 8:51pm. Motion carried.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, PIERCE COUNTY Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 22PR57 IN THE MATER OF THE ESTATE OF Edwin D. Dintemann

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth January 13, 1946 and date of death July 31, 2022, was domiciled in Pierce County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 216 N Main Street, River Falls, WI 54022
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is December 15, 2022.
5. A claim may be filed at the Pierce County Courthouse, Ellsworth, Wisconsin, Room 201.

FORM COMPLETED BY:
Nicole Jones
ADDRESS:
Rodli, Beskar, Neuhaus, Murray & Pletcher, S.C.
219 North Main Street
River Falls, WI 54022
TELEPHONE:
715-425-7281
BAR NUMBER:
1126385

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• Save the ad for future reference
• Visit the advertiser's website

CITY OF RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Plan Commission of the City of River Falls will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 222 Lewis Street to consider the following:

A General Development Plan (GDP) for a 117-unit single- and two-family residential development on S. Apollo Road at W. Maple Street (N8753 1010TH ST).

All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard. Please be advised that the presiding officer (the Mayor) may set time limits or limit repeat comments.

Proposed resolutions and maps are available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall at 222 Lewis Street, or on the City's website (www.rfcity.org) under the "agenda center" corresponding to the date listed above.

Emily Shively, City Planner

Publish: Pierce County Journal
September 28, 2022

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CITY OF RIVER FALLS Public Involvement Notice

Improvements to Powell Avenue at the Kinnickinnic River

The City of River Falls is planning improvements for Powell Avenue over the Kinnickinnic River in the City of River Falls. Project information is available on the City of River Falls website <https://www.rfcity.org/380/Projects>. Individuals are encouraged to contribute comments about the bridge project by September 30, 2022.

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TOWN OF CLIFTON, WISCONSIN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing to be held by the Town Board of Clifton on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 7 p.m., at the Clifton Town Hall, located on the corner of FF and QQ, for approval/recommendation of an After the Fact Conditional Use Permit for Ross Wegge, for tree removal on Kinni Bluff line. Following the hearing will be a Town Board meeting to approve/consider the CUP.

Dated this 23 day of October 2022
Kris Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

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RIVER FALLS POLICE REPORT VEHICLES FOR SALE

The City of River Falls is accepting sealed bids for the following abandoned vehicles in "as is" condition. This list is subject to change as the vehicles may be reclaimed by the owner prior to the sale.

- Triton Top Cap Trailer
- 1995 Chevrolet S10 Pickup
- 2004 Acura Sedan
- 1996 Pontiac Grand Prix Sedan
- 2007 Saturn Outlook SUV
- 1999 Toyota Camry Sedan
- 2011 Chevrolet Impala Sedan
- 1999 Mercury Sable Sedan
- 2002 Volkswagen Jetta Sedan
- 2002 Cadillac Deville Sedan
- 2002 Saturn SL1 Sedan
- 2002 Toyota Corolla Sedan
- 2005 Chevrolet Suburban SUV
- 2002 Buick Regal Sedan

Vehicles can be inspected at the River Falls City Garage Impound Lot, 950 Benson Street. The first viewing is Wednesday, October 5, 2022 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. A second viewing will be held Saturday, October 8, 2022 from 9 a.m. to Noon. Sealed bids must be clearly marked and contain the name, address and phone number of bidder. Bids for each vehicle are to be submitted no later than 2 p.m. on October 10, 2022 at the City Clerk's Office, 222 Lewis Street, River Falls, Wisconsin. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids. After review of bids, successful bidders will be notified. Vehicles must be claimed within 10 days of sale.

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PUBLIC Notice

Ellsworth Community School District Budget Publication, 2022-23

GENERAL FUND	Audited 2020-21	Unaudited 2021-22	Budget 2022-23
Beginning Fund Balance	5,258,082.67	5,662,185.07	6,512,897.62
Ending Fund Balance	5,662,185.07	6,512,897.62	5,782,290.62
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers-In (Source 100)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Local Sources (Source 200)	6,936,388.51	6,812,741.56	6,861,241.00
Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)	463,208.70	505,760.84	517,869.00
Intermediate Sources (Source 500)	5,902.65	4,014.17	5,000.00
State Sources (Source 600)	12,776,854.34	12,836,519.29	13,026,798.00
Federal Sources (Source 700)	762,465.74	1,577,586.52	938,020.00
All Other Sources (Source 800 + 900)	36,894.83	148,812.24	20,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	20,981,714.77	21,885,434.62	21,368,928.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Instruction (Function 100 000)	9,220,842.00	9,571,533.71	10,087,200.00
Support Services (Function 200 000)	7,715,568.70	8,399,572.04	8,531,860.00
Non-Program Transactions (Function 400 000)	3,641,201.67	3,063,616.32	3,480,475.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	20,577,612.37	21,034,722.07	22,099,535.00

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2020-21	Unaudited 2021-22	Budget 2022-23
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	313,500.02	299,481.09
Ending Fund Balance	313,500.02	299,481.09	299,481.09
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
	3,676,895.30	3,789,903.32	3,891,148.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
	3,363,395.28	3,803,922.25	3,891,148.00

DEBT SERVICE FUND	Audited 2020-21	Unaudited 2021-22	Budget 2022-23
Beginning Fund Balance	496,333.06	303,698.41	258,563.41
Ending Fund Balance	303,698.41	258,563.41	326,439.41
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
	26,350,436.96	2,593,299.30	2,606,365.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
	26,543,071.61	2,638,434.30	2,538,489.00

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2020-21	Unaudited 2021-22	Budget 2022-23
Beginning Fund Balance	636,183.94	1,342,694.54	1,347,540.98
Ending Fund Balance	1,342,694.54	1,347,540.98	627,150.04
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
	706,510.60	4,846.44	500.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
	0.00	0.00	720,890.94

FOOD SERVICE FUND	Audited 2020-21	Unaudited 2021-22	Budget 2022-23
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	384,430.55
Ending Fund Balance	0.00	384,430.55	189,030.55
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
	984,753.90	1,476,787.66	885,000.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
	984,753.90	1,092,357.11	1,080,400.00

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND	Audited 2020-21	Unaudited 2021-22	Budget 2022-23
Beginning Fund Balance	200,153.22	263,451.81	268,428.71
Ending Fund Balance	263,451.81	268,428.71	261,428.71
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
	355,164.54	447,246.81	415,000.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
	291,865.95	442,269.91	422,000.00

PACKAGE & COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FUND	Audited 2020-21	Unaudited 2021-22	Budget 2022-23
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
	0.00	0.00	0.00

Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses

ALL FUNDS	Audited 2020-21	Unaudited 2021-22	Budget 2022-23
GROSS TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	51,760,699.11	29,011,705.64	30,752,462.94
Interfund Transfers (Source 100) - ALL FUNDS	2,850,961.73	0.00	0.00
Refinancing Expenditures (FUND 30)	23,747,000.00	0.00	0.00
NET TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	25,162,737.38	29,011,705.64	30,752,462.94
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- NET TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR YEAR		15.30%	6.00%

PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY

FUND	Audited 2020-21	Unaudited 2021-22	Budget 2022-23
General Fund	6,839,809.00	6,630,009.00	6,685,241.00
Referendum Debt Service Fund	2,212,574.00	2,197,541.00	2,210,582.00
Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund	333,391.00	336,382.00	333,660.00
Capital Expansion Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Community Service Fund	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	9,535,774.00	9,313,932.00	9,379,483.00
PERCENTAGE INCREASE -- TOTAL LEVY FROM PRIOR YEAR		-2.33%	0.70%

The below listed new or discontinued programs have a financial impact on the proposed budget:

DISCONTINUED PROGRAMS	FINANCIAL IMPACT
NEW PROGRAMS	FINANCIAL IMPACT

ENERGY EFFICIENCY EXEMPTION

21.91 (4) (o) Revenue Limit Exemption for Energy Efficiencies-Evaluation of the Energy Performance Indicator			
Name of Qualified Contractor	Nexus Solutions		
Performance Contract Length (years)			20
Total Project Cost (including financing)			\$9,128,789
Total Project Payback Period			16
Years of Debt Payments			20
Remaining Useful Life of the Facility			40
Prior Year Resolution Expense Amount	Fiscal Year	2022	\$144,725
Prior Year Related Expense Amount or CY debt levy	Fiscal Year	2022	\$110,768
Utility Savings applied in Prior Year to Debt	Fiscal Year	2022	\$33,957
Sum of reported Utility Savings to be applied to Debt			\$ 35,316
Savings Reported for 2022			
Specific Energy Efficiency Measure or Products	Project Cost Including Financing	Utility Cost Savings	Non-Utility Cost Savings
Building Control System Modifications	\$ 278,276	\$ 3,733	\$ 24,754
HVAC System Enhancements	\$ 4,676,569	\$ 8,395	\$ 239,390
Plumbing System Modifications	\$ 57,708	\$ 5,336	\$ 1,885
Building Envelope Improvements	\$ 2,879,989	\$ 9,887	\$ 128,437
Electrical Systems Improvements	\$ 1,236,247	\$ 7,965	\$ 59,101
Entire Energy Efficiency Project Totals	\$ 9,128,789	\$ 35,316	\$ 453,567

ELLSWORTH COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified electors of the Ellsworth Community School District, Ellsworth, Wisconsin, Pierce County, Wisconsin, that the Annual Meeting will be held in the Cafeteria of the Ellsworth High School at 323 Hillcrest Street in the Village of Ellsworth on Monday, the 10th day of October, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Part of the order of business of this meeting will be a budget hearing. Said hearing to include a review of the 2021-2022 budget, an explanation of the 2022-2023 budget, and approval of the 2022-2023 proposed levy. The summary of the budget is printed at left. The budget may be examined in detail at the district office prior to the annual meeting.

Resolutions will be considered regarding school board salaries and the tax levy for 2022-2023.
Dated: September 23, 2022
Kurt Buckner
District Clerk

For publication: September 28, 2022
October 5, 2022 WNXALP

COMMUNITY Calendar continued...

Tuesday, Oct. 4
Run with the Cops, 5 p.m., David Smith Stadium at Ramer Field, UW-River Falls. Special Olympics Wisconsin partners with Law Enforcement Torch Run for a glow in the dark night run with a kids run, glow items, donuts, law enforcement vehicle expo, kid's and officer donut eating contest, raffles and obstacle course. To see the event schedule, find the event on Facebook.

Swirl, Sip, Savor Fall Festival, noon to 9 p.m., Vino in the Valley (W3826 450th Ave., Maiden Rock). Food, artisan vendors, giveaways, live music, bonfires and tractor rides. Serving a full menu!

Sunday, Oct. 9
Perfectly Prescott Craft & Gift Expo, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., The Old Ptacek's Event Center (1449 Orrin Road, Prescott). Free admission and parking.

Thursday, Oct. 13
Ladies Night Out, 4-8 p.m., downtown River Falls. Enjoy shopping, pampering, refreshments, good and more from participating businesses.

Friday, Oct. 14
RARE: Stories of Disease Theater Production, 7:30 p.m., Prescott Performing Arts Center (1010 Dexter St., Prescott). Sod House Theater presents a play bringing attention to those diagnosed with rare diseases. The play is free with goodwill donations accepted. Attendees must pre-register at www.sodhousetheater.org/rare. Co-sponsored by PACT & Prescott Community Education.

Saturday, Oct. 15
Prescott Historical/University Cemetery Walk, 11:30 a.m., Pine Glen Cemetery. Event begins with a light picnic at Veterans Park (by cemetery entrance), followed by the cemetery tour at noon. Sponsored by Prescott's Building an All-Inclusive Community Group.

Prescott Inaugural Oktoberfest, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., participating Prescott businesses. Join in for a taste of Germany with German beer and fare. Pick up your card at participating businesses (Lucille's, Philander's, Muddy Waters, Kitchen Table, Scabs Place, Broadstreet, Prescott Roadhouse, Two Rivers and No Name Saloon) for a chance to win the grand prize drawing at the end of the event.

Sunday, Oct. 16
Harvest Fest & Agate Hunt, 1-5 p.m., Freedom Park (200 Monroe St., Prescott). The Harvest Fest portion is free, but there is a fee and pre-registration for the agate hunt; contact Linda at Freedom Park for more info on cost/registering at 715-262-0104. Co-sponsored by Great River Road Learning Center and Prescott Community Education.

Monday, Oct. 17
Mississippi River Bluffs Chapter Pot Luck Supper, 5 p.m., Pierce County Historical Association (W6321 Main St., Bay City). Share memories of growing up in Pierce County at our "open mic night," along with a traditional potluck supper. All

are welcome!

Monday, Oct. 17
Maiden Rock Area Community Association Annual Meeting, 6 p.m., Maiden Rock United Methodist Church (618 County Road S). 6-6:30 p.m. is social time and refreshments, followed by a short business meeting and three speakers: Plum City Library Director Jenna Beyer will speak about her vision for the library/ Julie Huebel and Onee Butts of the Pierce County Historical Association will show a presentation of Fred Johnson's photos of the village.

Thursday, Oct. 20
Cookbook Club, 6:30 p.m., Plum City Public Library (611 Main St.) A potluck with recipes chosen from the monthly cookbook choice. September: "Apple - Recipes from the Orchard."

Wednesday, Oct. 26
Harvest Dinner, 4-6:30 p.m., Elmwood United Methodist Church (307 S. Main St., Elmwood). Only doing curbside and free delivery within the village limits (4-5:30 p.m.) Adults are \$12 at the door, kids are \$6, age 4 and under eat free. Contact Katie Schneider at 715-828-3559 or Char at 715-690-7965 for delivery.

Badger Box Distribution, starts at 9:30 a.m., 905 Dexter St. N., Prescott. Great food, all produced in Wisconsin. Sponsored by the Hunger Task Force, Prescott Area Food Pantry and Gitchi Gaming. Products vary per month. For more information, call 715-262-4143.

Thursday, Oct. 27
74th annual Lutefisk Supper, 2:30-6 p.m., Our Savior's Lutheran Church (N6450 530th St., Beldenville). Serving lutefisk with butter and cream sauce, meatballs and gravy, riced potatoes, coleslaw, rolls, grot, Norwegian delicacies, coffee and milk. Deadline to order tickets is Oct. 17. Adults is \$20, youth is \$12, child is \$7. Order tickets online at www.oursaviorschurch.info, call 715-273-4570 or email admin.os@hbci.com

Saturday, Oct. 29
SV Trunk or Treat, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Spring Valley Health Care Campus (S830 Westland Drive). Come trick-or-treat in costume! And, best decorated trunk gets a prize! A hot dog lunch will be available for purchase, with all proceeds going to the nursing home's activity department.

Sunday, Oct. 30
Trunk or Treat, 1-3 p.m., Prescott High School parking lot (1010 Dexter St.) If you would like to have a trunk at the event, please email ppeters2@prescott.k12.wi.us. Sponsored by Prescott Community Education.

Sunday, Nov. 6
PCHA Open House, 12-4 p.m., Pierce County Historical Association (W6321 Main St., Bay City). The exhibit "What They Wore" will debut, highlighting a collection of military uniforms complete with reenactment. A fundraiser will kick off where people can sponsor long-term military uniform storage.

PUBLIC Notice

**CITY OF RIVER FALLS
AGENDA
PLAN COMMISSION
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OCTOBER 4, 2022**

The City Council Chambers are open to the public. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency, unvaccinated attendees are asked to wear a mask and social distance.

The public may view/listen to the meeting by:
• Calling Toll Free 1-844-992-4726, access code: 2632 583 5339
• Visiting the web link: <https://tinyurl.com/rfpc10422>
• Viewing the City's YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofriverfalls>

Those wishing to speak during "public comment" may do so at the discretion of the presiding officer (the Mayor). Please be advised that the Mayor may set time limits or limit repeat comments.

Persons wishing to make a public comment should contact Angie (abond@rfcity.org or 715-426-3427) prior to 4 p.m. on the day of the meeting in order to ensure they are added to the list and can be accommodated during the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the September 6, 2022 Plan Commission meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS –
Non-Agenda Related Topics

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

2. **PUBLIC HEARING:**
Planned Unit Development (PUD) General Development Plan (GDP) for a 190-unit multi-family development on Paulson Road at Radio Road (PID 27611680000)

3. **PUBLIC HEARING:**
Planned Unit Development (PUD) General Development Plan (GDP) for a 117-unit single- and two-family residential development on S. Apollo Road at W. Maple Street (N8753 1010TH ST)

REPORTS

4. Planning and Development Update

ADJOURNMENT

NOTES:

Any person who has a qualifying disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act that requires the meeting or materials to be in an accessible location or format, may contact City Clerk Amy White at (715) 426-3408 or in person at 222 Lewis Street, for accommodations. Requests for accommodations should be made at least three (3) business days in advance of the meeting. Every effort will be made to arrange accommodations.

Council members may be in attendance for informational purposes only. No official Council action will be taken.

Published: September 28, 2022 the Pierce County Journal; Posted: September 22, 2022

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**STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT,
PIERCE COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case no. 22PR60
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF
Linda M. Nelson**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth December 22, 1942 and date of death June 28, 2022, was domiciled in Pierce County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1243 County Road E, New Richmond, WI 54017.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is December 28, 2022.
5. A claim may be filed at the Pierce County Courthouse, 414 W. Main Street, Ellsworth, Wisconsin, Room 201.

FORM COMPLETED:
Jennifer A. O'Neill,
O'Neill El-der Law, LLC
ADDRESS: 2424 Monetary Blvd,
St 201
Hudson, WI 54016
TELEPHONE:
715.808.0610
BAR NUMBER: 1022896

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**STATE OF WISCONSIN,
CIRCUIT COURT,
PIERCE COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 22PR59
IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF
ALAN P. ROELFS**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 11/18/1936 and date of death 06/17/2022, was domiciled in Pierce County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 902 South Wasson Lane, River Falls, WI 54022.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is December 20, 2022.
5. A claim may be filed at the Pierce County Courthouse, Ellsworth, Wisconsin, Room 201.

FORM COMPLETED BY:
Knutte Norenberg,
Attorney at Law
ADDRESS:
PO Box 507
Grantsburg, WI 54840
TELEPHONE:
715-463-5365
BAR NUMBER:
1125461

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**STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
Pierce County
SUMMONS**

**Absolute Resolutions I
nvestments, LLC c/o
Messerli & Kramer PA
3033 Campus Drive Suite
250
Plymouth, MN 55441
Plaintiff
Case Code: 30301
vs.
Melinda Kinne
W105 CARDINAL DR
Spring Valley, WI
54767-7302
Defendant(s)
Case No. 22CV101**

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
To each person named above
as a Defendant(s):

You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within forty (40) days of September 14, 2022, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is Pierce County Circuit Court, P.O. Box 129, Ellsworth, WI 54011 and to Messerli & Kramer PA, Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 3033 Campus Drive, Ste. 250 Plymouth, MN 55441. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not provide a proper answer within forty (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.

MESSERLI & KRAMER PA
James E. Kachelski, #1021194 WI

DATE:
eSigned on 9/7/2022 in Milwaukee County, WI

3033 Campus Drive, Ste. 250
Plymouth, MN 55441
cc-litigation@messerlikramer.com
Ph#: (763) 548-7900
Fax#: (763) 548-7922

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**TOWN OF TRENTON
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the regular monthly planning meeting for the Town of Trenton will be held at the Trenton Town Hall –W7926 250th Ave. Hager City WI.

Thursday October 6th 2022
at 7:00 P.M.

There may be a quorum of the Town Board present, however no Town Board business will be conducted

1. Call meeting to order
2. Approve minutes from last meeting
3. Set next meeting dates >

November 3rd , December 8th , and January 5th , 2023

4. Public comment

5. Darren and Todd Girdeen Application for Certified Survey Map Approval and New Driveway/Field Access Permit to review for discussion/approval

6. Town board member written report

7. Correspondence

Adjourn

All agenda items are posted for discussion and possible action by the Planning Commission

Dated this 24 Day of September 2022.

Wendy Schommer– Planning Commission Chairperson

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**CITY OF RIVER FALLS
2022 ANNUAL FALL CLEANUP
STARTS MONDAY, October 3, 2022**

The annual Fall Cleanup for the City of River Falls Municipal Utilities (RFMU) garbage and recycling customers will be held at the City Public Works Garage located at 950 Benson Street.

Monday–Friday, October 3-7
4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday, October 8
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For information: <https://www.rfcity.org/371/Spring-Fall-Cleanup>

Eligibility: Spring and Fall Cleanup is provided for residents in the City of River Falls and non-resident customers who elect to enroll in the CORE fee and have a utility bill through River Falls Municipal Utilities. This eligibility is a part of the CORE (Compost and REcycling) fee, which includes the Spring and Fall Cleanups, Compost Site, and Electronic Recycling Event. Customers bringing items for disposal will be asked to present a form of identification and a copy of a recent RFMU bill. People who do not qualify will not be able to participate.

A similar Spring Cleanup will run for one week, beginning the second Monday of May.

Please call Waste Management at 888-960-0008 if you have any questions about what can be discarded. Waste Management reserves the right to refuse hazardous materials.

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TAX DEED LANDS FOR SALE

Pursuant to 75.69(1), Wisconsin Statutes, the following tax deed lands owned by & located in Pierce County are being offered for sale.

File #439-440 (181-01055-0800 & 0900) – The North ½ of Lot 7, Block 5, of the Original Plat of the Village of Spring Valley, together with an undivided 1/2 interest in and to the wall separating the building located on the North ½ and the building located on the South ½ of Lot 7, Block 5 of the Original Plat of the Village of Spring Valley, Pierce County, Wisconsin. Also, Lot 8, Block 5, Original Plat of the Village of Spring Valley, Pierce County, Wisconsin. (S207 McKay Ave., Spring Valley)

Appraised Value: \$50,000.00

Bidding Procedure

- Sealed bids, marked "Tax Deed Land", shall be received at the Pierce County Clerk's Office at 414 W. Main St, P.O. Box 119, Ellsworth, WI, 54011, no later than 12:00 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 30, 2022; bids will be opened at 4:00 p.m. at the County Clerk's Office.
- Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 75.69(1) there is no minimum or maximum bid amount, subject to review & approval of Pierce County Finance & Personnel Committee.
- Enclose a copy of the ad, legal description &/or parcel number of the property bidding on.
- Include name, address, & phone number of bidder.
- A cashier's check or money order for the full amount of the bid is preferred & should be submitted with bid. In lieu of check or money order an endorsed pre-qualification loan acceptance letter from a financial institution may be accepted. Not more than 30 days will be allowed to secure financing & payment made for bid amount. Payment shall be made payable to the Pierce County Clerk.
- Bids will be submitted for final approval to the Finance & Personnel Committee at its meeting on Oct. 3, 2022 at 4 p.m., County Board Room, 124 N. Oak Street, Ellsworth, WI 54011.
- A Quit Claim Deed will be furnished by Pierce County to the successful bidder. A separate & additional \$30.00 recording fee is required to file the deed; check payable to Pierce County ROD.

Pierce County reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids. Properties are sold 'AS IS and WITH ALL FAULTS', Pierce County makes no express or implied warranties, guarantees, or returns. Please contact the County Clerk's Office at 273-6744 if you have any questions.

Jamie R. Feuerhelm
Pierce County Clerk
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OUR SAVIOR'S
74TH ANNUAL
Lutefisk Supper
Thursday, October 27
SERVING: 2:30 - 6:00 P.M.

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Dine-In Time
Reservations Required:
Online Link:
www.oursaviorschurch.info
Church Office Phone:
715-273-4570
Email:
admin.os@hbci.com

**LIMITED TICKETS!
ORDER EARLY!
DEADLINE
OCTOBER 17,
2022**



MENU:
Lutefisk with butter and cream sauce, meatballs and gravy, riced potatoes, coleslaw, rolls, grot, Norwegian delicacies, coffee, milk

COST:
\$20 Adult • \$12 Youth
\$7 Child • 5 & Under, Free

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**OUR SAVIOR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
N6450 530TH ST.
BELDENVILLE, WI**

TAKE-OUT OPTION: CALL OFFICE TO RESERVE PICK UP TIME

University Theatre to present 'Censored on Final Approach'

RIVER FALLS – University Theatre at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls will present "Censored on Final Approach" by Phylis Ravel as a staged reading Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Blanche Davis Theatre in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building.

Between 1942 and 1944, at the height of World War II, more than a thousand women left their homes and jobs for the opportunity of a lifetime -- to become the first in history to fly for the U.S. military. They volunteered as civilian pilots in an experimental Army Air Corps program to see if women could serve as pilots and relieve men for overseas duty. These women became the Women Airforce Service Pilots, better known as the WASPs. Under the determined leadership of

Jacqueline Cochran, Nancy Harkness Love, and General Henry "Hap" Arnold, the WASPs exceeded beyond all expectations. "Censored on Final Approach," by the late Wisconsin playwright Ravel, retells their challenging and heroic story.

UWRF Stage and Screen Arts program alumna Becca Donley will be directing. Cast members include Olivia Denninger, Ella Guse, Meredith Bowermaster, Mary Rother, Saga Jakupcak, Billy Chester, Luke Dovenmuehler, Madison Miller, Sydney Traynor, and Sophie Hilo.

Admission is free, and no tickets are required. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Submitted by UW-River Falls

UWRF recognized for excellence by U.S. News & World Report

Named a Best Regional University

RIVER FALLS – U.S. News & World Report has again named the University of Wisconsin-River Falls a Best Regional University, a Top Public University and a Top Performer on Social Mobility.

The newest rankings appear in the U.S. News & World Report's 2023 edition of Best Colleges. Schools are ranked according to their performance across a set of widely accepted indicators of excellence.

"To be recognized nationally for UWRF's excellence in teaching and learning is something to be celebrated," said UWRF Chancellor Maria Gallo. "Our faculty, instructors, advisers and employees are dedicated to the success of our students - the recognition by U.S. News & World Report is a reflection of that commitment."

UW-River Falls was recognized for its focus on social mobility in the survey which demonstrates the university's commitment to supporting economically disadvantaged students who are less likely than others to finish college.

"A college degree transforms lives, it ends the cycle of poverty for so many stu-

dents," said Assistant Chancellor for Student Success Jamie Zamjahn. "The fact that UWRF has been recognized for social mobility of our students shows that we live our core values of student success, excellent teaching and learning, and a community of inclusion and caring. All Falcons should be extremely proud of this recognition."

Student-to-faculty ratios and smaller class sizes were also acknowledged, both of which provide better access to instructors and support a student-centered learning environment.

U.S. News publishes the Best Colleges rankings each year to provide prospective students and their families with helpful data and information on factors such as graduation rates, social mobility, and graduate indebtedness.

The U.S. News & World Report rankings evaluate more than 1,400 colleges and universities on up to 17 measures of academic quality. The 2023 rankings can be found online at usnews.com/best-colleges.

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UW-River Falls to host City and Sustainability Sampler event

RIVER FALLS – In honor of October being Sustainability Month, the Sustainability Office at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls is hosting the City and Sustainability Sampler on Wednesday, Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Riverview Ballroom in the University Center.

This event serves as a chance for UWRF students to meet local businesses and organizations. These institutions have the opportunity to talk to the campus community about their products, services and volunteer opportunities.

"The goal of the event is to educate students on what kind of organizations exist locally," said Sustainability Coordinator Mark Klapatch-Mathias. "It helps us build a more sustainable and healthy community."

Klapatch-Mathias, whose department spearheads the event, hopes to have around 40 businesses and organizations participating.

"Currently, we have 31 organizations signed up," Klapatch-Mathias explained. "This is a great opportunity for local businesses or nonprofits looking to get the word out about their services, volunteer opportunities, or po-

tential jobs or internships to a large, captivated audience."

Those organizations interested in setting up a booth at the event may contact the UWRF Sustainability Office at 715-425-4333 or sustainability@uwrf.edu.

This event is one of many that the Sustainability Office is planning for the year that will connect the campus and local community through sustainability education and resources. The office is working closely with Chancellor Maria Gallo to have a sustainability element for her upcoming inauguration in October.

Stay up to date on all sustainability efforts and events at UWRF by visiting uwrf.edu/sustainability.

Submitted by UW-River Falls



Happy 50th Birthday, SV Dam Days!



The Spring Valley American Legion Post 227 led the Dam Days parade on Sunday, Sept. 18. It was the 50th anniversary of Dam Days, honoring the "Midwest's Largest Earthen Dam." Photo by Sarah Nigbor



The 2022 Dam Days grand marshals were men who worked on the Eau Galle Dam when it was built in the late 1960s. The dam has kept the small valley village from washing away in floods. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



Children took part in the Dam Days Children's Olympics on Saturday, Sept. 17. Photo courtesy of SV Lions Club



These kids got into the spirit of Halloween during the Spring Valley Community Cancer Fund walk/run on Saturday, Sept. 17. Photo courtesy of SV Community Cancer Fund



The Martell Rushers 4-H Club marched in the Dam Days parade on Sunday, Sept. 18. Pictured are (from left): Zachary Shafer, Joey Nehring, Katherine Nehring, Rose Shafer, Jim Knutson, Lincoln Nigbor, Jillian Hayes, Carolina Young and John Shafer. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



Tom Gunderson is at the wheel representing the Spring Valley Garden Club at the 2022 Dam Days parade. The Garden Club is responsible for the hanging baskets throughout town. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



Miss Spring Valley 2021 Danielle Nyhus waves at the crowds lining McKay Avenue on Sunday, Sept. 18 during the Dam Days parade. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



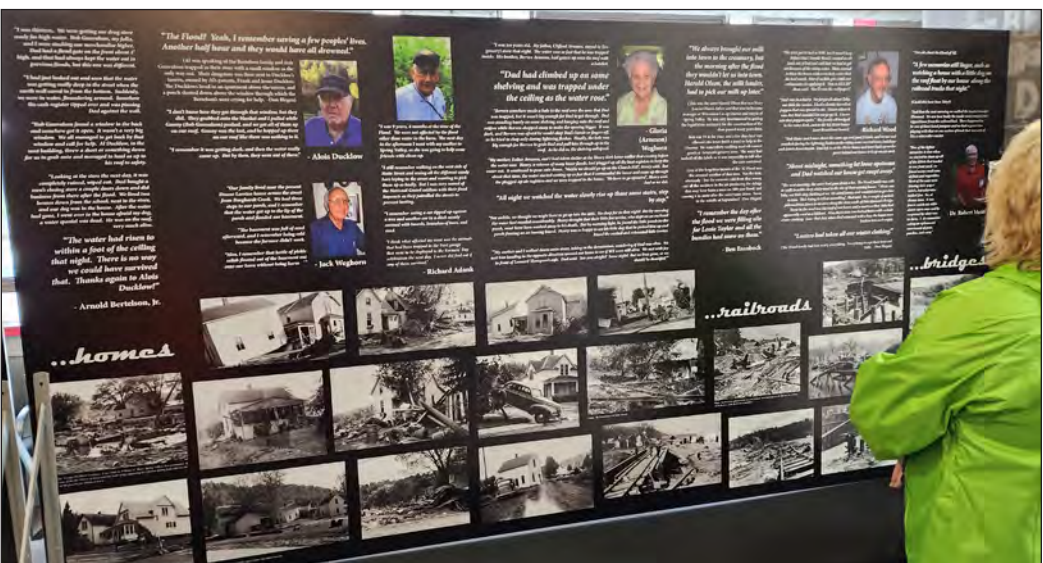
Ary Lee, Elena Lester and Lexi Broton represent the City of River Falls at the Spring Valley Dam Days parade on Sunday, Sept. 18. They were crowned ambassadors in July. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



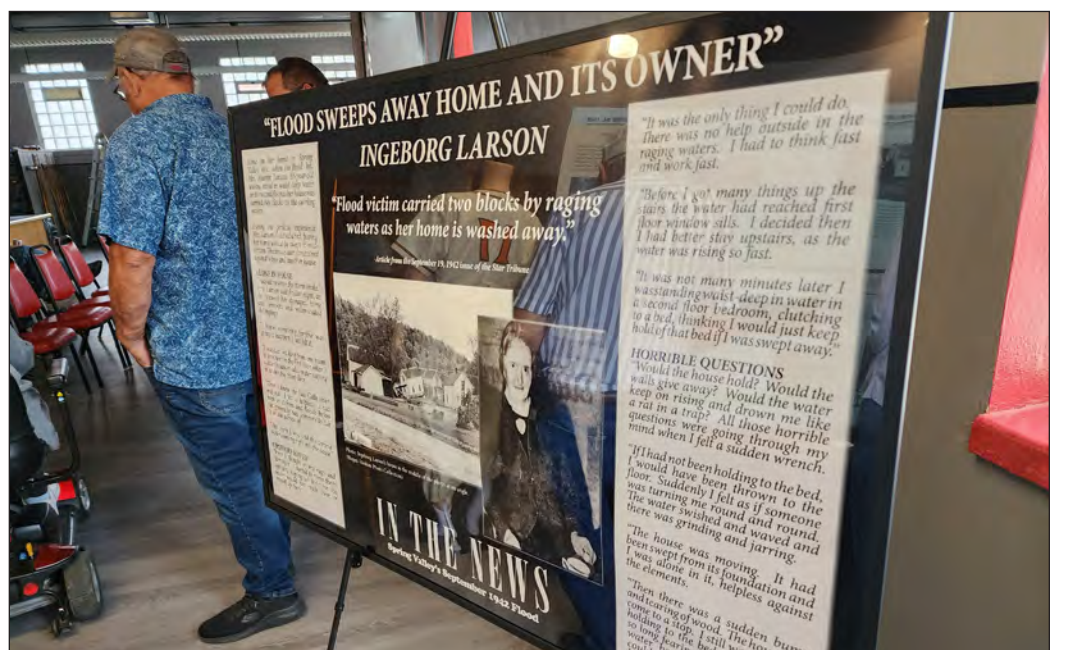
Julie Huebel of the Pierce County Historical Association greets people at her display of the 80th anniversary of the Spring Valley flood of 1942. She spent years compiling information and photos from local historians and sources for the anniversary. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



Spring Valley Lions Club members serve up delicious burgers during the 50th annual Dam Days. Their stand at the corner of Second and McKay in the old Ford garage is a mainstay of the annual celebration. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



The 80th anniversary of the Spring Valley flood of 1942 was honored at a display at the Spring Valley Community Center during the 50th Dam Days. Julie Huebel of the Pierce County Historical Association painstakingly put together the display. Photos by Sarah Nigbor



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This little piggy went to Bacon Bash



This group of friends was all decked out for the 2022 River Falls Bacon Bash on Saturday, Sept. 24. (From left): Ruth Peterson, Hudson; Richard & Sharon Young, New Richmond; Carla Anderson, St. Cloud, Minn.; and Shirley Morgan, Austin, Minn. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



Lilly Naughton was serving up slices of bacon with a smile at River Falls Bacon Bash Sept. 24. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



The River Falls FFA corn box was a popular stop for young children and families at Bacon Bash, which was held near City Hall Sept. 23 and 24. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



River Falls FFA members Maxwell Van Oberbeke (left) and Parker Sabelko were manning the Piggies on the Kinni stand Saturday, Sept. 24 at Bacon Bash. Piggies floated down the river for chances at cash prizes. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



Heritage Park was wall-to-wall people during the River Falls Bacon Bash Saturday, Sept. 24. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



River Falls Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau Executive Director Russ Korpela directs the children's bacon cupcake eating contest Saturday, Sept. 24. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



A River Falls FFA member guides the piggies down the Kinni during Bacon Bash on Saturday, Sept. 24. People could buy a piggy for \$5 and hope their number was the fastest piggy. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



Members of the UW-River Falls Aspiring Educators group had a face painting booth at River Falls Bacon Bash. Pictured are (from left): Hanna Johnson, vice president; Olivia Willkom, communications coordinator; Hannah White, president; and Taylor Young, 6, Ellsworth. Photo by Sarah Nigbor

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Pork belly bites were a fan favorite at this year's Bacon Bash 2022. Many booths sold out of bacon dishes by Saturday afternoon. Photo by Sarah Nigbor