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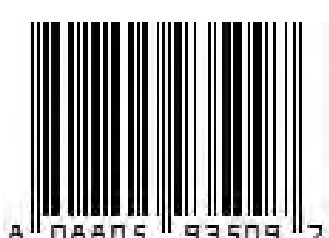


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SV nurse cut off patient's foot without permission

Woman facing felony charges for amputation

By Sarah Nigbor

A Durand woman who used to work at Spring Valley Health Care & Rehabilitation Center allegedly cut off a 62-year-old patient's foot without permission and made jokes about putting it in a taxidermy display.

Felony physical abuse of elder person – intentionally cause great bodily harm and felony mayhem, both with the increased penalty for elder person victim, charges were filed Nov. 3 in Pierce County Circuit Court against Mary K. Brown, 38. She has not yet appeared in court. If convicted, she faces up to \$100,000 in fines and/or 40 years in prison.

According to the complaint: Pierce County Medical Examiner John Worsing contacted a Pierce County Sheriff's Office investigator June 4 regarding the death of a 62-year-old man at Spring Valley Health & Rehabilitation Center (S830 Westland Drive). The man's body had been sent to Ramsey County, Minn. for an autopsy due to the unusual circumstances of his death. When Worsing viewed the body at the funeral home, his foot was not attached to his body; it was lying beside him.

The man had been at the nursing home because he had fallen in his home and the

heat went out, resulting in severe frostbite in both feet, which became necrotic. He entered SVHCRC in March 2022. When Worsing reviewed the man's medical chart, it indicated that Brown had amputated his right foot on May 27.

According to the chart's notes from a St. Croix Hospice nurse dated June 1, a SVHCRC nurse (Nurse 1) told her that at shift change May 27, Brown had told her she was going to cut off the man's foot for comfort. Nurse 1 and another nurse told her not to and to leave the foot attached. Nurse 1 said when she went into the man's room at 8 a.m. May 27, two or more inches of flesh and a tendon kept the foot attached to the man's body. Later that night at 4 or 5 p.m., Brown and two Certified Nursing Assistants (Nurses 3 and 4) went into the man's room to do a bandage change, at which time Brown decided to cut the tendon and flesh and amputated the foot with a gauze scissors. The foot had been broken prior to the incident.

She allegedly told the CNAs she couldn't figure out why no one had amputated it yet and started cutting it with the scissors. It took about one minute to cut through the flesh

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Sheriff, F&P disagree on how to fill vacant positions

New county hiring bonus program approved

By Sarah Nigbor

The Pierce County Board of Supervisors Finance & Personnel committee butted heads with Sheriff Nancy Hove Monday, Nov. 7 on the procedure for refilling the vacant chief deputy role, soon-to-be-vacant patrol lieutenant position and other management positions in the sheriff's office.

The committee went into closed session "for the purpose of discussing the refill" of the positions listed above, but revealed nothing of that discussion after returning into open session. The com-

mittee voted unanimously to refill the management positions consistent with Pierce County policy, contingent on the review of the position descriptions by the Law Enforcement Committee and if necessary, the F&P Committee.

County Administrator Jason Matthys confirmed by email to the Journal Nov. 8 that Chief Deputy Steve Albarado submitted his retirement notice effective Nov. 2, 2022. Lt. Herman Krieg has also submitted his intent to retire, effective Nov. 18, 2022.

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Bay City American Legion Post 357 Adjutant Devin Feuerhelm will receive a Purple Heart from the Third U.S. Congressional District Rep. Ron Kind on Friday, Nov. 11 at Ellsworth Middle School's Veterans Day ceremony. Photo courtesy of Devin Feuerhelm

Feuerhelm to receive Purple Heart

Ceremony will take place on Veterans Day

By Sarah Nigbor

It's a day he thought would never come. Yet it's almost here and he's a bit nervous.

Bay City American Legion Post 357 Adjutant Devin Feuerhelm will receive a Purple Heart from Rep. Ron Kind at the Ellsworth Middle

School Veteran's Day program at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11.

A Purple Heart medal is presented to service members who have been wounded or killed as a result of enemy action while serving in the U.S. military, a sign that a service member has paid the

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Cast members of River Falls High School's fall musical "Fiddler on the Roof" have been practicing diligently to bring spectators a fantastic show. Photos courtesy of School District of River Falls

'Fiddler on the Roof' debuts Friday

RFHS thespians deliver classic musical

By Sarah Nigbor

RIVER FALLS – Theater-goers are in for a treat when River Falls High School's production of "Fiddler on the Roof" opens this weekend. Director Sarah Plum encourages you to order your tickets ahead of time, as they are not guaranteed at the door.

"Fiddler on the Roof" is a musical based on a collection of short stories written by Sholem Aleichem called "Teyve the Dairyman" or "Teyve's Daughters." The story cen-

ters on Teyve, a poor milkman in a Russian Jewish community determined to find good husbands for his five daughters who consults a traditional matchmaker. Teyve struggles to maintain his religious and cultural traditions as outside influences come into his family life.

Director Sarah Plum said the district chose "Fiddler" in order to give students a well-rounded experience throughout their theater careers at RFHS.

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AROUND *the county*



Honoring veterans

A number of Veterans Day ceremonies are taking place throughout Pierce County on Friday, Nov. 11. The Journal staff thanks all veterans for their service!

Ellsworth

Bay City American Legion Post 357 and Kinne Engelhart Post 204 will host the annual Veterans Day program at 9 a.m. at Ellsworth Middle School (312 Panther Drive). The featured speaker will be Adjutant Devin Feuerhelm of Bay City, who will receive a Purple Heart from Rep. Ron Kind. Refreshments will follow the program.

Elmwood

Elmwood's Veterans Day Program will be held at 9 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11 at the Elmwood High School Wolf's Den gym (213 Scott St. S.) The public is welcome.

Plum City

The Plum City Veterans Day program will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11 in the Plum City High School gymnasium (907 Main St.) The public is welcome.

Prescott

Prescott American Legion 61 will take part in local Veterans Day activities Friday, Nov. 11.

A breakfast will be hosted 8:30-9:15 a.m. at Prescott High School (1010 Dexter St.) followed by a reception and assembly at 9:15 a.m.

St. Joseph Parish School (281 Dakota St. S.) will host a program from 9:45-10:30 a.m., followed by a luncheon at The Old Ptacek's Event Center (1449 Orrin Road, Prescott).

River Falls

The River Falls American Legion Honor Guard's 2022 Veterans Day activities include visits to seven schools, a flag raising ceremony at a local business, and delivery of fruit

baskets to home-bound veterans and those living in senior facilities.

Friday, Nov. 11, school visits include River Falls High School, 8:30 a.m.; Greenwood Elementary, 9 a.m.; St. Bridget's, 9:30 a.m.; Rocky Branch Elementary, 10 a.m.; Montessori, 10:30 a.m.; Westside Elementary, 11 a.m. Activities include presentation of Colors and Rifle Salutes, as well as comments by River Falls Post 121 Commander Melissa "Missy" Hildebrandt.

At 11:30 a.m., the Honor Guard will conduct a special Flag Raising Ceremony at Tattersall Distillery, located on the former Shopko site (1777 Paulson Road), and at 1 p.m. the Honor Guard will participate in a special Veterans Day program conducted by students at Meyer Middle School. All veterans and the public are invited to attend. Delivery of fruit baskets will take place following the above events.

The West Wind Supper Club will offer veterans a free buffet meal from noon to 8 p.m.

Spring Valley

The 16th annual Veterans Day Road March will begin at 9 a.m. at Spring Valley Community Center (S242 McKay Ave.) March down Veterans Memorial Highway (Highway 29) to Highway 29 Express (Red Barn). Feel free to leave or join whenever you would like. Walk at your own pace or meet the group somewhere along the way. Text Katie at 715-222-3019 with questions.

Veterans are invited to stop into the Spring Valley Public Library (E121 Second St.) between 9 a.m. and noon for cookies and coffee and a small token of appreciation at the Village Clerk's office.

Join Spring Valley K-12 students for a Veterans Day Celebration at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 11, 2022 at Spring Valley High School gym (1450 County Road CC). Doors open at 12:40 p.m.

United Way St. Croix Valley celebrates 2nd annual Acts of Kindness Week

United Way St. Croix Valley (UWSCV) invites all community members to join in celebrating its second annual Acts of Kindness Week this Nov. 14-18. Help spread joy, build empathy, and boost confidence by performing acts of kindness throughout the week.

"Acts of kindness are at the heart of our mission to uplift people and unite the St. Croix Valley communities," said UWSCV Community Impact Director Alyson Sauter. "Kindness builds connection, and connection builds community. Acts of Kindness week is an opportunity to highlight the significant and positive impact that acts of kindness, small and large, can have on our friends, families, neighbors, and colleagues."

From helping a neighbor rake their leaves to letting someone merge in front of you in a traffic jam, United Way encourages every community member to perform one act of kindness each day. To help inspire others, participants are encouraged to share their acts of kindness on social media using the hashtag #ActsOfKindnessWI.

To celebrate Acts of Kindness Week 2022, UWSCV is partnering with We Support Recovery to create and distribute nearly 100 "Calming Kits" to school districts throughout Polk and Burnett counties. These kits are filled with relaxing activities and encouraging messages to help young people who may be having a tough day or going through a difficult time.

"The positive response from school partners who received calming kits last year was incredible," said Sauter. "We are grateful for the opportunity to continue to support the mental and emotional well-being of students throughout the St. Croix Valley region."

But the Acts of Kindness don't stop there! UWSCV's Success By 6 Director, Betsy Byker, is encouraging young children's parents, teachers, and caretakers to get involved

by practicing acts of kindness with their children.

"Children learn to be kind watching and listening to the caring adults around them," said Byker. "Parents are their child's first and most important teacher."

Participants can print a coloring sheet that includes age-appropriate kindness activities for the week. Coloring sheets are available at local libraries and www.unitedwaystcroix.org/united-way-acts-of-kindness. Parents and guardians can submit a picture of their child's completed artwork to Sauter to enter into a random prize drawing. Pictures must be sent by 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 18. Community members can find more ideas for spreading kindness by visiting United Way's Acts of Kindness webpage. Suggestions range from smiling at a stranger to returning shopping carts to the corral to donating to a local nonprofit.

"Donating to a cause you care about is another way to show kindness to your community," said Lisa Murphy, United Way St. Croix Valley Executive Director. "When you make a gift to an organization you care about, you're making an impact for a number of people, strengthening your community, and spreading kindness all year long."

To learn more about United Way's Acts of Kindness Week or find ideas on how to spread kindness throughout the St. Croix Valley, visit unitedwaystcroix.org/united-way-acts-kindness-week. If you would like information on how your business or organization can get involved, contact Sauter at Alyson.Sauter@unitedwaystcroix.org. Also, be sure to follow United Way St. Croix Valley on Facebook or Instagram to see participants' photos and get ideas for your own acts of kindness!

Submitted by United Way St. Croix Valley

November Law of the Month: Emergency responder safety

Move over, put the phone down near crash scenes to protect workers

Emergency responders put their community first every day. Those who work on our highways directing traffic, providing critical care, or making repairs are risking their lives to ensure all travelers are safe on the roads.

Since 2017, preliminary data shows 377 first responders have been hurt and eight were killed while working in an emergency vehicle or at a crash scene.

A crash scene can turn dangerous quickly for law enforcement, EMS, or fire crews, because of the risk of secondary crashes. There are almost 800 secondary crashes in Wisconsin every year that happen when other drivers are not paying attention to the scene or backups and cause another crash.

Many of those crashes could have been prevented if drivers had slowed down and stayed alert around crash response scenes.

"When emergency responders are on scene, their focus is on helping the injured, removing vehicles, and investigating what happened," Wisconsin State Patrol Superintendent Tim Carnahan said. "We are at higher risk because we have to divert our attention elsewhere, so we're really counting on drivers to slow down, pay attention and move over if they can, and make sure to keep us safe while we're keeping them safe."

Gov. Tony Evers signed a new state law last year to improve protections for first responders and reduce distracted driving.

The law:

- Bans handheld cell phone use while passing through an emergency or roadside response area, except to report an emergency
- Doubles fines for certain violations that lead to injury in an emergency response area
- Protect workers in construction, maintenance, and utility work areas

This law is in addition to the state's Move Over law that requires drivers to move over, or slow down if that's not possible, when passing a vehicle with its warning lights flashing.

"We are grateful for these protections for the nearly 40,000 first responders who are working every day to keep everyone safe on the roads in Wisconsin. Every time we step out onto the side of a highway, we put our lives at risk to help others. It's important that we all do our part to protect those who work to keep us safe," Superintendent Carnahan said.

Emergency responder safety is Wisconsin State Patrol's November Law of the Month to coincide with Crash Responder Safety Week. The awareness week, from Nov. 14-18, 2022, is a nationwide initiative to recognize the role of first responders in a traffic incident.

Submitted by WisDOT



The Pierce County Courthouse will be lit with a green light this week in honor of veterans' service and their families. Photo courtesy of Jason Matthys

Shining a light on the service of local veterans

ELLSWORTH – Each year we come together as a nation on Veterans Day to honor and celebrate the hundreds of thousands of brave Americans who have served our country in uniform.

Now more than ever, our veterans need our support. In a time when our country is divided on so many issues, we can all agree that those individuals who risked everything to protect our country and our way of life deserve our support and gratitude.

That's why this year, Pierce County is joining our colleagues across the nation in launching Operation Green Light for Veterans, an initiative designed to shine a light on the service of our veterans and their families.

With the pursuit of the safety and security of our nation comes the responsibility to support and serve the veterans who sacrificed on our behalf. Unfortunately, too many recent veterans, after nearly two decades of constant war, are struggling to transition back to civilian life.

Veteran suicides have claimed over 30,000 lives since 2001—four times more than the number of U.S. military personnel who died in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. While the vast majority of veterans return healthy and prepared for civilian life, we must be better as a nation.

As part of Operation Green Light for Veterans, Pierce County is illuminating the Courthouse Dome green beginning on Nov.

7, 2022 and we encourage individuals and businesses to join us by changing one light bulb in the entryway of your house or business to a green bulb. By shining a green light, we let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported.

While this event is focused on the week of Veterans Day (Nov. 7-13), we encourage individuals to continue to shine the light year-round.

Operation Green Light is also an opportunity to raise awareness of the resources available to veterans and their families. Here in Pierce County, we've proudly served approximately 1,840 veterans and provided 249 veteran transports to the Minneapolis Veterans Medical Health Center through our Pierce County Veterans Services Office.

Throughout the year, our county staff are busy connecting our veterans to federal and state benefits, helping them manage employment needs and doctors' appointments, as well as helping them find veteran peers who can assist with the transition back to civilian life. Veterans and family members can learn more about available services at the Pierce County Veterans Services Office. This Veterans Day, join us in shining a light of hope and support. Join Operation Green Light and let's turn Pierce County green for our veterans.

Submitted by County Administrator Jason Matthys

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VIEWPOINTS



YOUR RIGHT to Know

BY TOM KAMENICK

Don't pay too much for that photocopy

How much does it cost to copy one piece of paper? If you ask records custodians in Wisconsin, many will tell you 25 cents. At least that's what they charge.

Is that number accurate? Commercial printers charge half that for small jobs, and bulk printing jobs can get as low as two cents per page. One would assume that they are making a profit, even at this low rate. So why do some public officials charge so much?

Most custodians haven't actually calculated their per-page costs. Instead, they use 25 cents because they look around and see other government agencies charging that much. That price likely goes back to the Attorney General's Compliance Guide, which until 2018 said that "anything in excess of \$0.25 cents may be suspect." Custodians saw that as permission to charge up to 25 cents, so many did.

But state law says custodians can only charge the "actual, necessary and direct cost of reproduction."

What does that mean? It means they can't make a profit. It means they should be looking at what they actually pay for supplies, using receipts. It means the costs they charge must bear a direct relationship with those they incur.

As an attorney who specializes in open government legislation, I deal with this issue all the time. Last month, in a case I litigated against the town of Worcester, in Price County, a judge ruled that the town had committed several violations, including charging too much for copies.

The town was charging



50 cents per page. The judge determined that the town arrived at this figure by including costs like maintenance, insurance and other computer equipment that were not "necessarily direct and actual." Using evidence of the town's actual expenses for paper and toner, we showed that its cost per page was about 1.8 cents.

That low number might surprise you, but it's in the ballpark of what the

Wisconsin Department of Justice in 2018 calculated its per-page cost to be: 1.3 cents. The agency released guidance stating that "copying fees should be based on the actual costs of the copy machine or contract, and the actual cost of paper."

Sometimes, I hear custodians say that 25 cents includes the cost of labor. But no court has ever ruled labor can be included in a copying charge. And commercial

printers — including labor, supplies, overhead, and a profit — charge half that. If it really costs governments 25 cents to print every piece of paper, they should contract those services out and save taxpayers huge amounts of money.

So if you request paper records (remember, you are entitled to electronic copies of electronic records if you ask), and a government custodian tries to charge you 25

cents per page, push back. Show them the attorney general guidance and ask to see their actual receipts for paper and ink or toner.

Your Right to Know is a monthly column distributed by the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council (wisfoic.org), a group dedicated to open government. Council member Tom Kamenick is the president and founder of the Wisconsin Transparency Project.

LETTERS to the Editor

Book sale a success

To the editor,

On behalf of the River Falls Branch of AAUW (American Association of University Women), we would like to thank River Falls and the surrounding communities for support of

the Annual Book Sale. It was a very successful endeavor resulting in scholarship funds for students at UWRF, River Falls High School and CVTC. Only through the communities' contribution of books and subsequent

patronage of the event and purchase of books could this have happened.

Organization members spent hours collecting, carrying, distributing, culling and packing books. They were assisted by their friends, oth-

er community organizations, and family. Special thanks go to Country Market-Hudson, Dick's Family Market-River Falls and Family Fresh-River Falls for providing space for book donations. Wayne Peterson of Platinum Piz-

za Corporation allowed us to use a wonderful facility situated on Main Street which made it accessible to so many. At the end of the sale, we were happy to share leftover books with many groups in the community for

their use.

We are grateful to be in a community which supports such worthwhile projects.

Carole Mottaz, Lorraine Davis, Jeanne Zirbel AAUW-RF

Thank you, educators

To the editor,

American Education Week is Nov. 14 -18, and serves as a reminder to recognize one of the world's most precious resources — educators. As the saying goes, "it takes a village to raise a child" and educators are major players on that village stage. This week we celebrate the amazing passion, talents, and professionalism of our local education team.

Educators not only increase the academic knowledge of our children but also teach work ethic, honesty, responsibility, citizenship, and perseverance. Our educators model compassion, integrity,

respect, and knowing right from wrong. Our teachers and support staff don't just impart knowledge on the minds of our children, but they also serve as caregivers, advisors, and mentors.

Our district staff are proud partners in this very special River Falls village as they have important roles that all intersect with doing that which is best for our children:

Bus drivers start and end the school day with a smile and safe transport.

Paraprofessionals support our kids while assisting our teachers.

Secretaries greet students,

parents, and other staff with a warm welcome and offer of assistance.

Food servers provide nutritious meals.

Administrators lead, support, provide resources, and mentor students and staff.

Counselors, social workers, and psychologists provide guidance and support.

Teachers teach, model, and inspire our children to remain curious learners.

Custodians and maintenance workers keep our facilities clean and safe.

KidsClub provides safety, activities, and care before and after school hours.

Health care staff contrib-

ute to the well-being of all.

Office and support staff throughout the district, who provide valuable support behind the scenes.

Coaches and advisors all provide co-curricular experiences and positive role models.

These are the stories of our local educators, and I invite you to join me in thanking them for their heroic work. Throughout American Education week, we will be posting stories, shoutouts, and thank you messages to our educators, and I encourage you to take a moment to do the same on our district's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/RiverFallsSchoolDistrict>

Recognize a teacher from your childhood. Honor a school staff member working at your child's school. If you're an educator, thank a colleague. There are so many inspiring stories to share.

So let me start this American Education Week with a thank you. Thank you to our incredible education team in the School District of River Falls. Your work makes a difference every single day and I am so thankful for your

commitment to our students.

Please join me in honoring our teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals, and all of our support staff for their positive influence on the children of this very special village. They deserve our respect and appreciation — and our support will help to inspire them to continue their professional calling.

Jamie Benson Superintendent School District of River Falls

Is history going to repeat itself?

To the editor,

The first priority of the government ought to be the protection of individual rights. It has become increasingly clear that many in Washington have forgotten this, if they ever understood it at all. Too often, the politicians and federal bureaucrats in our nation's capital see themselves as the creators and arbiters of people's rights. As such, they

regularly overregulate businesses and micromanage the personal lives of individual citizens.

We see this manifested in innumerable rules and regulations controlling our medical and consumer choices, or even prohibitions on whole industries, which in turn can create new problems and social ills. When governments ban or restrict something that reasonable adults want,

criminal elements are more than happy to meet customer demand through totally unregulated underground markets. The two most obvious examples of this are the prohibitions on alcohol and cannabis, neither of which were successful, but both of which required enormous law enforcement responses.

Is history going to repeat itself now that some in Washington are pushing for

the outright ban on tobacco products? I hope not.

Perhaps after the election, the new Congress will hit the reset button on Washington's regulatory overreach and stop imposing itself on regular Americans merely trying to live their lives in peace.

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Thu 10	60°/25°		Thunderstorms		88%
Fri 11	30°/18°		AM Snow Showers		35%
Sat 12	25°/14°		Cloudy		8%
Sun 13	27°/14°		Partly Cloudy		5%
Mon 14	30°/18°		Partly Cloudy		5%
Tue 15	31°/18°		Mostly Cloudy		16%
Wed 16	28°/14°		Partly Cloudy		15%

ST. CROIX COUNTY Jail Log

Monday, Oct. 31
Armoni Deantre Bell, 23, address not listed, by New Richmond police, receiving stolen property > \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Donnie Danell White, 49, West Milwaukee, by Probation & Parole, probation hold for Baldwin PD.

Lori L. Ross, 62, Pensacola, Fla., by Somerset police, violation of individual at risk restraining order or injunction.

Tuesday, Nov. 1
Anthony Joseph Vsetek, 21, Somerset, by Somerset police, domestic disorderly conduct, intentionally contribute/delinquency of child.

Andrew Tudor Griffiths, 37, address not listed, by Hudson police, criminal damage to property, disorderly conduct.

Nathan David Zander, 23, New Richmond, by Somerset police, resisting or obstructing an officer, possess drug paraphernalia.

Brenda Sue Gerdes, 53, Somerset, by Probation & Parole, probation hold.

Zachariah M. Albert, 32, New Richmond, by NR police, misdemeanor bail jumping.

William Ray Eckerman, 64, Emerald, by NR police, Trempealeau County warrant.

Nathan Blaine Lefler, 46, Somerset, by Probation & Parole, probation hold.

Daisy Mae Christensen, 43, New Richmond, by NR police, operating while revoked, possess drug paraphernalia, possession of controlled substance near certain places.

Wednesday, Nov. 2
Paul Anthony Halverson, 59, address not listed, by NR police, OWI-first.

Austin John Frye, 27, Hudson, by SCSO, warrant.

Andrew Jacob Alcantar, 27, Somerset, by NR police, misdemeanor bail jumping.

Amber Lin Dornfeld, 46, Hammond, by SCSO, sentenced, serving 186 days.

Lucas Cole Larson, 31, River Falls, by SCSO, domestic strangulation and suffocation, domestic disorderly conduct, domestic battery, misdemeanor bail jumping.

Gerardo Tehuintle-Zacarias, 30, Hammond, by NR police, operate without valid license (second).

Ryan Richard White, 35, Menomonie, by Wisconsin State Patrol, felony bail jumping (two counts), ignition interlock device tampering, operating while re-

voked.

Robert Anthony Clark, 38, New Richmond, by NR police, theft - movable property, probation hold.

Alicia Ko Yang, 37, St. Paul, by SCSO, warrant.

Ashley Ann Reed, 32, St. Paul, by SCSO, warrant.

Jun William Vang, 42, St. Paul, by SCSO, warrant.

Thursday, Nov. 3
Michael Leroy Winberg, 51, River Falls, by SCSO, warrant.

Patrick Jujan Ivory Madge, 36, Minneapolis, by Hudson police, operating while revoked, warrant.

Dalton R. Mundle, 24, New Richmond, by SCSO, hold for St. Croix County courts.

Michael James Kirkland, 33, Amery, by SCSO, hold for St. Croix County courts.

Wendell Raymone Jones, 35, Milwaukee, by SCSO, financial transaction card - fraudulent use (>\$10,000).

Demetri Montoya, 30, St. Paul, by Probation & Parole, probation hold.

Aimee Catherine Thomas, 35, Lakeland, Minn., by SCSO, retail theft - intentionally take.

Danny Alan Sherman, 60, New Richmond, by SCSO, domestic disorderly conduct, fourth degree sexual assault.

Kelly Denise Kirkland-Flatt, 51, New Richmond, by Probation & Parole, probation hold.

Kristine Erin Bauer, 45, Roberts, by SCSO, resisting or obstructing an officer.

Say Kapaw, 25, St. Paul, by SCSO, theft - movable property > \$10,000 (two counts), criminal damage to property over \$2,500 (two counts).

Nicole Marie Bremer, 40, Minneapolis, by SCSO, fraud against financial institution (as party to a crime), misappropriate ID info - obtain money.

Richard Allen Doyle, 61, Eau Claire, by SCSO, sentenced 45 days.

Chad Lewis Peterson, 48, River Falls, by SCSO, warrant.

Zachariah Albert, 32, New Richmond, by SCSO, misdemeanor bail jumping (two counts), criminal damage to property, domestic disorderly conduct, disorderly conduct.

Friday, Nov. 4
Natasha Hochstetler, 34, Emerald, by SCSO, resisting or obstructing an officer, possession of methamphetamine.

Monday, Oct. 31
Wayne Allen Torseth, 40, Farmington, Minn., by Department of Corrections, probation violation.

Tuesday, Nov. 1
Awel Yong Awel, 40, Prescott, by Prescott police, battery, disorderly conduct, released on \$2,500 signature bond.

Ashley Jeanne Smith, 37, Spring Valley, by PCSO, violate/harassment restraining order, released on \$1,000 signature bond.

Isaiah Michael Vanheel, 22, Murdock, Minn., by PCSO, failure to appear warrant.

Wednesday, Nov. 2
Darrick James Fox, 37, River Falls, by RF police, possession of child pornography.

Barrett Arthur Johnson, 38, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., by Probation & Parole, probation violation.

Thursday, Nov. 3
Rachel Cora Marie Gee, 30, Hudson, by PCSO, failure to appear warrant, released on \$250 cash bond.

Peter Andrew Kassera, 36, Spring Valley, by PCSO, trespass to land, released.

Darwing Laban Sembrera, 21, River Falls, by RF police, misdemeanor bail jumping, released.

Michael Joe Stambaugh, 35, Elmwood, by PCSO, failure to appear warrant, released on \$300 cash bond.

Friday, Nov. 4
Bruce Jeffrey Bakken, 45, Ellsworth, by Ellsworth police, failure to appear warrant.

Mason Lee Hutter, 42,

Michael Dean Schmitz, 55, Somerset, by SCSO, sentenced, serving four days.

Bonnie S. Johnson, 55, Baldwin, by SCSO, sentenced, serving three days.

Tyler Craig Hansen, 33, address not listed, by NR police, domestic battery, domestic disorderly conduct.

Victor Medina Namcela, 39, Hudson, by SCSO, sentenced, serving three days.

Lisa Marie Peters, 43, Emerald, by NR police, municipal writ, serving six days (theft).

Benjamin Curtis Dornseif, 26, Stillwater, Minn., by Probation & Parole, probation hold.

Caleb Kenneth Shuman, 27, Shell Lake, by SCSO, warrant.

Ian Stuart Weston, 35, New Richmond, by Probation & Parole, probation hold.

Jordan Bevic, 61, Hudson, by Somerset police, OWI-first.

Saturday, Nov. 5
Christopher Allen Neisius, 36, River Falls, by Wisconsin State Patrol, probation hld, OWI-fourth, operating while revoked, ignition interlock device tampering.

Nicole Marie Pilrain, 41, Stillwater, Minn., by SCSO, warrant, felony bail jumping.

Alexander S. Baillargeon, 28, River Falls, by RF police, probation hold, domestic disorderly conduct.

Jacob Jon Haegle, 37, Hudson, by Hudson police, disorderly conduct.

Travis Michael VanBoxel, 33, address not listed, by Hudson police, receiving stolen property, retail theft - intentionally take > \$500 to \$5,000.

Katie Renee Ladue, 31, address not listed, by Hudson police, receiving stolen property, retail theft - intentionally take > \$500 to \$5,000.

Kevin Gerald Lundequam, 49, New Richmond, by SCSO, probation hold, operating while revoked, possess masking agent, OWI-fifth or sixth.

Sunday, Nov. 6
Mitchell Brian Chandler, 25, Osceola, by SCSO, possess drug paraphernalia, possession of THC, vehicle operator flee/elude officer.

Monday, Nov. 7
Chad Robert Torkelson, 46, Menomonie, by SCSO, sentenced, serving four days.

Jordan Spencer Rogers, 38, River Falls, by PCSO, OWI, released.

Daniel Norman Trudeau, 54, Lake Elmo, Minn., by PCSO, failure to report to jail.

Saturday, Nov. 5
Darwing Laban Sembrera, 21, River Falls, by RF police, misdemeanor bail jumping, released.

Sunday, Nov. 6
Nathanael Wondwosen Ashenafi, 30, St. Paul, by Prescott police, vehicle operator flee/elude officer, possession of THC, take and drive vehicle without consent.

Ellsworth, by PCSO, felony bail jumping, misdemeanor bail jumping, failure to appear warrant, released.

Deferred case
Alexandria Marie Schultz, 27, Prescott, pleaded guilty to and entered into a deferred judgment of conviction agreement Oct. 31 on a disorderly conduct (domestic abuse) charge. The charge stemmed from a July 3 incident.

Closed cases
Remington Charles Bundt, 28, Sheffield, Iowa, was convicted of operate commercial vehicle without carrying a license Oct. 31 and fined \$150.10. The charge resulted from a June 3 traffic stop.

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ELLSWORTH Police Department Reports

The following incidents were reported to Ellsworth Police Department Oct. 31 through Nov. 6.

Monday, Oct. 31

An anonymous caller reported a man for burning garbage at 10:57 a.m. at 504 W. Crosstown Road. When police arrived, the fire was smoldering and contained garbage and inappropriate material. The suspect was warned that any further infractions would result in a citation.

Police responded to a two-vehicle crash at 11:58 a.m. at 123 Evergreen Estates between **Trinity Umpleby**, 20, Ellsworth, and **Jeffrey Lacy**, 46, Ellsworth. A vehicle backed into a truck's passenger side.

Officers were called to a domestic at 2:20 p.m. at 159 N. Maple St. A woman agreed to leave.

A caller reported intoxicated juveniles at 8:59 p.m. at Summit Park (100 W. Grove St.) The parents were notified and the juveniles will be cited by mail.

Tuesday, Nov. 1

At 11:21 a.m., a caller at 775 W. Crest Lane reported that someone had cashed one of his old checks written out for \$3,000. The bank stopped payment on the check.

Police assisted staff at 11:41 a.m. at Ellsworth Elementary (445 S. Piety St.) when a student took off

running. The student was located at English Lutheran Church; parents arrived to assist.

Wednesday, Nov. 2

A complainant reported copper wire theft at 7:46 a.m. at 191 E. Main St. The theft occurred at 5:15 p.m. Nov. 1 and was caught on camera. The suspect was identified. A theft charge will be referred to the district attorney's office. The suspect will be cited by mail for operating without a license, non-registration of vehicle and failure to transfer registration.

Police responded at 10:08 a.m. to 157 E. Main St. where a vehicle struck an employee in the parking lot. **Karen Motszko**, 75, Eagan, Minn., said she was driving slowly through the lot but the sun was in her eyes. She struck **Nicole Field**, 39, Red Wing, Minn. from behind. Field fell forward and had abrasions on her hands, but no other injuries.

At 2:34 p.m., police were called when a student left Ellsworth Middle School (312 Panther Drive) without permission. The child was located at Summit Park and returned to their parents.

Thursday, Nov. 3

At 10:03 a.m., a resident at 273 N. Morse St. reported a scam. Someone claiming to be from Xcel called him and ordered him to make a payment by calling a 1-800

Friday, Nov. 4

Bruce Bakken, 45, Ellsworth, was arrested at 8:40 p.m. while in his front yard at 106 Evergreen Estates St. for an active failure to appear warrant. The officer transported him to Pierce County Jail.

Saturday, Nov. 5
Officers checked on a man sleeping in his vehicle at 3:05 a.m. at 270 N. Maple St. The man said he didn't feel safe driving without a nap; there were no signs of impairment.

At 10 a.m., Speedway (176 W. Main St.) was informed that multiple vehicles are having trouble with their gas. They shut down the pumps in order to figure the issue out.

Sunday, Nov. 6

A caller reported suspicious activity at 7:51 a.m. at 101 N. Maple St. Everything appeared to be okay.

Police responded to a verbal domestic at 3:32 p.m. at 102 Evergreen Estates St. Information was collected for Child Protective Services and the District Attorney.

A caller requested extra patrol at 5:45 p.m. in the 600 block of West Main Street due to harassing texts.

Friday, Nov. 4

Alphabet Properties LLC to Crusader Family Holdings LLC, Unit 201, Building 2, Great River Road Flex Space Condo, City of Prescott.

Geoffrey Tegler to Tamara C. Tegler, Pt. NW-SW, Sec. 20, Town of Clifton.

Doris G. Doerfler Trust to St. Mac RF LLC, N ½ Outlot 132, Amended Assessor's Plat, City of River Falls.

Alphabet Properties LLC to Mark D. Janda, Unit 112, Building 1, Great River Road Flex Space Condo, City of Prescott.

Douglas Siebold, Cathy Siebold, Merri Winkler, Lisa Drake, Mark Siebold, Christine Meissner and Marvin J. Siebold to Timothy & Sheila Fischer, SE-NW, Sec. 10, Town of River Falls.

Friday, Nov. 4
Todd & Carolyn Moore and Thomas & Danielle Diercks to Ruff Road Homeowners Association, Pt. E ½-NW, Sec. 8, Town of Hartland.

James E. & Brenda B. Huebner to Irma Rodriguez-Salas & Agustin Salas-Dominguez, Lt 14, Kennell's Valley View Addition, City of Prescott.

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PRESCOTT *Police Department Reports*

The following incidents were reported to Prescott Police Department Oct. 31 through Nov. 6.

Monday, Oct. 31

Officers performed a welfare check on a woman sleeping in the driver's seat of a running vehicle at 10:06 a.m. in front of 114 Broad St.

Thomas Houston Lester, 53, Buffalo, Minn., was cited for speeding after a traffic stop at 8:41 p.m. at Kinnickinnic and Broad streets.

Tuesday, Nov. 1

Awel Yong Awel, 40, Prescott, was arrested for disorderly conduct after police responded to a domestic at 12:12 a.m. at 723 Henry St. He was transported to Pierce County Jail.

A counterfeit \$100 bill was found at 9:21 a.m. at 1151 Canton St.

Officers responded at 10:46 a.m. to 1107 Cedar Lane for a vandalism report. Someone had written on vehicle windows with window markers.

Trevor Anthony Frost, 25, Farmington, Minn., was cited for a boat launch fee violation at 4:49 p.m. at Front and Ash streets.

Sambo Theout, 31, St. Paul, was cited for speeding and warned for crossing the center line after a traffic stop at 9:59 p.m. at Kinnickinnic and Broad streets.

Suspicious activity was reported at 10:09 p.m. at 1377 Orrin Road.

Wednesday, Nov. 2

Two homeowners reported suspicious activity at 1 p.m. at 127 Monroe St.

Joseph Daniel Young, 38, Prescott, was cited for fail/stop at stop sign and provided a correction notice for displaying wrong vehicle registration plates after a traffic stop at 3:22 p.m. at Dexter and Walnut streets.

Thursday, Nov. 3

David Russell Buck, 84, Hastings, Minn., was cited for fail/stop at stop sign after a traffic stop at 1:17 p.m. at Campbell and Henry streets.

Caleb James Malyon, 21, Arden Hills, Minn., was cited for speeding after a traffic stop at 4:27 p.m. at Jefferson and Monroe streets.

Police responded at 5:34 p.m. to 508 Hope St. for a domestic. The parties separated for the night.

A concerned resident reported a suspicious vehicle in the neighborhood at 6:55 p.m. near Canton and Riverwood streets.

Jonathan Xavier Jr., 23, US Virgin Islands, was cited for speeding after a traffic stop at 8 p.m. at Broad and Cherry streets.

Friday, Nov. 4

Amber Marie Ehrman, 39, Prescott, was cited for speeding after a traffic stop at 6:24 p.m. at Cherry Street and Highway 10.

James Ryan Burg, 47, Deerwood, Minn., was cited for speeding after a traffic stop at 7:42 p.m. at Lawrence and Jefferson streets.

A caller reported a suspicious vehicle at 9:08 p.m. at 1449 Orrin Road. The vehicle was unoccupied.

Jacob Dale Marxhausen, 19, Lanesboro, Minn., was cit-

ed for speeding after a traffic stop at 10:10 p.m. at Warren and Jefferson streets.

Saturday, Nov. 5

Marshall Vansnik Haffie, 44, St. Paul, was cited for a parking violation at 2:26 a.m. near Kinnickinnic and Dakota streets.

A broken window was found at 5 a.m. at Freedom Park (200 Monroe St.)

At 8:44 a.m., a vehicle stopped in the right-turn lane at Highway 10 and Cherry Street and was struck from behind. The vehicle drove away.

Johnathan Faye Carver, 47, Cottage Grove, Minn., was cited for speeding after a traffic stop at 5:23 p.m. at Jefferson and Dexter streets.

Fernando Javier Carbajal, 24, Red Wing, Minn., was cited for speeding after a traffic stop at 6:37 p.m. at Jefferson and Dexter streets.

Dylan Tye Franklin, 27, Minneapolis, was cited for speeding and non-registration of vehicle after a traffic stop at 8:08 p.m. at Kinnickinnic and Broad streets.

A suspicious black pickup was reported at 10:57 p.m. at 475 S. Dakota St. The truck was not located.

Sunday, Nov. 6

Allondra Giselle Villarreal, 20, Montevideo, Minn., was cited for speeding after a traffic stop at 12:28 a.m. at 570th Avenue and Jefferson Street.

Angel Eduard Aguilon Quezada, 22, St. Paul, was cited for speeding after a traffic stop at 4:37 p.m. at Jefferson and Dexter streets.

RIVER FALLS *Police Department Reports*

The following incidents were reported to River Falls Police Department Oct. 23-25.

Sunday, Oct. 23

At 9:21 a.m., an officer noticed graffiti on a River City Disposal dumpster at 618 N. Clark St. Graffiti was also found on a dumpster at 9:31 a.m. at 523 S. Wasson Lane. An employee for River City said they have to send the dumpsters to the Twin Cities to be repainted, which at minimum costs \$100.

At 2:21 p.m., a caller reported a theft that had oc-

curred at 427 E. Elm St. Someone had taken a driver's side mirror and cap from a 2018 Mitsubishi Mirage sometime between 10 p.m. Oct. 22 and 1:45 p.m. Oct. 23. The passenger side mirror was folded in as well.

Monday, Oct. 24

Police responded at 7:55 p.m. to Econo Lodge (1207 St. Croix St.) for "a bunch of weed and a bong" found inside the business stairwell. An employee had caught two men with the items in the stairwell. Police found the two men, who were co-

operative and from out of town. They were warned for possessing marijuana in Wisconsin.

Tuesday, Oct. 25

Police were notified of a vehicle vs. deer crash at 6:36 a.m. on Highway 35 just north of Quarry Road. A 2005 Chevrolet Equinox, driven by **Grace A. Montague**, 23, Dodgeville, sustained functional damage after striking the deer. Montague wore a seat belt and reported no injuries.

PIERCE COUNTY *Accident Reports*

Deputies responded at 10:14 p.m. Oct. 30 to a hit-and-run crash on Highway 65 just west of 770th Avenue in the town of River Falls between an unknown vehicle and a 2021 Ford F150, driven by **Brandy Jo Liddle**, 44, River Falls. Liddle was heading north on Highway 65 when another vehicle passed her, and in doing so, struck her driver's side mirror. The other vehicle fled the scene. Liddle's vehicle had minor damage. She wore a seat belt and reported no injuries.

Police responded to a vehicle crash at 8:12 a.m. Nov. 1 on 690th Avenue two-thirds

mile west of Highway 65 in the town of River Falls. A 2020 Chevrolet Malibu, driven by **Joshua Eugene Kinneman**, 31, Ellsworth, was heading east on 690th when a deer ran out into the road. Kinneman swerved to avoid it, lost control and entered the north ditch where he struck a tree. The vehicle was towed due to disabling damage. Kinneman, who wore a seat belt, reported possible injuries, but declined EMS transport. He said he may head to the hospital by personal vehicle.

Officers responded to a vehicle vs. deer crash at 7:17 a.m. Nov. 2 on U.S. Highway

10 just east of 322nd Ave. in the town of Salem. A 2012 Toyota Tundra, driven by **Hlee Yang**, 55, Brooklyn Park, Minn., was heading eastbound on Highway 10 when it struck the deer, causing the air bags to deploy. Yang went through the south ditch and into a grass field south of the highway, where it came to rest against some farm equipment. The Tundra was towed due to disabling damage. The driver reported losing his glasses in the crash. He and passenger **Xeng Yang**, 73, St. Paul, wore seat belts and reported no injuries.

PIERCE COUNTY *Marriages*

The Pierce County Clerk's office issued the following marriage license in October 2022:

Tyler Charles Dennis, 26, River Falls, and **Alexis Renee Vasser**, 24, River Falls.
William Ryan Sanford, 49, town of Clifton, and **Shari Lynn Sisco**, 50, town of Clifton.

Nathan Aaron Riess, 24, River Falls, and **Julie Alma Knutson**, 24, River Falls.

Dustin Owen Davis, 37, Prescott, and **Deion Ladiamond Smith**, 32, Prescott.

Corey Leonard Letizio, 27, St. Louis Park, Minn., and **Brenna Nora Driscoll**, 28, St.

Louis Park, Minn.
Zachary Ryan Thell, 27, New Richmond, and **Taylor Virginia Spaulding**, 26, New Richmond.

Tyler John Barbian, 35, River Falls, and **Lisa Dellene Swast**, 28, River Falls.

Dustin John Byer, 30, town of Hartland, and **Savanna Cheyenne Mark**, 26, town of Trimble.

Drake Arthur Thoenke, 27, Baldwin, and **Madiilyn Renee Kustrich**, 24, Baldwin.

Royce Gary Baier, 35, town of Spring Lake, and **Briana Marie Hoolihan**, 41, town of Spring Lake.

Charles Rudolph Marti, 40, Andover, Minn., and **Erin Lynn Blegen**, 40, River Falls.
Trinity Eric Scharlau, 30, Ellsworth, and **Mariah Rebekah Moll**, 28, Ellsworth.

Troy Dean Rudesill, 28, Elmwood, and **Jovanna Lynn Furloni**, 27, Elmwood.

Abram Carl Peterson, 31, town of Oak Grove, and **Bailey Kathryn Webster**, 34, town of Oak Grove.

Mark Hunter Willinger, 33, Roseville, Minn., and **Kayle Mae Katze**, 33, Roseville, Minn.

Nathan Martin Lightfoot, 38, Hammond, and **Amanda Jo Rother**, 36, Hammond.

PIERCE COUNTY *Divorces*

The following divorces were finalized in Pierce County Circuit Court in October 2022.

Shannine Tara Borth, 48, Ellsworth, and **Douglas Ailen Borth**, 48, Muscoda.

Brittany R. Brenner, 38, Hager City, and **James E. Lacy**, 43, Hager City.

James Daniel Coulton,

66, River Falls, and **Jean Patricia Coulton**, 74, Minneapolis.

Chelsea A. Fiedler, 32, Hudson, and **Kenneth S. Fiedler**, 34, River Falls.

Joshua Wayne Hodgson, 30, Saint Charles, Minn., and **Brittany Ann Hodgson**, 31, Ellsworth.

Chad W. Joslyn, 51, Maiden Rock, and **Selena M. Jos-**

lyn, 46, New Richmond.

Vickie L. McLaughlin, 51, Westfield, Ind., and **Kevin W. McLaughlin**, 65, Terre Haute, Ind.

Katie Angelina Steine, 36, Eau Claire, and **Bryon Richard Steine**, 39, River Falls.

William Craig Zitko, 33, Elmwood, and **Jena Mae Zitko**, 33, Maplewood, Minn.

PIERCE COUNTY *Sheriff's Office Reports*

The following incidents were reported to Pierce County Sheriff's Office Oct. 31 through Nov. 6.

Monday, Oct. 31

Police performed a welfare check at 9:44 a.m. at N673 825th St., Hager City, where a man took a large number of pills. He later died at Red Wing Mayo Hospital.

At 11:31 a.m., police received a call about a vehicle parked in a field drive near County Road PP and 90th Street in rural Elmwood, that was blocking combines. The vehicle was disabled on the side of the road, not near a field drive. Tractors could get around it.

Police received information at 12:36 p.m. about a credit card used multiple times fraudulently at W3541 Highway 35, Maiden Rock. The store owner worked on obtaining video footage.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at 2:51 p.m. at W12715 720th Ave., River Falls. It was not located.

Officers responded to a grass fire at 4:15 p.m. near County Road QQ and 620th Avenue in rural Prescott. The fire got away from the homeowner. Deputies assisted firefighters as needed.

Police located cows out in the roadway at 11:38 p.m. near N2330 County Road CC, Maiden Rock. The owners got the cows secured and said they'd fix the fence.

Tuesday, Nov. 1

A man reported continuing suspicious activity at a residence he is renovating at 10:19 a.m. at W5813 130th Ave., Bay City. He requested extra patrol.

At 10:59 a.m., a caller reported neglected goats last seen four months ago at W11667 840th Ave., River Falls. The property owner welcomed the officer and made plans for a tour of the operation.

Police received a report of a possible neglected dog at 2:14 p.m. at W8108 760th Ave., River Falls. When police arrived, they determined the dog is very old. The owner said the dog is over 15 years old and well cared for. All appeared adequate.

Police assisted firefighters with a corn field on fire at 2:49 p.m. at W5137 290th Ave., Hager City.

Deputies investigated a suspicious vehicle at 9:26 p.m. at W4890 Highway 29, Spring Valley. The vehicle owner said the vehicle would be removed at a later date.

Wednesday, Nov. 2

Officers observed two suspicious vehicles parked at 1:36 a.m. at 610 E. Main St., Ellsworth. Two men said they were changing a tire on one of the cars.

St. Croix County requested Pierce Deputies respond

at 11:57 a.m. to River City Metals (N3941 Highway 35, Prescott) to take a man into custody. He was arrested without incident.

A deputy followed up on a complaint of suspicious people in a business at 12:32 p.m. at 404 Omaha Ave., Elmwood. Police reviewed store video footage but saw no criminal actions.

Deputies assisted fire crews with a barn and field fire at 2:43 p.m. at W5820 Highway 29, River Falls.

Officers were dispatched to a drug complaint at 6:34 p.m. at N7976 110th St., Spring Valley.

Thursday, Nov. 3

Deputies assisted Red Wing police with a vehicle search at 12:06 a.m. at Highway 63 and 825th Street, Hager City. Three men were cited for possession of THC.

Officers responded at 8:26 a.m. to W7595 280th Ave., Hager City to speak with the homeowner about a vehicle that had pulled into their driveway. Police spoke to the driver and caller.

Police responded at 10:18 a.m. to N4688 110th St., Elmwood, to speak to a farm owner about a disgruntled employee who had quit with little notice.

Deputies were called at 4:46 p.m. to W4498 455th Ave., Ellsworth, where a firearm had been located on a wooded property by someone cutting firewood. The owner is unknown.

Police assisted Prescott police with a possible domestic at 5:40 p.m. at 508 Hope St., Prescott.

Deputies located loose horses near the road at 6:19 p.m. at W5512 Highway 10, Ellsworth. The owner was able to get them all secured.

Police responded at 7:35 p.m. to a theft complaint at W4877 850th Ave., Spring Valley. A person was arrested for trespassing. The property in question was deemed a civil issue at this time.

A deputy saw two people in a bar (N673 825th St., Hager City) at 11:51 p.m. who have bond conditions prohibiting them from drinking. When they saw the marked squad, they ran away and hid in the establishment.

Friday, Nov. 4

During a bar check at 12:57 a.m. at N1090 825th St., Hager City, police arrested a man for felony and misdemeanor bail jumping and a St. Croix warrant.

Officers responded to a hit and run at 6:35 a.m. at W5005 370th Ave., Ellsworth. A vehicle had damaged a fence in a pasture area and fled.

Deputies responded to an alarm at 11:17 a.m. at W3930 Highway 72, Ellsworth, and located an open door. They searched the building but

found nothing suspicious.

At 2:07 p.m., police found a man laying on the road shoulder near 1090th Street and Highway 10, Prescott. The man said his car had been stolen in Red Wing and he was walking to Spring Valley. He asked for a ride to a Highway 29 residence. Police dropped him off in Ellsworth.

Police gathered information on a threat complaint at 9:18 p.m. at W9330 Highway 10, Ellsworth. Multiple parties were spoken to.

Saturday, Nov. 5

Police responded at 8:50 a.m. to highways 10 and 63 (west interchange) outside of Ellsworth for a vehicle that had shut down. The complainant said she had just gassed up the vehicle at Speedway in Ellsworth. A similar complaint came in about a vehicle just shutting down after getting gas at Speedway, this time at 9:37 a.m. near Highway 10 and Hill Street, Ellsworth. A third complaint was reported at 9:47 a.m. near 610th Street and Highway 63, Ellsworth. That caller had also fueled up at Speedway. A fourth complainant called in after getting gas there at 9:57 a.m. near highways 63 and 10, Ellsworth. And yet a fifth caller's vehicle was disabled after purchasing gas at Speedway, at 11:39 a.m. at W7409 Highway 65, Beldenville.

Deputies responded to an argument at 7:13 p.m. at N8530 1205th St., River Falls. The parties separated for the night.

Sunday, Nov. 6

Deputies assisted Prescott police at 1:53 a.m. with a pursuit of a stolen vehicle. A man was arrested in the 200 block of Prescott's Broad Street.

Police responded to an alarm on the dam at 11:35 a.m. at W1222 355th Ave., Plum City. Conservation Director Rod Webb was notified. No flooding was observed.

Officers responded to a sudden death at 3:07 p.m. at N7061 820th St., River Falls.

Deputies assisted Ellsworth police with conducting interviews at a domestic at 3:39 p.m. at 102 Evergreen Estates St.

A property owner called police at 4:21 p.m. to report being spied on by a neighbor at W5833 County Road N, Beldenville. The neighbor called her and asked her questions about her dead father's property, making her nervous. The neighbor was advised to leave her alone.

Officers were dispatched at 8:27 p.m. to a vehicle in the ditch near Highway 63 and 610th Avenue, Ellsworth. The vehicle was not located.

PIERCE COUNTY *Traffic and Forfeitures*

Nathaniel Damian Rober Bohnen, 20, Hudson, refuse to take test for intoxication after arrest, dismissed; OWI-first, license revoked six months, alcohol assessment

ordered, \$937.50.

Madison Lee Holtz, 22, Fridley, Minn., operate without valid license (two counts), dismissed; possess drug paraphernalia, \$263.50.

Carin Marie Weldon, 62, Robbinsdale, Minn., refuse to take test for intoxication after arrest, other.

King named vice chancellor for strategic enrollment at UWRF

RIVER FALLS -- Laura King has been named vice chancellor for strategic enrollment at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls following a national search.

King, of New Richmond, comes to UW-River Falls from UW-Stout where she has been working as the vice chancellor for enrollment and strategic initiatives. Prior to UW-Stout, King worked for Saint Paul College in St. Paul, Minn., as vice president of student affairs and as dean of institutional research, planning, and grants. She also brings experience from her service at regional technical and community colleges including CVTC and Century College.

"I look forward to working with Laura and leveraging her experience as we continue to grow enrollment," said UWRF



Laura King

Chancellor Maria Gallo. "Laura understands the value of building on UWRF's strengths and reputation for providing students an exceptional, affordable education in a supportive learning environment. Here, our students are limitless!" King, a UWRF alum, has a Ph.D. in educational

policy and administration from the University of Minnesota, a M.S.Ed. in college student development and administration from UW-La Crosse. She completed her UWRF bachelor's degree in music performance.

"I am beyond excited to join the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. As a Falcon, I am fortunate to have seen firsthand the value, opportunity, and social impact UWRF has afforded its graduates and the greater region," King said. "I look forward to working with a dynamic team to advance the strategic vision for the institution and make a difference in the community we serve."

King will begin at UWRF on Jan. 3, 2023.

Submitted by UW-River Falls

Brown

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and tendons. Brown didn't know what she should do with the foot, so Nurse 3 asked Nursing Home Administrator Kevin Larson, who wanted to throw it away. It was eventually decided to put the foot in a Ziplock bag, then in a biohazard bag, and Larson put it in a basement freezer. Nurse 3 said she wanted to call Director of Nursing Tracy Reitz, but Larson did not call her.

Nurse 1 stated that no physician had ordered the amputation. The foot, which was black, was placed in a freezer in the basement to be sent with the man's body to the funeral home when he died. Nurse 1 reported the incident to the state. She also told the hospice nurse that the man told her during the amputation, he felt everything and "it hurt very bad." Nurse 4 said he had gripped her hand tightly during the amputation and moaned a little.

The hospice nurse reported the incident to Reitz, and Reitz told her that Brown and one of the CNA's said the man appeared to have

no pain during the procedure. Nurse 4 said the victim moaned when the tendon was cut and his foot amputated and that Brown had been pushing her to retrieve it so she could preserve it for a taxidermy display at her family's business, which she thought was weird. She said Brown had been talking about cutting off the foot and they had all told her not to.

Another nurse told the investigator that on Thursday, May 26, the man was still able to wiggle his toes and that two tendons and 5 centimeters of skin were holding the foot to the body. She said Brown apologized for cutting off the foot and said it was her intent to help the man pass away with some dignity. Brown also told the nurse that her family owns a taxidermy shop and that she wanted to preserve the foot and put it on display with a sign that said, "Wear your boots kids."

Nurses said the man's family did not know about the amputation.

Larson told investigators that he completed a self-report for the state and that he had a five-day window to do so, per state policy. He said the incident was reported late because the state portal was down. Brown never wrote a report on the incident and nothing was writ-

ten in the man's chart on May 27 except for a medication note from St. Croix Hospice. In fact, the man's chart had many missing entries. Larson also said Brown hadn't asked for permission to cut off the man's foot and that no doctor had ordered it.

Larson told investigators he believes a doctor would have ordered the amputation and that Brown did it for the man's dignity and comfort. He said he had told Brown to just stabilize the foot because the man was close to dying, possibly within hours. The man hung on longer than people expected and Brown thought cutting off the foot was the right thing to do. When Brown asked him what to do with the foot, he thought it had just fallen off. He admitted that it was wrong that she removed it without a doctor's orders.

Reitz told investigators that the foot was dead, foul smelling and hanging on by a tendon. She also said the man was "slightly coherent" and apologetic about the foot's smell, which she likened to a mummy. She said that in the past, other patients' toes have fallen off and staff has kept them in the freezer. She was notified of the incident on May 29 by Nurse 3, who was distraught by the incident. She too said the foot should have been removed

by a doctor and that she spoke with Brown about the "scope of her practice" and what she should have done. Reitz felt Brown did it for compassion without malice, but had not documented the incident.

Brown told police she cut off the foot so she could get Vaseline gauze right on the stump to provide comfort. She said the man never showed signs of feeling the amputation and that she thought he would like it better if the foot were gone. When asked about her scope of practice, Brown admitted she should have gotten a doctor's order and called a doctor first. Because of the state of his feet, she thought that the doctor would just tell her to leave it alone. She admitted that the man never asked her to remove his foot.

Administrators of the nursing home agreed that it was outside of the scope of Brown's practice to conduct such a procedure and a doctor's order was necessary prior to any amputation. Brown no longer works at the facility, according to a nursing home employee, but had put in her two weeks' notice before the incident and was allowed to finish out her time.

Brown is slated to appear in Pierce County Circuit Court at 9:45 a.m. Dec. 6.



Barb Bee (second from right), PPCS senior accountant, and Mark Anderson (far right), PPCS CFO/vice president presented representatives of eight local food shelves with \$2,000 checks for a total gift to local food shelves of \$16,000 from Pierce Pepin Cares. Photo courtesy of PPCS



Brad Ristow (left), PPCS vice president, operations, and Charity Lubich (right), PPCS vice president, member relations & human resources, presented Prescott Fire Department Assistant Chief Chad Johnson and Mitch Rhiel with a \$1,500 check for the purchase of AED's. Photo courtesy of PPCS



A \$1,000 check from Pierce Pepin Cares was presented to Tom Gunderson, SART board chairman by Barb Bee (center), PPCS senior accountant and Mark Anderson (right), PPCS CFO/vice president. Photo courtesy of PPCS

Pierce Pepin Cares awards 4th quarter grants

ELLSWORTH – Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services (PPCS) members are helping stock Pierce and Pepin County food shelves through the co-op's charitable foundation Pierce Pepin Cares. At their October meeting, the Pierce Pepin Cares board awarded \$16,000 in grants to eight food pantries; each received \$2,000—Pierce County Food Pantry, Elmwood Food Pantry, Plum City Food Pantry, Prescott Area Food Shelf, River Falls Food Pantry, Spring Valley Community Food Pantry, Pepin County Food Pantry and Pepin-Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran-Food Pantry. The board also awarded a \$1,500 grant to Prescott Fire Department for the purchase of AEDs and a \$1,000 grant to St. Croix Valley SART to help provide mental health vouchers for victims of sexual assault.

The grant recipients expressed gratitude for the generosity of PPCS members who participate in Operation Round Up. With each enrolled member contributing about \$6 annually, the collective power of Operation Round Up is significant. For example, the impact of cash donations to food pantries is substantial. Rising costs, supply chain issues, and the war in Ukraine are increasing challenges for the food shelves to keep their shelves filled. They are having difficulties

getting products like dairy and pasta. "We know that these grants covering the areas of public health, mental health, and food insecurity are critical to our communities' overall health," said Nate Boettcher, PPCS president and CEO. "We know that higher prices for gas and food have hit many in our area very hard. The Pierce Pepin Cares board acted on behalf of PPCS members to support the important work of these three groups."

PPCS members fund Pierce Pepin Cares by participating in Operation Round Up and rounding up their electric bills to the nearest dollar each month or donating a specific dollar amount. The program provides charitable contributions to nonprofit organizations that offer programs and support projects to enhance the quality of life for those within the communities served by the cooperative.

Pierce Pepin Cares grants are awarded quarterly by the Pierce Pepin Cares board of directors. Nonprofit organizations interested in applying may visit www.piercepepin.coop or call 800-924-2133 for information. The next application deadline is Dec. 15.

Submitted by Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services

River Falls Rotary takes on Burger Battle Fundraiser

RIVER FALLS – After a multiple-year hiatus, the River Falls Rotary Club is resurrecting the River Falls Rotary Burger Battle (RFRBB).

Here's how it works. The River Falls Rotary Club will be selling a limited quantity of RFRBB cards in advance for \$70/each. Then between Jan. 1 and Feb. 28, 2023 each RFRBB card holder will receive a free "Burger Battle" featured burger, one time only at each participating restaurant by showing your RFRBB card. This year's participating restaurants are BOLD, Broz Sports Bar & Grill, Lazy River Bar & Grill, Paddy's Pub & Boxy House, St. Croix Lanes, Table on Main, Tarnation Tavern, Tattersall Distilling, and the West Wind Super Club.

The RFRBB card covers only the cost of the burger itself and excludes any additional toppings, sides, and beverages. The offer is

dine-in only and can't be used with any other discounts or specials. Full gratuity is appreciated.

Then cast your vote immediately following each burger redeemed. The official ballots will be provided by each restaurant and the voting criteria will include flavor, presentation, creativity, and overall rating. To purchase your advanced limited availability tickets, please contact any of the following River Falls Rotarians:

- Chris Blasius, 715-821-4916
- Terry McKay, 651-210-5669
- Janet Burns, 715-426-1152

For more information, please follow us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/RiverFallsRotaryBurgerBattle/>

Submitted by River Falls Rotary

CAMPUS News

University of Minnesota Duluth

DULUTH, Minn. - The University of Minnesota Duluth (UMD) has announced its Dean's List for Spring Semester 2022. Students on the Dean's List have achieved a grade point average of 3.50 or higher while earning a minimum of 12 letter-graded

credits. The four colleges within UMD are: College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (CAHSS); College of Education and Human Service Professions (CEHSP); Labovitz School of Business and Economics (LSBE); Swenson College of Science and Engineering (SCSE).
Beldenville: Maximilian Ekvern-Jamme, senior, Labo-

vitz School of Business and Economics (LSBE), Management and Professional Sales Ellsworth: Maxwell Gezel, junior, Swenson College of Science and Engineering (SCSE), Environmental Science; Ginger Leonard, senior, College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (CAHSS), Graphic Design; Anna Schulte, senior, Labovitz School of Business and Economics (LSBE), Professional Sales and Marketing

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Feuerhelm

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ultimate price while in the line of duty.

Feuerhelm was wounded while on patrol in Iraq in 2005, where he served with the 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry Regiment of the U.S. Army Reserve.

When he found out he would be receiving a Purple Heart, he couldn't quite believe it.

"I was literally shocked because I didn't think I would ever get it in my lifetime," Feuerhelm said. "It was a pretty overwhelming day."

The truck driver, who owns his own business, will be the featured speaker at the EMS Veterans Day program. He's a bit nervous but excited to share his story and the history of his battalion, known as the "Purple Heart Battalion" with attendees.

"A buddy of mine said that's one of the awards in the military you don't want to get," Feuerhelm joked. "But it's kind of a big lift off of my shoulders. All of it's bubbling up after 17 years."

When Feuerhelm was in the service, his commander submitted the paperwork for the Purple Heart. However, for unknown reasons, the application was denied. Feuerhelm said it could have been something as simple as an application error; also, criteria and rules of acceptance were different back then.

"It was weird circumstances that it didn't go through the first time," Feuerhelm said. "Over the years I always thought about it, but do I want to pursue this? I just kind of forgot about it and didn't want to remember it. Shut the door and let the past be the past. Family and friends kept asking me about it and I said 'What about it?'"

With the encouragement of those friends and family, he submitted the paperwork (which includes letters of recommendation, witness statements, etc.) to Pierce County Veterans Services Officer Scott Braden, who in turn contacted Kind's staff. In what seemed like record time, Feuerhelm's application was approved. He found out a couple of months ago.

"I didn't really pursue it for me," he said. "I pursued it for my family. They worried more than I did while I was over there. It affects us afterward, not while we were there. You can't think about it because it will eat you alive over there."

Military service

Feuerhelm joined the Army National Guard in 1992, after graduating from Ellsworth High School in 1991. While in school, his friend Jim asked him if he wanted to join the military.

"I didn't think too much about it," he said. "I was going to go to tech school for electronics in Duluth and I had to find a way to pay for it."

After talking to the recruiter, he and Jim joined the Army National Guard and attended basic training in Fort Benning, Ga. They were in the same unit out of River Falls for six years. Feuerhelm eventually transferred to Red Wing and after stepping away for a couple of years, he rejoined the Army Reserve unit out of Beaver Dam.

"I was getting ready to become a Reserve drill sergeant," Feuerhelm said. "Then my commander said I was going to Fort Shafter in Hawaii, to the 100th Battalion/442nd Infantry Regiment. To this day it's one of the most decorated units in the military. It was a pretty cool honor once I found out what unit I was going to be a part of."

The 100th Battalion/442nd Infantry Regiment is the only infantry unit in the US Army Reserve. During World War II, the unit contained almost all second-generation Japanese Americans. Feuerhelm spent about one month in Hawaii while waiting for more people to transfer into the unit before heading to training in Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas.

In August 2004, Feuerhelm and the battalion were mobilized for duty in Iraq; they were stationed 50 miles northwest of Baghdad in Logistical Support Area Anaconda at Balad Air Base.

"Everyone coming into Iraq came into this base," Feuerhelm said. "We did patrols up and down the roads looking for bombs. Sometimes we'd find them the easy way, sometimes we got hit. Our platoon alone was hit about 13 times total in that 11-month period that we were doing patrols. We were the hardest hit platoon out of the whole battalion. Every day wasn't bad, but every day wasn't good either."

In May 2005, Feuerhelm and others were on patrol conducting route clearance when they got hit by a roadside bomb. Since he was the gunner, half of his body was sticking out of the armored Humvee when the bomb exploded, peppering him with rocks and shrapnel.

"I don't remember a whole lot of that day because I was knocked out," Feuerhelm said. "I don't know how long the guys down in the tank were knocked out. I woke up when the guys were tugging on my legs asking if I was okay."

A Quick Reaction Team came out from the base and brought the service members to the triage center.

"I remember just laying there on the table and they were kind of poking and prodding me and doing an ultrasound on my belly to see if I had any internal bleeding," Feuerhelm said. "I don't remember much. Severe concussion and whiplash was the final report."

A piece of rock or shrapnel from the bomb had become lodged in his protective plate vest. He had it made into a plaque and shipped it home. He also didn't want to rest for too long after that.

"Infantry guys didn't want to sit on the



Devin Feuerhelm, while stationed in Iraq, was part of a team that patrolled roads leading between Balad Air Base and Baghdad. They looked for roadside bombs in an attempt to make the roads safer. Photo courtesy of Devin Feuerhelm

sidelines and wait for your buddies to go out on patrol; you wanted to go out there with them," he said. "We were a closeknit group. I took a couple days off and they put me in the driver's seat of the armored Humvee so I wasn't so susceptible (to another potential explosion.) I went out a little too early than I was supposed to be. You didn't really think about the dangers of being hurt or killed over there. It was a job."

In total, Feuerhelm served in the military for 12 years. Near the end of his deployment in Iraq, his platoon was seeing heavier activity and getting hit more. One comrade got killed, another lost his legs from the knees down.

"My truck got hit again," Feuerhelm said. "It affected the guys inside more because it hit beneath the vehicle. The blast come in from underneath."

Feuerhelm was choppered out that time. And after that, he decided not to reenlist, even though a hefty bonus was being offered. His official discharge took place in February 2006.

"After that, I was like nope, I'm good," he said. "I'm too old for this stuff. I was in my mid-30s. I figured the younger guys could take over. The money is not going to be worth anything if I get blown up over here. You just know when it's time. I did not reenlist."

Life now

Feuerhelm still has residual health issues

F&P

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An agenda for a Nov. 3 special F&P meeting had listed a closed session grievance hearing in closed session pursuant to a law enforcement disciplinary complaint. The agenda stated the committee would consider "dismissal, demotion, licensing, or discipline of any public employee or person licensed by a board or commission or the investigation of charges against such person..." However, that meeting was cancelled.

"Thank you for letting me fill these, but the way this all started, I put out a letter of interest," Hove said. "Most staff who were eligible to apply for the job said they would not apply due to the pay. They are waiting to see what the pay is and where they can go with that."

She said the hiring bonuses the committee approved earlier in the meeting (see further below) are great, but they're not taking care of the people who have worked for the sheriff's office for a long time. She cited the cost of training new employees and overtime as a big chunk of her budget.

"I have the right to pick who I wish," Hove said.

She said she has been working with incoming Sheriff Chad Koranda on the current job descriptions and they'll move forward from there.

"But we hadn't gotten to that point yet, to posting," she said. "I was elected by this county to run this sheriff's office and I feel it's part of my duty to fill these positions and keep people safe."

When Chair Jon Aubart asked if it was her intent to follow county policy and procedure when filling those positions, she said she didn't know if she would "follow it all the way," that she had to look at the policy.

"So that means no," Aubart said.

"I didn't say no, I just said I need to look at it," she answered.

Committee member Mel Pittman said he hopes the county and sheriff can move forward in an amicable way.

"I don't think there is that much disparity between what the sheriff said and what was said here tonight," Pittman said. "I think this could be worked out and we could proceed in an amicable way and we could move forward to take care of business in Pierce County."

Committee member Michael Kahlow argued that county policy is county policy and it's the board's responsibility to set that policy in a way that best benefits the constituents, with checks and balances. Policies aren't negotiated or followed half-way, he said.

"If the policy needs to be changed, it needs to be changed," Kahlow said. "It needs to be followed for consistency's sake."

Matthys said in a Nov. 8 email to the Journal that the county's personnel policy provides direction on how positions are to be filled. The process begins with a department head making a recommendation to the administrative coordinator to refill the position, who then can authorize it or recommend the staffing plan be amended and/or recommend the revision of the position description. Any questions may be referred to F&P.

"Sheriff Hove had contacted Human Resources to inquire about the position posting of the Patrol Lieutenant position from a recruitment in 2017," Matthys said. "Human Resources was able to resurrect that posting and provided that to Sheriff Hove. The following day, Administration learned that Sheriff Hove had disregarded the County policy and had posted for the Patrol Lieutenant position internally, without making the recommendation/request to the Administrative Coordinator nor discussing the recruitment process which, by policy involves the Human Resource Manager, Administrative Coordinator and at times, the Committee Chairperson, particularly with the refill of key man-

agement positions."

Matthys said the recruitment process must include consideration as to conducting an outside recruitment along with internal candidates. It also requires a job application, resume or letter of interest, which in some cases can be done if the position is only offered to internal candidates, and whether the process would require a written test. He said there is a screening process that is included in the refill/recruitment policy, and the policy provides which county staff are to be involved in the interview process.

"I had emailed Sheriff Hove on Oct. 21 advising her that the current recruitment for the Patrol Lieutenant was not consistent with policy and that it could not be authorized until such time as the policy was followed," Matthys said. "I also provided her with the specific and relevant policy language regarding position vacancies and recruitment, both of which the Sheriff is familiar with and has followed for the last 15+ years as Sheriff until this situation."

"After not receiving any response from Sheriff Hove I emailed the Sheriff again on Oct. 26, this time including staff persons within the Sheriff's Office who may be qualified or interested in applying for the Patrol Lieutenant position so they were aware the process was not authorized. This email again provided the relevant policy language regarding the refill procedure and that since this procedure is not being followed, 'the recruitment process will be determined by the Finance and Personnel Committee on November 7th, consistent with policy Article V., B., 1. Therefore, any current efforts regarding the recruitment for this anticipated vacancy are on hold until such time as the committee takes action to provide direction.'"

Hiring bonuses

Administrative Coordinator Jason Matthys proposed a temporary policy to offer sign-on bonuses to candidates applying for

positions considered part of the candidate shortage. The committee not only unanimously approved it, but amended the policy to double the amount.

"We've had some real challenges the last few years as far as retention and recruitment of staff," Matthys said.

The county board recently approved a new wage matrix and giving all existing employees at least a 4% wage increase beginning Jan. 1. However, the new policy will hopefully help recruit and retain staff, Matthys said. Other counties are doing the same, he added.

He proposed a bonus of \$4,000, which would be used to incentivize new hires to stay. He suggested paying a \$500 sign on bonus and dispersing \$500 at six months of employment, \$1,000 at one year, \$1,000 at 18 months, and \$1,000 at two years.

Committee member and former nursing home administrator Rod Gilles said the amount was way too low.

"I was offering CNAs who make \$10 an hour that (\$500 sign on bonus) 10 years ago in Elmwood," Gilles said. "We need at least double. That's not going to attract a social worker."

The highest number of vacancies has been in Human Services, with the pinnacle being 17 in August. Human Services Director Julie Krings said at least 10 candidates have told her not to bother making an offer due to the subpar wages.

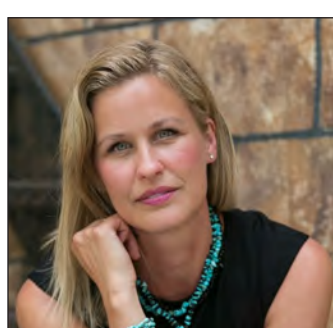
Many positions mandated by the state are open, which creates a waiting list of people waiting for services, Krings said. A lot of hires are green right out of college and take a long time to get trained and functioning. The people on the waiting lists are those who are most vulnerable, such as those who go to a hospital with suicidal ideations.

The committee voted to make the incentive/hiring bonus (a six-month policy) \$8,000, retroactive to Oct. 3 so recent hires can benefit from the money.

RF author releases second novel set in the Roaring 20s

RIVER FALLS – Callie J. Trautmiller, local resident and award-winning author, takes us back to the Roaring 20s in her new novel *Under the Dirt Sky*. Told by two characters, this story of crime, hardship, and romance reminds readers of what truly makes a happy and fulfilled life.

When their seemingly different worlds collide, Percy and Carrie never expect to find love in the dirt fields. They soon realize they must let go of long-held family expectations to attain hap-



Callie Trautmiller

piness. But first, they must survive.

A.L. Mundt, author of the Messengers trilogy says, "Callie J. Trautmiller paints

a smart and lyrical portrait of 1920s strife and perseverance. From the Chicago streets of cons and coin-flips to the bleak, drought-ridden Kansas Dust Bowl, *Under the Dirt Sky* illuminates the stories of the brave young people who did whatever it took to survive."

Trautmiller also wrote *Becoming American*, a WWII young adult novel which became a finalist in the Eric Hoffer Awards, the Indie Book Awards, and the runner-up for the Wisconsin Writers Award.

Her book became available Nov 1, 2022 in hardcover, paperback, and e-book at local and online book retailers, the publisher's website (WrittenDreams.com), and by request at libraries.

Trautmiller, a River Falls High School alumna, resides in River Falls with her husband, their three teenagers and their dog, Penny. *Under the Dirt Sky* is her second historical young adult novel. She has been a speaker at many children's fiction events at schools and libraries, and is an advocate for

children's literacy. Find her on social media at Facebook: CallieTrautmiller, Instagram: CallieTrautmiller, or

at callietrautmiller.com

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PRESCOTT Area News

PRESCOTT KIWANIS CLUB Student of the Week

The Prescott Kiwanis Student of the Week for Nov. 9 is sophomore Bianca Gangi, who was nominated by FACE/health teacher Angela Boles.

"Bianca displays characteristics of a strong student," Boles said. "She is engaged and ready to learn every day. When she has a question, she advocates for herself by asking for help. Bianca is a great student to have in class."

Bianca is the daughter of Nick and Nicole Gangi. She works as an animal sitter, dances at Stella Dance Studio and on the Prescott High School dance team, and attends CCD at St. Joseph's. She enjoys animals, hanging out with friends, listening to music, traveling, going on road trips and playing the flute.

In the future, Bianca plans to go to college in this area to get her Bachelor's degree in education or family consulting.

Submitted by Prescott High School



Bianca Gangi

Senior Gathering Place activities

PRESCOTT – Senior Gathering Place is open to all ages 55 years and older. We are located at 1220 St. Croix St., Door 5. Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 10: 1 p.m. speaker from Prescott Public Library, who will talk about banned books. At 2:15 p.m., Canasta for beginners.

Tuesday, Nov. 15: 9-10:15 a.m. Pickleball in school gym; 1-3:30 p.m. Left Right Center, bring dimes.

Wednesday, Nov. 16: 10:30-11 a.m. senior cardio strength, in gym; 11:05-11:35 a.m. senior chair yoga, in gym; euchre, bridge, card game of choice 12:30-3:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 17: 1 p.m. movie and popcorn, showing "To Kill a Mockingbird."

Friday, Nov. 18: 10-11:30 a.m. Memory Café, First National Bank lower level (1151 Canton St.) Remember, walking at Prescott High School (1010 Dexter St.) from 3:30-5 p.m. Check in at the front desk for a walking lanyard. Open whenever HS is in session. The Gathering Place will only be open at the end of the month on Tuesday, Nov. 22 and Wednesday, Nov. 30 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Submitted by Janet Cleary

Food pantry project moving forward, K-9 team to start in city soon

By John McLoone

PRESCOTT – Prescott City Administrator Matt Wolf gave an update on city projects and operations at the meeting of the Prescott Area Chamber of Commerce held Wednesday, Nov. 2 at First National Bank.

Wolf reported that the expansion project at the Prescott Food Pantry building at 911 Pearl St. is full speed ahead.

The project hit a couple snags due to some state red tape and rising construction costs, but it's now ready to move forward.

The city received grant money to purchase the building and for renovations that gives the food pantry more space to meeting growing community needs. It will also have a kitchen facility and space for COVID testing, as the funding was from a state COVID-related Community Development Grant Fund initiative.

"A while back, the previous owner was selling that building and the fear was that the food pantry would have to move if that sale went through without the right owner, so they decided to move forward with applying for a Community Development Block Grant which we were very fortunate to receive," he said. "We now are renovating that building and making it more accessible and doing something that hopefully in the future will make a great asset for Prescott."

He said another big positive for Prescott is that K-9 officer Caesar and his handler, officer Jesse Neely, are just about ready to go to work in Prescott. The duo has been training for several months. A local fundraising effort made the K-9 program possible.

"Caesar and Jesse are going to be finishing up that training. They'll be on a regular shift. We're looking forward to that," he said.

Some other items Wolf touched on were:

Well Number Three

The city shut down the well due to higher-than-allowable nitrates last year and had to come up with a plan to solve the problem.

"We're working now on remediation of that. What we've decided to do moving forward is treat that well through reverse osmosis," he said.

The new treatment system is expected to be a \$2.7 million project.

"We are currently working with the DNR on applying for a Safe Drinking Water Loan Program application, and we're hoping to get funding," he said.

The city also applied to the state Public Service Commission for a simplified water rate increase of 4.5 percent. The city also is studying doing a full rate study which would help solidify the water utility in the future.

"Our water fund is in needs, there's no way to sugarcoat it with the projects we're looking at. We're running lower and lower in terms of our reserves that we have and our revenue that's coming in over at water. So,

one of the things that we are considering is also looking at a full rate case study to go over the next 10 years to see what kind of improvements we're going to need and what are funds are in terms of our rates right now. That's something we are still considering," he said.

He said the city is able to put \$400,000 in federal COVID-relief American Rescue Plan Act funds toward the project.

"We were very fortunate to receive those and put them into that project. Luckily, that does buy down the cost a little bit," he said.

Riverfront project

"This is something a little bit more fun," Wolf said of the work underway to rebuild the Prescott Riverfront. "We're working in the future to do a lot of revitalization projects downtown, and we did a lot of work this year on our Riverfront project. This phase is starting to wrap up."

Benches will be installed still this fall, and the sculpture of Abe the Eagle was placed, with funding from Prescott tourism fund dollars.

"It's a very cool, symbolic piece," Wolf said of Abe, created by Dale Lewis who makes art from scrap metal.

New signage in downtown will also be installed this year, pointing to local landmarks and destinations.

"As we move forward and do more projects like updating our parks and upgrading our streets, we'll utilize more of this style of signs," Wolf said.

Installation of a new fishing dock and boat launch were approved recently by the city council.

"The boat launch has been needing some love for a couple years," he said.

Parks update

Wolf also updated on the initial phase of the Fairy Wonderland Park being developed within Saint Croix Bluffs Park. Installation of the largest part of that park, the Dreamcatchers Cove, with playground equipment and interactive elements is underway.

"It's not finished yet, but the first phase of their planned project has been put in," he said. "We're very fortunate to have this project. This was a group of individuals who unfortunately lost some younger children, and they have been raising money for this park. This is the first phase of what they hope will be a four- or five-phase project."

In coming years, work is slated to begin in Magee Wilderness Park, which will also be the trailhead to the Coulee River Trail System being developed around Prescott and Oak Grove Township. Brush clearing was done at the park this year.

Other projects

He said there are residential and commercial projects underway, and the city plans a

Benefit set Nov. 20 for John Ogilvie

PRESCOTT – A benefit will be held for 1989 Prescott High School alumnus John Ogilvie 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20 at The Old Ptacek's Event Center (1449 Orrin Road, Prescott).

Ogilvie was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer called Multiphenotypic Sinonasal Carcinoma (small blue round cell tumor). Please join Ogilvie's friends and family as they raise money to show him he is not alone. All proceeds will benefit Ogilvie's medical expenses and lost income.

The benefit will feature an open bar, food, music, meat raffle and silent auction.

If you'd like to donate but cannot make the event, a donation account has been set up at First National Bank of River Falls (1151 Canton St., Prescott) under the name "Benefit for John Ogilvie."

If you have questions, contact Karen Fleming at 651-338-2119.

Submitted by Ogilvie Family

City will need to change Comprehensive Plan with new north-south route

By John McLoone

PRESCOTT – A public hearing will be scheduled for some time in January for an amendment to the City of Prescott's Comprehensive Plan to note the new location of a planned north-south roadway, members of the Prescott Plan Commission learned at their meeting Monday night, Nov. 7.

Developers of the Great Rivers Subdivision told planners in May that the originally platted east corridor, which ran from Hollister Road to the north along what is now Sea Wing Boulevard, would restrict development. Great Rivers has planned a third phase of 49 homes in the development.

Engineers from Cedar Corp. also predicted that route could cost \$11-\$15 million to build, because a 100-foot-high bridge would need to be built to traverse a large ravine.

A new roadway will now be considered located to the east of the original route, just east of 1242nd Street at a cost of about \$4.5 million.

Changing the route means the transportation chapter in the Comprehensive Plan needs to be updated.

"The amendment will include the updated route location east of 1242nd Street, circumventing the need for a large-scale bridge. The route will still accommodate for North-South movement of traffic," a memo from Cedar Corp. states.

Josh Miller of Cedar Corp. said that prop-

erty owners affected by the new roadway will be notified about the public hearing when the date is set, and the city will provide notice of the hearing in the Pierce County Journal and on its website.

At some point, the city may also need to officially map the proposed route, but that isn't being done at this time. Mapping the route will require subdivision developments that happen along the route to allocate land for road right of way. The city has officially mapped the north end of the arterial road, which runs through the city's Eagle Ridge Business Park from Highway 10 to meet up with Highway 29 at County Road F.

Plan commission member David Hovel suggested also that the city at some point investigate a capital cost fee that could be assessed on new developments because the new subdivisions require the city to add to its infrastructure.

"The developers would help pay for the roads," he said. "I don't think the taxpayers should have to pay the whole thing."

City Administrator Matt Wolf said he would get in touch with a nearby city that has such a fee in place.

The public hearing to update the Comprehensive Plan will be held before the plan commission, which then would pass a resolution in support of it. The city council would then vote on an ordinance to support the change.



Prescott Police Department K-9 Caesar and handler Officer Jesse Neely are wrapping up training and will be working a regular shift in the city soon. Photo courtesy of Prescott Police Department



Prescott City Administrator Matt Wolf gave an update to members of the Prescott Area Chamber of Commerce at their meeting Nov. 2 at First National Bank. Photo by John McLoone

rebuild of Locust and Elm streets next year.

Wolf was asked about whether Prescott will consider pay parking stations downtown and whether better enforcement of parking rules in the downtown area can be done.

Wolf responded that city staff is working to put together alternatives and one could be that there will be some paid parking in the downtown area. He said community meetings will be held when a plan is ready to be proposed.

He said the city is also looking where a dog park could be placed, and the thinking is it may best be located near the city com-

post site east of the city limits on Highway 10, so there aren't concerns that dogs barking would bother neighbors.

Concern was also raised from chamber members about why Verizon hasn't updated its tower in the city. The city recently signed leases for cell towers from T-Mobile and AT&T, but Verizon rejected the city contract. Wolf said discussions have started back up, though, so he's hopeful a lease agreement can be reached also with Verizon. He said the other tower lease deals bring about \$30,000-\$35,000 to the city.

ELLSWORTH Area News



Ellsworth Cooperative Creamery recently won several awards at the National Milk Producers Federation nationwide championship cheese contest. Photo courtesy of Ellsworth Cooperative Creamery

Ellsworth Cooperative Creamery wins 'Best Cheese' in contest

ELLSWORTH – The National Milk Producers Federation honored Ellsworth Cooperative Creamery with the Chairman's Trophy for its Antonella Pepperoni and Marinara Cheese recently, recognizing Ellsworth Cooperative Creamery for producing the best cheese in the nationwide Championship Cheese Contest. Ellsworth also received several other awards in multiple categories.

The National Milk Producers Federation is comprised of a majority of the dairy cooperatives in the United States with its members marketing more than two-thirds of the U.S. milk supply.

"Ellsworth Cooperative Creamery cheeses continue to be recognized for their world-class quality thanks to the hard work of our farmers and employees," said Paul Bauer, CEO and general manager of Ellsworth Cooperative Creamery. "We are proud to be recognized by the National Milk Producers Federation and want to thank all those who made receiving these awards possible."

This year, the contest received a total of 216 cheese and yogurt entries, said Bauer.

What makes the award even more special, he added, is the fact that the cheese was produced in the creamery's new Menomonie facility.

"To create a cheese that competes and wins at this level within the first year of cheese production in a new facility is a feat," Bauer said.

The judges were impressed with the cheese's flavor, which they found to be a perfect balance of cheese, pepperoni, marinara and herbs. They also remarked on the technique and the difficulty of infusing meat into cheese without having technical openings in

the final product.

In addition to receiving the Chairman's Trophy for the best cheese product in the contest, Ellsworth also swept the Natural Cheese Snack Category. The cooperative received first place for its Natural Dill Pickle Cheddar Cheese Curds, second place for its Natural Hickory Bacon Cheddar Cheese Curds, and third place for its Natural Cheddar Cheese Curds. According to an insider, the Dill Pickle Cheese Curds were a close contender for the Chairman's Trophy.

Ellsworth placed first and second in the Unique or Mild Flavor Category for its Antonella Pepperoni and Marinara Cheese and Antonella Garden Vegetable with Sweet Basil Cheese. The cooperative also placed third in the Processed American Plain category for its White EZ Melt Loaf.

"It was satisfying and rewarding to see the awards table filled with Ellsworth Cooperative Creamery value-added cheeses produced at all of our locations," said Bauer. "These awards are a true testament to our quality milk, skilled team members, and the process we've worked so hard to develop to produce some outstanding cheeses."

A full list of awards can be found at Ellsworthcheese.com.

Ellsworth Cooperative Creamery is a farmer-owned co-op based in the Cheese Curd Capital of Wisconsin, Ellsworth. For 112 years their 250 patron family dairy farms and dedicated employees have been proudly producing award-winning cheese curds and artisan cheeses.

Submitted by Ellsworth Cooperative Creamery

River Road Coffee sets up winter shop



David and Megan Gooselaw of mobile coffee café River Road Coffee celebrated joining the Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce Friday, Nov. 4 with a ribbon cutting at their winter location outside of Common Man Tap & Table (193 E. Main St., Ellsworth) The pair specializes in hand-crafted brews and serves breakfast items as well. Photo courtesy of Jenny Funk

Ellsworth Chamber announces Small Business Season campaign

ELLSWORTH — The Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce has announced the launch of Small Business Season.

The Chamber is launching the program to support Ellsworth's small businesses and create awareness about the importance of shopping local and small throughout the holiday season and all year. During the upcoming holiday shopping season, the Chamber is encouraging consumers to "Think Small" and earmark at least part of their holiday spending in support of the local business community.

"Small businesses are the backbone of our economy and locally owned businesses are particularly important to our rural communities," said Ellsworth Chamber Executive Director Team Member Kim Beebe. "Small businesses support our community by creating jobs as well as donating to our non-profits, our youth organizations, and our local events."

By implementing Small Business Season, the Ellsworth Chamber hopes to encourage people to patronize local small businesses throughout the Ellsworth area this holiday season. In addition to the many retailers in the area, there are dining establishments, personal service providers, and local artisans that count on holiday spending to end the year profitably.

"Small Business Season is a way to help our resi-

dents understand how their spending affects our area and quality of life," adds Beebe. "When consumers spend their dollars locally, that makes a local impact. On average, our local small businesses generate a \$68 economic return for every \$100 spent with them."

In addition to increased awareness through the Small Business Season campaign, the Chamber also supports the local business community through their Ellsworth Bucks program. Ellsworth Bucks is a community currency program that supports local businesses and the local economy.

Similar to gift certificates and gifts cards, Ellsworth Bucks are available in a variety of denominations and can be spent at participating local merchants.

"Gift cards are popular during the holiday season. Instead of supporting a big box retailer with gift card purchases, we're hoping residents will give Ellsworth Bucks knowing those gifts will benefit local businesses and their dollars will stay lo-

cal," said Beebe.

Ellsworth Bucks are convenient and can be purchased online through the Ellsworth Chamber's website at ellsworthchamber.com, making them a great last minute gift idea.

"Our local businesses do so much for Ellsworth. They are our neighbors and friends. They are the first to step up when there's a need in our community and they make so much of what we love about Ellsworth possible," said Village President Becky Beissel. "When we lose a member of our business community, we feel it. I would love to see our local businesses all have their best holiday season ever this year with the support of our community!"

The Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce and Ellsworth businesses are challenging everyone in the area to support local and small businesses this holiday season.

Submitted by Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce

C3 reopens sanctuary



Ellsworth Chamber of Commerce members celebrated the reopening of C3 Church (W7562 US Highway 10, Ellsworth) Thursday, Oct. 27 with a ribbon cutting, Matt and Angelina Anderson gave members a tour of the newly remodeled and repaired sanctuary space, which had been damaged by fire in January 2022. Photo by Sarah Nigbor

Ellsworth Senior Center events

ELLSWORTH – The Ellsworth Senior Center would like to invite all senior citizens age 50 and greater to the following events to be held at the senior center (312 Main St.):

Discovering Together Tuesday, 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15. Matt Carter will lead us through the history of German POW camps in Wisconsin during WWII and we'll discover together their impact on our local counties and communities. A light lunch will be provided. Please note that this is a change to the regular schedule due to the Nov. 8 election.

Come and join the **Pool Players** every Monday and Friday from 1-3 p.m.

Euchre Card Players are meeting at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9. We will

not be playing Euchre on the fourth Wednesday this month in order to celebrate Thanksgiving with our families. **Foot Care** with Carol Meyer is scheduled for Nov. 25. Please call the Senior Center at 715-273-5873 and schedule an appointment.

Celebrating Seniors Gathering, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30. Kip Earney of Kip Earney Photography will be sharing his art pieces and comprehensive knowledge of the birds of the area. Cake and ice cream will be served following the presentation.

Submitted by Ellsworth Senior Center Director Janelle Braund



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RIVER FALLS Area News



Cast members of River Falls High School's fall musical "Fiddler on the Roof" have been practicing diligently to bring spectators a fantastic show. Photos courtesy of School District of River Falls

RFHS

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"Students who are seniors have had the opportunity to perform in 'Les Mis,' 'Urinetown,' and 'Matilda,'" Plum said. "We take a look at those titles and find what is missing. We felt a classic, musical theater piece, with a deeper story was missing, so we chose 'Fiddler.'"

She also felt the storyline is relatable considering what is happening in present day Ukraine. This is Plum's first time directing a high school production, though she has directed middle school shows in the district.

Production planning began in April when the musical's rights were secured. Plum spent the summer planning the blocking and singing assignments, as she is both the drama and musical director. Student participation began in August with a kick-off 20-hour bootcamp in which they worked on choreography and character development.

"Since the first day of school, we spend 14 hours a week rehearsing," Plum said. "Dress rehearsal week is 18 hours alone. It's a big time commitment, but both the students and I would say it's totally worth it."

This is the first time Plum has directed a show of this scale. She said the most challenging part of producing the show has been

"getting out of our own heads."

"This is a show where you can do it like everyone else, or you can think outside the box," Plum said. "Both the students and I have spent time learning how to push ourselves outside of our comfort zone, which in turn has been the most rewarding. The kids think of amazing ideas and we try them, and their contribution makes the show better."

While "Fiddler" has a few staple parts that most people know about, audience members should be prepared for a few surprises.

"Our directing team and students encourage the audience to really live in the moment so that they can feel the impact the oppression of the Jewish characters in Fiddler and connect it to present day themes," Plum said.

As with preparing for any big show, usually something funny or bizarre happens and RFHS is no exception. Plum turned one such mishap into a tasty opportunity.

"The kids would probably say the funniest thing that has happened so far was when I ordered a bunch of props incorrectly and a box of 24 real bagels showed up to my office," she said. "Now we use them as props and snacks."

Showtimes are at 7 p.m. Nov. 11, 12, 18 and 19 and at 2 p.m. Nov. 13 at the River Falls High School Auditorium (818 Cemetery Road). Tickets are available at <http://rfpa.ludus.com/> They can also be purchased at the door but are not guaranteed.

Fiddler on the Roof

Cast, crew and pit band

Madelyn Adams
Keira Anderson
Lauren Andrea
Evelyn Ashbach
Elizabeth Baillargeon
Izzy Bakken
Olivia Bartkey
Cameron Berner
Hazel Blanco
Jayden Brohman
Wesley Brux
Sean Carrol
Sebastian Cerne
Lara Chaffee
Rowan Coe
Alyvia Colberg
Dylan Conrad
Kenny Cosgrove
Riley Culver
Bug Davis
Josiah Domeyer
Elaina Dunham
Clodagh Egan
Aidan Evans
Abby Filkins
Grace Fitzsimons
Alice Follstad
Brenna Frank
Claire Gilles
Gabe Gilles
Kaya Green
Syphany Hanson
Gracie Harer

Parker Heinze
Asher Herrera
Anika Hovland
Logan Huppert
Michael Ireland
Ben Jaeckel
Cole Jalowitz
Collin Jalowitz
Sean James
Rebekah Jarocki
Aberdeen Johnson
Camilla Johnson
Avery Kannel
Genevieve Kerr
Luke Kilpin
Addison Kirsh
Isabella Kohn
Hailey Korolchuk
Jonathan Korolchuk
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Jenna Lester
Marly Lynum
Addison Maher
Elleandra Maloney
Samantha Miller
Ava Moe
Muriann Mooney
Lugan Morrisson
Grace Nekola

Heathley Neuhaus
Katelyn Nill
Megan Odegard
Annabelle Olsen
Cora Olson
Klaudia Pepin
Max Pnewski
Jackson Range
Madeline Reese
Makenna Rowekamp
Evan Sander
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Devan Schrader
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Nolan Tody
Nicholas Toffolon
Ava Vik
Natalie Voelker
Blake Walker
Holt Walker
Katie Wayne



Area fire departments and EMS responded to a barn fire in the town of Martell Wednesday, Nov. 2. The barn was deemed a total loss. Submitted photo



A barn fire in the town of Martell spread to a nearby standing cornfield, burning nearly 40 acres. Submitted photo

Barn fire spreads to nearby field, burns 40 acres

By Sarah Nigbor

TOWN OF MARTELL – Ellsworth Fire responded to a barn fire at 2:42 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2 in the town of Martell after multiple callers reported it.

When firefighters arrived at the scene, located at W5820 Highway 29, River Falls, the barn was fully engulfed and the fire was spreading quickly to a nearby standing cornfield and wooded area. Pierce County tax records list the property owner as Janna Cowen.

It took fire crews about two hours to get the fire under control, but they were on scene for approximately seven hours fully extin-

guishing the fire and checking for hot spots. The barn is considered a total loss; roughly 40 acres of crop and wild land burned. According to a press release, abnormally dry, windy and warm conditions contributed to the rapid spread of the fire. Ellsworth Assistant Fire Chief Derek Featherstone said the barn was not being used to house animals.

Spring Valley Fire, River Falls Fire, United Fire and Pierce County Sheriff's Office assisted Ellsworth Fire at the scene. The fire department asks that residents use extreme caution with any outdoor activities that could lead to fire spread.

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Four River Falls swimmers, divers qualify for State Championship

Senior Ellery Ottem continues shattering school records

By Reagan Hoverman

The River Falls High School girls swim and dive team continues to significantly outperform expectations.

The Wildcats had a successful Division 1 Sectional swim and dive meet at Hudson High School on Saturday, Nov. 5. River Falls had four individuals, three divers and one swimmer, qualify for the State Swim and Dive Championship, which is slated to be held on Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Waukesha South High School.

River Falls senior Ellery Ottem, who continues to add to her already flawless high school swimming resume, won both the girls 100-yard and 200-yard Freestyle events with times of 50.68 seconds and 1:48.88 respectively.

Despite not being fully tapered, a training process designed to methodically shave time off of her swims leading up to the state meet, Ottem swam exceptionally well and re-broke her school records in the 100 and 200-yard Freestyle events with the aforementioned times at the Sectional Championship in Hudson.

Ottem finished fourth at the 2021 State Championship meet in both of those events and according to River Falls head coach Caitlin Brudzinski, she was expected to win both

events at the Hudson Sectional – just not in the dominant fashion that she did.

“Winning was expected, but what wasn’t expected was for her to go out and break her school records in those events this weekend,” Brudzinski said. “She’s not fully tapered or rested as she will be for Saturday (State Championship). The fact that she already broke those school records is hopefully a really good sign for next weekend.”

While Ottem was busy shattering school records in the swimming events, the River Falls divers were qualifying for state in their respective events. Junior Rachel Everson won the Sectional diving event with a score of 474.60. Freshman Avery Singel finished runner-up with a 430.05 and senior Kayleigh Volkman rounded out the podium with a 425.10. All three scores qualified for the State Championship this weekend.

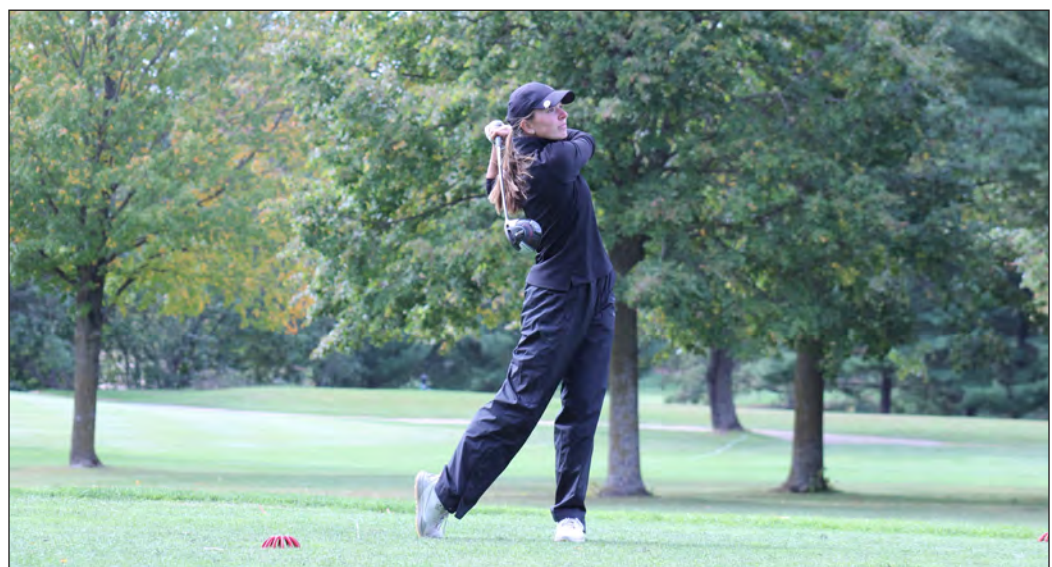
“They are crushing it,” Brudzinski said. “They are performing very well this year. Rachel (Everson) had a 9.5 and two 9s out of the seven scores. She’s hitting her stride at the right point of the season.”

While only four River Falls athletes qualified for state, the rest of the roster also performed well at the Sectional Championship and helped earn the Wildcats a fifth-place



River Falls senior swimmer Ellery Ottem wears her Sectional Champion medal at Hudson High School on Saturday, Nov. 5, after winning both the 100 and 200-yard Freestyle events. Her championship-caliber times also re-broke both of her previous school records in those events. Ottem will compete in the Division 1 State Championship on Saturday, Nov. 12, in Waukesha. Photo courtesy of River Falls Swim and Dive

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Prescott senior Ava Salay hits a tee shot during the WIAA Division 2 Regional Championship earlier this season. Salay earned Wisconsin Co-Player of the Year honors for her outstanding success in her senior season, which included both individual and team state championships. Photo by Reagan Hoverman

Prescott’s Ava Salay named Wisconsin Co-Player of the Year

Entire varsity roster earns Academic All-State honors

By Reagan Hoverman

In addition to a third consecutive WIAA Division 2 Girls Golf State Championship, the Prescott Cardinals are adding even more individual accolades to their already stacked resumes.

Outgoing Prescott senior Ava Salay, who claimed her second individual state championship this season at University Ridge, earned Wisconsin Co-Player of the Year honors. Salay joined senior teammates Rhi Stutz and Maddie Reiter and sophomores Jeanne Rohl and Gabbi Matzek in earning Academic All-State honors for the 2022 season.

Of course, the aforementioned Salay headlines the honors with her first Wisconsin Co-Player of the Year distinction. She shares the award with Kylie Walker of Westosha Central. Salay’s 2022 campaign was easily the best of her high school career.

Her nine-hole scoring average for the 2022 season



Prescott senior Rhi Stutz hits a wedge during the 2022 Division 2 Girls Golf State Championship at University Ridge in Madison earlier this season. Stutz was one of five Prescott players to receive Academic All-State honors. Photo by Reagan Hoverman

was 35.8, marking the first time in Prescott history that a season average was under par. Salay’s season average

of 37.4 in 2021, 39.1 in 2020, and 39.7 in 2019 give

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River Falls head coach Ryan Scherz gave a speech to his players about how proud he is and how much he loves them after the 38-6 loss at home against West De Pere in Level 3 of the playoffs on Friday, Nov. 4. Photo by Reagan Hoverman



River Falls senior linebacker Gavin Kohel (#29) and junior defensive back Bryce Bevan (#13) combine for a tackle on West De Pere senior running back Najeh Mitchell. Photo by Reagan Hoverman

Horror at the opera: Phantoms rout Wildcats 38-6

By Reagan Hoverman

River Falls head coach Ryan Scherz called the West De Pere Phantoms’ defense the best defense he’s ever had to deal with at the high school level.

West De Pere’s size, speed and overall physicality helped the Phantoms force four River Falls turnovers, which put the Wildcats behind the 8-ball early in the D2 Level 3 playoff game on Friday night at Ramer Field in River Falls.

“That’s a very good team,” Scherz said. “They’re probably the best defense that we’ve ever had to deal with. If we didn’t have the turnovers, it would have been helpful, but at the end of the day, they had some really good players and a really good plan.”

Throughout the 2022 season, River Falls hung its hat offensively on junior running back Jonah Severson, who entered the Level 3 playoff game averaging 143 rushing yards and nearly two touchdowns per game. The Phantoms’ defense held Severson to 67 yards from scrimmage and zero scores.

River Falls’ offense never got into a rhythm against West De Pere, in large part because of the four fumbles that regularly derailed the Wildcats’ offensive possessions. Those turnovers put a significantly larger burden on the River Falls defense, which already had its hands full with a dynamic West De Pere offense that went into the game averaging more than 37 points per game.

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Ellsworth seniors Tyler Boley (#30) and Bo Hines (#22) combine for a tackle on Columbus junior wide receiver Ryely Nachreiner during Ellsworth's rainy road Level 3 playoff game on Friday, Nov. 4. Photo by Gaylen Bicking



Ellsworth senior defensive lineman Sam Kollbaum leaps over a Columbus blocker while chasing down the Cardinals' ball carrier. Photo by Gaylen Bicking

Ellsworth Panthers fall to undefeated Columbus Cardinals in Level 3

By Reagan Hoverman

For the first time this season, Ellsworth struggled to win at the line of scrimmage, which led to the undefeated Columbus Cardinals rushing for more than 300 yards in the 35-6 drubbing of the Panthers on Friday, Nov. 4, in Columbus.

The Level 3 playoff game between the Panthers and Cardinals featured two teams that spent the 2022 season dominating the line of scrimmage. For Ellsworth, that was senior Bo Hines, who went into Friday night's contest averaging 135 rushing yards per game. The Cardinals regularly won at the line of scrimmage and limited Hines to 42 yards on 18 carries and one touchdown.

While Hines and the Ellsworth offense struggled to get going, Columbus had no issues getting its dynamic rushing attack going early. Columbus junior running back Colton Brunell and a beefy offensive line ran roughshod through the Panthers' defense.

Brunell scored twice in the opening eight minutes of the game on runs of 35 and six yards respectively which helped give the Cardinals a 14-0 lead over Ellsworth. Columbus extended its lead to three scores, 21-0, with under two minutes to go in the first quarter when senior quarterback Nathan Cotter found the endzone on a nine-yard touchdown run.

For Ellsworth head coach Rob Heller, the struggles at the offensive line and the unfavorable rainy conditions turned the game into a war of attrition in the trenches, which heavily favored Columbus. Heller spoke about the Cardinals' physicality at the line of scrimmage.

"As much as I hate to say it, we were just physically outmatched up front," Heller said. "Those guys were exceptionally big, they were strong and athletic up front and we just didn't have the size to really compete. When Brunell gets the ball and he's coming downhill, he's not going to run out of bounds. He's going to punish your defensive backs."

Brunell's hot start helped put the game out of reach early, as the 21-0 lead proved to be too much for Ellsworth to overcome in the 35-6 defeat. Brunell finished the game with 31 carries for 270 rushing yards and three touchdowns.

His success wasn't limited to just the game against Ellsworth. Including the postseason, Brunell leads the state in both rushing yards from scrimmage and rushing touchdowns with 2,518 and 38 respectively. Heller spoke about that combination of a talented back and a dominant offensive line.

"We were just outmatched in that running game," Heller said. "He had a really good night and the guys up front are exceptional blockers. They're just a really good football team. They're the best team up front that we've seen all season by far."

After a scoreless second and third quarter by both teams, Ellsworth broke the drought on the first play of the fourth quarter when the aforementioned Hines capped off a scor-

ing drive with a one-yard touchdown run. A failed two-point conversion made the score 21-6 in favor of Columbus.

The Cardinals finished the game with 14 unanswered points to secure the 35-6 blowout of the Panthers. Coach Heller spoke about how he believes Columbus will likely play in the State Championship game in Madison in a couple of weeks.

"I wish we would have played a little bit better on Friday, but that's a good football team in Columbus and I think they're going to do some good stuff against Freedom," Heller said. "I would expect to see those guys play down in Madison."

Despite the season ending in a less-than-desirable way, Heller and the Panthers accomplished a lot this season, even after graduating what was likely the most talented class in school history last season.

The Panthers finished the season 10-2 overall and 7-0 in Middle Border Conference games, which helped Ellsworth win its third consecutive league title. Coach Heller spoke about how special this season was to him as a coach.

"Last year was special going down to Madison and having the success that we had," Heller said. "But this year might be more special to me as an individual and as a coach because after losing what we had last year, for these guys to come out and buy in and step into those leadership roles so quickly and so seamlessly. They won a lot more games than people thought they were capable of. That's some remarkable stuff."

During one of the first practices of the season, Heller stated that this group of seniors had a goal of writing their own chapter and not riding the coattails of the previous senior class. This year's senior class helped three-peat as league champions and got the team to a Level 3 game against an undefeated Columbus squad. In Heller's eyes, the seniors did write their own chapter. He spoke about losing this senior class.

"We've got a lot of experience heading out the door here with the seniors," Heller said. "Guys like Sam Kollbaum, Jurell Gooden, Louis Jahnke, Anthony Madsen, Carson Nugent was a three-year starter for us, Bo Hines has been playing since his sophomore year, there is a lot of talent and experience leaving."

For Heller and Ellsworth, this is the third consecutive senior class that set an extremely high standard for the Panthers football program. That includes getting into the weight room and maximizing potential, as well as completely buying into what the coaching staff wants to do every season.

"The blueprint has been created by these guys as well," Heller said. "If you work hard, get in the weight room and buy into the program and buy into the philosophy then anything is possible. We've got a good thing going here and we're looking for guys to step up just like these guys did this year moving into the future."



River Falls sophomore quarterback Kaleb Blaha hands off to Michael Krueger for a touchdown on the Falcons' opening drive of the game against UW-La Crosse on Saturday, Nov. 5. Photo by Reagan Hoverman



River Falls freshman defensive back Mandrel Butler breaks up a UW-La Crosse pass early in the game against the Eagles on Saturday, Nov. 5, at Roger Harring Stadium in La Crosse. Photo by Reagan Hoverman

UWRF Top Gun Offense hits turbulence in La Crosse

Falcons drop three of the last four WIAC games

By Reagan Hoverman

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls Falcons' 24-17 loss on the road against UW-La Crosse on Saturday, Nov. 5, marked the third time in four weeks that River Falls had a WIAC game come down to the final play — all three of those last-second contests ended in defeat.

While the River Falls offense racked up 350 total yards of offense and 20 first downs — both better than the Eagles' 350 yards and 18 first downs — it was four Falcon turnovers that proved to be the difference in Saturday's rain-riddled matchup between the then-ranked No. 23 Falcons and the No. 7 Eagles.

Despite the UWRF turnovers, three of which came through the air via sophomore quarterback Kaleb Blaha, the Falcons still had a chance to force overtime late in the fourth quarter. After kicking a 23-yard field goal to cut the La Crosse lead to seven, 24-17, River Falls recovered an onside kick and gave the Falcons a chance to force overtime.

One first down and a couple of misfired shots to the endzone ended the Falcons' hopes of reaching overtime and instead resulted in the aforementioned 24-17 defeat. UWRF head coach Matt Walker spoke about having a chance to stay alive late in that fourth quarter.

"All day (our defense) was giving us a chance to win the football game," Walker said. "Both offenses struggled, conditions were hard, moving it was hard today. What our defense did to keep us in it all day was incredible. Late we finally got loose on some big plays we know we can cash in on. We can score fast enough that we always know we're in the football game."

Going into the game against La Crosse, River Falls averaged nearly four yards per carry for the season. The Eagles' defense limited the Falcons to 73 yards on 37 carries for an average of just under two yards per attempt.

Not having an effective run game, especially in an offense that likes to utilize a lot of run/pass options (RPO), contributed to getting behind the sticks and having to throw downfield, which led to some of Blaha's interceptions. Walker spoke about the rushing attack.

"It's hard to tell and I've got to watch the tape, but I felt like they were run pressuring us and we had trouble handing some of those," Walker said. "I don't think a yard was easy today for anybody."

While River Falls' offense ultimately ended up struggling against La Crosse, the game didn't begin that way. After forcing a three-and-out on the opening possession, River Falls fielded the punt and began its day at midfield.

Later in the drive, the Falcons faced a crucial fourth-and-six at the LAX 36-yard line.

That's when Blaha connected with sophomore wide receiver Luke Kush on a 24-yard pitch and catch that got the Falcons into the red zone.

Four plays later, sophomore running back Michael Krueger scampered into the endzone on a two-yard rushing touchdown to give River Falls a 7-0 lead early in the first quarter. The La Crosse Eagles responded by scoring 24 unanswered points spanning from late in the first quarter until the nine-minute mark of the fourth quarter.

Then with seven minutes remaining and trailing by three scores, 24-7, River Falls began to rally. Blaha led the Falcons down the field on a two-minute, 75-yard drive that he capped off with a five-yard rushing touchdown to make it 24-14, still favoring the Eagles with seven minutes left in regulation.

River Falls ultimately came up short, but once again played a top-ten team in the country down to the wire, as the Falcons did last week in a walk-off defeat at the hands of Whitewater kicker Jeffery Isotalo-McGuire, who won the game with a 49-yard field goal as time expired.

Last-second losses include the Falcons' defeat in a 21-14 game on the road against UW-Platteville in week six where they had a chance to tie with a hail mary, a similar scenario played out against La Crosse and the aforementioned loss at the buzzer to Whitewater makes it a trio of heartbreaking defeats. Walker spoke about playing three competitive teams down to the wire.

"I think it's a testament to how tough our kids are and how they continue to play for each other," Walker said. "You go to Whitewater and are down three scores at the half, that's an easy place to just shut it down. On a day when conditions were hard (La Crosse) and we were having trouble moving it, we continued to fight and I think it says a lot about the kids we have and the character they have. I'm proud of our kids, they're incredible."

With the loss, River Falls drops to 5-4 overall and 3-3 in the WIAC. The Falcons finish the regular season with a home game against UW-Stout on Saturday, Nov. 12. Walker spoke about next week as senior day and what to expect against the Blue Devils.

"I'm a huge believer in what it takes to commit four years of your life to college football," Walker said. "It's a special week to honor those guys the right way and do everything for those guys whether you're in a hunt to play an 11th game or not. You better do what's right as hard as you can do it or you're going to be in trouble with me on senior week."

River Falls and Stout are slated to begin action at David Smith Stadium and Ramer Field in River Falls on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 1 p.m.



Ellsworth junior Addie Snyder leaps during a serve attempt against Prescott during the 2022 regular season. Snyder is one of six everyday varsity players that will return for the 2023 season. Photo by Reagan Hoverman



Ellsworth head coach Allison Odmark speaks to her team during a timeout at the annual Sprawl Tournament in Menomonie earlier this season. The 2022 campaign was Odmark's first year as the head coach of the Panthers program. Photo by Reagan Hoverman

Rebuilding a program: How Ellsworth's new volleyball coaching staff made strides in 2022

By Reagan Hoverman

There's an old adage that you have to lose big before you can lose small, and you have to win small before you can win big. The Ellsworth Panthers volleyball team has started to lose small and for the first time in years, was competitive in a majority of sets.

Despite the overall record of 5-18, the Panthers won two more games than last season, 3-17, and played more competitive sets than in the last several years. For first-year head coach Allison Odmark, the program took a huge step in the right direction and made positive strides – regardless of the final overall record.

"We did not end with the season record we were hoping for, but I am very pleased with the demeanor and work ethic of our athletes," Odmark said. "Our record does not reflect the gains that were made this season. Many games were competitive. We had a great group of positive attitudes and coachable athletes."

Those coachable athletes, under the direction of Odmark and her staff, began competing in sets against some of the top teams in western Wisconsin such as Prescott. At the New Richmond Quad on Tuesday, Sept. 6, Ellsworth pushed Prescott to the brink before coming up short in the best-of-three series.

One aspect of coaching that Odmark focused on in her first year as the head coach in Ellsworth was controlling the aspects of the game that her team could control. Their response to adversity, their hustle, and their commitment to excellence.

The locker room leadership quickly bought into Odmark's message and began building a positive culture among the girls. Odmark spoke about the senior leadership that helped her get the roster to buy into what she was trying to do in her first year as the leader of the program.

"The group of three seniors, Jordan (Borst), Olivia (Jensen), and Katelynn (Sears), were phenomenal leaders for us right from the beginning. They were vocal leaders, leaders by example, and took the most of any opportunity given to them in games or practice," Odmark said. "Throughout the season, they did whatever was needed or asked in practice or games. I appreciated their 'team-first' at-

titudes and that is something that I hope the younger players noticed and embodied from their senior leaders."

Those senior leaders had their 2022 campaign come to an end in the first round of the WIAA Division 2 playoffs when the Panthers were swept on the road against the second-seeded Bloomer Blackhawks, a team that went on to compete in the State Tournament in Green Bay.

The Panthers went into the postseason as a #15 seed, just hoping to remain competitive against one of the best teams in the state. Despite the loss, Odmark stated that even getting an opportunity to compete against a great team in the playoffs was a positive learning experience.

"We knew going in that it was going to be a tough game. Bloomer came out hard," Odmark said. "There were moments that we stuck with them and we improved as the game went on. We made some lineup changes throughout the match and every athlete embraced her role that evening. That's what we've been working toward all season. Losing a playoff game is tough because that's our last game with that specific group of girls. Games like that give us a great look at what we want to strive for in the future."

Given the positive attitude in the locker room, a fresh approach from a completely revamped coaching staff and the returning talent on the roster, there is optimism among the Ellsworth faithful that next season the program could take another step in the right direction.

Six of Ellsworth's seven primary varsity players are returning next season, including Ava Brookshaw, who will be entering her senior season as the Panthers' setter. Other notable returners include middle blocker Ma-leah Petersen, who will be entering her junior year. She made significant strides throughout the season as a full-time varsity player.

"Next year looks very promising as we're returning most of our starting roster," Odmark said. "With this full season of experience, I trust the girls grew in their individual and team confidence and grew in the knowledge of the level of play that will be coming at them next season. We are members of an extremely competitive conference and our goal is to fight every game and walk away with a few conference wins next year."



Ellsworth junior Molly Janke returns a serve during a match earlier this season. Janke will return in 2023 for her senior season where she will compete as Ellsworth's #1 singles player. Photo by Reagan Hoverman



(From left) Ellsworth tennis seniors Mollie Anderson, Maggie Berns, and Emily Groen are the three players that the Panthers are losing to graduation in May. The three seniors all played pivotal roles on the varsity roster this season and helped Ellsworth secure another top-three finish in the Middle Border Conference standings in 2022. Photo by Gaylen Bicking

Ellsworth tennis finishes third in Middle Border Conference

By Reagan Hoverman

The Ellsworth Panthers girls' tennis team earned a third-place finish in the Middle Border Conference for a second consecutive season, trailing only state-bound Altoona and the Osceola Chieftains in the final league standings.

After losing a couple of strong players to graduation last season, Ellsworth head coach Brad Baker was pleased with how the younger girls on his roster stepped up to bigger roles this season and competed against top players in the conference.

"We had some players playing for the first time on varsity, which is a big step for them," Baker said. "Some of them jumped from JV. Our #2 doubles team of Mollie Anderson and Maggie Berns took a huge step having to play #2 doubles on varsity."

It wasn't just Anderson and Berns that made a jump to one of the elite tennis positions. Emily Groen and Bella Friesen both came up from JV and played #3 and #4 singles respectively. Karissa Kollbaum and Josie Pechacek, the #3 doubles team also moved up from last year's JV roster.

"Emily (Groen) and Bella (Friesen) both came up from JV and played singles. They both had a really nice year," Baker said. "Our #3 doubles team also were JV players last year and they had a good third-place finish in the conference. That was really good to see."

The leaps that Baker's roster made throughout the season helped his team earn another third-place finish in the conference and gave the roster some optimism heading into Subsectionals. However, an unfortunate draw in the seeding bracket pitted Ellsworth up against some of the top talent in western Wisconsin.

While the Middle Border Conference is a challenging league to begin with, having to face players from Rice Lake in the first round of the postseason was a level of competition that some players simply weren't used to seeing.

"A couple of girls ended up having to play against Rice Lake," Baker said. "We had a couple of #4 seeds that ended up having to face the #1 seed and that was tough."

Perhaps no Ellsworth player had a worse draw at the Subsectional tournament at Baldwin-Woodville High School than junior Molly Janke, who went into the tournament as the second-best seed in the #1 singles tournament.

"The girl that Molly (Janke) played against was part of a doubles team last year for Rice Lake that finished sixth in the state," Baker said of Janke's seeding draw. "She was a good player and to have to play someone like that, we probably weren't prepared enough to

deal with it that early."

Even with the unfortunate seeding draw for most of the Panthers, Ellsworth's #1 doubles team of Dayah Halverson and Maria Harrington qualified for Sectionals where they were defeated in the first match by a tough Eau Claire Regis #1 doubles team.

While Ellsworth continues to remain competitive in the Middle Border Conference with another third-place finish, the Panthers won't be losing too many players to graduation this year. According to Baker, Ellsworth is only graduating three seniors that see significant varsity time.

"We're only losing three seniors," Baker said. "Two of them are one of our doubles teams in Mollie (Anderson) and Maggie (Berns). The other senior is Emily Groen. We're going to have to replace a doubles team and a singles player, but we've got good experience on our JV team and we have some up-and-comers that have improved. Quite honestly, it's hard to say who is going to take those spots because they've all improved."

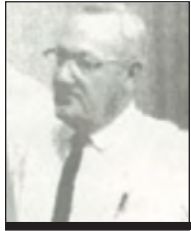
If Ellsworth is going to have any significant success next season, it will begin with strong returning varsity experience. The Panthers' top-two singles players in Molly Janke and Betsy Foster will lead the way next year. Janke earned a second-place finish individually in the MBC this year and Foster earned a third-place finish.

While Janke's season ended prematurely due to a tough draw against a Rice Lake opponent, Foster struggled with injury throughout the latter half of the season and that derailed what Baker thought could be a season that culminated in a state tournament berth for her. He spoke about both of their seasons ending earlier than expected.

"Molly (Janke) and Betsy (Foster) are both very strong players," Baker said. "Betsy Foster ran into some injury in the season and I thought she had the potential to make it to the state tournament, her and Molly Janke both. Molly (Janke) just missed it by a little bit and Betsy Foster, I don't know if she ever really got back to 100% from that injury."

Janke's State Tournament potential became apparent throughout the season. Janke played against four #1 singles this year that made it to the state tournament, including two players from Altoona, one from Mondovi, and another from Osceola. Janke split the season series with Osceola and defeated her the last time that she played against the Chieftains.

While graduation only looms for a couple of players, Ellsworth returns a majority of its talent next season and will be focusing on making a run at second place in the Middle Border Conference with all of the returning talent on the roster.



SHOTS from the Hip

BY CRIFE OLSON

Head Coach Owen Hamilton and the Prescott girls basketball team started practice this week ready to defend their Middle Border Conference title from one year ago. Hamilton, a 2017 Prescott alumnus, is in his first year as head coach of the Cardinals who along with Atloona and Ellsworth have been picked as the teams to beat in the conference this year. Prescott has won the last three conference titles. Joining Hamilton's coaching staff will be Prescott alumni Payton Bartsch and Georgia Bowen.

At Wisconsin Baseball Coaches Association District meetings two weeks ago, coaches around the state expressed concerns about both the WIAA competitive balance proposal and the computerized tournament seeding process. One coach remarked that "In order to figure out the competitive balance proposal, you need all your fingers and toes, a slide rule, an abacus, and a calculator to understand it." And, when it comes to seeding the WIAA tournament, another coach said "There needs to be some way to add a human element to the process and not just let the modern-day version of Hal The Computer from Space Odyssey make all the decisions." Hopefully the WIAA leadership will make some adjustments after what happened in both the post season for both volleyball and football.

North Dakota State senior shortstop Peter Brookshaw breathed a sigh of relief recently after a right ankle x-ray came back negative. Brookshaw and his Bison teammates are coming off a conference championship season and are picked as one of the Summit League favorites, along with Oral Roberts, in the spring of 2023.

Michigan Tech sophomore guard and Prescott alumnus Isabella Lenz had 14 points, five rebounds, and three assists in the Huskies 68-64 exhibition loss to Division I UW-Green Bay.

"I thought for our first time out we play really well," said Lenz, Prescott's all time leading scorer. "Hopefully we can stay injury free and healthy this season and just continue to get better throughout the year."

Michigan Tech will open the season this Friday as they travel to Liberty, Mo. to take on William Jewel on Friday and Lewis College of Illinois on Saturday.

The last of the Middle Border Conference football teams were eliminated last Friday from the WIAA tournament. The Panthers, ranked in the top 10 all season, were ridiculously forced to travel four hours by bus to take on the #2 ranked Columbus Cardinals. Why not choose a neutral site rather than have the #4 ranked Panthers figuratively travel to another time zone to play a Friday night football game?

Junior Parker Nielsen and the #5 West Texas A&M Buffalo basketball team opened their season with a 78-62 loss to #1 ranked

Northwest Missouri State, the NCAA Division II defending champion. The two teams played to a 36-36 tie at the half. It was a five-point game midway through the second half, before the Bearcats pulled away late. The following day the Buffaloes lost a heartbreaker to Florida Southern College by a score of 92-90.

Tiny Regis High School has advanced to the semi-finals in the WIAA Division 7 Football Tournament with a 53-8 victory over perennial football power Edgar. Champions of the Cloverbelt Conference, Regis enters the state semi-finals as the #1 ranked team in Division 7. Local fans remember the Ramblers sneaking past the Cardinals by a score of 13-6 in the season opener for both teams. This week Regis will play Bangor, a school with larger enrollment for the right to advance to the Division 7 title game. In fact, Regis is the second smallest Division 7 school remaining in the tournament. Wisconsin High School football fans recall last year Regis lost in the championship by a score of 28-22 to Coleman High School, another school with a larger enrollment than the Ramblers.

From the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources: The DNR is seeking public comment on the future management of department properties in the Western Coulees and Ridges Region. A regional master plan establishes the levels and types of resource management and public use permitted on department-managed properties. The Western Coulees and Ridges Region includes all or portions of 22 counties, including Pierce and St. Croix. Members of the public are invited to engage in the DNR's planning process and share their thoughts on the future use and management of DNR properties in the region by visiting the DNR's Western Coulees and Ridges Regional Master Plan webpage or by attending one of three public open house meetings. The nearest meeting will be held at the UW-Eau Claire Davies Center on Wednesday, Nov. 16 beginning at 5 p.m. in the Council Oak Room.

Headshaker of the week. Since 1976, the New York Yankees have maintained a strict appearance policy, specifying that players' hair must not touch their collars and that they may have mustaches but no other facial hair. The policy came from then-franchise owner George Steinbrenner, who believed that regulating his players' appearance would instill a sense of discipline. Obviously no such rule is in place for the Philadelphia Phillies players Jayson Merth, Alec Bohm, and Brandon Marsh. The Grizzly Adams - Rasputin the Wild Monk look looks so dumb. Sporting a look resembling that of a deserted Tom Hanks in the movie Castaway or Leonardo DiCaprio playing Hugh Glass in the Revenant? It's a headshaker.

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On the first play from scrimmage, River Falls senior linebacker Reece Jahnke stripped West De Pere senior running back Najeh Mitchell during a routine tackle. The Wildcats dove on the ball and gained possession at the Phantoms' 27-yard line just 14 seconds into the game.

However, River Falls turned it over on downs after a couple of fruitless rushing attempts and a bobbled pass down the sideline by senior wide receiver Jordan Karras. Coach Scherz spoke about how not getting points and capitalizing on that early West De Pere turnover changed the feel early in the game.

"That (turnover) was exactly what we needed," Scherz said of the opening drive. "We had a negative play on third down and then we had a nice play setup on the corner, but it didn't go our way and that might have changed things a little. Everything feels different (if we score there)."

River Falls forced a punt on the ensuing drive and got the ball back at their 36-yard line. That's when senior wide receiver Wyatt Bell fumbled on a third-and-six, which gave the Phantoms a prime scoring opportunity by starting a drive in River Falls territory.

West De Pere put together a two-minute, 48-yard touchdown drive that culminated in a seven-yard touchdown run by the aforementioned Mitchell. A successful PAT gave the Phantoms a 7-0 lead with four minutes remaining in the opening quarter.

West De Pere continued to create additional possessions on the ensuing kickoff when the Phantoms executed a flawless onside kick that they recovered at the River Falls 40-yard line. Coach Scherz spoke about the Phantoms' early onside kick recovery.

"We practiced that all week, he just hit a really, really good kick," Scherz said. "You can't put your hands team out there every time. I mean, you could, but you'd be starting inside the 10. They just executed it really well."

The Phantoms capitalized on the onside kick with a 23-yard field goal to make it 10-0 in favor of West De Pere going to the second quarter. A couple of possessions later, the Phantoms struck again. This time it was junior quarterback Duke Shovald who connected with junior running back Kaleb Cameron on a 17-yard touchdown pass to make it 17-0 with four minutes to go in the second quarter.

West De Pere forced another River Falls three-and-out on the ensuing drive and got

the ball back at the River Falls 38-yard line after a short punt. The Phantoms capped off another scoring drive when Shovald connected with Mitchell on a screen pass that went 22 yards to the house late in the first half. With the score, the Phantoms took a 24-0 lead over River Falls into the halftime intermission.

The Wildcats' three-score halftime deficit proved to be too much to overcome, as West De Pere cruised to a 38-6 victory. River Falls' lone score came via special teams late in the third quarter when senior wide receiver Jacob Gilbertson returned a kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown to make it 31-6.

River Falls ends its season with a 10-2 overall record and as co-champions of the Big Rivers Conference with the Hudson Raiders - both programs finished 6-1 in league play. Coach Scherz spoke about reaching double-digit wins in a season and raising the bar of the program.

"I guarantee if you polled the crowd about what they thought we would be this year, it wouldn't be 10-2 and Level 3 (in the playoffs)," Scherz said. "It's not that they didn't believe in us, but we lost a lot of good players. We're trying to build a program, not just have a good year or a good class."

River Falls has unquestionably raised the bar of the program. This season's 10-win team marked only the second time in program history the Wildcats have reached double-digit wins. The senior class is a large part of the reason why River Falls made a jump this year. Scherz spoke about his seniors.

"They were relentless in the weight room in the offseason. We're not loaded with scholarship guys, but they refused to lower the standard and in fact, they raised it almost on the sheer power of will and leadership," Scherz said. "They're extremely competitive guys over there and I'm going to miss them."

Coaching also certainly impacted River Falls this season. Scherz earned a head coaching distinction last week when he was named the Packers High School Coach of the Week. Throughout the season, the Green Bay Packers select one outstanding high school football coach each week to receive the honor.

While the distinction certainly is a great honor for Scherz and his staff, it also includes tangible benefits. As part of the selection, the Packers, Buffalo Wild Wings and NFL Foundation will band together to make a \$2,000 donation to the River Falls High School football program.

"It's an honor, but it doesn't happen without an outstanding coaching staff," Scherz said. "I share it with all of them. It's humbling, but it's a collective effort."



OUTDOOR Tales and Trails

BY DAVE BECK



My old friend Jay convinced me to trade my tree stand for the boat one fine fall afternoon. Photo by Dave Beck

Guilty trip to the river

During this time of year, I usually get a somewhat severe case of tunnel vision in that it is all about bow hunting. However, last Monday I was on the Mississippi River near Red Wing fishing for saugers and walleyes. The reason for trading my bow for a pole was an old friend Jay. The last time we saw each other was trout fishing and it was so many years ago that neither one of us could remember exactly when. Jay happened to be in Red Wing for a few days and he was more than happy to jump in my boat and spend a few hours casting for supper.

The details of one of the times I fished with Jay have faded a little because it was so long ago, or maybe the details are a little sketchy because I cracked myself in the back of my head with my own lure. Regardless, neither of us could remember how many fish we caught, but both of us remembered that it was a good thing that I was wearing a hat that day.

When we hit the water recently it was no surprise that there were so many boats on the river. I wondered out loud how many other anglers besides myself were feeling guilty about fishing and not being in a tree stand. When Indian Summer comes so late in the year, all forms of recreation see an uptick and that is especially true for Red Wing walleye anglers. What was surprising was the lack of fish. The first couple of hours on the water were pretty slow with only a few stripers being caught.

When some cloud cover and the afternoon arrived, that all changed. Jay and I moved back upriver and fished within sight of the dam and in between stories we alternated catching saugers. Saugers are the smaller cousin of the walleye but just as tasty. It's always a treat reconnecting with old friends but to do it on the river on a glorious fall afternoon while catching fish makes it a Top 10 day for sure.

The signature moment of the outing happened just before we caught our last fish of the day. It brought our reunion full circle and created laughter almost to the point of tears. I had turned to look just in time to see Jay reaching around the back of his neck and when he asked me for help, I busted out laughing. His own lure was hooked onto the back collar of his shirt. We both recognized the irony and the humor in the moment.

I know that Jay and I will remain friends no matter how much time passes between our visits but it's a good thing that we were fishing for walleyes, not muskies.

Didn't get enough Dave this week? Visit "Outdoor Trails and Tales with Dave Beck" on Facebook for photos and video of Dave's adventures. You can share your own photos and video with him there as well, or by emailing him at dave@piercecounytjournal.news Also, check out OTT content on Instagram @thepiercecounytjournal

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her the four lowest averages in school history.

The Player of the Year award is not based on Division 1 or Division 2. Instead, it goes to the best golfer or two golfers in the entire state that season - whether they play for a small school like Prescott or a large school like Waunakee. Prescott head coach Chad Salay spoke about Ava's recognition.

"It's quite the honor. That was one of her big goals for the year was to win Player of the Year," Chad Salay said. "You've got to be consistent the whole year. You can't have any hang-ups. It's always close because there is such a battle with the top players."

Ava Salay leaves Prescott as easily the most decorated golfer in school history and as one of the most accomplished athletes in Cardinals history. She was also named the 2022 Middle Border Conference Player of the Year, won a second individual state championship, and set three course records and four event records in her senior campaign.

Ava Salay was part of an original crop of athletes that helped transform Prescott from a middling golf program into a three-time state championship team that resides at the pinnacle of high school golf in Wisconsin. She will continue her athletic and academic career at the University of Wisconsin in Madison where she will play women's golf for the Badgers.

While Salay had unprecedented success individually, her teammates were right there too. In addition to Salay, the aforementioned Stutz earned MBC First-Team All-Conference honors and so did Rohl. Matzek and Reiter both earned Second-Team All-Conference accolades. All five of the varsity starters also earned that Academic All-State distinction.

To receive Academic All-State honors, the player must have at least a 3.25 GPA and have competed in 75% of the varsity matches throughout the 2022 golf season. Coach Chad Salay spoke about his roster's success on the course and in the classroom.

"It just shows that they're just really well-rounded kids," Prescott head coach Chad Salay said of the academic honors. "They take pride in pretty much everything they do. Just being around them it's easy to see they're going to work hard at whatever they do. It's another feather in their cap."

The roster's success on the course propelled Prescott to its third consecutive Division 2 State Championship, making it the fifth high school in Wisconsin golf history to win three titles in a row. Coach Salay spoke about the 2022 and how it ended with a sudden-death victory against the Prairie School

for the state title.

"It was exciting the way it finished. We rolled through the year as we anticipated, but to have that finish, that's something I'll always reflect on," Chad Salay said. "I think about the dinners I'll have with this championship team. There will be so many fun stories to tell. It was a great year and another good bunch of kids."

While the years have started to blend together for Chad Salay, the importance of his core group of girls that started it all doesn't fade away. Former players Liz Rohl and Jessica Heinsch, as well as current players and soon-to-be graduates Ava Salay, Rhi Stutz, and Maddie Reiter, who served as the building blocks for what has become a top program in the state.

While great golf talent was certainly required for the success that Prescott sustained, coach Salay stated that camaraderie among the players - who grew up as best friends - was the secret ingredient that put the program over the top.

"I never really knew how important team cohesivity was in golf until I saw it with this group," Chad Salay said. "I just don't know if it will ever be matched. They just have a connection and push each other to get better. They have certain aspects that most teams don't have the advantage of having."

Salay spoke about how the chemistry between his coaching staff and the entire roster was organic, it was happenstance based on friendships the girls made when they were still in elementary school. That's something that can't be faked and has to develop naturally among players and friends.

"We've naturally had that since the time they were eight years old," Chad Salay said. "Darren (Reiter) and I just had two daughters (Ava Salay and Maddie Reiter) that knew all these girls that were great athletes that turned into great golfers. It was a meant-to-be kind of thing that we fell into this awesome group."

After losing Liz Rohl and Heinsch to graduation last season, and now Ava Salay, Stutz and Maddie Reiter this May, all of the original building blocks of the first state championship team are gone.

While there are unquestionably young bright spots to take the reins and lead the program in Jeanne Rohl and Gabbi Matzek, it's the end of an era - the original era - of Prescott girls' golf. Coach Salay spoke about that feeling and moving forward.

"I think it definitely feels like the end of an era. It's the end of this three-in-a-row run," Chad Salay said. "We're going to be defending champs next year, but the three core pieces of three state championship teams are all gone. It's a fresh start. It's exciting for me as a coach now to have that challenge too. It's going to be emotional to see those players move on."

Community CALENDAR

Thursday, Nov. 3-Sunday, Nov. 13

Oklahoma!, Ellsworth High School Auditorium (323 W. Hillcrest St., Ellsworth). EHS proudly presents Rodgers + Hammerstein's Oklahoma! Show times are 7 p.m. Nov. 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, and 12 and 2 p.m. Nov. 13. Tickets are \$7 per adult and \$3 per student. Tickets available at EHS office; reserved seating this year, but tickets can be purchased at the door (seats will be chosen with what is available).

Wednesday, Nov. 9
LEGO Club, 4 p.m., Plum City Public Library (611 Main St., Plum City). Join in free play and build with LEGOs.

Spanish/Ingles Class, 5-6:30 p.m., Plum City Public Library (611 Main St., Plum City). A combined class for native speakers and those looking to learn. All levels are encouraged to attend. Classes are structured so that missing a session will not leave you behind.

Thursday, Nov. 10
Nilssen's Taste of the Holidays, 2-6 p.m., Nilssen's (157 E. Main St., Ellsworth). Enjoy food and drink samples, gift giving ideas and much more!

Fall Candle Making, 6:30-8 p.m., Plum City Public Library (611 Main St., Plum City). Adult crafting event - please register! We will have supplies to make cozy scented candles.

Friday, Nov. 11
Prescott Veterans Day, 8 a.m., Prescott High School commons area (1010 Dexter St.) Prescott High and Middle schools will host donuts

and coffee in the commons area 8-8:30 a.m., followed by a program recognizing veterans at 8:30 a.m. on the gymnasium. Any veterans (and families) interested in attending, please contact the main school office to reserve a spot.

Ellsworth Veterans Day, 9 a.m., Ellsworth Middle School (312 Panther Drive). Speakers, music, tribute to veterans, plus a Purple Heart award ceremony.

Muffins in the Mornin', 10-11 a.m., Plum City Public Library (611 Main St., Plum City). A time for adults and children to eat, play and socialize.

Veteran's Day Buffet, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., West Wind Supper Club (709 N. Main St., River Falls). All military veterans receive a complimentary buffet meal. Don't forget to sign the guest-book!

Saturday, Nov. 12
Plum City High School Craft Fair, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Plum City High School (907 Main St., Plum City). Vendors will be set up in the hallways and gym. For more information, email craftfair@plumcity.k12.wi.us with questions.

Holiday Craft Fair, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Elmwood Auditorium (323 W. Winter Ave., Elmwood). Gifts and baked goods; lunch served including turkey noodle soup, hot dogs, egg salad sandwiches, bars and beverage. Takeout available. Sponsored by the Elmwood Enrichment Council.

Harvest Festival, 3:30 p.m., Bethel Covenant Church (W8405 County Road KK, Ellsworth). Featuring music from Warren Pet-

ryk of "The Memories." Light lunch, pie and ice cream following the performance.

Sunday, Nov. 13 & Monday, Nov. 14

Great River Road Theatre Auditions, 6:30 p.m., Joy Lutheran Church (1435 St. Croix St., Prescott). Auditions for acting roles in the March 2023 production of "Four Weddings and an Elvis." Performance dates are March 9-12 and 16-19 at the Old Ptacek's Event Center in Prescott.

Monday, Nov. 14
Author Visit & Family Program with Trần Thị Minh Phuróc, 6 p.m., Malone Intermediate School Library (1220 St. Croix St., Prescott). Phuróc is an award-winning author and Minnesota's first Vietnamese librarian. Co-sponsored by Prescott Community Ed and the Prescott Public Library.

Tuesday, Nov. 15
Tech Tuesday, 1-4 p.m., Plum City Public Library (611 Main St., Plum City). Set-up a 45-minute one-on-one help session. The library staff will do their best to help navigate through your tech troubles.

Wednesday, Nov. 16
LEGO Club, 4 p.m., Plum City Public Library (611 Main St., Plum City). Join in free play and build with LEGOs.

Spanish/Ingles Class, 5-6:30 p.m., Plum City Public Library (611 Main St., Plum City). A combined class for native speakers and those looking to learn. All levels are encouraged to attend. Classes are structured so that missing a session will

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Thursday, Nov. 17
Cookbook Club, 6:30 p.m., Plum City Public Library (611 Main St., Plum City). A potluck with recipes chosen from "The Pioneer Woman Cooks: A Year of Holidays." Copies are available for checkout at the library circulation desk.

SCV Genealogical Society, 7 p.m., virtual only. Shirleen Hoffmann will present "FamilySearch, with Emphasis on Unindexed Records." Emphasis will be on how to search the unindexed records, which comprise about 70% of the records available on the website. These records will not show up in the search results when searching in the Historical Records Collection. Members will receive a Zoom link to the meeting. Call Darcy at 715-307-5149 with any concerns and leave a message.

Saturday, Nov. 19
2022 FBLA Craft Fair, River Falls High School (818 Cemetery Road, River Falls). More than 75 vendors, including handmade jewelry, decorations, crafts and more. Concessions are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., free childcare available 9 a.m. to noon.

Tuesday, Nov. 22
Snack & Craft, 10:30 a.m., Plum City Public Library (611 Main St., Plum City). This month Snack & Craft will be on a no-school day. Children will be making pumpkin spice playdough.

Wednesday, Nov. 23
Movie Day, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Plum City Public Library (611 Main St., Plum City). Showing DC League of Super-Pets (PG). Popcorn will be served.

LEGO Club, 4 p.m., Plum City Public Library (611 Main St., Plum City). Join in free play and build with LEGOs.

Spanish/Ingles Class, 5-6:30 p.m., Plum City Public Library (611 Main St., Plum City). A combined class for native speakers and those looking to learn. All levels are encouraged to attend. Classes are structured so that missing a session will

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Thursday, Nov. 24
Community Thanksgiving Dinner, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., St. Bridget's Catholic Church. Curbside pickup or delivery only to RF addresses. Meal delivery requests can be made by calling the church office at 715-425-1870. Paper forms will be available at the information desk and can be returned to the drop box. All orders must be in by Nov. 14.

Friday, Nov. 25
25th Annual River Dazzle, 1-7 p.m., downtown River Falls. Annual chili crawl competition 1-5:30 p.m. (to enter info@rfchamber.com), parade at 6:30 p.m., photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus 1-5 p.m., sweet treats in Veterans Park.

Saturday, Nov. 26
Small Business Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., East End Gifts (273 N. Morse St., Ellsworth). Several small businesses and crafters will hold a vendor event.

Small Business Saturday Market, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., No Name Saloon parking lot (114 Broad St., Prescott). The third annual holiday market celebrates Prescott's downtown small businesses and restaurants. Vendors, kids games, festivities, songs and Santa.

Sunday, Nov. 27
Prescott's Holiday Bazaar Craft & Gift Expo, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., The Old Ptacek's Event Center (1449 Orrin Road, Prescott). Amazing crafters and vendors, family-friendly event. Free admission and free parking.

Tuesday, Nov. 29
Page Turner's Book Club, 6:30 p.m., Plum City Public Library (611 Main St., Plum City). This month's book club pick is "Local Woman Missing" by Mary Kubica. Copies are available for checkout at the circulation desk.

Wednesday, Nov. 30
LEGO Club, 4 p.m., Plum City Public Library (611 Main

St., Plum City). Join in free play and build with LEGOs.

Spanish/Ingles Class, 5-6:30 p.m., Plum City Public Library (611 Main St., Plum City). A combined class for native speakers and those looking to learn. All levels are encouraged to attend. Classes are structured so that missing a session will not leave you behind.

Thursday, Dec. 1
Holiday Gift Crafting Event, 6:30 p.m., Plum City Public Library (611 Main St., Plum City). The library will be doing several gift crafting events to help take some of the stress out of this holiday season. Please register; limited space available.

Friday, Dec. 2
Muffins in the Mornin', 6:30 p.m., Plum City Public Library (611 Main St., Plum City). A time for adults and children to eat, play and socialize. Various breakfast foods will be provided.

Saturday, Dec. 3
Baar's Battle Benefit, 2-8 p.m., River Falls American Legion (701 N. Main St.) Nathan Baar was diagnosed Aug. 22 with Cholangiocarcinoma (bile duct cancer). Funds will go toward the Baar's mounting expenses associated with chemo and surgery. Food will be served 2-7 p.m., silent auction is 2-6:30 p.m., live music by Trigger Happy 5:30-8 p.m., 50/50 cash drawings, free will donation, cash bar. Donations can be made at any WESTconsin Credit Union under "Nathan Baar Benefit."

Sunday, Dec. 4
Santa & Sleigh Rides, 10 a.m. to noon, Spring Valley Event Center (126 McKay Ave.) Sleigh rides, letters to Santa, crafts and Santa visit! Each child will be sent home with a goodie bag. All ages are welcome to this free event. Sponsored by Spring Valley Public Library, Friends of the Library, Santa Claus and the Spring Valley Chamber

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Friday 8:00 a.m. to Noon
Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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420 First Street
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212 Church Road, Plum City, WI. 54761
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716 St. Croix Street
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Pastor Jon Logan

St. John's United Church of Christ
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Town of Oak Grove
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Pastor - William Colby-Newton
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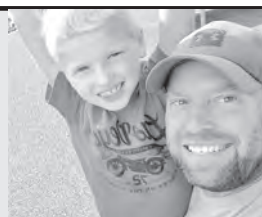
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The Solemnity of the Hour
Probably the people were never
called on to vote at a time

of greater solemnity than this. We stand upon the threshold of great events. The hopes whose promised fulfillment cheers the heart of the patriot—the interests of humanity, reaching far into the future, are hanging in suspense to feel the verdict of popular (“the people’s”) approval.

The President has issued an Emancipation Proclamation which dates a new era in history, and sheds a glorious light upon the life of this Nation.—

The one great question is, shall our votes show that we heartily endorse that manifesto of Freedom—that we rise to a comprehension of the times in which we live. Never was there more occasion to devoutly pray.

Vox Populi! (Voice of the

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The Candidate for Treasurer

Prescott, Oct. 29, 1862
Ed. Journal:—I find that there is much dissatisfaction, among a respectable few, to the Union nominations, as made on the 16th inst. I must confess, some grave objections to the nominations then made arose in my mind. The result of the convention was somewhat novel, as also was the general manner in which the whole things was run. I have yet failed, and I have looked after the matter a good deal, to find any person who could tell just how the nomination was made, but can find no one who can blame any one for the nomination. The matter seems to be about in this way: John R. Freeman had made up his mind some

months since, that he would like to be county treasurer for Pierce county. John, in his Frankness, told his friends so, and they all went to work to secure his nomination. He secured the nomination as against one of the best men in the county. Everybody knew John was running, and everybody took sides, either for or against.—

But he was nominated. Now why should he be supported?—I think he should be supported for the simple reason that he was nominated by the Union convention—a convention endorsed virtually by every voter in Pierce county—a convention regularly called by the Union Committee, and well attended. We should support him, because he is a man thoroughly conversant with the interests of Pierce coun-

ty. We should support him for his indomitable energy and perseverance. We should support him for the reason that the only opposition he has, is a man destitute of energy, as well as of all other qualifications for the office to which he aspires. If there is anything I despise in a public man, or one thing more than another, it is laziness.

Now we know that John R. Freeman is not lazy, and I do not believe he will allow himself, by general shiftlessness, to become lousy or sick. Then why should we not support John R. Freeman? As for the rest of the ticket, there seems to be a general understanding that it is to be supported, and I have no doubt but that the whole ticket will be elected by a large majority. A (voter).

PUBLIC Notice

CITY OF RIVER FALLS NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION APRIL 4, 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election to be held in the City of River Falls on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term for Alderpersons begins on Tuesday, April 18, 2023. All terms are for two years unless otherwise indicated.

Aldersperson At Large - incumbent Diane Odeen
Aldersperson District 1 - incumbent Sean Downing
Aldersperson District 2 - incumbent Nick Carow
Aldersperson District 3 - incumbent Alyssa Mueller

Information concerning aldermanic district boundaries may be obtained from Amy White, City Clerk, City of River Falls, 222 Lewis Street, River Falls, Wisconsin, 54022 (715-426-3408) or the City of River Falls website at www.rfcity.org/elections.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the first day to circulate nomination papers is Thursday, December 1, 2022, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, in the office of the City Clerk.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

Done in the City of River Falls, this 1st day of November, 2022

Amy White, City Clerk
222 Lewis Street, River Falls, WI

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CITY OF RIVER FALLS NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Canvass will meet at 8:30am on Monday November 14, 2022 in the Foster Conference Room, 222 Lewis Street, River Falls, WI.

The purpose of this meeting is process and total any provisional ballots received at the November 8, 2022 General Election.

This meeting is open to the public.

Dated this 24th day of October, 2022.

Jackie Hanson, Deputy City Clerk

Post: 10/24/2022
Publish: Pierce County Journal 11/9/2022

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Notice of Change in Control of a Bank Holding Company

Daniel Davison of Star Prairie, WI, as a member of the Davison Family Shareholder Group, intends to apply to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to retain 10 percent or more of the shares and thereby control of River Falls Bancshares, Inc., River Falls, WI (“Company”). Additionally, Lauren Howard of Duluth, MN, Patrick Davison of Boise, ID, Steven Davison of Alamo, TX, Rhonda Davison of Alamo, TX, and Jacquelyn Sahnov of River Falls, WI, intend to apply to the Federal Reserve Board for permission to retain shares and therefore, join the Davison Family Shareholder Group, a group acting in concert, that controls Company (Company controls River Falls State Bank of River Falls, WI). The Federal Reserve considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the notice.

You are invited to submit comments in writing on this notice to the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Attention: Applications Officer, Division of Supervision, Regulation and Credit, P.O. Box 291, Minneapolis, MN 55480-0291. Comments can also be sent electronically to MA@mpls.frb.org. The comment period will not end before November 25, 2022 and may be somewhat longer. The Board’s procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262.25. To obtain a copy of the Federal Reserve Board’s procedures, or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the notice, contact Chris Wanger, Assistant Vice President, at (612) 204-5087. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the notice if they are received in writing by the Reserve Bank on or before the last day of the comment period.

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Ellsworth Community School District Notice of School Board Election Notice of Election

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Ellsworth Community School District that a school board election will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, to fill the following school board positions: two seats, currently held by incumbents Clerk Kurt Buckner and member Gary Kressin. The term of office for elected school board members filling the two seats is three years beginning on April 24, 2023, and ending on April 26, 2026.

Notice is further given that a Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy must be filed no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, in the Ellsworth Community School District Office located in Ellsworth Elementary School at 445 South Piety Street, Ellsworth, WI. Campaign Registration Statements and Declaration of Candidacy papers may be picked up at the District Office.

Notice is further given that if a primary election is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained at the Ellsworth Community School District Office.

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID, you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Dated this 16th day of November, 2022, in Ellsworth, WI.

Kurt Buckner
District Clerk, Ellsworth Community School District

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Elmwood MS/HS announces honor roll

ELMWOOD – Elmwood Middle/High School announces the first quarter honor roll recipients for the 2022-23 school year.

A Honor Roll

Seniors: Trevor Asher, Hannah Forster, Isabella Forster, Derik Holmes, Kate Reitz, Brooke Schwebach

Juniors: Aaden Birtzer, Jefferson Holten, Rocklyn Robey, Ryan Rupakus, Morgan Sailer, Natalie Weix

Sophomores: Cadie Asher, Norah Auth, Cole Christman, Riley Ginsbach, Lucas Glaus, Jaycob Reitz, Hailey Webb

Freshmen: Taylor Asher, Blake Bechel, Braedon Bechel, Saige Buchholz, Hannah Fesenmaier, William Mattson, Jackson Neubauer, Kasey Trainor

Eighth grade: Brittany

Bechel, Payton Bleskacek, Shianna DeLong, Robbie Duffy, Kyra Edgemon, Abigail Krings, Simon Loga, Aurora Sampair, Allison Sauve

Seventh grade: Brady Bibeau, Paige Ginsbach, Lucas Hartung, Ella Quail, Alexis Thalacker, Polly Webb

Sixth grade: Bryce Bechel, Austin Fesenmaier, Grant Hinzman, Sean Hinzman, Elijah Luther, Emma Sauve

Fifth grade: Alaina Bechel, Brody Bechel, Vanessa Bowen, Molly Garfield, Olivia Knegendorf, Max Severson

B Honor Roll

Seniors: Trace Anderson, Izak Bechel, Caitlyn Kangas, Garrett Kitchner, Angel LaPlante, Bennett Luther, Chloe Meacham, Yuleisy

Muniz Hernandez, Kyle Trainor, Francis Weix, Nicole Weix, Rylynn Yoder

Juniors: Blake Allen, Morgan Dux, Kadance Holcomb, Christopher Nunez, Reese Paul, Skylar Prinsen, Kara Shary

Sophomores: Sierra Bemis, Britta Link, Isabelle Skogen

Freshmen: Izzabella Edwards, Skylar Fischer, Donovan Fretty, Lane Pierzyna, Jack Steinmeyer, Joseph Weber, Nevaeh Zahara

Eighth grade: Tessa Asher, Logan Auth, Teigen Bauer, Macie Garfield, Brock Keck, Oliver Mendlik

Seventh grade: Haylee Borst, Landon Claffin, Marlee Hotchkiss, Weylin Krentz, Bella Link, Cody Obermueller, Adyson Prinsen, Grace Weber

Sixth grade: Brennen Anderson, Leah Asher, Lillian Bemis, Sophia Bemis, Hannah Bleskacek, Lillian Claffin, Kyra Duval, Chloe Hardy, Easton Hardy, Miranda Holcomb, Mikenna Manor, Louis Marson, Owen Quail, Lyla Schillinger, Katie Steinmeyer

Fifth grade: Tucker Flesberg, Kennedy Gibson, Gavin Gilles, Gage Graham, Gavin Graham, Grace Hartung, Tru Ann Hofacker, Bella Miller, Reylee Nunez, Ella Obermueller, Kenda Wolf

***Several students are attending Chippewa Valley Technical College. Their grades are only submitted at semester time.*

Submitted by Elmwood School District

OBITUARIES

Donald Sarnstrom 1933-2022

Donald John Sarnstrom, age 89 of Prescott, WI passed away peacefully on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022 at Kinnickinnic Health and Rehab in River Falls, WI. Don was born to Clarence and Elenora (Swanson) Sarnstrom on Jan. 13, 1933 in Trenton Township- Hager City, WI. After attending school until the 8th grade, he left school to help with running his family farm. He later enlisted into the United States Navy and was honorable discharged after 4 years of seeing the world. After the Navy, he met and married the love of his life, Adeline Greske on July 14, 1956. This union blessed them with five children: Linda, Steven, Sandra, Brenda, and John.

Donald was a hardworking man; he worked for Armour’s in South St. Paul for many years as a steamfitter a trade he took up while in the Navy. After Armour’s closed in 1978, while not having graduated from High School he returned to school at the University of Wisconsin- River Falls acquiring his GED. He then sought employment at 3M and worked there for 28 years.

After retirement, Don and Adeline moved to their lake home on Loon Lake near Webster, WI. When Adeline passed away in 2013, Don continued to live at their lake home until age and health would no longer permit. He spent the last 3 years close to his family in River Falls at Comforts of Homes where he made many new friends and spent time with a couple



old friends as well.

Don is survived by his five loving children: Linda (Mike) Flansch, Steven Sarnstrom, Sandra (Mark) Hawkins, Brenda Becker, and John (Tamra) Sarnstrom; along with 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; sibling, Bernice Leonard, Arnie (April) Sarnstrom, and Lyle Sarnstrom. He was preceded in death by his wife, Adeline; parents, Clarence and Elenora Sarnstrom; siblings: Leland, Leona, Sylvia, Howard, Kenneth, Earl, and Richard.

A Memorial Service for Donald will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 11, 2022, at Prescott United Church of Christ: 206 Locust St. N, Prescott, WI 54021. A visitation will start at 9 a.m. unit the service.

Services are entrusted to the O’Connell Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services of Prescott, www.oconnellfuneralhomes.com, 715-262-5404



RF swim

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finish out of 13 teams at the meet. Even with strong showings in the past, River Falls typically finished around eighth.

River Falls performed exceptionally well in Hudson on Saturday and even beat the rival Raiders, who previously got the best of the Wildcats in the Big Rivers Conference meet less than a week before the Hudson Sectional. Brudzinski spoke about Saturday’s success.

“As a team, we outperformed my expectations,” Brudzinski said. “Last year we ended up eighth in the Sectional and I figured we’d be there again, maybe a place or two higher. The fact that we ended up fifth overall, beat Hudson and were close with Chippewa Falls and Memorial, that was a fantastic finish for us.”

With the season ending for all but the aforementioned four State Championship qualifiers, Brudzinski and the staff have begun honing in the training on those athletes still competing going into Saturday.

The expectations for all of the athletes going down to Waukesha are quite different. Ottem expects to finish her career near the top of the Division 1 leaderboard in both the 100 and 200-yard Freestyle events, where she earned a fourth-place finish last year. For some of the divers, getting to Waukesha alone is a massive accomplishment.

“I know Rachel (Everson), she has high expectations because she barely missed State qualifying last year,” Brudzinski said. “She had the fourth-highest score across the state among the divers. Kayleigh (Volkman) is a senior and the fact that she gets to go down there for

state is pretty awesome. Avery (Singel) is a freshman, so to make it to State is phenomenal and will be a great experience for her.”

For Ottem, the trip to Waukesha is all business. After a top-five finish last year and her record-breaking performance at the D1 Sectional in Hudson on Saturday, she expects to finish in the top three in both events, which has essentially been the goal the entire season.

“Her goal at the beginning of the season was top three,” Brudzinski said. “She comes into state as the top-seeded athlete in the 200-yard Freestyle and she is seeded tied for second in the 100-yard Freestyle.”

Ottem was seeded third going into the State Championship last season in both events. However, it appears that some of her toughest competition has changed, as one girl decided to compete in different events, and another graduated and is now swimming for the Badgers in Madison.

Last season Ottem didn’t earn the top seed and she felt going into the meet as if she had to chase down some of the other top swimmers in the state. Now, she’s the favorite in the 200-yard Freestyle and second in the 100-yard Freestyle. Brudzinski spoke about a potential change in mindset.

“There are still top athletes out there, but I love that she’s seeded first,” Brudzinski said. “Hopefully that helps her take some deep breaths coming into this and doesn’t necessarily feel like she’s coming from behind. Instead, going in strong and confident and ready to swim hard.”

Ottem, Everson, Volkman and Singel will compete in the Division 1 State Championship on Saturday, Nov. 12. Diving is slated to begin at 9:30 a.m. and swimming will start at 2:30 p.m.

OBITUARIES

Susan Graetz 1951-2022



Susan D. Graetz, age 71, formally of Ellsworth, Wisconsin, passed away unexpectedly at her home in Turtle Lake, Wisconsin on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2022.

Sue was born Oct. 13, 1951, to Lester and Joyce (Weber) Hines in Red Wing, Minnesota. After graduating from Ellsworth High School in 1969, she went on to receive her certification as an x-ray technician from the Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis. After attending college, she married the love of her life, Charles Graetz on Oct. 2, 1971 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Ellsworth. Sue held a few jobs before she landed her dream career at the Red Wing Hospital (now Mayo Clinic) where she worked as an x-ray tech for 38 years until her retirement in 2015. Her true dedication showed when one year the spring flood had made the roads impassable, and Sue took a boat to work.

Sue was a wonderful crafter and created many treasures for her family with her needle point, crocheting and most recently painted unique rocks that she gifted to her grandchildren, friends and family. She was an avid reader and kept a journal of the myriad of books she read. Sue also had various collections thorough the years that included Harley Davidson and Packer memorabilia, a mini shoe collection, and a moose collection that began after a trip to Alaska. Sue enjoyed golfing, cooking a variety of soups for a family and a good old rum and coke.

Together, Charlie and Sue lived their life to the absolute fullest. With Sue not being keen on flying, they enjoyed countless Harley Davidson trips. The memorable ones being an especially chilly spring trip to North Carolina and of course, to Sturgis. They took numerous four

wheeling adventures and always cherished when family and friends would drop by their Turtle Lake home on the way "up north". Charlie and Sue recently embarked on wintering in Arizona where they welcomed new friends and appreciated exploring the magnificent Sonora Desert and its picturesque saguaro cactus.

Sue will forever remain in the hearts of her adoring husband of 51 years, Charlie; sons, Trevor and his wife, Taryl, and Troy and his wife, Amber; five grandchildren, Maya, Hank, Brinklee, Brita, and Hattie; eight siblings, Joe (Judy) Hines, Betty (Dennis) Nelson, Alan (Sheila Harsdorf) Hines, Dean (Becky) Hines, Dale (Julie) Hines, Wally (Lisa) Hines, Wanda (Butch) Kinneman, and DiAnn (Jim) Fuchs; in laws, Mike (Darlene) Graetz, David Graetz, Pat (Steve) Gilbertson, Phil (Becky) Graetz, Joe (Mary Jo) Graetz, Peggy (Joel) Hase and LeighAnn Graetz Kelly along with many beloved nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Preceded in death by her parents, Lester and Joyce Hines; parents in law, Leroy and Margaret Graetz; sisters and brother in laws, Karen Graetz, Sharon (Huppert) Hines and Jim Graetz.



Terry Raebel 1954-2022



Terry Lee Raebel (Fur), age 68, passed away Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022, at Mayo Clinic Hospital in Red Wing, Minnesota due to a heart issue.

Terry was born July 20, 1954, in Red Wing Minnesota to Jessie and Wilbur Raebel.

After graduating from Prescott High School, he worked many years at Durkee Attword (Dayco) and then went to work at Treasure Island Resort and Casino until his retirement.

Terry loved to ride motorcycles and shoot guns. In his spare time, he likes to tinker in the garage or just relax at home.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Wilbur and Jessie Raebel; his sister Darlene Atherton, infant sister Wanda Raebel; and nephew Brain Atherton.

He will remain in the hearts of his brother, Dick Raebel (Beth); nephew Patrick Atherton (Maureen);

cousins Cory Raebel (DeE), Rory Raebel (significant other, Viki), Mitch Raebel (Helen), Meloney Raebel, Garrett Raebel, and Jordan Nygaard.

Per Terry's wishes, there will be no service or celebrations. A private burial will be held at the Diamond Bluff Cemetery by the family at a date yet to be determined. Arrangements entrusted to the O'Connell Family Funeral Home, Ellsworth, Wisconsin.



Rose Christiansen 1948-2022



Rose M. Christiansen, age 74, of River Falls, Wisconsin, passed away Oct. 27, 2022 at Prescott Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Rosie was born to Walter and Hattie Christiansen on June 22, 1948, in Red Wing, Minnesota. After graduating from Ellsworth High School in 1966, Rosie attended college in Eau Claire and earned her associates degree in accounting. Rosie retired after 30 years of service in the printing department of Smeads. Rosie was very social, and it showed in her 25 years she tended bar at the Gaslight. When not at work she could be found volunteering her time with blood donations with the American Red Cross.

Family meant the world to Rosie. She had a great love for her many nieces and nephews. It was well known that she could not wait to give all of them their first taste of Hershey's chocolate. She carried this tradition down from generation to generation as her great and great-great nieces and nephews were born. Rosie loved playing Cribbage, Euchre, and poker. At family birthday parties Rosie would join all the men in the basement for a good game of poker. She enjoyed bowling in tournaments, playing softball and was also on a local pool league. Rosie loved her Coca Cola, fishing and driving around looking at all the Christmas lights.

Rosie will remain in the hearts of her siblings, Grace (Mike "Nutsy") Lubich, Sheila (Peter) Pechacek,

Hope Matthews, and Brad (Maryjo) Christiansen; sisters in law, Louise Christiansen, Mary Christiansen, Cheryl Anvold; brother in law, Blair Schuck; and many nieces, nephews, friends and family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Hattie; siblings, Sara Schuck, Roy Christiansen, Gary Christiansen; brother in law, Dave Matthews; nephews, John Christiansen, Raymond Pechacek, and Damon Ward.

A visitation was held on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at O'Connell Family Funeral Home 1339 Orrin Rd, Prescott, WI 54021. Burial will immediately follow at Diamond Bluff Cemetery. A Celebration of Life is being planned for a later day. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Alzheimer's Foundation. <https://alzfdn.org/>

Arrangements entrusted to the O'Connell Family Funeral Home, Prescott Wisconsin.



David Finley 1937-2022



David Herbert Finley, age 85 of Prescott, WI passed away peacefully on Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022, at his home surrounded by family. Dave was born to Roy and Cecelia (Brewer) Finley on June 6, 1937, in Prescott, WI. He attended Prescott High School, graduating with the class of 1955. Dave furthered his education at Globe Business School. Dave also proudly served his county in the United States Navy from 1955 to 1958. Where he received the "Good Conduct Award". On July 6, 1963, Dave married Janice (Kathy) Kathleen Conway in Denver, Colorado. This union blessed them with five children: Tim, Jim (Buck), Dan, Minda, Lisa.

David always had a passion throughout his life to help people, his greatest way to reach them was through Freemasonry. He was a dedicated member of Northwestern Lodge #105 having been a three-time Past Master of the Lodge. He was a member for 62 years. He was involved with fundraising programs to award academic scholarships on behalf of the Masons. He was also active in the Shriners, Eau Claire Scottish Rite, Member of Prescott Jaycees, American Legion on the honor squad for funeral services.

David also was an active volunteer with Freedom Park, Gathering Place Senior Center, the Prescott Library Board, the Cemetery Board, Meals on Wheels, and often drove patients to the VA and Dialysis.

He and his wife owned June Superette (aka "the Little Store"). He was a dedicated employee of Northwest Airlines/Delta for 33 years. Through Northwest Airlines and Hope Adoption, he was able to accompany international children to unite with their new adopted families.

David was a well-loved man who dedicated his life to the Lord and helping others. His greatest gift was his acts of service. He was always available to help a neighbor,

friend, and stranger.

David is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Janice (Kathy); children: Tim (Tina) Finley, Jim (Mary Jo) Finley, Dan Finley, Minda (Matt) Tronnier, Lisa (Tim) Finley-Hofmann. Along with 13 grandchildren: Monique (Robert), Nicole (Ty), Desiree (Greg), Tony, Payton, Olivia, Sydney, James, Luke, Cody, Savannah, Ava, and Tatum. And 8 great-grandchildren: Adalyn, Atlas, Nolan, Carter, Emmett, Brixen, Aurora, Kaleia. Siblings: Marlene Meier, Sandra Richardson.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Roy Finley and Cecelia Finley, brothers-in-laws Alan Evans, Otts Meier, Keith Richardson.

A Funeral Service for Dave will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022, at Prescott United Church of Christ: 206 Locust St N, Prescott, WI 54021, with a visitation starting at 9 a.m.. A visitation will be on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022, from 5 - 7 p.m. with a Masonic Memorial Service at 7 p.m. provided by Br. Fred Benson at Prescott United Church of Christ. Castelleo - Madsen American Legion Post #61 will present Military Honors. Burial will be at Pine Glen Cemetery in Prescott.

Services are entrusted to O'Connell Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Prescott, www.oconnellfuneralhomes.com, 715-262-5404



Galen Seipel 1939-2022



On the night of Oct. 9, 2022, Galen Arthur Seipel passed on from this world. He was 83 years old. He was born on the family farm north of Elmwood, WI and East of Spring Valley, WI to Herbert Seipel and Hilda (Frank) Seipel.

Upon graduation from Elmwood High School, he worked his way through college at the Wisconsin State University-River Falls (now University of Wisconsin-River Falls), earning his bachelor degree in Agriculture Education with a minor in Industrial Arts. He would later return to get his master degree in teaching.

In 1961, he married Marlene (Zillmer) Seipel. Together they had two sons, Glen Seipel and Benjamin Seipel. Galen and Marlene divorced in 1999. Galen remarried in 2007 to Heather (Kuester) Seipel.

Galen enjoyed traveling (when his schedule allowed it) along with going to and hosting parties with family and friends. His hobbies included work, work, and more work along with staring at his fishing boat.

Galen's association with the City of Prescott, WI began in 1964 with his teaching career in the Prescott School District. He was with the school district for sixteen and half years, retiring from teaching during Christmas break in 1980. During his time teaching, he helped with advising students involved with the Future Farms of America. He drove bus in the earlier part of his teaching career. He worked with the Prescott Daze committee in the 1970s too.

It was a chance encounter at city hall that put him on his next career path. After complaining about his

property taxes to city clerk, he was told that position of the property tax assessor was open. He would go on to be the contact assessor and building inspector for the City of Prescott for over two decades. After his time as the city's assessor and building inspector came to an end, he served on the city council for nine years. Some of the other municipalities that Galen worked for over the decades included: Villages of Baldwin, Bay City, Ellsworth, Maiden Rock, North Hudson, Plum City, and Stockholm along with the Towns of Clifton, El Paso, Oak Grove, Stockholm, Trenton, and Troy. Galen also worked as zoning administrator in some communities.

His faith was extremely important to him as well as his dedication to Joy Lutheran Church in Prescott.

Galen is survived by his wife Heather, his sons Glen and Ben Seipel (Matt Jones). Her children Scott Kuester (Tami), Lexi Severson, Brian Kuester, and Mark Kuester (Kim), his brother Ron Seipel, his sister Anita Lechner (Frank), numerous nieces and nephews, along with Heather's grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Galen was preceded in death by his parents Herbert & Hilda Seipel, former wife Marlene Seipel; brothers Merlin Seipel, LaVerne Seipel, and Gerald Seipel; sister-in-law Joyce Seipel, and the family cat Geno.

A Memorial service for Galen was held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, at Joy Lutheran Church, 1435 St. Croix St., Prescott, WI 54021. A gathering of family and friends will take place immediately after the service. Interment will follow the gathering with a procession to Pine Glen Cemetery starting at 1:30 p.m. from the church.

Memorials may be designated to Joy Lutheran Church.

Cremation services provided by Crescent Tide of St. Paul, MN.

Patricia Fellman 1936-2022



Patricia Fellman, of Turtle Lake, formally of Ellsworth, Wisconsin, passed away on Oct. 31, 2022, at the age of 86. She was born May 25, 1936, to Raymond and Dorothy Gilbertson. Pat and her husband, Sonny, where long time owners of Sonny's Bar in Ellsworth, Wisconsin.

She is survived by her son, Tim (Trisha) Fellman; grandchildren, Scotty Fellman, Jolene (Chad) Wittenberg; Valerie (Jeremy) Newbold; Nathan (Emily) Hove; great-grandchildren: Matthew, Aubrey, Gavin, Natalie, Liam, Tristen, and Harrison; siblings, Jim Gilbertson and Tom (Ellie) Gilbertson; and many nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, LaVerne "Sonny" Fellman; son, Scott Hove; grandson, Nicholas Fellman and sister-in-law, Elaine Gilbertson.

A memorial service for Pat will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022, at

O'Connell Family Funeral home in Ellsworth, WI with visitation starting at 9 a.m. Interment at Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Spooner.



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Rosabelle McQuarie 1926-2022

Rosabelle (Thompson) McQuarie of Prescott died Nov. 2, 2022, at Prescott Nursing Home and Rehab Center.

Born Aug. 7, 1926, in Mora, Minnesota to Gust and Minnie (Rake) Thompson. She married John McQuarie in Elmore, MN on Sept. 7, 1943. In addition to raising her family, Rosabelle was always doing volunteer work in the community, inclusive of the VA Hospital, the American Legion and countless hours baking and serving with her church home. She befriended everyone she met and seemed to reach out and help some that appeared to need an extra hand.

She is survived by three children, Patty (George) Munchow, John (Patty) McQuarie, Jr., and Lisa Kohl. She had 14 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren and 2 great, great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by two sisters, seven brothers as well as her husband, John; son Lance, daughter Linda Jaramillo, and two grandchildren, Maureen and Aaron.



Funeral services are being held Nov. 19, 2022, at 11 a.m. at United Church of Christ in Prescott, Wisconsin with a visitation starting at 10 a.m. Interment will immediately follow the service at Pine Glen Cemetery in Prescott. Donations in memory of Rosabelle to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements by O'Connell Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Prescott, Wisconsin.



PUBLIC Notice

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, PIERCE COUNTY

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 22PR69

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Leon D. Langer

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth June 18, 1941 and date of death December 14, 2020, was domiciled in Pierce County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W6286 Hwy 63, Ellsworth, WI 54011.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is February 8, 2023.
5. A claim may be filed at the Pierce County Courthouse, 414 W Main Street, Ellsworth, Wisconsin, Room 201.

FORM COMPLETED:

Robert L. Loberg, Loberg Law Office, LLP
ADDRESS: 359 W. Main St Ellsworth, WI 54011
TELEPHONE: (715) 273-5072
BAR NUMBER: 1017505

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, PIERCE COUNTY

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 22PR66

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Gladys A. Shafer

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth February 25, 1940 and date of death August 6, 2022, was domiciled in Pierce County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 957 Southgate Drive, Ellsworth, WI 54011.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is February 1, 2023.
5. A claim may be filed at the Pierce County Courthouse, Ellsworth, Wisconsin, Room 201.

FORM COMPLETED:

Robert L. Loberg, Loberg Law Office, LLP
ADDRESS: 359 W. Main Street Ellsworth, WI 54011
TELEPHONE: 715-273-5072
BAR NUMBER: 1017505

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT PIERCE COUNTY

Case No. 2022CV000036

Freedom Mortgage Corporation Plaintiff,

v.

Mark Nehring, et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a judgment of foreclosure made in the above-entitled action on June 8, 2022 in the amount of \$160,174.05, I will sell at public auction, located at the main entrance of the Pierce County Courthouse, 414 W. Main Street, Ellsworth, WI 54011, on

December 13, 2022

At 9:00 AM, all of the following described premises, to wit:

LOT 11 AND 12, BLOCK 11, ORIGINAL PLAT OF THE VILLAGE OF ELMWOOD, PIERCE COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

Street Address: 230 S Main St, Elmwood, WI 54740
 Tax Key No. 122-01027-0200

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

TERMS OF SALE: CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK or CERTIFIED FUNDS, payable to the Clerk of the Courts (10% down payment at sale, balance due within ten (10) days of Court approval; down payment to be forfeited if payment not received timely). Buyer must comply with minimum bidder qualifications as set forth in Wis. Stat. § 846.155. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price.

Nancy Hove Sheriff of Pierce County, Wisconsin

Codilis, Moody & Circelli, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff (414) 775-7700 50-22-00363
NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT PIERCE COUNTY

Case No. 2021CV000179

Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Plaintiff, v. Estate of Warren Quade, et al. Defendants.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a judgment of foreclosure made in the above-entitled action on February 17, 2022 in the amount of \$457,053.37, I will sell at public auction, located at the main entrance of the Pierce County Courthouse, 414 W. Main Street, Ellsworth, WI 54011, on

November 29, 2022

At 9:00 AM, all of the following described premises, to wit:

THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN PIERCE COUNTY, WISCONSIN:

LOT 31, CLIFTON HIGHLANDS FIRST ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF CLIFTON.

Street Address: N6904 County Road F, Prescott, WI 54021
 Tax Key No. 002-01121-0500

PUBLIC Notice

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

TERMS OF SALE: CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK or CERTIFIED FUNDS, payable to the Clerk of Courts (10% down payment at sale, balance due within ten (10) days of Court approval; down payment to be forfeited if payment not received timely). Buyer must comply with minimum bidder qualifications as set forth in Wis. Stat. § 846.155. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price.

Nancy Hove Sheriff of Pierce County, Wisconsin

Codilis, Moody & Circelli, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff (414) 775-7700 50-21-00381
NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT PIERCE COUNTY

Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No 22CV166

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF JAYCIE LYNN REGNER

By (Petitioner)

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: [First] Jaycie [Middle] Lynn [Last] Regner

To: [First] Jaycie [Middle] Lynn [Last] Carrasco

Birth Certificate: [First] Jaycie [Middle] Lynn [Last] Regner

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 Courthouse, 414 W Main Street, West Courthouse, Ellsworth, WI 54011

Date: December 7, 2022

Time: 8:30 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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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT PIERCE COUNTY

Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No 22CV169

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Bryce Byron Wiles

By (Petitioner) Bryce Byron Wiles

NOTICE IS GIVEN:

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: [First] Bryce [Middle] Byron [Last] Wiles

To: [First] Bryce [Middle] Byron [Last] Hoven

Birth Certificate: [First] Bryce [Middle] Byron [Last] Hoven

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 Courthouse, 414 W Main Street, West Courthouse, Ellsworth, WI 54011

Date: December 20, 2022

Time: 3:00 p.m.

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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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT PIERCE COUNTY

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, PIERCE COUNTY

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 22PR68

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Johnny L. Aldridge

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth July 18, 1962 and date of death September 5, 2022, was domiciled in Pierce County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1119 State Street, Apt #259, River Falls, WI 54022.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is February 3, 2023.
5. A claim may be filed at the Pierce County Courthouse, Ellsworth, Wisconsin, Room 201.

FORM COMPLETED:

Melissa Aldridge
ADDRESS: 1119 State Street Apt, #259 River Falls, WI 54022
TELEPHONE:

BAR NUMBER:

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TOWN OF TRENTON BOARD MEETING NOTICE 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 15th, 2022

TO BE HELD AT THE TRENTON TOWN HALL W7926 250TH AVE HAGER CITY, WI

Agenda

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Approve minutes
- 3) Set next meeting date,
- 4) Treasurer's report
- 5) Plan commission report
- 6) Public comment
- 7) Driveway permits, driveway bonds, escrow accounts and building permits
- 8) Road report/road projects
 - a. 850th Street reconstruction update
 - b. 830th bridge (creek road) discussion and hiring an engineering firm to design the bridge that needs replacing on 830th St
- 9) Darren and Todd Girdeen Application for Certified Survey Map Approval
- 10) Road bonding discussion
- 11) Paul Hotchkiss Driveway discussion
- 12) Timber harvest on Island buyout property by Schmidt Timber
- 13) Purchase of new bat wing motor
- 14) Nestle Purina Pet Care Company request to abandon a portion of 805th Street
 - a. Introduce resolution for discontinuing public way
- 15) Adopt 2023 Town budget
- 16) Operators license applications
- 17) Bills
- 18) Correspondence and follow up
- 19) Adjourn

All agenda items are posted for discussion and possible action by the Town Board

Please note that, upon reasonable notice, efforts will be

VILLAGE OF BAY CITY, STATE OF WISCONSIN

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – Meeting of the Plan Commission

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all persons in the Village of Bay City, Wisconsin, that a public hearing of the Planning Commission will be held on Tuesday November 29th at 5:30pm to consider a Conditional Use Permit for Home owner Tom Lidahl, W6430 Lake Pepin Blvd, requesting a permit to use recreational vehicle as a dwelling during reconstruction of the residence. The board will also consider and review Ordinance 96. Copies of Zoning Ordinance 96 will be on hand for purchase.

All persons interested are invited to attend this hearing and be heard. Written comments may be submitted to: Village of Bay City-Zoning Hearing, PO Box 9, Bay City, WI 544723

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Town of River Falls, Pierce County, Wisconsin

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF ELECTORS

Notice is hereby given that a special town meeting of the electors of the Town of River Falls, Pierce County, Wisconsin will be held at the town hall located at W9015 770th Ave, River Falls, Wisconsin, on the 14th day of November 2022, immediately following the completion of the Public Hearing on the proposed 2022 town budget, which begins at 7:30 p.m., for the following purposes:

1. To approve the 2022 total town tax levy (to be collected in 2023), pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 60.10(1)(a).

Dated this 21st day of October 2022.

By: Sarah Meyer, Town Clerk of the Town of River Falls

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VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that the following establishment has submitted application for original license to operate in the Village of Ellsworth for the sale of intoxicating liquor and/or fermented malt beverages for the period beginning November 17, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

“Class B”: E Town Enterprises, LLC, dba Thirsty Badger, 324 W. Main St. Agent – Kent Christiansen

Submitted by: Brad Roy, Village Administrator/Clerk-Tres.

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made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services. For additional information or to request this service, please contact the Town Clerk Steve Thoms, W8074 147th Ave Hager City WI, 715-792-5218 or Trentonclerk@bevcomm.net

Notice is further hereby given that a majority of the Plan Commission may be present at the foregoing Town Board meeting for purposes of gathering information over which the Plan Commission has decision making responsibility. This may constitute a meeting of the Plan Commission pursuant to State ex Rel. Badke v. Greendale Village Board, 174 Wis.2d 553, 494 N.W.2d 408 (1993), although the Plan Commission will not take any formal action at this meeting. Dated this 4th Day of November 2022. Steve Thoms-Clerk

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, PIERCE COUNTY
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 22PR38

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Marjorie M. Bechel

TOWN OF RIVER FALLS

The following River Falls Town Meetings will meet on Monday, November 14, 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
7:30P.M. Budget Hearing and Special Meeting of the Town Electors
8:00 P.M. – Regular Board Meeting

AGENDA

- Call to order
 Consider for approval or other action:
1. Approve agenda
 2. Minutes from October 17, 2022, Regular Board Meetings
 3. Financial/Fire Call Report
 4. Public Comments and Requests
 5. Zoning Administrator Report
 6. Plan Commission Recommendations
 7. Approve 2023 Budget
 8. Town Building Insurance Claim
 9. Election Wrap Up
 10. 2022 Cemetery 4H Payment
 11. Consideration of Halverston Land Donation
 12. Board and Staff Communications
 13. Committee Reports
 14. Future Agenda Items
 15. Audit and Pay Bills
 16. 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.townofriverfalls.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

Anyone wishing to attend the meeting who requires special accommodation because of a disability should contact the clerk's office, at 715-629-8240 or torf.clerk@gmail.com, at least 72 hours before the meeting begins so that appropriate accommodations can be made.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, PIERCE COUNTY
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 22PR38

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Marjorie M. Bechel

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth January 10, 1929 and date of death January 9, 2022, was domiciled in Pierce County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 129 N Birch Street, Elmwood, WI 54740
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is February 9, 2023.
5. A claim may be filed at the Pierce County Courthouse, 414 W Main Street, Ellsworth, Wisconsin, Room 201.

FORM COMPLETED:

Tamara M. Skoglund
 Bakke Norman, S.C.
ADDRESS: 1020 10th Ave. PO Box 2120 Baldwin, WI 54002
TELEPHONE: (715) 684-2644
BAR NUMBER: 1041074

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PUBLIC Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING THE TOWN OF TRENTON

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. at the Trenton Town Hall, a PUBLIC HEARING will be held on the PROPOSED BUDGET for 2023. The proposed budget in detail is available for inspection at the office of the clerk (792-5218) by appointment. It is the right of the citizens of the Town of Trenton to attend this hearing and provide written or oral comments and ask questions regarding the entire budget of this town.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF TRENTON

Revenues	Budgeted 2022	Proposed 2023	% Change	
Taxes				
General Property Taxes	\$ 372,661	\$ 375,540.00		
Special Assessments	\$ 1,598	\$ 1,707.00		
Other Taxes	\$ 5,579	\$ 7,579.00		
Intergovernmental	\$ 181,556	\$ 183,391.00		
Licenses & Permits	\$ 25,670	\$ 31,250.00		
Public Charges for Services	\$ 6,750	\$ 3,050.00		
Miscellaneous	\$ 3,550	\$ 9,250.00		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 597,364	\$ 611,767.00	2.41%	
EXPENDITURES				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 134,813	\$ 143,475.00		
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 31,939	\$ 31,939.00		
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$ 104,000	\$ 113,604.00		
PUBLIC WORKS	\$ 376,000	\$ 423,107.00		
RECREATION	\$ -	\$ -		
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500.00		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 649,252	\$ 714,625.00	10.06%	
Property Tax Contribution	\$ 372,661	\$ 375,540.00	0.77%	
TOTAL REVENUE \$ 597,364 \$ 611,767.00				
CASH BALANCE APPLIED \$ 51,888 \$ 102,858.00				
TOTAL \$ 649,252 \$ 714,625.00				
All Governmental and Property Funds				
	Fund Balance 1/1/2023	Total Revenues	Total Expenditures	Fund Balance 12/31/2023
General Fund	\$ 568,400	\$ 611,767.00	\$ 714,625.00	\$ 465,542.00
Equipment Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,000
ARPA Fund	\$ 199,254	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 189,254

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF TRENTON

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, immediately following completion of the Public Hearing on the proposed budget which begins at 7:00 P.M. at the Trenton Town Hall, a special town meeting of the Electors called pursuant to Section 60.12(1)(c) of Wisconsin Statutes by the town board for the following purposes will be held:

- To approve the year 2023 highway expenditures pursuant to Section 82.03(2) of Wisconsin statutes.
- To approve the 2022 town tax levy to be paid in 2023 pursuant to Section 60.10(1)(a) of Wisconsin Statutes.

Dated this 18th day of October, 2022

Steve Thoms, Clerk

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OAK GROVE NOV. 10 MEETING CANCELLATION

The meeting of the Town of Oak Grove Plan commission originally scheduled for November 10, 2022, has been cancelled by the chair due to lack of new business. The Plan Commission routinely meets on at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the town hall, N4939 1100th St., 54021. --Andria Hayday, Town Clerk

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TOWN OF OAK GROVE ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that a Public Hearing on the Town of Oak Grove's proposed 2023 budget shall be held on Monday, November 21, 2021, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall, to precede the monthly meeting of the town board. The town hall is located at N4939 1100th St., Prescott, WI, 54021. The official posted notice and budget summary can be viewed at the town hall and online at www.co.pierce.wi.us under **Government > Municipal/Town > Oak Grove**. (Tip: Search "Pierce Co WI Oak Grove" in your browser.) Notices published in the *Journal* are provided as an informational courtesy to supplement the Town's official posted notices. — Andria Hayday, Clerk

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Town of Isabelle Proposed Budget 2023 Summary

Revenue	2022 Estimated	2023 Proposed
General Property Tax	71,333	71,333
Intergovernmental	33,393	33,565
Licenses & Permits	715	710
Public Charges	55	55
Miscellaneous	275	275
Total Revenues	\$105,771	\$105,938
Expenditures		
General Government	19,200	19,200
Public Safety	10,600	11,000
Public Works	75,000	130,000
Total Expenditures	104,800	160,200

Notice of Public Hearing and Special Town Meeting
For the purpose of presenting the 2022 budget and approving the tax levy Monday, November 21 2022 in the Red Wing Regional Airport terminal Building. Hearing starts at 6:00 pm. This meeting will be followed by Town board meeting. The proposed budget detail is available for inspection by contacting the Town Clerk or the town website.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PRESCOTT

p.m. / Prescott High School Room 117

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday November 16th, 2022 /5:00 p.m., with 6:00 p.m. Board Business
High School Library, 1010 Dexter Street, Prescott, WI 54021

RECORDING WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE FRIDAY FOLLOWING BOARD MEETING

AGENDA
1. Call to Order in Open Session Subject to section 19.83 Wisconsin Statutes @ 5:00 p.m., Prescott High School Room 117.

2. Adopt Agenda

3. The Board will consider a motion to convene in closed session under exemptions 19.85(1)(c) @ 5:00

a. Pursuant to WI 19.85 (c) Considering promotion, compensation, and performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility

i. Discussing Superintendent Annual Evaluation & review of 2021-22 school year and setting performance goals for 2022-23

4. Move to adjourn from closed session and reconvene open session at approximately 6:00 PM in the Library

5. Pledge of Allegiance

6. Recognition of Visitors
Recognition of visitors at Board Meeting is intended for individuals in the community to address the School Board and to speak to issues that may be forthcoming in the Board

Meeting. The Prescott School Board will not respond to any questions or remarks of the visitors by may direct the administration to contact the visitor following the meeting.

7. Good News Around the District
a. Student Representative – Rian Engeldinger
b. Administrative Team
c. Superintendent Update

8. School Business
a. Consent Agenda
i. September 21st, 2022 Regular Board Minutes
ii. Board Checks/Finance
iii. Policy 5330 added guardian signature & provider (both) for administration of prescriptions (required)
iv. Po6146 Post Issuance Tax Exempt Bond Compliance and po6114 Cost Principles -Spending Federal Funds(Finance Director is looking into these)
v. Po6152 Student Fees, Fines, and Charges
vi. Non-licensed personnel retirement, resignation, employment, change of non-licensed staff
b. Consider retirement, resignation & new hires of licensed staff
c. Elect a WASB delegate and alternate delegate for the 2022 WASB Convention taking place January 18 - 20, 2023 in Milwaukee
d. Proposal for academic terms at PHS to move from three-terms with five periods to three-terms to six periods. Implications for learning, credit accumulation, and graduation requirements.
e. ECCP/Start College Now Approvals for next term

f. First Reading of Updated Board Policies

g. Consider clarification of Team v. Individual Coach stipends for extended season due to state runs. s Structure Proposal for Athletics

h. Consider aligning Middle School Athletic Stipend to be in line with other sports

i. Consider Dance Team Overnight trip to Wausau Area December 9-10

j. Consider Boys Wrestling Overnight Trip to Maple River Area Feb 3-4

k. Consider New Date for the January 2023 Board Meeting (January 25th, 2023)

9. Information and Discussion

a. Online/Virtual Charter School

b. Cost updates on Grade 6-8 to MIS and Grade 4-5 to MS Facility

c. Reminder– Winter Weather Alerts & Virtual Snow days options

d. Statewide WASB-WASD Convention Jan. 18-20 2023. Reserve spots and register board members, require Reschedule of Board Meeting. Jan 25 or 11

e. School Board Election candidacy announcements and timelines

10. Recognition of Visitors

11. Adjourn

Upon request to the Superintendent submitted twenty-four (24) hours in advance, the District shall make reasonable accommodations, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, for a disabled person to be able to attend this meeting.

The agenda, as noted above, was sent more than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting date. Due to this fact, the agenda published in the Pierce County Journal may have been revised after delivery to the newspaper. The most up-to-date agenda information is also available on the school district website: <https://www.prescott.k12.wi.us/district/agendas-minutes.cfm>

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RIVER FALLS SOCCER CLUB

The River Falls Soccer Club will be holding their annual general meeting on Tuesday, December 6th at 6:30pm at the River Falls Public Library in the Community Room.

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Ellsworth Community School District 445 S. Piety Street Ellsworth, WI 54011 (715) 273-3900 School Board Meeting Notice

The Ellsworth Community School District Board of Education will meet on Monday, November 14, 2022, at 6:00 pm in the Ellsworth Elementary School Community Room for a regular school board meeting. The agenda: Call to Order, Roll Call, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: Middle School Veteran's Day program, High School Musical, Cross Country State athletes, WI State Honors Music students, EES Touch a Truck Event. OLD BUSINESS- ACTION: Approval of the October 10, 2022, school board meeting minutes, Approval of the October 24, 2022, special school board meeting minutes, Approval of the October 2022 financial report. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS. OPEN PERIOD FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEW BUSINESS- ACTION: Personnel Report, Short Term Borrowing Resolution. NEW BUSINESS-DISCUSSION: School Board Election Process, 2021-2022 Forward Exam and ACT Data, November 2022 School Board Policy Technical Changes, School Board Policy Volume 31, #2 and additional policies- first reading. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Locker Room Project Update. CLOSED SESSION: The meeting will move to closed session as authorized by State Statute 19.85(1)(c)&(f) to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation for any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction and to give preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems. The school board will return to open session and take action on closed session if necessary. 1. Employee Performance Update

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: Action on any decision

TOWN OF EL PASO

Notice of Budget Public Hearing, Special Meeting and Monthly Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given that on November 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., at the El Paso Town Hall, N5325 450th St., Ellsworth, a Public Hearing will be held on the proposed budget for the Town of El Paso for the year 2023. The proposed budget in detail will be available for inspection at the Town Hall by appointment with the Town Clerk. It is the right of citizens of the Town of El Paso to attend the hearing and provide oral or written comments and to ask questions regarding the entire budget. The budget summary will also be posted.

Immediately following adjournment of the Public Hearing on the proposed budget a Special Meeting of the electors will be called pursuant to Wis. Statutes, sec. 60.10 (1)(a) to adopt the 2022 Tax Levy to be paid in the year 2023.

Agenda:

- Call Meeting to Order
- Roll Call
- Statement of Public Notice
- Discuss/Take Action: Adopt the Tax Levy to be collected in 2023
- Adjourn

Immediately following this Hearing and Special Meeting, the monthly Town Board meeting will be convened with agenda as follows:

Agenda:

- Call Meeting to Order
- Roll Call
- Statement of Public Notice
- Minutes of Previous Meetings
- Planning Commission Minutes
- Reports
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Road Maintainer's Report
- Public Comments
- Agenda Items
 - Discuss/Take Action: 465th Ave RR bridge
 - Discuss/Take Action: 450th Ave. Road project
 - Discuss/Take Action: Road work
 - Discuss/Take Action: Broadband service @ Town Hall/Shop
 - Assessor contract 2023-26
 - Ordinance to Establish Fire Inspection Duties Elmwood Fire Dept.

- Audit Bills
- Correspondence
- Future Agenda Items
- Next Meeting Date
- Adjourn

Sherri Heise, Clerk
Published in The Journal and Posted w/ Budget Summary (3 town public places)

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taken in closed session, if any, and if appropriate. ADJOURN

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CITY OF RIVER FALLS AGENDA PLAN COMMISSION (COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE) WORKSHOP TRAINING ROOM NOVEMBER 17, 2022 6:30 pm

****The Training Room is open to the public. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency, unvaccinated attendees are asked to wear a mask and social distance.****

AGENDA:
1.Focus River Falls Comprehensive Plan Update

Council members may be in attendance for informational purposes only. No official Council action will be taken.

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.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, PIERCE COUNTY Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 22PR72 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE Gary L. James March 5, 1941

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

- An application for informal administration was filed.
- The decedent, with date of birth June 22, 1939 and date of death September 4, 2022, was domiciled in Pierce County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N5744 County Road O, Ellsworth, WI 54011.
- All interested persons waived notice.
- The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is February 15, 2023.
- A claim may be filed at the Pierce County Courthouse, Ellsworth, Wisconsin, Room 201.

FORM COMPLETED: Jens H. Loberg

ADDRESS:
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359 W. Main Street
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BAR NUMBER:
1086839

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, PIERCE COUNTY Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 22PR73 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Dennis M. Sorenson, 10/17/2022

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

- An application for informal administration was filed.
- The decedent, with date of birth February 9, 1960, and date of death October 17, 2022, was domiciled in Pierce County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W2684 County Road, B, Spring Valley, WI 54767.
- All interested persons waived notice.
- The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is February 16, 2023.
- A claim may be filed at the Pierce County Courthouse, Ellsworth, Wisconsin, Room 201.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, PIERCE COUNTY Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 22PR65 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Richard Allen Thom

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

- An application for informal administration was filed.
- The decedent, with date of birth June 22, 1939 and date of death September 4, 2022, was domiciled in Pierce County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N5744 County Road O, Ellsworth, WI 54011.
- All interested persons waived notice.
- The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 24, 2023.
- A claim may be filed at the Pierce County Courthouse, 414 W Main Street, Ellsworth, Wisconsin, Room 201.

FORM COMPLETED:
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