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Our View

Fatalities, boondocking must be quickly curbed

There were five snowmobile fatalities through the fourth weekend of January and there have been numerous complaints about sledders going off marked trails, both of which are serious issues that demand immediate attention.

According to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), speed is a contributing factor in nearly all fatal snowmobiling accidents. And drinking alcohol before or during your ride slows reactions, impairs judgment and is a leading contributor to snowmobiling deaths. Last winter, alcohol was involved in 70% of the 23 snowmobiling fatalities.

The DNR also encourages snowmobilers to carry a first-aid kit, dress appropriately, avoid traveling across unfamiliar waterbodies that don't have marked trails, and never travel alone.

Abundant early-season snow has made it far too tempting for sledders to leave the trails and venture across open wetlands and privately-owned fields, the kind of off-trail riding that is called "boondocking."

That's a huge problem for area snowmobile clubs and property owners who have leased their private lands for trail access, for the off-trail riding amounts to trespassing and it's putting a strain on local clubs as they field complaints from landowners.

Todd Bierman, Vilas County's parks and recreation supervisor, said continued violations will lead to trail closures — which will have huge negative impacts on snowmobiling and the greater tourism industry for years to come.

Besides the trespassing issue, what rogue sledders are doing is damaging wetlands and adversely affecting wildlife habitat. Every time a new trail gets cut through bogs and swamps and grasslands, it provides easy access for predators.

It's not just the current year that's affected when otherwise generous property owners turn sour on snowmobiling because of this rampant trespassing. Trail reroutes take time, energy and money, and quite often diminish the quality of the trail-riding experience for years to come.

A snowmobile trail network that utilizes private property is a privilege, not a right, and it won't last if sledders continue to be disrespectful of those lands.

Behind the editorial 'we'

Members of the Vilas County News-Review editorial board include Publisher Kurt Krueger, Editor Michelle Drew and reporters Jon Eichman, Stephanie Dye and Doug Etten.

A game that tests our human behavior

ROBERT REICH IS obsessed with the belief we are in an era of staggering economic inequality. Reich is a college professor and ultra-liberal political commentator who worked in the cabinets of former presidents Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter and William Clinton.

For decades Reich says, almost all the gains from growth have been going to a small sliver of Americans at the top—while most people's wages have stagnated, adjusted for inflation. About eight years ago, Reich shared a simple game he conducts with his students that is an interesting test of human behavior.

In his words, here it is. I have them split up into pairs and ask them to imagine I'm giving \$1,000 to one member of each pair. I tell them the recipients can keep some of the money only on the condition they reach a deal with their partner on how it's to be divided.

People Make the Difference

By Byron McNutt



They have to offer their partner a portion of the \$1,000, and their partner must either accept or decline. If the partner declines, neither of them gets a penny. What would you do?

You might think many recipients of the imaginary \$1,000 would offer their partner one dollar, which the partner would gladly accept. After all, a dollar is better than nothing. Everyone is better off, right?

But that's not what happens. Most partners decline any offer under \$250, even though that means neither of them gets anything.

This game, and variations of it, have been played by

social scientists thousands of times with different groups and pairings, and with remarkably similar results, Reich contends.

A far bigger version of the game is being played on the national stage, as a relative handful of Americans receive ever-larger slices of the total national income while most Americans, working harder than ever, receive smaller ones.

And just as in the simulations, those receiving the smaller slices are starting to say "no deal." You might say, there are unknown factors in Reich's little game! Remember, Reich is slanting the results to bolster his own

slants.

Some might attribute this response to envy or spite. But when I ask my students why they refused to accept anything less than \$250 and thereby risked getting nothing at all, they say it's worth the price of avoiding unfairness.

Remember, I gave out the \$1,000 arbitrarily. The initial recipients didn't have to work for it or be outstanding in any way. When a game seems arbitrary, people are often willing to sacrifice gains for themselves in order to prevent others from walking away with far more.

The American economy looks increasingly arbitrary, as CEOs of big firms now rake in 300 times more than the average worker, while two-thirds of Americans live paycheck to paycheck.

Reich says some of his students who refused anything less than \$250 also say they

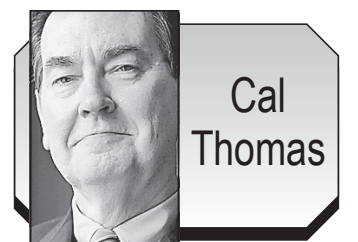
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Mountains of fun to enjoy

Frigid temperatures didn't stop children from enjoying hours of wintertime activities atop mountains of snow at Pitlik's Polish Regatta held last Saturday at Pitlik's Resort. Snow cleared ahead of the event provided large banks for youths to climb.

—Staff Photo By STEPHANIE DYE



Cal Thomas

Inhumanity in Memphis

No adjective is sufficient to describe the reaction one gets from watching five Memphis police officers beat 29-year-old Tyre Nichols to within an inch of his life. He later died of his injuries in a local hospital.

"Inhumane" and "senseless" are as close as it comes. While Nichols was accused of "reckless driving," it was an insufficient charge to cause such a violent reaction by the five cops. In fact, the 67-minute video shows Nichols posed no threat and tried to calm the officers, who were quickly dismissed from the force and their special Scorpion crime-fighting unit disbanded. In the gut-wrenching video we hear Nichols calling out for his mother, who later stated she didn't want any protests to turn violent. All five officers have been charged with second-degree murder, two counts of official misconduct, two counts of aggravated kidnapping, one count of official oppression and one count of aggravated assault.

Unfortunately, there are people who use such incidents for political purposes. One example came from CNN commentator Van Jones, who said even though the five officers were Black (as was Nichols), the beating could still have been driven by racism. His argument was that police officers — even Black police officers — "internalize" certain stereotypes about other Black people.

Antifa is a group that seems to be on a mission to harm the country. It immediately called for nationwide protests, which quickly broke out in some major cities. An Antifa poster obtained by the Daily Mail called for demonstrators to gather in New York and other cities, bring weapons and "burn it all down." On cue, protesters threw fireworks at a Los Angeles police cruiser and a squad car was smashed

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To ride or to stride

DIFFERENT STROKES FOR different people.

Some people prefer to ride, while others prefer to stride. Me, I much prefer to stride with the exception of the few times in recent years I've used a bicycle for transportation.

I guess you could call me a long-in-the-tooth stubborn old-timer, but for the most part I have little use for all the modern conveyances which people use to get themselves into the back country of northern Wisconsin or any other such territory.

For myself, I have no truck for things like snowmobiles, ATVs or UTVs, except for work or sometimes getting from one far piece of ground to another on private hunting lands.

Don't get me wrong; for all those people who cherish their horseless carriages I have no ill will. If that's what trips their trigger, I say go for it, but don't mess with



Trails & Tales By Will Maines

me in the backwoods reaches I roam on my own two hind legs.

Seriously, recreational vehicles are an unquestioned asset to our tourism economy. Those people who enjoy using them are welcome as far as I'm concerned, as long as they stay on the roads and trails designated for their use.

I guess I'm pretty much like Mr. President of the Old Duck Hunters' Association, Inc., the fictional organization brought to life by Wisconsin's master outdoor storyteller, Gordon MacQuarrie.

In his story, "The Belated Neighbor," MacQuarrie tells

of a far-roaming partridge hunt he and Mr. President undertook one autumn afternoon. After 15 miles of wandering through thick forest, farm fields and other assorted terrain, the two of them were hiking back to their vehicle on a dusty, graveled road some miles west of Superior.

Every time a vehicle came from behind them, it covered them with a fresh layer of dust. After one such happening, Mr. President led MacQuarrie to the center of the road, pointed to a groove in the gravel and explained that the groove was created by his tail dragging in the dust.

That's the kind of outing I like, except that I would never claim to walk 15 miles to try and find a partridge, none of which Mr. President and MacQuarrie found on the day in question.

These days, my tail starts dragging after about three or

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OPINION/COMMENTARY

Phelps citizens dispute recent room tax information

Letter to the Editor:

In response to the "Letter to Phelps Residents" recently published (regarding the implementation of a room tax in the town of Phelps), this will be brief and understandable.

1. The room tax amount has not been discussed to be at 7%; anywhere from 2% to 5% is under consideration.

2. The tax is paid entirely by the person paying for the room. The resort/hotel/VRBO/AirBnB owner does not pay the tax.

3. Phelps will be the second-to-last town in Vilas County to enact the tax.

4. The persons routing the petition to ask the Phelps Town Board to consider enacting a room tax are very much aware of Mr. (Pete) Moline's input.

5. The room tax would have no effect on the Phelps School District, and one has to wonder why Mr. Moline is so concerned about the school, since he chose to send his kids to Northland Pines.

6. The Chamber of Commerce (the entity that would receive 70% of the collected tax) is there to promote tourism and support local businesses. There is no online system currently in Phelps that allows people to book rooms on the chamber website, so it would be hard to prove if the activities of the chamber did or

did not get a person to book a room.

7. The Phelps Chamber of Commerce is mostly supported by the Phelps taxpayers. The room tax would relieve the local taxpayers of much of that burden.

8. Tourists and visitors would contribute to the cost of their use of our boat landings, parks, roads, and the many sports trails.

9. I was at the August meeting, and I must correct Mr. Moline, as the show of hands was asked for, the majority of the 40-plus people in attendance supported the room tax.

10. Mr. Moline's statements of being overworked, not being able to hire personnel, and the increased cost of energy, fuel, and materials has no relationship to a room tax. Again, it is entirely paid by the user.

If you want more information or details, you can read the Wisconsin Statute about a room tax. And you can always attend a town board meeting and ask for discussion.

Please disregard sensationalized headlines. Do your own research and form your own opinions.

Sincerely,
Phelps citizens
Mary Ann Holcomb,
Jan Engberg and
Deb Thomson

Plea made to install internet at St. Germain town park

Dear Editor:

This letter goes out to the community of St. Germain. Some of you have already been hooked up to the new high-speed internet, but some of us are still waiting. This was to be a three-year project, but unfortunately, it is going to take longer than that to get everybody serviced.

The town of St. Germain purchased equipment to offer high-speed internet in the park area. This project is not part of the grant program to deliver better internet to the community; this was a separate project. There is indecision whether this equipment should be installed and operational now, or to wait until the entire community has been taken care of.

I am sending a plea to support the park project being completed now. To be able to offer vendors of craft shows and participants of events is a boon to our community groups who sponsor these events.

It may not seem as important as households, but it makes our community events more attractive, and therefore brings more participation and tourism to our area.

If the individual household project continues on its present schedule, we could be waiting a year or two (or three) for the project to be complete. As the town has already purchased the equipment, what if it becomes

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four miles, especially on a hot September afternoon when I have fought my way through briars, evergreen thickets and swaths of brush thick enough to discourage a gnat's passage.

Still, it is my way of going in the backwoods. I would have none other.

To me, there is nothing better than roaming for hours up and down hills, sauntering through open valleys, battling through jungles of alder brush along a creek bank or slogging through marsh grass and mud.

It matters not whether I am heading for some upper reach of a fabled trout stream like the Brule or the

Marengo, getting back "into the country" to a hidden pothole where a mallard or two might be found, or simply scouting for next year's Christmas tree. Going afoot is what trips my trigger.

Sometimes while trying to still hunt a buck, I'll spend two hours covering a mere mile of woods. I may not see a buck—usually don't—but along the way I might find the remains of a partridge killed by a weasel, a semi-rotted tree trunk reduced to rubble by pileated woodpeckers, or catch a glimpse of a somewhat rarely seen scarlet tanager in this area.

I will walk over a rough mile in and the same out, to reach a hidden waterfall such as the Devil's Kettle Falls on the Brule River of Minnesota, running through

Judge C.R. Magney State Park, not far south of the Canadian border.

The hike itself is not exceptionally difficult, but the 200 or so final steps down from a bluff to the falls is a test for these old legs. I have done it more than once, just to see a falls that not only go over a ledge to fall into a pool 25 feet below but partially fall into a gaping hole in the rocky gorge bordering the river, there to disappear forever.

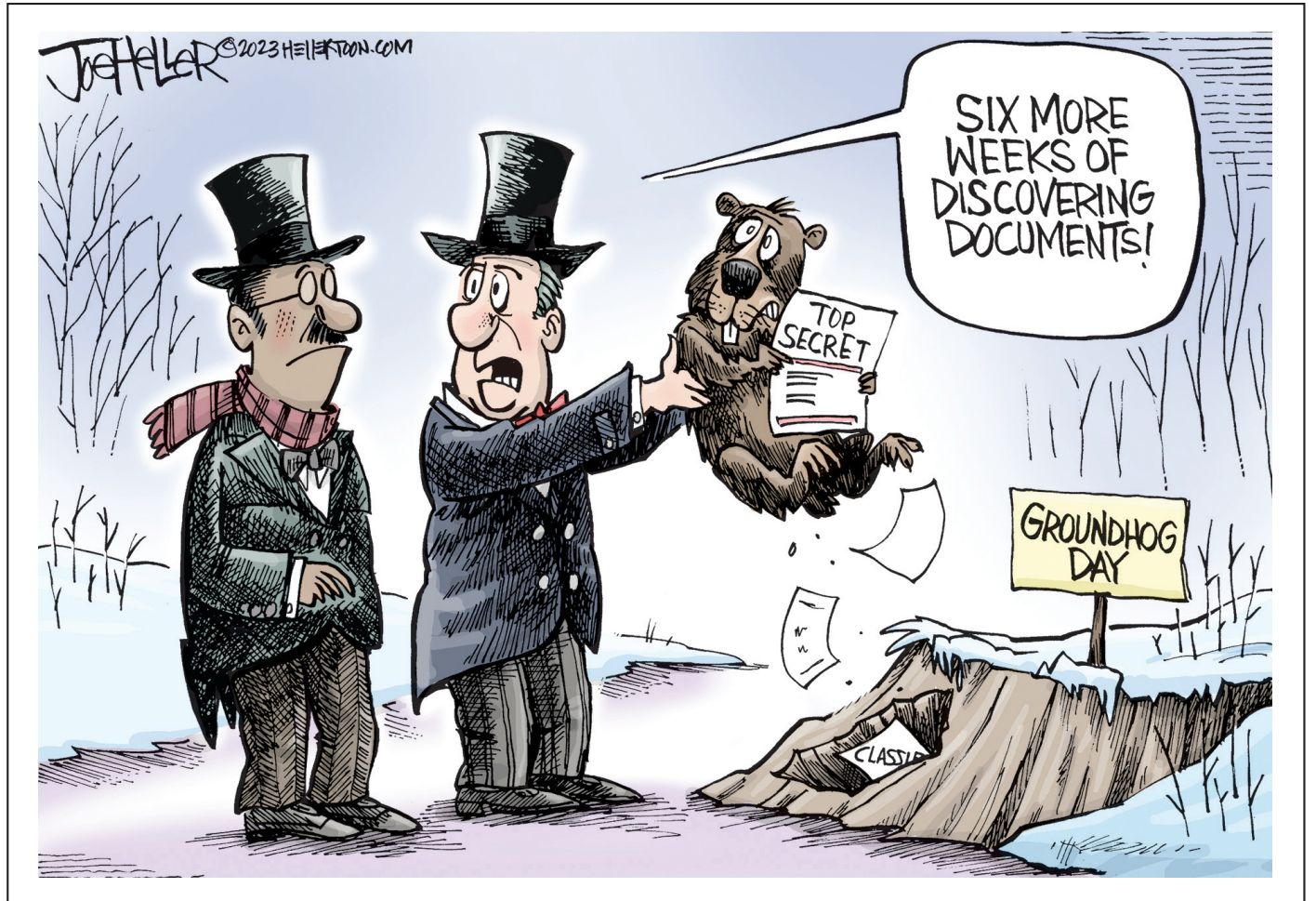
The same test of legs is true of the portion of the Appalachian Trail I have walked. The nine-mile circumference of Pallette, Escanaba, Mystery and Spruce lakes, I have both walked and skied and the miles of prairie and cattail masses I have trudged across and through, as well as the

many miles of marked and unmarked terrain in the mountains of the West I have wandered through.

I have often said it, and I steadfastly hold to it, that on a five-mile hike through the woods I will see more wild game, songbirds, eagles, hawks, owls and all the other critters that roam those woods than a snowmobiler or off-road vehicle rider will see in a day of driving.

Not to say anyone is wrong in preferring their engine-powered mode of transportation versus the leg-powered of mine; I'm just saying I like my woods to be quiet and peaceful.

Each to their own, I guess, but when it comes to ride or stride, I'll choose striding every time, no matter what my tired old legs tell me.



Violence on both left, right sides should be condemned

Dear Editor:

In Robert Koehler's Jan. 25th editorial "Are we on the verge of Civil War" he is essentially blaming the Republican Party for fomenting this potential disaster.

As examples, he cites violence perpetrated by "right wingers" including the Jan. 6 "insurrection," the attack on Paul Pelosi by a deranged man, and an incident where bullets were fired into houses of politicians in New Mexico.

However, he conveniently ignores the violence perpetrated by "left wingers" including the Waukesha Christmas Day Parade where

Darrell Brooks (a backer of Black Lives Matter and rapper who's "songs" include lyrics about killing whites) killed six people and injured 62 by running them over with a vehicle. He also forgets the shooting attack in 2017 on a congressional baseball game where six people were shot by James Hodgkinson who was a left wing activist, and he ignores all the left-backed riots that occurred in cities across the country where buildings were burned with people being injured and killed. Shouldn't all violence on both sides be condemned?

People like Mr. Koehler do not seem to realize that almost exactly 50% of the nation does not think the way he does. The left has basically achieved a monopoly on mainstream media and they dismiss all opposing views and censor stories that are unflattering to the left's narratives.

Basically, if you dare to question anything related to election integrity, forced vaccinations, open borders, critical race theory, climate change, or other "hot button" issues, your views are summarily dismissed and you are labeled a "domestic terrorist" or "white supremacist", called stupid, and are lumped in with Hilary Clinton's "deplorables." In their mind, this justifies the dismissal of opposing viewpoints. Remember, this is 50% of the country whose opinions are being ignored. It is not a lunatic fringe!

I think that the real danger here is that since one side is being bottled up, pressure and resentment builds. Both sides of any story should be presented fairly and open debate should be held freely.

This relieves pressure and is not happening in today's environment. If one side is being arrogantly ignored by

the other, then there is no pressure relief and eventually something could explode. Mr. Koehler seems to think that "joke warfare" by the right is the real threat. This is laughable.

Mr. Koehler is usually all about finding peace and harmony. However from where I'm sitting, it looks like his editorial is following one of the left's most successful strategies — blame the other side for what your side is doing. If anything, he is just as guilty of creating an environment of separation and fanning the flames of civil war as any "MAGA T-shirt" wearer.

Jay Rosenbecker
Phelps

There are two types of people — those who come into a room and say, Well, here I am! and those who come in and say, Ah, there you are.

Frederick L. Collins

WHAT OTHERS SAY

State emergency agency honored

By ANDREW BECKETT
WISCONSIN EMERGENCY MGMT.

MADISON — Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM), the state's coordinating agency for disaster preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery efforts, has been recognized by the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) for its commitment to excellence. The EMAP commission last week approved the division's application for accreditation renewal, following an extensive review of WEM policies and procedures.

"This accreditation demonstrates that Wisconsin Emergency Management meets the highest standards for the field," said WEM Administrator Greg Engle. "This achievement is the result of the hard work of all our staff, and it

helps to prove that Wisconsin's disaster preparedness and response operations are capable of standing up to the challenges the state may face."

WEM, a division of the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs, works with state and federal agencies, private sector partners, volunteer organizations, and the state's county and tribal emergency management offices to build capabilities and coordinate resources to support a safe and resilient Wisconsin. WEM oversees programs focused on building emergency response plans, conducting training classes and functional exercises, coordinating the deployment of resources, and overseeing recovery and mitigation programs.

"Emergency management is a critical part of the Department of Military Affairs' mission, and this accreditation reflects the

tremendous effort made by the division to ensure it is ready to respond to the toughest situations," said Maj. Gen. Paul Knapp, Wisconsin's adjutant general.

Review by the EMAP is the only accreditation process for emergency management programs and is a fundamental part of creating a national preparedness system that can stand up to the challenges presented by natural and man-made disasters.

"Congratulations to those programs that have maintained their accredited status as well as those who have joined the elite leaders in emergency management having earned accreditation through the Emergency Management Accreditation Program. Through their commitment and leadership, they have proven to their communities and

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in New York. Thousands of protesters turned out in Memphis, Portland and Seattle.

Several things must be said about this in addition to condemning the undeniable cruelty of the beating Nichols sustained. In response to Jones' suggestion of racism, Black people are the majority race in Memphis, over 64%, according to the latest Census. The mayor of the city and a majority of the city council are Black, as is the police chief. This should quiet claims of racism among the population and the projection of this sin on other police officers who serve with honor and distinction, sometimes risking their lives.

A question I have asked on several occasions when

demonstrators became rioters and attacked property, looted and committed other criminal acts: who are these people? Are they all locals? If not, where did they come from? How did they get to these cities so quickly? What organization is paying them? Who printed and paid for some of their signs?

During past protests there have been reports of trucks showing up and handing out preprinted signs. There is a website that offers protesters for virtually any cause in exchange for payment. It's called "Crowds on Demand." I have never heard a reporter ask any of the above questions or investigate who is behind some of these demonstrations, who underwrites the cost of their transportation, lodging, food and whether any of them are being paid?

It does not diminish

what happened in Memphis, or the culpability of the fired police officers to ask these questions. From what the video shows there was no justification for what happened to Tyre Nichols. Neither is there any justification for violent behavior in reaction to it, which changes and improves nothing. The justice system will proceed, as it should. If the five men are found guilty, they will pay a stiff price.

Unfortunately, Tyre Nichols has paid the ultimate price. No amount of justice for those now ex-cops will restore his young life.

Readers may email Cal Thomas at caeditors@tribpub.com. Look for Cal Thomas' latest book "America's Expiration Date: The Fall of Empires and Superpowers and the Future of the United States." (Harper-Collins/Zondervan).

READER OPINION

Is the death knell tolling for civility and manners?

Letter to the Editor:
Civility: The area of life where a person shows respect for fellow human beings. Recently I have been alarmed by the brazenness and rudeness of some of our

youth in the community of Eagle River. Society used to value moral standards, etiquette, and politeness to others, but with the advent of technology and divided politics, these societal norms

seem to be falling by the wayside. By citing some recent personal experiences, I hope to elucidate what I am noting. I, and many others in the community, are allowed to

walk at the high school for a few hours per day. I usually go around 2 p.m., mostly to walk and get out of the facility before the buses line up. This is the first year that I have noted more rudeness from the teenagers in the physical education classes. Some of the students will stop playing basketball when they see people coming, but I have had to dodge more frisbees and flying objects this year than in the past. So far no one has gotten hurt, but for myself I have felt more hurt by some of the insolence and "glares" delivered from young men than dodging their near-misses. In the essence of fairness, I (nor anyone else to my knowledge) has addressed this with the great coach that we have at the high school, Josh Rhode. This will be my first step and perhaps some other walkers in the community will join me.

The other concern that I have is taking place at the Wild Eagle Lodge where many old-

er folks in the community go to swim. This is a great facility and, at the small price of \$30 for a punch card, is a great place to exercise and enjoy warmth during our long-winter months. However, it seems that periodically some of the local teenagers use the facility on off-days when school has been canceled due to snow days.

This is what occurred on Jan. 17. Seventeen teenagers used the pool and even though there are many signs asking for respect, such as put your towel in the bin, etc., they trashed the men's room, leaving many towels lying around and papering the walls with paper towels.

The attendant working that day had to stay later to clean up. So much for respect and politeness. The Wild Eagle has been kind enough to offer their facility to the community, but how long will they do so if the place gets trashed occasionally? This would be a

huge loss to many in the area who use the pool frequently. I am hopeful that the parents of these teenagers read this and make things right with Wild Eagle Lodge with an apology to the correct party.

So, how do we get beyond this in-your-face and I-before-you culture? I do think much of this is societal and needs to be addressed from the top down, starting with our highest officials, but locally it needs to start with parents and then perhaps the school system. Are we all respecting others more than ourselves first (Phil. 2:3) and, by doing that, hopefully instilling values down the line? Perhaps more of us adults need to remember the old axiom, "Do unto others..." Sadly, I realize that all of this takes time to instill, but we need to start somewhere and it only begins with us.

Remember, kindness is currency.
Nancy Brandner
Eagle River



THREE BEAR SLED DOG RACES
Land O' Lakes, Wisconsin

February 5 - 6 2022

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 10am Races Start at Land O' Lakes Town Hall
- 10am-3pm Free Skating at the Snowflake Ice Rink
- 10am-2pm Bonfire & Hot Chocolate near starting gate hosted by the Frosty Snowmobile Club
- 11am-1pm Pasty Sales by SOAR students
- 11am Kids Mutt Race Registration
- Noon Kids Mutt Races Start
- Noon-2pm Free Valentines Craft Project at LOLA
- 8pm-?? Mushers Ball at Gateway Lodge music by Sons of Legend

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 9am Races Start at Town Hall
- 10am-3pm Free Skating at the Snowflake Ice Rink
- 11am Kids Mutt Race Registration
- Noon Kids Mutt Races Start

ThreeBearSledDogRaces

County, towns should keep snow on designated snowmobile routes

Letter to the Editor:

A huge thank you to all the volunteers of our snowmobile clubs. The conditions of our trails here in the North Woods are superb and it is through the work of the groomers, maintenance personnel, fundraising and communication teams at the clubs that we can enjoy this superb benefit that results in increased economic growth for our communities and businesses in the winter.

I also want to thank private landowners for their generous donation of the use of their land for snowmobilers to access trails. I hope that all of us respect the privilege of using this land to enjoy our sport.

While the snowmobile eco-

system is strong here in the North Woods, I note that there is one area that is out of sync with keeping our trail system the best in the state, if not the country.

Wednesday morning while traversing Trail 10 westbound, I was traveling on a designated snowmobile route, Pine Lane, just west of Highway 45 and east of Bloom Road. Much to my chagrin, I came head-to-head with a grader plowing much of the 2-inch fluff off the road.

Of course, I moved over to the south side of Pine Lane to allow the grader to continue to scrape the road, but I had to wonder why. Perhaps the three residences and one driveway

access complained about the condition of the road to the town of Lincoln. Perhaps Pine Lane is an important bypass for those traveling Highway 70 to connect to Highway 45 southbound. Or, perhaps, the grader had extra fuel and time to scrape a quarter mile stretch of road that is designated as a snowmobile route.

Thankfully, the road and trail are in much better shape for snowmobilers east of Highway 45. I urge our county and town governments to keep some snow on the roads for the safety of our snowmobilers, especially on designated snowmobile routes.

Dick Leinenkugel
Eagle River

Eagle River volunteers contribute generously to shoebox initiative

Dear Editor:

I am writing to thank Eagle River-area residents for sharing the true meaning of Christmas with children in need this past holiday season.

Generosity throughout contributed to a successful shoebox gift collection season at drop-off locations for the Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child. Across the U.S., the project collected over 9.3 million shoebox gifts in 2022. Combined with those collected from partnering countries in 2022, the ministry is now sending nearly 10.6 million shoebox gifts to children

worldwide.

Through shoeboxes — packed with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items — Eagle River-area volunteers brought joy to children in need around the world. Each gift-filled shoebox is a tangible expression of God's love and it is often the first gift these children have ever received.

Through the continued generosity of donors since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 209 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories. This year, Samaritan's Purse delivered

its milestone 200 millionth shoebox, which was packed on a country-wide tour and then hand-delivered to a young girl in Ukraine.

Across Wisconsin, shoebox packers often shop for deals on shoebox items throughout the year, and many serve at a deeper level by becoming a year-round volunteer. Information about ways area participants can get involved year-round can also be found at samaritanpurse.org/occ or by calling 630-474-9478.

Although local drop-off locations for gifts are closed until Nov. 13-20, 2023, anyone can still be a part of this life-changing project by conveniently packing a shoebox gift online in just a few simple clicks at samaritanpurse.org/buildonline.

These simple gifts, packed with love, send a message to children worldwide that they are loved and not forgotten.

Sincerely,
Lizette Miller
Samaritan's Purse

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stakeholders that their Programs are sustainable and that they continue to focus on their communities' best interests," stated Angee Morgan, deputy director of Kansas Division of Emergency Management and the EMAP commission chair.

WEM was first accredited

by the EMAP in 2016. The division is required to undergo self-assessment and a peer review of its operations every five years to maintain that status. The most recent renewal process started in late 2021 and was carried out through 2022.

More information about the EMAP and its standards is available at emap.org. Learn more about WEM and its mission at wem.wi.gov.

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feared that allowing the initial recipient to keep a disproportionately large share would give her the power to rig the game even more in the future.

Reich believes America's real-life distributional game which benefits only a few at the top allows those in political power to alter the rules to their advantage. If the Amer-

ican economy continues to create a few big winners and many who feel like losers by comparison, the losers will find many other ways to say "no deal."

What prompted this column by Reich was the battle in Congress over the Trans-Pacific Partnership. It used to be an article of faith that trade was good for America because we all gain access to cheaper goods and services. Reich isn't sure most Americans still support free trade.

obsolete before being installed?

The grant project timetable is taking much longer than expected. I understand we are all excited about this upgrade to our households — I am too. Again, the town public area is not part of the grant; it is a separate project.

Please show your support in expediting the installation at our park.

Thank you,
Jacki Goebel
St. Germain

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