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Goede triumphs after red flag dulls Stephenson's run at five

BY DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

A fast sled, a late-race change of his front right carbide and a little bit of luck helped push Matt Goede of Mayer, Minn., and his No. 28 Formula III Ski-Doo to victory lane as the heralded ice oval driver was crowned champion of the 60th World Championship Snowmobile Derby in Eagle River Sunday afternoon.

After it had looked as if Blaine Stephenson was well on his way to an unprecedented fifth World Championship, a spin out by his Wahl Bros., teammate grouped the field back up with two laps to go leading to Goede's opportunity.

A relatively uneventful race through the first 15 laps saw the field settle in early as Goede moved into the lead on lap three. Behind him, racers spaced themselves out across the half-mile ice oval as a bumpy, dirty and difficult track worsened over the course of the 25-lap final.

The track prior to the race was the hot topic as what had started the weekend as a smooth and fast oval of blue ice had turned to dirt in a number of areas after a weekend of hard race competition took its toll.

Goede said however it wasn't the track or his equipment as much as his

inability to see, due to a light mist, which caused him to pull back off the throttle with under 10 to go, opening the door for Stephenson to take the lead with just over seven laps left in the race.

"There was a freezing rain or fog that I could wipe away at the beginning of the race, but then it started to freeze on my goggles," said Goede. "I didn't feel safe driving and it got worse when you'd get into lap traffic."

From there it seemed as if Stephenson was on the way to his fifth title when Olson got tangled in turn four causing him to spin to the track and bring out the race's first and only red flag, with two laps to go.

During the race break as track personnel attended to Olson's sled, some teams and drivers took the opportunity to add a new carbide to their skis, helping regain what they thought would be some front end handling for the final two laps.

Off the staggered restart with Stephenson on the front of the line, it was Goede who got the hole shot to turn one to take the lead and he never looked back, winning over Zach Dewald of Au Gres, Mich., while Stephenson settled for



Matt Goede of Mayer, Minn., poses for a trophy presentation with Derby Queen Ashley Hopkins. —STAFF PHOTO

third.

"I'm thinking my track just held up better than the rest of the guys," said Goede about getting the late hole shot. "I tried hard not to spin my track hard until Blaine passed me. I am assuming he didn't have any studs left."

Stephenson said though he tried to do the opposite, he got into his throttle too hard off the restart and once the track spun he knew he'd have nothing for Goede.

"I sort've knew once the red came out, our chance of winning wasn't good," said Stephenson after the race. "But that's racing. I mean, we sort've won one like that a few years back. Still, it's just tough after what this team did this week to get us here. I am really proud of my guys and the way they battled."

As far as the carbide change, Goede said the plan from the start was, no matter when the red came out, he was changing his front right carbide on the machine.

"We had a carbide for that reason and I was putting it on no matter what," he said. "Evidently though the left carbide is just as important because even after changing the front right I had no steering. A lot of it too was the track. There just wasn't ice to dig anymore."

Celebrating after the race Goede said he appreciated being able to win what he said was the biggest race of his career so far.

"I would say this is the biggest race I've ever won," he said. "We've had such

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Large numbers turned out for 60th Derby

BY NEWS-REVIEW STAFF

The 60th annual World Championship Snowmobile Derby has closed the books on yet another historic weekend in the event's history with an electrifying experience in which racers, fans, staff and volunteers all played a key role.

A beautiful weekend drew larger numbers than expected to the area where the attraction of the North Woods winter wonderland was on display. Fresh powder on the trails and a packed field for the races perfectly showcased the 60th event and what the area has to offer.

Events took place from Jan. 19-22, as racers and fans from across the globe

came for a unique experience they can't get anywhere else besides at the World Championship Derby Complex (WCDC) in Eagle River. The big finish on Sunday showcased Matt Goede and his No. 28 Formula III Ski-Doo as he crossed the finish line first in the Derby's 60th World Championship race.

This win came just a week after being knocked out of the Vintage World Championship by fellow Vintage and Formula III driver, Jay Mitteltaedt, the Derby's 59th World Champion. Goede was the 2022 Vintage World Champi-

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Radar run canceled; bikini run event still in the works

BY MICHELLE DREW
EDITOR

ST. GERMAIN — The annual Hiller's Radar Run, scheduled for Feb. 3-4 on the West Bay of Little St. Germain Lake, has been canceled in the interest of safety, reported event coordinator Amy Greenberg.

"It is with great sadness that we have to cancel the 2023 Hiller's Radar Run," Greenberg said. "With the rain, warmer temperatures and significant snowfall this week, it has created the perfect storm to ruin the West Bay of Little St. Germain, and to deem it unsafe to hold our event."

Greenberg continued on to say that safety is the first priority, and organizers stand beside their decision to cancel "full-heartedly, knowing it was the right one to make."

Hiller's Radar Run is considered the largest winter lake race in Wisconsin and has grown to draw thousands to the area over the two-day event which features live music, concessions, and of course, snowmobile races.

In addition to radar runs, other racing attractions held during the annual event

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Matt Goede works quickly to change his front right carbide during a red flag Sunday. —Staff Photo By DOUG ETTEN

County warns 'boondocking' could lead to snowmobile trail closures

Online pledge urged to protect riding freedoms

BY MICHELLE DREW
EDITOR

The practice of some snowmobilers to go off-trail riding, or "boondocking" is causing a problem not only in Vilas County or Wisconsin, but the entire snowbelt, according to Todd Bierman, Vilas County Parks and Recreation supervisor.

"Off-trail riding is trespassing and the practice is putting a strain on local clubs and their landowners. The continued practice will lead to trail closing if it continues. Not may, will," Bierman said in a letter last week. "This leads us to look at public lands and this practice. Vilas County has national forest land, state forest land and county forest in our boundaries."

Bierman is asking riders utilizing area trails to join a local club as well as take a pledge online.

The pledge reads, "I realize that illegal off-trail riding is closing access for all snow-

mobilers and endangering our riding freedoms. This is about more than my personal rights or my wishes — this is about the good of the entire riding community."

It also involves agreeing to ride off-trail only where it's legal and accepted, checking if it's allowed when unsure, as well as protecting access for future generations and encouraging fellow riders to also take the pledge. The pledge can be taken at snowmobilerspledge.com.

As a reminder to outdoor enthusiasts in the area, Bierman reported allowed usage in each of these forests.

In Nicolet National For-

est, ordinances state that using a snowmobile on national forest system roads is prohibited unless such road is unplowed and has a snow accumulation exceeding 4 inches. Snowmobile use also is prohibited unless the national forest system trail is designated "open" for such use by posting. It is also prohibited to use or possess a motor vehicle off national forest system roads.

For Department of Natural Resources (DNR) lands within the Northern Highland American Legion State Forest, snowmobiles are only

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ENGINES REV — USSA flag man Jason "Rico" Borrero prepares to lift the green flag during racing action this past weekend at the World Championship Derby Complex in Eagle River. —STAFF PHOTO

DERBY

Stephenson wins in ProStar Cup event while Goede captures Sweet 16 in F-III

BY DOUG ETTEN
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There are dominant performances and then there is whatever you want to call what Blaine Stephenson did Friday night in Eagle River.

The Hutchinson, Minn., based driver and his No. 102 Wahl Bros. Polaris left zero doubt in anyone's mind who one of the fastest to ever race at the famed ice oval is. The four-time World Champion led from the drop of the green flag to the waving of the checkered in a caution-free Friday night ProStar Cup Tour event that netted him valuable season points and over a \$6,500 payday.

"Once we got motoring and found our line it was just about clicking off laps and staying out of the dirt," said Stephenson. "Winning felt a lot like the 2021 WC final where the track was just tough. And it wasn't just that we were able to manage that and win; it happened on a night where some of the top guys, as far as the points chase go, they didn't have as good of a night."

Matt Goede of Mayer, Minn., was one of the toughest challengers coming into Friday, but when his itchy throttle hand sent him to the back of the pack after he jumped the opening green, it was one less obstacle in the way for Stephenson.

Stephenson won the race to corner one, ahead of John Henke of Stevens Point and Gunnar Sterne of West Chicago, Ill., and charged down the backstretch to lead the first lap. From there his lead only grew from a few sled lengths to eventually 12 seconds as he lapped all but three drivers in the 12 sled final and put on an absolute clinic on how to drive a Pro Champ sled around the high banks of Eagle River.

Stephenson said following the win that he expected once they were in the free and clear his sled would build the lead, knowing full well that Sterne was going to be close for a while.

"Our test track stuff really paid off," said Stephenson. "We've put so much time in there to make sure when we get to the track the things we need in place are already there."

Sterne would get as far as moving to second place, and seemed to be making some ground on Stephenson, but fortunes wouldn't have it as the top challenger lost his steering early in lap three, turning his attention to simply finishing instead of chasing down the leader.

"I felt like we had an extremely fast sled in the final and were running a strong second catching the leader before we instantly lost our steering coming out of turn two," said Sterne. "We pushed her for 10 laps to come away with a third place finish."

Henke would end the night in second place, just a half-second ahead of Sterne. An up-and-coming Calvin Cook of Dayton, Minn., drove his No. 75 Polaris to a fourth place finish, eight seconds behind Sterne. He was the last racer on the lead lap.

Points standings for the USSA ProStar Cup were not updated as of press time.

The next event for the tour is the inaugural Sprint World Cup weekend in Wausau, Jan. 27-29. Over the three days, Pro Champ teams will be competing for nearly \$30,000 in cash and prizes. For more race information go to ussaprostar.com.

Sweet 16 Winner

An earlier start time didn't deter what was one of the largest Friday Night Thunder crowds in World Championship Derby Complex (WCDC) history. Thousands packed both the hillside and hot box seats on the front stretch while the hospitality boxes were also at capacity. Together, fans all watched as Matt Goede of Mayer, Minn., won the pole for Sunday's 60th running of the World Championship.

As the main event during Friday Night Thunder, the Sweet 16 event pitted 10 drivers on their Formula III machines, all battling for first place and the preferred starting position for Sunday's main event.

Goede, who's been no stranger to the victory lane at the Derby Complex, set the fast time for the field of 30



Blaine Stephenson was untouchable aboard his No. 102 Wahl Bros. Polaris during the ProStar Cup Tour event at Friday Night Thunder. Here he accepts his accolades in victory lane with the Derby royalty and USSA Competition Director Bob Richardson.

drivers Friday morning. After a disappointing run on his Pro Champ sled during the USSA ProStar Cup event, Goede shook off the less than desirable finish and led all but one lap of the 16-lap Sweet 16 main event.

Four-time World Champion Blaine Stephenson of Hutchinson, Minn., who dominated the ProStar Cup event earlier in winning by 12 seconds, got the whole shot to the first turn of the Sweet 16 and led the field around to the completion of lap one. But as Stephenson's Wahl Bros. Polaris tried sliding the back end around into turn one, Stephenson was bucked from his sled, which sent both he and the machine to the hay bales for the second time that evening.

"I call it the 'rookie bump' at Eagle River," said Stephenson. "And I've been bit by it more than a guy like me probably should."

With Stephenson back on his machine, but relegated to the back of the pack on the restart, Goede pounced and put his No. 28 Ski-Doo in front of the field, pacing the pack and fending off a late-race charge from Stephenson's Wahl Bros. teammate Tom Olson of Lodi, Wis., who settled for second place on his No. 39 Polaris.

Olson seemed to have a shot inside turns one and two on the final lap, but had to get off the throttle as Goede moved his line midway through the corner and shut off the passing lane. It stopped Olson's momentum dead in its tracks as Goede then separated by about five to six sled lengths



Guillaume Cayer-Richard of the Grand Prix Ski-Doo de Valcourt in Quebec, Canada, presented Laura Campbell and Craig Marchbank of the WCDC with a friendly proclamation Friday night.

and coasted through the final two turns to victory.

"I was surprised as anyone with how well our F-III ran today," Goede said Friday evening. "It's exciting though to be able to be on the pole and set fast time. I never would have believed it if you would have told me."

Goede is competing in his first year of F-III after garnering much success in his vintage and Pro Champ visits to Eagle River.

Following Goede and Olson in the Sweet 16 was Stephenson, who charged from 10th place at the restart with 15 laps to go, making his way through the field to finish just a half-second behind his teammate. Fourth went to Luke

Olson of Ishpeming, Mich., while Gunnar Sterne of West Chicago, Ill., rounded out the top five on his No. 220 Ski-Doo.

One of the surprises on the evening was Eagle River native Zach Herfindahl, who passed through the quarterfinals with the final transfer spot, then finished fourth in his semifinal

heat to move into the Sweet 16 field. He finished sixth on his No. 312 Arctic Cat team and seems to be headed in the right direction going into Saturday's World Championship qualifying races.

"We were happy with our team effort and are having some fun learning a new game," he said after.

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Racers take to a corner during racing action at the always-popular Friday Night Thunder event at the World Championship Derby Complex in Eagle River. The evening of races again attracted thousand of spectators for a full evening of racing.

WEATHER CORNER

Note: Precipitation amounts are recorded at 8 a.m. for the previous 24 hours.

LAST SEVEN DAYS				ONE YEAR AGO			
	Hi	Lo	Prec.		Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues., Jan. 17	33	27	.19"R	Mon., Jan. 17	23	18	0.8"S
Wed., Jan. 18	28	25	0.3"S	Tues., Jan. 18	33	19	None
Thurs., Jan. 19	28	25	9.2"S	Wed., Jan. 19	27	0	3.1"S
Fri., Jan. 20	26	17	3.1"S	Thurs., Jan. 20	8	-20	None
Sat., Jan. 21	21	14	None	Fri., Jan. 21	16	-27	None
Sun., Jan. 22	22	13	TR.S	Sat., Jan. 22	15	1	2.9"S
Mon., Jan. 23	27	21	None	Sun., Jan. 23	9	-2	0.5"S

LAST YEAR The average daily high at this time last year for the next seven days was 14, while the average overnight low was -10. There was snow on four days measuring 0.6 of an inch.

COMPARISON Days precipitation recorded since Jan. 1, 2023, 15 days; 2022, 11 days. Average high of past 30 days, 2023, 27; 2022, 19. Average low of past 30 days, 2023, 18; 2022, -4.

SNOW CONDITIONS Heavy amounts of snow has resulted in a significant improvement in snowmobile trail conditions throughout the North Woods.

'21-'22	'22-'23	
Snowy days	46	37
Inches to date	51.45"	50.40"
Ground cover	14"	15.5"

STREAMS AND LAKES Ice fishing is well underway for the season. Ice thickness ranges from approximately four to 12 inches and is deemed safe for walking and snowmobiling in most places.

FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy. High: 26° Low: 16°
Thursday: More clouds than sun. High: 22° Low: 12°
Friday: Chance of snow showers. High: 24° Low: 5°
Saturday: More clouds than sun. High: 10° Low: -4°
Sunday: Mostly cloudy. High: 7° Low: -10°

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

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Maki, Town win 3rd Enduro World Championship

BY DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

A true test of teamwork and endurance was on display at the World Championship Derby Complex this past Sunday afternoon where Dan Maki and Tyler Town split duties to pilot the No. 34 Polaris to victory lane in the third annual World Enduro Championship race which culminated races at the three day Eagle River event.

As a growing class the Enduro race involves up to a two-person team where they are allowed to split driver duties across the extent of the race. Town, who also took part in the Formula III events for the weekend, said that after what was a long three days of racing and wrenching the feeling of ending it in victory lane was a good one.

"It's indescribable," he said of the win. "I started racing when I was four years old on go-carts so to be standing here now as a World Champion means an awful lot. And honestly there is no way I could have done it without a partner like Dan."

Maki said after the win that he was fortunate in what was a caution-filled event to get good positioning at the start line and to keep his traction as much as he did for the frequent restarts to keep in front of trouble across the 130-lap race.

"I was lucky a few times to have the inside line which really helped us on a lot of those hole shots," said Maki. "From there it was just hanging onto our line. We sort've just chose the snow



The team of Dan Maki and Matt Town were champions of the 3rd Annual Enduro World Championship at the Derby Complex this Sunday. Pictured, from left, are second-place driver Zach DeWald, Maki, Town and third-place team members Nick Wickerham and Joey Burch.

—Photo By Speedshot Photography

berm line on the outside to try and hold onto our handling and it worked. A real team effort today."

Six of the 22 teams who took part in the race finished on the lead lap. Following Town and Maki was second place Zach DeWald and Kevin Flannery aboard their No. 57 machine.

Flannery started out on the sled to begin the race following DeWald's second place finishing the 60th running of the World Championship Snowmobile Derby

less than an hour before. DeWald made light of the situation after saying "it was just a No. 2 kind of day."

"Pretty happy with the day. We've got to keep working on getting to the No. 1 spot I suppose," said DeWald.

Coming in third was the No. 30 sled driven by Joey Burch and Nick Wickerham. "Just a long race with a lot of cautions," said Wickerham. "Went to the back and had a bad pit stop which put us in a rough spot a few

times, but we worked at it all day."

The Eagle River race was the first of four races on the Midwest International Racing Association (MIRA) circuit for the year. Teams will gather three more times, all in lower Michigan, starting with the Extreme Powersports 250 scheduled for Feb. 11-12 in Gaylord, Mich.

A full list of results for the MIRA event can be found by going to facebook.com/miraracing.

Off Trail

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allowed on trails that are designated for their use, so no off-trail riding is allowed.

Bierman added that, except as provided, no vehicle (including snowmobiles) may be operated on lands and waters under the supervision, management or control of the department unless its use is specifically authorized by posted notice. An exception may be made for power-driven mobility device permits where feasible and when approved by the DNR.

On Vilas County trails, the public may access the forest with registered snowmobiles as defined in the most current Wisconsin DNR Snowmobile regulations, on trails which have been approved for snowmobile use by the Forestry, Recreation and Land Committee.

Cross-county use of snowmobiles is prohibi-

ed; however, snowmobile use is permitted on all logging roads and fire lanes on the county forest when the ground is snow covered. Violations of this condition may result in penalties as identified in Chapter 16 Forest, Recreation And Land Ordinance.

"Approved trails and club routes must be signed, operated and maintained by an authorized and duly-formed club or organization with a valid Land Use Agreement and Trail Maintenance Agreement as approved by the Forest, Recreation and Land Committee," the ordinance states.

"The Vilas County snowmobile trail system, thanks to the 11 snowmobile clubs that secure access, mark, maintain and groom them, are asking you to please stay on the marked trails and keep your trails open for use," Bierman said.

For more information on trail use and other recreation, contact Bierman at 715-479-5160.

Radar

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include a Pink Ribbon Riders Men's Swimsuit Run and the very popular Knocker's Pizza Company Bikini Run which raises funds for breast cancer awareness.

Proceeds from the event go toward funding local fire and rescue departments, as well as the Pink Ribbon Riders.

Greenberg thanked sponsors for their support, as well as the 2023 Knockers bikini runners for putting time and effort into their fundraisers.

"These girls work so hard all year round and we could not have an event without them," she said. In 2022, the bikini riders raised more than \$80,000 at the event.

She reminded patrons

that although there will be no event this year, supporters can continue to financially support the St. Germain Fire Department and Rescue squad, Plum Lake Ambulance and Pink Ribbon Riders.

Greenberg added that an announcement will be made in the near future regarding an event to support the Knocker's Bikini Run racers.

"We look forward to hosting all of you for the 2024 Hiller's Radar Run," Greenberg said, adding that although the radar run was canceled, snowmobile enthusiasts should still visit the St. Germain area to use the local trail system.

"This significant snowfall did wonders for our trails," Greenberg said. "The Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club is grooming day and night to make riding epic."

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on and this year, he decided to take on the challenge of Formula III racing.

Goede spoke on how his crew, consisting of his two brothers and his dad, along with his sled owner and mechanic are irreplaceable and this race is owed to them. After a restart heading into the last two laps, Goede took over the lead off the hole shot from four-time world champion Blaine Stephenson, to secure his first World Championship at the WCDC's historic Ice-Oval.

Stephenson also commented on the race by noting that he knew there wasn't a big chance to win heading into the restart because there wasn't enough ice for his sled to dig into and get him going. He congratulated Goede on the win and thanked his team who said he will be back with next year.

WCDC CEO Tom Anderson said the weather was excellent over the

weekend to which the fans seemed to enjoy and helped to lead to increased revenue across the board. Hot seats were sold out on Friday and the grounds were packed both Saturday and Sunday. Almost every box was filled along the straight stretches outside and the side hills were full. The weather was a major factor in the success of the weekend.

Anderson also reported there were no serious injuries over the course of the weekend with the ambulances only having to run once for a non-serious injury.

"A few bumps and bruises but that's racing for you — the guys really did a great job of staying safe out there," said Anderson. "The crowd enjoyed these events and we are already planning for the events of the 61st Derby."

Prior to the opening ceremonies on Friday Jan. 20, Anne Sayers, secretary-designee of the Wisconsin Department of Tourism, delivered a Certificate of Commendation from Gov. Tony Evers to



A large crowd of spectators look on during the 60th running of the World Championship Snowmobile Derby title race in Eagle River.

The event highlighted a weekend of race events that brought thousands to the North Woods over the last 10 days.

ment of Tourism, delivered a Certificate of Commendation from Gov. Tony Evers to

the WCDC in recognition of the World Championship Snowmobile Derby and the ties snowmobiling has to northern Wisconsin culture and its economy.

Economic boom

Eagle River Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center Executive Director Kim Emerson detailed how the Derby is such a big proponent of the economic 'boom' we see during this part of the winter shoulder season.

"The Derby itself is a very important winter event for the community as a whole that brings a lot of people to the area," said Emerson. "Usually the Derby is averaging almost 10,000 people to the program throughout the whole weekend, and with that people are staying in our lodging facilities and are supporting our local businesses during this shoulder

season which is a huge economic boost."

Anderson highlighted that the weekends' success was also due to the dedication and effort given by the WCDC volunteers. Nearly 95 volunteers were a part of both championship weekends in which they worked in shifts to help facilitate and meet fan and racer needs all the while giving back to the community. Across the board sales were up and people were happy as the track was packed from Friday morning until Sunday afternoon.

"It was a great weekend, with a great turnout that could not have been done without the work of our WCDC volunteers," said Anderson. "Around 90 volunteers came out in shifts between Vintage and Derby weekend and some have even been at almost every

Derby event since 1964."

Derby weekend brought with it a multitude of different faces who all love the same thing, snowmobiling. The trails were hit hard and many local businesses were busy as people came to Eagle River to participate in a tradition that started with a simple exhibition on Dollar Lake in 1964.

Emerson reminded those visiting the area this winter to be mindful and safe while riding on the area's snowmobile trails.

"Our trails are open and in good condition, and are being groomed daily," said Emerson. "Please stay on the trails between the orange blazers, because if we don't, we may lose our privilege to ride in our area which includes almost 600 miles of trails, so please stay on the paths and abide by all the signs."



A couple of team members look over the race order which hangs on the back of the competition booth at the World Championship Derby Complex in Eagle River.

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cess on just about everything we've been on and now we can say we're a world champion. It feels so good to say that."

With the change to Formula III two years ago, this was the first year Goede decided to give it a go on the bigger machine and he thoroughly enjoyed it.

"I actually really enjoy driving the F-III, and actually I almost prefer it over the Champ," he said after the race. "Especially after the way we ran Friday night. And maybe that just gives me a bad taste in my mouth because I didn't do well. It's just really fun to drive. It wasn't at first, but now it seems we've got it handling pretty good. I like having more power. And after driving a Champ and then hopping onto these it feels good to have the extra power there."

Goede thanked his team and had a special thanks to his family who he said this year more than ever helped him through getting ready for Eagle River.

"This year my older brother did a lot with this sled, especially to get it to handle as good as it does now," he said. "Everyone came in saying Ski-Doo wasn't going to be any good. But we showed them wrong. I think if this track would have held together we still had the fastest sled out there."

Dewald said after the race that he was elated to have even made the field for Sunday, so to finish with a podium finish in the runner-up spot was outstanding.

"We partied pretty hard last night just happy with the fact we made the big show," said Dewald. "We're just stoked. To be up on the box with a silver means we're really going to party tonight."

Coming into the race out of the enduro circuit, Dewald was excited that after last year he got the opportunity to make the switch.

"We sort've decided last summer that we were going to put a little more time into it, build an F-III and go for it," he



Blaine Stephenson (No. 102) tries his best to stay ahead of Matt Goede who throttled away from the start line on his way to winning the 60th annual World Championship Snowmobile Derby in Eagle River this past Sunday. Zach DeWald (No. 57) is also pictured.

said. "And we're pretty happy with how it turned out."

Stephenson, who ended the day in third, commented on a few key points that were make-or-break across the 25-lap final.

"The studs were just gone at the end there, we had no traction," he said. "It took everything I could do to just keep the sled straight off the restart. There just wasn't anything."

Stephenson was on his way to victory, having passed Goede and put almost half a straight away between himself and Goede when his teammate Tom Olson was bumped by Calvin Cook and spun out in turn four to bring out the caution.

"I was able to find it where we weren't too rough getting into one, but then (turn) three was the hardest one," said Stephenson. "There was a patch that everyone was running low but it was through the dirt. The problem with riding it high is you take that risk of turning it up into the bales like I did twice this weekend already. But I got to where I could sort've put it on rails and it really helped me put a dent into Matt's lead there."

Finishing in fourth place, just one-tenth of a second from a podium finish, was Eagle River's Zach Herfindahl. The accomplished factory rider for Arctic Cat came to his hometown track having never turned a single lap on

the high banks prior to Friday's qualifying run.

He nearly put himself in the front row in Saturday's qualifying races, but a late-race pass in corner four from Gunnar Sterne of West Chicago, put him into Sunday's last chance qualifier race where he took one of the two transfer spots.

"It's been a great weekend and we've definitely learned a lot over the course of the last few days," said Herfindahl prior to Sunday's championship race. "Really proud of the guys and the team to be able to do this. It's been a lot of fun. Hope to be back next year."

Herfindahl will continue his ice oval season at the Soo 500 endurance race in a couple of weeks. From there it'll be back to the cross-country circuit as a member of the Team Arctic Cat squad.

Rounding out the field in fifth place was Colt Dellandrea of Sundridge, Ontario, Can., on his No. 53 Arctic Cat. Sixth went to Andy Shoemaker of Pinconning, Mich., followed by defending champion Jay Mittelstaedt of La Valle, Mike VanDolder of Barrie, Ontario, Can., Calvin Cook of Dayton, Minn., Tom Olson of Lodi, Gunnar Sterne of West Chicago, Ill., and Luke Olson of Ishpeming, Mich.

The following are the results of the Derby Oval events, listed by class, finish, racer and hometown:

World Championship: First, Matt Goede, Mayer, Minn.; second, Zach DeWald, Au Gres, Mich.; third, Blaine Stephenson, Hutchinson, Minn.

World Championship Pro Enduro: First, Tyler Town, Traverse City, Mich.; second, Zach Dewald, Au Gres, Mich.; third, Joey Burch, Mount Pleasant, Mich.

Sport F-500: First, Haven Bouverette, Bad Axe, Mich.; second, Markus Catlin, Merrill; third, Cameron Spencer, Flushing, Mich.

Pro Lite: First, Ashten Christensen, Luck; second, Calvin Peterson, Eden; third, Sean Shively, Shawano.

Pro Champ: First, Dan-ick Lambert, Sorel-tracy, Quebec, Canada; second, Calvin Peterson, Eden; third, Ashten Christensen, Luck.

Outlaw 600: First, Joe Schneider, St. Germain; second, Curtis Kurth, Big Bend; third, Jordan Grabowski, Eagle River.

Junior 2 F-500: First, Jazalyn Rathke, Wausau; second, Miranda Peterson, Lancaster, Minn.; third, Cale Maciag, Goetzville, Mich.

Junior 1 F-500: First, Derek Meyer, Michigamme, Mich.; second, Benjamin Meyer, Michigamme, Mich.; third, Alex Neumann, Merrill.

F-500 / Sportsman 600 Combo: First, Dustin Schwandt, Markesan; second, Nick Wickerham, Belding, Mich.; third, Collin Henderson, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

F-500: First, Markus Catlin, Merrill; second, Tyler Foster, Fairgrove, Mich.; third, Austin Graber, Clear Lake, Minn.

F-440 FC: First, Johnathon Proctor, Trufant, Mich.; second, Spencer Sears, St. Francis, Minn.; third, Tavish Perry, Eagle River.

60th WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SNOWMOBILE DERBY

Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023

Eagle River, Wisconsin

FORMULA III 600 — 25-LAP FEATURE RACE

Place	Bib #	Driver	City/State	Machine
1st	28	Matt Goede, Mayer, Minn.		Ski-Doo
2nd	57	Zach DeWald, Au Gres, Mich.		Polaris
3rd	102	Blaine Stephenson, Hutchinson, Minn.		Polaris
4th	312	Zach Herfindahl, Eagle River, Wis.		Arctic Cat
5th	53	Colt Dellandrea, Sundridge, Ont.		Arctic Cat
6th	22	Andy Shoemaker, Pinconning, Mich.		Arctic Cat
7th	297	Jay Mittestaedt, La Valle, Wis.		Polaris
8th	999	Mike VanDolder, Ski-Doo; Barrie, Ont.		Polaris
9th	75	Calvin Cook, Dayton, Minn.		Polaris
10th	39	Tom Olson, Madison, Wis.		Polaris
11th	220	Gunnar Sterne, Chicago, Ill.		Ski-Doo
12th	04	Luke Olson, Ishpeming, Mich.		Polaris

The Champions

60-YEAR WORLD-TITLE RECORD

1964	STAN HAYES, Crandon, Wis.	Polaris
1965	GEORGE GENSLER, Three Lakes, Wis.	Evinrude
1966	STEVE AVE, Duluth, Minn.	Ski-Doo
1967	DUANE FRANDSEN, Pembine, Wis.	Ski-Doo
1968	STEVE AVE, Duluth, Minn.	Ski-Doo
1969	ROGER JANSSEN, Crookston, Minn.	Arctic Cat
1970	YVON DUHAMEL, Valcourt, Quebec	Ski-Doo
1971	MIKE TRAPP, Woodruff, Wis.	Yamaha
1972	MIKE TRAPP, Woodruff, Wis.	Yamaha
1973	BOB EASTMAN, Roseau, Minn.	Polaris
1974	GUILLES VILLENEUVE, Quebec	Alouette
1975	JIM BERNAT, Roseau, Minn.	Polaris
1976	ED SCHUBITZKE, Duluth, Minn.	Yamaha
1977	STEVE THORSEN, Fergus Falls, Minn.	Polaris
1978	STEVE THORSEN, Fergus Falls, Minn.	Polaris
1979	BOB ELSNER, New London, Wis.	Arctic Cat
1980	JACQUES VILLENEUVE, Quebec	Ski-Doo
1981	BRAD HULINGS, Thief River, Minn.	Scorpion
1982	JACQUES VILLENEUVE, Quebec	Ski-Doo
1983	BRAD HULINGS, Grand Rapids, Mich.	Ski-Doo
1984	JIM DIMMERMAN, White Bear Lk., Minn.	Phantom
1985	MICHEL GINGRAS, St. Gregoire, Quebec	Ski-Doo
1986	JACQUES VILLENEUVE, Quebec	Ski-Doo
1987	CHUCK DECKER, Eagle River, Wis.	Ski-Doo
1988	BOBBY DONAHUE, Wis. Rapids, Wis.	Ski-Doo
1989	BRUCE VESSAIR, Ontario	Ski-Doo
1990	DAVE WAHL, Greenbush, Minn.	Wahl
1991	GREG GOODWIN, Zion, Ill.	Ski-Doo
1992	GARY VESSAIR, Honey Harbour, Ontario	Ski-Doo
1993	AL FENHAUS, Wausau, Wis.	Ski-Doo
1994	DALE LORITZ, Green Bay, Wis.	Ski-Doo
1995	DALE LORITZ, Green Bay, Wis.	Ski-Doo
1996	DAVE WAHL, Greenbush, Minn.	Wahl
1997	DAVE WAHL, Greenbush, Minn.	Ski-Doo
1998	TERRY WAHL, Greenbush, Minn.	Ski-Doo
1999	MIKE HOULE, Wyoming, Minn.	Ski-Doo
2000	MIKE HOULE, Wyoming, Minn.	Ski-Doo
2001	JEREMY JOHNSTON, Arcola, Sask.	Ski-Doo
2002	P.J. WANDERSCHIED, Sauk Centre, Minn.	Arctic Cat
2003	P.J. WANDERSCHIED, Sauk Centre, Minn.	Arctic Cat
2004	LARRY DAY, Lyman, Maine	Arctic Cat
2005	GARY MOYLE, Houghton, Mich.	Arctic Cat
2006	P.J. WANDERSCHIED, Sauk Centre, Minn.	Arctic Cat
2007	GARY MOYLE, Houghton, Mich.	Arctic Cat
2008	BRIAN BEWCYK, Winnipeg, Manitoba	Ski-Doo
2009	BRIAN BEWCYK, Winnipeg, Manitoba	Ski-Doo
2010	MATT SCHULZ, Wausau, Wis.	Polaris
2011	P.J. WANDERSCHIED, Sauk Centre, Minn.	Arctic Cat
2012	NICK VAN STRYDONK, Tomahawk, Wis.	Polaris
2013	MALCOLM CHARTIER, Fair Haven, Mich.	Ski-Doo
2014	MALCOLM CHARTIER, Fair Haven, Mich.	Ski-Doo
2015	CARDELL POTTER, Camp Douglas, Wis.	Ski-Doo
2016	MATT SCHULZ, Wausau, Wis.	Ski-Doo
2017	NICK VAN STRYDONK, Tomahawk, Wis.	Polaris
2018	BLAINE STEPHENSON, Hutchinson, Minn.	Polaris
2019	BLAINE STEPHENSON, Hutchinson, Minn.	Polaris
2020	BLAINE STEPHENSON, Hutchinson, Minn.	Polaris
2021	BLAINE STEPHENSON, Hutchinson, Minn.	Polaris
2022	JAY MITTLESTAEDT, La Valle, Wis.	Polaris
2023	MATT GOEDE, Mayer, Minn.	Ski-Doo



Matt Goede raises his left hand in victory as he takes the checkered flag during Sunday's world championship race.



World Championship Derby Complex CEO Tom Anderson addresses the drivers as they gather around the SnoGoer Cup, a

traveling trophy awarded to each winner of the annual championship race at the Eagle River ice oval.

NEWS



Posing for a photo in front of the World Snowmobile Headquarters during the torch run are, from left, Northeast Regional Tourism Specialist Jeff Anderson, Sno-Eagles/Torch Run Coordinator Rusty Wolf, Secretary-designee of the Wisconsin Department of

Tourism Anne Sayers, Eagle River Chamber Executive Director Kim Emerson, chamber board Vice President Jessica Allen, and City Administrator Robin Ginner.

—Staff Photos By JON EICHMAN

Torch Run lights the way ahead of Derby's opening ceremonies

As part of the Badger State Winter Games, the fourth annual Snowmobile Torch Ride from Wausau to Eagle River concluded last week as 54 sleds filed into the World Snowmobile Headquarters Friday afternoon.

The tradition of the torch run returned four years ago after a hiatus for some time. Executive director of the Eagle River Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center, Kim Emerson, highlighted how important this event is and what the World Championship Snowmobile Derby means to the area during what's called a "shoulder season."

"Many communities along the way play a part in this ride and to bring the torch from Wausau to Eagle River is very special," said Emerson. "Additionally, the Derby is a very important asset to our community in terms of providing an economic boost supporting all of the businesses we have during this shoulder season."

Along for the ride was Wisconsin Secretary-Designee Anne Sayers who spoke on the importance of the event heading into Derby weekend and what snowmobiling does for the local and state economies. "We're here in the 'Snowmobile Capital of the World,'

and it's for a reason, we have perfect conditions for it and an amazing group of volunteers who can make this happen," said Sayers. "The result is that this is good for our state and local economies and you can see even as you go through the small towns on the sled, local businesses are thriving and people are out on the trails enjoying themselves."

After everyone had reported in from the ride, Sayers delivered a Certificate of Commendation honoring the World Championship Derby Complex (WCDC) from the office of Gov. Tony Evers. Evers' commendation touched on how "deeply entrenched" snowmobiling is in the economic and cultural livelihoods of northern Wisconsin and the best place to see this is at the Derby.

Riders began in Wausau on Jan. 19 and on the adventure included stops in Merrill, Tomahawk, Hazelhurst, Minocqua and Lake Tomahawk before arriving in the area last Friday, Jan. 20. The torch arrived in Sayers, the "birthplace of the snowmobile" Friday morning and after departing, riders made stops at several local businesses throughout the area before ending their journey at the World Snowmobile Headquarters in Eagle River.



Following the Torch Ride, Sayers delivered a Certificate of Commendation on behalf of Gov. Tony Evers to the World Championship Derby Complex. The certificate was accepted by World Snowmobile Headquarters Creative Director, Sarah Anderson.

This grand parade consisted of 17 snowmobile clubs spread across four counties and the ride included over 200 miles of freshly powdered trails. A cauldron lighting ceremony

took place prior to Friday Night Thunder at WCDC signifying the opening of Badger State Winter Games and the 60th annual World Championship Snowmobile Derby.

Property taxes due soon

Homeowners and property owners in the North Woods are reminded that the first installment of their property taxes are due by the end of the month to their local treasurer.

According to Tara Ostermann, Oneida County treasurer, property owners must pay at least the first installment listed on their tax bill on or before Jan. 31 to their local town or city treasurer. Checks and envelopes should be made out to their municipality.

"If you miss the payment deadline, or if you pay less than the amount due, your taxes will be delinquent. You will be charged interest and possibly penalty each month on the total unpaid tax amount if you miss this payment. More importantly, however, you lose the option of making your second half payment in July," Ostermann explained.

Vilas County's treasurer's office can be reached at 715-479-3609. Vilas County tax information is available on the county website at vilascounty-wi.gov.

Ostermann noted that property owners also can go to the Treasurer Department to view tax information and reprint a copy of their tax bill. Tax payments are updated nightly.

Oneida County's treasurer's office can be reached at 715-369-6137.

"You can also find the 2022 Oneida County tax information, including the tax bill, on the Ascent Land Records website at ascent.co.oneida.wi.us/landrecords," she said. "Enter just your parcel number and be sure to enter a hyphen instead of spaces. Ascent Land Records site will also show payments received by municipalities."

Highway projects proposed in Phelps, Manitowish Waters

By KEN ANDERSON
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Vilas County highway work for 2023 was outlined last week by highway Commissioner Troy Schalinske involving several complicated issues in Phelps on Highway A and Manitowish Waters on Highway W.

Schalinske indicated design plans for Highway A from Highway 17 to Eagle Farm Road is 30% complete with approval from Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT).

"We have multiple structure alternatives for crossing the Deerskin River," he said. "We are seeking input from the U.S. Forest Service along with the DNR (Department of Natural Resources) since Deerskin is a trout stream. We may be requesting additional funding depending on what structure type is chosen."

The hope is to have a final plan this November with a bid in March 2024 and construction in 2024.

Highway W in Manitowish Waters has an easement that crosses over an Xcel Energy dam on Rest Lake. Schalinske indicated the desire to not use the dam, however the issue is

"complicated." Mead & Hunt, a company with multiple locations across Wisconsin, was hired for a replacement design.

Highway S has a re-route to eliminate right-angle curves with clearing started and construction set for 2023 from Highway K to East Flowage Road. In addition, a design contract has been signed to proceed from Flowage Road to Claire Fire Lane in 2023.

Highway G from Highway 45 to Aspen Lane is 60% complete. Crack sealing on county trunk highways will again take place this summer.

In other actions, the committee approved a beaver removal quote from Noisy Creek Adventures for \$17,500 for areas where beavers are affecting town and county roads and plugged culverts.

Also moving on for county board approval was culvert aid to the town of Arbor Vitae for \$39,029 of which the county will pay half. The culvert was 70 feet long.

Finally, the 2023 engineering consultants roster was approved and 12 were filed with the DOT.

Applications period open for area tourism grants

The Eagle River Tourism Promotion and Development Grant Committee is urging nonprofit organizations within the Eagle River area room tax district to apply for funds before March 31.

The committee will review all applications and make recommendations for the distribution of funds, which will come from the Room Tax Commission of Eagle River that includes the city of Eagle River and the towns of Lincoln and Washington. Funds will also come from the Advertising and Promotions Committee of the Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce.

"This is a great way for not-for-profits to be part of the process of bringing people into the Eagle River area," said Kim Emerson, executive director of the Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center. "The committee received many outstanding proposals from community organizations last year and made worthy investments that will help support our areas strong tourism industries and grow emerging ones, too."

Formed last year, the goal of the committee is to invest in projects and events that increase overnight stays and tourism in the area. In Nov., 2022, the Committee awarded more than \$110,000 to local organizations including \$45,000 to the Eagle River Recreation Association, \$7,625 to the Eagle River Chain Buoy

Program, \$10,000 to the Eagle River Historical Society, and \$50,000 to the Eagle River Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club (SESC).

Funds will be available for projects that range from new, one-time, or recurring events, to existing events that can reach expanded geographies or demographics. Some funds will also be available for capital improvement projects that help improve tourism infrastructure and special projects such as arts and cultural exhibitions, or signage and promotions for an event can also be funded, according to Emerson.

Recurring deadlines for applications are March 31 and September 30 annually and applications, along with criteria for funding, are available at eagleriver.org/tourism-promotion-development-grant. Emerson highlighted that interested nonprofits should review the criteria to determine if their project is a fit before applying.

Funded organizations are required to report back to the committee with a full summary of the project. Grant money will not support these projects: feasibility study or research, operating expenses, annual fund drives, endowment funds, reimbursement for previously incurred expenses, travel, or overhead expenses.

For more information, contact Emerson at 715-479-6400 or kim@eagleriver.org.



KID'S RACES — Wisconsin Kitty Cat Racers were on site at the Derby Complex Jan. 21 and 22 for youths to take part in the action

at the famed ice oval. The nonprofit, all-volunteer group promotes youth racing for ages 4 to 15. —Staff Photo By KURT KRUEGER

OBITUARIES

Helen Joyce (Jo) Ashton

Helen Joyce (Jo) Ashton passed away peacefully in her sleep on Jan. 18, 2023, with her daughters by her side.



ASHTON

Jo was born April 10, 1927, to Thomas John and Marguerite Helen (Mugs) (née Hazen) Liston in Escanaba, Mich.

When she was a child, she and her family moved to Land O' Lakes, Wis. Jo attended Eagle River High School, graduating in 1945. There she met and later married Robert K. Ashton Jr., who preceded her in death in 1982.

In the late '50s, they moved to Virginia and Indiana. They later returned to Wisconsin, first Kenosha and then Lake Geneva in 1965, where she resided until her passing.

Jo loved Lake Geneva and the people in it. She had many friends over the years, some for the entire 58 years of her life there. She was fondly known by many as "JoMama".

Jo was humble, friendly, warm-hearted and intelligent. She loved playing the piano and was especially fond of classical music and bagpipes. Her keyboard skills were self-taught. Her household was welcoming to all, with great food always cooking.

As my older sister put it "a profound example of kindness and compassion, your generosity and patience, sometimes stubborn as the day is long."

"You are unforgettable, Jo Ashton... unforgettable."

Jo was preceded in death by her parents; two younger brothers, Tom and John Liston; a younger sister, Patricia Alt; two grandsons, Justin and John Jr. Ashton; great-grandchild, Maggie; and a special friend, John Brandley.

JoMama is survived by her daughters, Cindi A. Ashton of Lake Geneva, Wis., and Julie G. Ashton Elvin of Nekoosa, Wis.; sons, Robert K. (Skipper) Ashton III of San Pedro, Belize, and John G. (Marianne) Ashton of Eagle River, Wis.

She is further survived by six grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; a younger brother, Patrick (Sara) Liston; many nieces and nephews; and great, great friends that loved to sit with her and enjoy her class, her quick wit, and her intellect. She would sit for hours and read the dictionary.

As her photo implies, one of her trademark sayings is, "Bye, bye for now," which she said at the end of every visit or phone call.

No services will be held as were her wishes, and a Celebration of Life gathering will be announced at a later date to close friends and family.

Memorials may be made to: MDA Association of Wisconsin, 330 S. Executive Drive, #100-A, Brookfield, WI 53005, www.mda.donordrive.com; or Make-A-Wish Wisconsin, 11020 West Plank Court #200, Wauwatosa, WI 53226, www.wish.org/wisconsin.

PAID OBITUARY 0760

Kathryn Coventry

Kathryn Coventry of Phelps died Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2023, after a battle with cancer. She was 71.

She was born July 31, 1951, in Home-wood-Flossmoor, Ill., and



COVENTRY

spent her career dedicated to helping others through her acupuncture clinic and as a masseuse.

Ms. Coventry was preceded in death by her parents, Berkeley and Francis Coventry; and one brother, Charles Coventry.

A celebration of life will be held in the summer.

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

Gloria Ann Klinger

Gloria Ann Klinger (Walk) passed away with family by her side on Jan. 14, 2023, at the age of 90.

Gloria was born in Bay View, Wis., on Dec. 29, 1932, to Gertrude and Cornelius Walk.

She was preceded in eternal life by the love of her life, her husband, Roger; brother, Melvin; son, Paul; and granddaughter, Brianna.

She is survived by her loving children, Debby (Jeff) Umhoefer, Dave (Denise), Bob, and Pam; her grandchildren, Alli, Amy, Heidi, Matt, Mike, Jodi, Kelly, Corey, Emily, Ben, and Rutger; and her great-grandchildren, Emma, Kaiden, Clayton and Colette.

Gloria had an extremely strong faith in God, maintained a constant positive attitude, and always had something witty to add to the conversation.

She was thankful for the beautiful things God created here on earth.

Gloria enjoyed spending time with family sitting on the dock of the bay on Eagle Lake or rocking on her porch. She loved the warmth of the sun on her face and was able to enjoy spending time in Florida during winter months in years past where family took turns visiting.

Gloria was a graduate of Bay View High School and also attended Marquette University.

She spent time as an airline stewardess for Eastern Airlines. While stationed in New Orleans, she crossed paths with Roger. After a two-week whirlwind romance, they got engaged.

Gloria returned to Wisconsin to work for the U.S. Forestry Service as Roger



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continued to serve in the Army. They shared many love letters and were married within six months.

Their story continued as they raised a family in Milwaukee/Oak Creek, Wis.

Aside from being an amazing Mom, she was a den mother to the cub scouts, head cashier in the office at Sentry, administered communion and prayed with the elderly, volunteered at St. Peter's thrift store, and assisted in respite for Alzheimer patients.

She also enjoyed the game of golf and was quite proud of her putting skills.

For 25 years, Mom and Dad worked hard running Klinger's Bay Resort in Eagle River with many customers who became friends that returned year after year.

Once retired in Eagle River, Gloria loved when family and friends came to visit. Much food, laughter and good times were shared.

Mom wanted all to know that the most important thing in life is to walk with the Lord and cherish your family and friends.

Peace be with you Mom. Until we meet again.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the Eagle River EMTs, hospital nurses and staff for their kindness and care of our Mother.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org or Shriners' Hospital, <https://donate.lovetotherescue.org/give> are appreciated.

Services will be held at St. Peter the Fisherman Parish, 5001 County Road G, Eagle River, beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28, with a mass following at 11 a.m.

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

PAID OBITUARY 0815

Lorrayne Joyce Marie Maki

Lorrayne Joyce Marie Maki (née Jefferson), 94, a life-long resident of Conover, Wis., peacefully passed away Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023, at her son's and daughter-in-law's home in Columbia, Tenn.



MAKI

She was born to the late Daniel and Frieda (née Staffen) Jefferson, Oct. 22, 1928, in the family home on Monheim Road.

Lorrayne loved Conover and believed to improve your community, you had to be active and engaged in your community and lead by example. Consequently, she was the Conover postmaster for over 30 years, an unopposed Northland Pines School District at-large and Conover school board member for over 30 years, and charter member and past Chamber Woman of the Year recipient of the Conover Chamber of Commerce.

There were two affiliations Lorrayne prized above all others: Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church and Jefferson's Landing Resort. A granddaughter of founding members of Pioneer Lake, Lorrayne was active in quilting, choir, the annual Lutefisk Dinner, and as a lector, council member, and usher. With her sister and business partner, Marilyn, she assumed ownership of Jefferson's Landing Resort on South Twin Lake in 1992, which was built by their parents. She looked forward to greeting and visiting with guests, reminiscing about resort and family history, and watching her guests and family enjoy the property.

She was a wonderful and loving mom to Michael (Noel) Maki of Columbia and Carolyn (Douglas "Tico") Olejniczak of St. Germain, Wis.; proud and loving "Grandma Rainie" to Mat (Robb

Fanning) Olejniczak of Fox Lake, Ill., and Mark (Nicole) Olejniczak of St. Germain, and "Great-Grandma Rainie" to Jackson, Landon, and Kestyn Olejniczak all of St. Germain; and cherished and beloved dog mom to her loyal Curtis, who comforted her and was with her until the end. She is further survived by goddaughter and loving niece, Marcia (Andre Gloeckner) Hilliard of Skokie, Ill.; godson, Gordon Hogenmiller of Conover; sisters, Marilyn (the late Norman) Hilliard and Rita (the late Alvin) Hogenmiller, both of Conover; and an abundance of nieces, nephews, and good friends.

In addition to her parents, Lorrayne was preceded in death by husband, Mathew V. Maki, on Nov. 3, 1999; siblings, Dolores (Adam "Ace") Skrobak, Jean (John "Jack") Armstrong and Russell (Eleanor Mitchell) Jefferson; and a niece and two nephews.

Visitation will be Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023, at Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church, from 9 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 11 a.m. The luncheon will follow in the fellowship hall. Private interment will be in Hildegard Cemetery, Conover.

The family wishes to thank her daughter-in-law, Noel, for the excellent care she provided Lorrayne; Pastor John Kuziej for his many visits; as well as her family at Pioneer Lake who provided rides to church and assistance to Lorrayne.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church, 3675 Church Rd., Conover, WI 54519 or the Humane Society of Vilas County, P.O. Box 904, Eagle River, WI 54521, are appreciated.

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

PAID OBITUARY 0759

John Leslie Corser

John Leslie Corser, of Ontonagon, Mich., passed away at Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital in Laurium, Mich., on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023, at the age of 90.

John was born April 2, 1932, in Marquette, Mich., to Leslie and Myrtis Bourgeois.

His parents preceded him in death, as well as his sister, Loretta.

He is survived by eight children and many grandchildren.

John was fiercely proud of serving his country as a U.S. Marine. He enlisted Aug. 3, 1950, after the beginning of the Korean War and was honorably discharged Aug. 2, 1954. During his time of active duty he served in an outstanding manner with Reconnaissance Company, Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division. He earned the Bronze Star for heroism, a recommendation for the Silver Star, the Letter of Commendation, won a meritorious promotion in rank for heroic deeds, and was recommended for a Battlefield Commission, along with other decorations and medals.

John's dedication to duty remained undiminished over the years and included an application for re-enlistment in the Marine Corps at the age of 56. This application was

supported by several superior officers who knew him or had served with him. Despite his deep disappointment due to the denial of this application, he remained devoted to the Corps and his country. He organized and led Memorial Day services at the Phelps, Wis., cemetery for many years during which he called roll of the names of all veterans interred there and oversaw placement of memorial wreaths.

John was a man of intelligence, humor, and many abilities. He held an instrument-rated commercial pilot's license, earning a living at one point as a charter pilot and flight instructor. He worked for more than 20 years as a paralegal for two different law firms in Vilas County, Wis. He worked in the construction trades many years and also as a Certified Nursing Assistant for eight years at the Lillian Kerr Healthcare Center in Phelps.

Erickson, Crowley & Peterson Funeral Home in Calumet, Mich., is handling final arrangements. A Marine Corps Funeral Honors Ceremony will be held at the Phelps Cemetery in the spring of 2023.

PAID OBITUARY 0814

PUBLIC NOTICE

(Two Weeks, 1/18-1/25/23)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Eagle River Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. at the Eagle River City Hall, 525 East Maple St, Eagle River, Wisconsin, to consider the following addition to the Bulk Regulations of the municipal zoning code, Chapter 106, Article VII, Sec. 106-561. Schedule of regulations.

(10) Utilities will not be connected to vacant property. A residential or commercial structure must be present, or in the process of actively being built, before electric, water and/or sewer utility service will be connected to the property.

Comments can be made during the public hearing, or by mail to City Administrator, P.O. Box 1269, Eagle River, WI 54521; by phone (715) 479-8682 x227 or email rcanor@eagleriverwi.gov. 0804

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NOTICE: Obituary policy

Death notices that appear in this space weekly are written and/or edited for content and consistency by assistant editors of the Vilas County News-Review and The Three Lakes News. Obituaries written in the paper's standard format are printed at no charge. Unedited obituaries written by the family may be printed for a fee, either in the obituary column or in smaller type with a border. For more information, call (715) 479-4421.

PUBLIC NOTICES

(Two Weeks, 1/18-1/25/23)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Department of Natural Resources
Madison, Wisconsin DNR
Invitation for Bids for Timber Stumpage
Sealed timber sale bids will be received by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources until 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 2nd, 2023, at which time the bids will be opened. This bid opening will be open to the public. The bid opening procedure will be recorded, and contractors may dial into the conference call to participate. Tracts are being offered under the Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) Program on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest.

Individual tract prospectuses, maps, required bid forms, and conference call number, can be obtained at the Wisconsin DNR website at: <http://dnr.wis.gov/topic/TimberSales/GNAGeneralInfo.html> or by contacting staff listed below.

Sealed Bids must be mailed to: Crandon DNR Office, ATTN: Kelsey Dencker, 404 N. Lake Street, Crandon, WI 54520.

For questions about Eagle River-Florance timber sales contact: Kelsey Dencker - 715-6926; kelsey.dencker@dnr.gov.

For questions about Lakewood-Laona timber sales, contact: Rich Lietz - 715-850-2770; richard.lietz@dnr.gov.

Please mark envelope with GNA Sale Bid and Tract Number.

The Department of Natural Resources reserves the right to reject any or all bids. 0802

(Three Weeks, 1/18-2/1/23)

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY

— PROBATE —

Order Limiting Time for Filing Claims (Formal Administration)

Case No. 23PR1

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES WILLIAM ELVERSON
A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.

THE COURT FINDS:

1. The decedent, with date of birth January 31, 1946, and date of death November 28, 2022, was domiciled in Vilas County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 2645 Manuel Lake Road, Phelps, WI 54554.

2. All interested persons waived notice.

THE COURT ORDERS:

1. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 21, 2023.
2. A claim must be filed at the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Office of Register in Probate.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Dawn Halverson
Circuit Court Commissioner
January 6, 2023

Attorney Steven C. Garbowicz
221 S First St, PO Box 639
Eagle River, WI 54521
715.479.6444
Bar Number 1018485
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(Three Weeks, 1/25-2/8/23)

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY

— PROBATE —

Order Limiting Time for Filing Claims (Formal Administration)

Case No. 23PR4

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARK W. ZDROIK
A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.

THE COURT FINDS:

1. The decedent, with date of birth 02/01/1958, and date of death 11/13/2022, was domiciled in Vilas County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 5890 River Road, Eagle River, WI 54521.

2. All interested persons waived notice.

THE COURT ORDERS:

1. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 5, 2023.
2. A claim must be filed at the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Office of Register in Probate.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Dawn Halverson
Circuit Court Commissioner
January 19, 2023

Attorney Steven C. Garbowicz
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Eagle River, WI 54521
715.479.6444
Bar Number 1018485
0811

(Two Weeks, 1/18-1/25/23)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Vilas County Zoning & Planning Committee

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Vilas County Courthouse
Conference Rooms #1-2
330 Court St,
Eagle River, WI 54521

Public Hearing Description
The hearing will be on a Petition submitted by David Sadenwasser, Zoning Administrator, to change property from SHORELAND-WETLAND ZONING DISTRICT to NON-WETLAND STATUS in Government Lot 4, Section 33, Town 43 North, Range 10 East, Town of Land o' Lakes, Vilas County, Wisconsin. Known as Vilas County Computer Parcel Number 12-2168.

An on-site may be conducted at the Committee's discretion, at which time the Committee would recess and travel to the inspection, with the Public Hearing to follow at the Vilas County Courthouse.

A copy of the Petition is on file in the Vilas County Zoning Office.

Dated at Eagle River this 12th day of January, 2023.

David Sadenwasser, Zoning Administrator

For: Zoning and Planning Committee
If you have special needs, or require special accommodations, please call (715) 479-3620 or write: Vilas County Zoning, Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St, Eagle River, WI 54521
0800

(Three Weeks, 1/25-2/8/23)

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY

— PROBATE —

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)

Case No. 23PR03

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL J. COAN
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth September 20, 1961 and date of death November 1, 2022, was domiciled in Vilas County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 13680 Eight O'Clock Blvd. Manitowish Waters, WI 54545.

3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 28, 2023.

5. A claim may be filed at the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Probate Office.

/s/ Dawn Halverson
Probate Registrar
January 16, 2023

Attorney Daniel Johns Jr.
P O Box 443
Manitowish Waters, WI 54545
262.853.6200
Bar Number 1033980
0808

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PUBLIC NOTICES

(Two Weeks, 1/18-1/25/23)
PUBLIC NOTICE
Department of Natural Resources
Madison, Wisconsin DNR
Invitation for Bids for Timber Stumpage
Sealed timber sale bids will be received by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources until 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 2nd, 2023, at which time the bids will be opened. This bid opening will be open to the public. The bid opening procedure will be recorded, and contractors may dial into the conference call to participate. Tracts are being offered under the Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) Program on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest.

Individual tract prospectuses, maps, required bid forms, and conference call number, can be obtained at the Wisconsin DNR website at: <http://dnr.wis.gov/topic/TimberSales/GNAGeneralInfo.html> or by contacting staff listed below.

Sealed Bids must be mailed to: Crandon DNR Office, ATTN: Kelsey Dencker, 404 N. Lake Street, Crandon, WI 54520.

For questions about Eagle River-Florance timber sales contact: Kelsey Dencker - 715-6926; kelsey.dencker@dnr.gov.

For questions about Lakewood-Laona timber sales, contact: Rich Lietz - 715-850-2770; richard.lietz@dnr.gov.

Please mark envelope with GNA Sale Bid and Tract Number.

The Department of Natural Resources reserves the right to reject any or all bids. 0802

(Three Weeks, 1/18-2/1/23)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY
— PROBATE —
Order Limiting Time for Filing Claims (Formal Administration)
Case No. 23PR1
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES WILLIAM ELVERSON
A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.

THE COURT FINDS:
1. The decedent, with date of birth January 31, 1946, and date of death November 28, 2022, was domiciled in Vilas County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 2645 Manuel Lake Road, Phelps, WI 54554.
2. All interested persons waived notice.

THE COURT ORDERS:
1. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 21, 2023.
2. A claim must be filed at the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Office of Register in Probate.

BY THE COURT:
/s/ Dawn Halverson
Circuit Court Commissioner
January 6, 2023
Attorney Steven C. Garbowicz
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0797

(Three Weeks, 1/25-2/8/23)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY
— PROBATE —
Order Limiting Time for Filing Claims (Formal Administration)
Case No. 23PR4

NEWS



INTERSECTION IMPACT — First responders were called to the scene of a two-vehicle accident just after noon on Jan. 23 at the intersection of highways 70 and 17 just west of Eagle River. Minor

injuries were reported for the collision and witnesses remained on the scene to speak with authorities. Vilas County Sheriff's officers directed traffic until the scene was cleared of debris.

—Staff Photo By STEPHANIE DYE

Vilas County Court report

Michigan man, 43, found guilty to possession of meth charge

A 43-year-old of L'Anse, Mich., man pleaded guilty and was found guilty of possession of methamphetamine (meth), a Class I felony, in Vilas County Circuit Court last week.

Branch 2 Circuit Judge Daniel L. Overbey sentenced Christopher M. Ray to 9 months in the Vilas County Jail, which was imposed and stayed.

Judge Overbey then placed Ray on probation for 18 months, with the following conditions: alcohol and other drug abuse (AODA) assessment and treatment, maintain full-time employment, any other programming deemed appropriate by the probation agent, pay court costs to the Clerk of Court's Office within 60 days, eligible for interstate

compact transfer, and submit to a DNA sample.

Ray received credit for 32 days already served in jail. According to court documents, Ray possessed meth in Vilas County Oct. 5, 2021.

In other felony cases, Lindsay H. Floyd, 44, of Manitowish Waters, charged with operating while intoxicated (5th or 6th offense), a Class G felony, made an adjourned initial appearance before Judge Overbey and a preliminary hearing was set for Jan. 25 at 3:30 p.m.

Floyd is being held in the Vilas County Jail on a \$3,000 cash bond, which was continued at her initial appearance. According to court documents, Floyd allegedly operated a vehicle while intoxicated in Vilas County

on Jan. 9.

Gary L. Alderman, 66, of Land O' Lakes, charged with 4th-offense operating while intoxicated, a Class H felony, was in court for a status conference. Defense Attorney John Miller Carroll appeared by video for Alderman, while Attorney Karl Peter Hayes was in court for the state. The defense requested an expert witness for a future trial. A final pretrial conference was set for May 2 at 10 a.m. and a jury trial was scheduled for May 17 at 8:30 a.m.

Alderman's \$500 cash bond was continued. According to court documents, Alderman allegedly operated a vehicle while intoxicated in Vilas County on Jan. 5, 2020.

Rae Ann T. Allen, 41, of Lac du Flambeau, charged

with felony bail jumping and possession of drug paraphernalia, made an initial appearance and waived her preliminary hearing.

Judge Overbey found probable cause that Allen had committed a crime and she was bound over for arraignment. Not guilty pleas were entered by the court and a judicial pretrial conference, in court, was scheduled for Feb. 16 at 3 p.m.

According to court documents, Allen allegedly possessed drug paraphernalia in Vilas County on Jan. 28, 2021, the day she was arrested. She was free on bond awaiting court appearances on six other felony cases in Vilas County. She is being held on a \$750 cash bond.

POLICE REPORT

Vilas County Sheriff

Vilas County Sheriff's Office dispatchers last week reported at least 29 911 hang-ups, three car vs. deer accidents, one hit-and-run traffic accident, seven non-reportable traffic accidents, five vehicle accidents with property damage, two requests to assist another agency, nine burglar alarms, one fire alarm, two ambulance requests, two animal problems, five attempts to locate, 11 requests to assist citizens, one citizen problem, one report of criminal damage to property, one custodial interference complaint, two disturbances, two domestic violence complaints, two drug problems, one fraud complaint, one harassment complaint, one dumping problem, one intoxicated person, two juvenile problems, three Lifeline alarms, one parking problem, one vacation check, two requests for officer assistance, one lewd and lascivious offense, one sexual assault, three snowmobile accidents, three snowmobile violations, one snowmobile operating while intoxicated (OWI), two requests to remove subjects, one suicide attempt, three reports of suspicious circumstances, one theft, two threats complaints, six reports of hazardous conditions, nine traffic violations, two trespassing complaints, one wanted person and five welfare checks.

There were at least 34 informational or procedural entries.

In the past week, one or more persons were booked

into the Vilas County Jail for the following offenses: fourth offense-OWI, intoxicated operation of snowmobile, battery, criminal damage to property, disorderly conduct, possession of marijuana, domestic violence and probation violation.

Eagle River Police

Among the calls received by Vilas County dispatchers were at least 30 calls for the Eagle River Police. These included two ambulance requests, one animal problem, two citizen disputes, one custodial interference complaint, seven requests to assist citizens, one death investigation, two disorderly conduct offenses, two probation violations, three reports of suspicious circumstances, one traffic accident with property damage, two traffic hazards and one traffic offense.

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

Three Lakes Police

The Three Lakes Police Department reported two accidents, one alarm, two ambulance requests, two animal problems, 87 business checks, one harassment complaint, one welfare check, one narcotics violation, one parking violation, two reckless driving offenses, three scam complaints, two reports of suspicious circumstances, one traffic complaint, five traffic stops, one trespassing complaint and one abandoned vehicle.

District 12 map sees slight changes

With the start of the new legislative session, constituents in northern Wisconsin will see a slightly different 12th Senate District, according to State Senator Mary Felzkowski.

Newly added to the district are the towns of Lac du Flambeau, Bartelme and Red Springs, and removed were Hamburg and Hewitt.

The 12th District covers the counties of Vilas, Oneida, Forest, Florence, Lincoln, Langlade, Oconto, Marinette, Menominee, and parts of Shawano and Marathon.

Felzkowski also reported that her priorities for the 2023-'24 legislative session will include providing access to

affordable healthcare by lowering the cost of prescription drugs and holding the healthcare industry accountable to predatory practices that inflate costs for patients.

She also aims to find new solutions to provide local governments with the resources they need to deliver vital services to their communities; and prevent government from infringing on constituents' personal freedoms, limiting government size and spending, and fighting for constitutional rights.

To contact Felzkowski, email sen.felzkowski@legis.wisconsin.gov or call 608-266-2509.

Bail, welfare reform questions to appear on April 4 ballot here

By MICHELLE DREW
EDITOR

The State Senate last Tuesday took up Senate Joint Resolution 2/Assembly Joint Resolution 1, a constitutional amendment to give judges more flexibility when setting dollar amounts for bail.

According to 12th District Sen. Mary Felzkowski, under the current Constitution, judges may only include monetary conditions for bail in an effort to ensure the accused

returns to court.

"This constitutional amendment will give judges the ability to consider the following when setting monetary bail conditions for persons accused of a violent crime: previous conviction of a violent crime, the probability that the accused will fail to appear in court, the need to protect members of the community from serious harm, the need to prevent the intimidation of witnesses, and the potential affirmative defenses of the accused," she said.

"Public safety must be a priority for communities throughout Wisconsin, which is why I voted 'yes'."

The State Assembly passed this resolution Jan. 17, and it will now need to be approved by the voters in a statewide referendum this spring.

Question One appearing on the ballot will read, "Conditions of release before conviction. Shall section 8 (2) of article I of the constitution be amended to allow a court to impose on an accused person being released before conviction conditions that are designed to protect the community from serious harm?"

Question Two will be, "Shall section 8 (2) of article I of the constitution be amended to allow a court to impose cash bail on a person accused of a violent crime based on the totality of the circumstances, including the accused's previous convictions for a violent crime, the probability that the accused will fail to appear, the need to protect the community from serious harm and prevent witness intimidation, and potential affirmative defenses?"

In addition, the Assembly also passed an advisory referendum on welfare benefits.

The question will read, "Shall able-bodied childless adults be required to look for work to receive taxpayer-funded welfare benefits?"

Rep. Rob Swearingen explained this referendum gives an opportunity for hard-working Wisconsinites to have direct input on who should receive welfare, keeping in mind that there are 101,963 unfilled jobs in Wisconsin right now.

Questions regarding both the constitutional amendment and advisory referendum will be on the April 4 ballot.

Correction

The name of the property owner within Eagle River city limits who agreed to fill in the ditch behind her home after groundwater and drainage issues were discussed at a recent Eagle River City Council meeting was incorrectly reported as Cynthia Hunter in last week's paper. The property owner's name is Cynthia Oliver.

In addition, it was reported that the elementary school in St. Germain was permitted to have six to 10 chickens with no roosters, but it was actually Eagle River Elementary School that received the permit. An ordinance within the city of Eagle River does not allow any fowl to be kept without a permit from the city.

We apologize for these errors.

Peoples welcomes Eckardt

Peoples State Bank in Rhinelander announced it has hired local resident Ericka Eckardt as a mortgage lender to serve the greater Oneida County area and other areas throughout northern Wisconsin.

Eckardt joins Peoples State Bank with two years of experience as a mortgage lender, along with an additional eight and a half-years in retail banking. "Peoples has a great reputation helping customers with mortgage loans and financing their dream homes," said Eckardt. "I'm excited to work with Brandon Karaba who has grown the Peoples mortgage business in Rhinelander and beyond."

Eckardt will assist customers in obtaining financing to purchase a home, refinance an existing mortgage, or set up a construction loan while building a new home.

"Ericka's experience in helping families finance their homes in the Rhinelander area is a big benefit to anyone looking for a home in Wisconsin's North Woods," said Curtis McElhane, Peoples State Bank mortgage vice president. "Pairing Ericka with Brandon, who has taken on additional oversight of our North Woods mortgage lenders, will create a great team for homebuyers in Rhinelander."

For more information, visit bankpeoples.com.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Town of Lincoln is accepting applications for:
Part-time/Full-time Deputy Clerk position.

Send résumé and cover letter.

Mail to: Town of Lincoln,
P.O. Box 9, Eagle River, WI 54521

Drop off: at the Lincoln Town Hall,
1205 Sundstein Rd, Eagle River

Email to: townoflincoln@hotmail.com

Applications accepted through **January 31, 2023.** 816

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BID NOTICE

The Town of Lincoln will be accepting bids for a road work project on Loon Lake Road:

Section 1 – City of Eagle River
Site: Loon Lake Road – E Pine Street to Commerce Loop Intersection
Total Length: 1,100' = 0.21 Miles

Section 2 – Town of Lincoln
Site: Loon Lake Road – Commerce Loop Intersection to Bloom Road,
Total Length: 11,774' = 2.23 Miles

Project specifications available at the Lincoln Town Hall Office during regular business hours.

Sealed bids are to be returned to the office of the Town Clerk, Shelly Sauvola, P.O. Box 9, 1205 Sundstein Road, Eagle River, WI 54521, by 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 for the Town Board Meeting, and they will be opened at that time.

The Town Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts of bids and accept bid most advantageous to the town. Completion date of the project shall be no later than June 30, 2023.

By Order of the Town Board,

Bill Hassey
Town Chairman

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NEWS

State agencies respond to PFAS contamination in town of Stella

By MICHELLE DREW
EDITOR

State departments are taking steps to provide temporary safe drinking water to residents in the town of Stella with private wells who are impacted per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has issued well-specific drinking water advisories for 24 residences in Stella, located in Oneida County south of Three Lakes, due to elevated PFAS in their private drinking water wells.

The two departments held a meeting Jan. 19 with town leadership and residents to provide updates about PFAS contamination and how those residents can access temporary safe drinking water provided by the DNR. In attendance at the meeting were Reps. Mary Felzkowski, State Senate District 12, and Ron Swearingen, 34th Assembly District.

The state is taking steps to assist residents with known PFAS contamination in their private drinking water by supplying access to safe water, including providing carryout cases of bottled water. The DNR has made carryout cases of bottled water available to the town for households with PFAS-impacted wells until temporary emergency water agreements are established.

The DNR also has contracted with Culligan to provide bottled water delivery in five-gallon containers to the homes of residents with impacted private water supplies.

Residents interested in this service are required to request it through the DNR and sign an access agreement with the state and vendor before receiving water delivery. Residents should not contact Culligan directly if they are requesting the DNR to pay for the bottled water.

To request a temporary alternative water supply from the DNR, residents should complete an agreement and email it to dnrstellapfas@wisconsin.gov or mail it to: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, c/o Gwen Saliars, 625 East County Road Y, Ste. 700, Oshkosh, WI 54901.

DNR officials note that when completing the agreement, residents should indicate if they need a bottom-loading dispenser. Bottom-loading dispensers are generally provided to those who are unable to lift five-gallon jugs.

Eligible residents who are currently paying for their own bottled-water service should also complete and submit an agreement so the DNR can take over coordination and payments of their service.

The town of Stella released a public statement Dec. 31, 2022, regarding the contamination, stating, "Private wells in the town of Stella have tested positive for PFAS at levels so high that the water can no longer be safely consumed by our residents. The DNR dis-

covered the PFAS in the wells during randomized testing conducted statewide."

Extraordinarily high levels of PFAS were discovered at a well in the unincorporated community of Starks, located within the town of Stella. A DNR presentation to the town on Dec. 13, 2022, reported that perfluorooctanoic acid — a member of the PFAS group — in a Starks sample from the statewide testing project came in at 12,000 parts per trillion (ppt) — well above the DHS health guidance value of 20 ppt.

DNR officials reported the Starks area testing shows highest PFAS levels seen in Wisconsin private well sampling to date.

The DNR and DHS are currently evaluating the available information, including existing private sampling results, to develop a sampling plan for additional private water supply wells.

Private well owners are responsible for testing and maintaining their well. Unlike public water systems, private well owners are not required to regularly test their wells or correct water-quality problems. It is the well owner's choice to decide which test to do and actions to take.

Residents should be aware of well compensation grants that are available through the DNR. Certain criteria must be met to be eligible, including having an income of no more than \$100,000. Applicants can receive up to \$16,000 per grant and grant approval must be received before work is done or equipment is purchased.

For more information on the compensation program, visit dnr.wi.gov and search "Well Compensation."

About PFAS

PFAS are a group of human-made chemicals used for decades in numerous products, including nonstick cookware, fast food wrappers, stain-resistant sprays and certain types of firefighting foam. These contaminants have made their way into the environment through accidental spills of PFAS-containing materials, discharges of PFAS-containing wastewater to treatment plants and certain types of firefighting foams.

PFAS do not break down in the environment and have been discovered at concentrations of concern in groundwater, surface water and drinking water. These chemicals are known to accumulate in the human body, posing several risks to human health including certain cancers, liver damage and decreased fertility.

Information about PFAS can also be found on the DNR's PFAS webpage and on the Wisconsin DHS website.

More information about the current PFAS contamination in the town of Stella can be found at townofstella.com/pfas or at the DNR website.

Free haircuts offered to benefit mental health

With awareness on the rise about mental health issues, one Nicolet College graduate and entrepreneur is organizing an effort to help individuals benefit from mental health treatment.

This Saturday, Jan. 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sarah Wesenberg and her staff at Lotus Salon and Spa in Rhineland will hold a Cut the Stigma event to raise funds for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Northern Lakes Chapter.

During the event, the salon will offer free haircuts to anyone who makes a donation to the local NAMI chapter. Snacks and refreshments will be served. Anyone making a donation also will be entered in a raffle for gift prizes. Only walk-ins will be accepted.

Anyone in the North Woods struggling with mental health issues is encouraged to contact the NAMI Northern Lakes Chapter at 715-420-1700 or naminorthernlakes@yahoo.com.



TANGLED UP — A tight racing situation between drivers Tyler Beach and Tom Olson ended with both competitors being tossed from their sleds during World Championship qualifying races Saturday afternoon.

Above: Olson goes airborne while Beach slides down the track ahead of him as competitors speed down the back stretch at the Derby Complex.

Right: Beach, left, and Olson briefly confront one another before having to be separated by Derby staff after they collided and crashed during races Saturday afternoon at the World Championship Derby Complex in Eagle River.

—STAFF PHOTOS



WORLD CHAMP — Joe Schneider of St. Germain poses for a photo with USSA and Eagle River Derby flagman Jason "Rico"

Borrero after winning the Outlaw World Championship during Sunday's race events at the Derby Complex in Eagle River.

NEWS

Border security, immigration tops Rep. Tom Tiffany listening session

By MICHAEL ANDERSON
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

About 40 citizens were in attendance at a listening session with 7th District U.S. Congressman Tom Tiffany held Jan. 16 at the Eagle River Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), with southern border security and illegal immigration dominating the discussion.

The listening session started and ended with citizens voicing their concerns on these topics, which Tiffany echoed throughout his discussion.

According to Tiffany, there are parts of the country where hospitals are being overrun by immigrants, lowering the chances for citizens to get into hospitals. He also explained that schools are being overcrowded, often-times by students with no knowledge of English, resulting in a slower education process for students who are American citizens.

"It really does overwhelm the system when this has happened," said Tiffany. "So what is happening at this point is the border is wide open. It's going to continue to be wide open as long as President Biden is president."

Tiffany alleged that this was an intentional act, declaring, "If you don't believe this is intentional, it is. After two years of this going on it's very clear that it is intentional and it's meant to breach the sovereignty of the United States of America because otherwise they would be stopping it."

He further explained that if you set aside the human trafficking aspect of the unsecured border and ignore the terrorists who are entering our country, the fentanyl entering our country alone is reason enough to secure the border.

"Just the fentanyl alone — that is the number one killer of people (ages) 18 to 45 now. I mean, if for no other reason you would stop it because of that, if you cared about America," Tiffany said.

Citizens also asked Tiffany if there was anything in the works at the federal level to address the skyrocketing accounts of human sex trafficking in the country. Tiffany reported that there were some bills introduced last session and that he assumes there will be more bills introduced in the coming session.

"Human trafficking will only get worse in the United States of America as long as President Biden continues to have open borders," he said.

Tiffany rationalized that the United States is complicit in the largest human trafficking operation in history as a result of the Biden Administration's actions on the southern border, comparing the flow of immigrants to the early American slave trade.

"I don't think we've seen anything like this, world-



Congressman Tiffany addresses an audience of constituents and local leaders during his recent listening session at the Eagle River VFW as Assembly Rep. Rob Swearingen looks on. —Photos By Michael Anderson

wide, since the slave trade of a few hundred years ago," he said.

He explained that the International Organization for Migration (IOM) has set up stations throughout the world industrializing the movement of people into the U.S., and said he hopes this Congress will pass a Secure the Border package to help them go after IOM, as they are a United Nations organization.

"We should be defunding them as a result of what they are doing because they are breaching our sovereignty here in the United States of America," expressed Tiffany.

Tiffany is also hopeful the House of Representatives will begin hearings on securing the border.

"Illegal immigration and securing the border are two different things. The first thing we need to do is secure the border, and the second thing is you reform immigration," he said. He indicated that after they secure the border, then Congress can work on creating legislation to reform immigration laws.

Tiffany was also asked if the U.S. was going to continue to send foreign and military aid to Ukraine.

"The short answer is yes, as long as the Biden Administration is in charge, because they've made it very clear that they want to continue this," he said. "There is a case to be made to help Ukraine, but I think in terms of American interest we better take care of our own stuff first before going off and funding additional conflicts."

He stated that he has been voting against additional funding to Ukraine because he thinks we need to focus on the American economy.

"We need to take care of business at home here first, make sure we have a strong America, and then we deter our adversaries," said Tiffany.

Tiffany believes that Vladimir Putin knew he was going to go into Ukraine when the first act of the Biden Administration was to shut down the Keystone pipeline. He



Resident John Gursoy was one of the people to direct questions at Tiffany during the session.

said shutting down Keystone was an announcement to the world that America was no longer going to be energy independent.

He speculated that shutting down the pipeline emboldened and empowered Putin, stating it drove up the cost of oil from \$60 to \$100 a barrel, benefiting Middle Eastern oil companies and Russia which receives a significant amount of export revenue from crude oil and natural gas.

"We in effect helped fund his war machine and it emboldened him at that point," declared Tiffany. He also believes that the U.S. emboldened Putin by withdrawing from Afghanistan in 2021. He reminded the audience that 13 troops were killed and the U.S. left \$85 billion in war materials behind.

"We basically tucked tail and ran; we hadn't seen anything quite like that since Vietnam," he said.

Tiffany rationalized that if America shows weakness, that will embolden its adversaries to take action like Russia took action in Ukraine.

Tiffany also indicated that Taiwan would be a better future investment for the U.S. than Ukraine.

"I would say to you that Taiwan is of far more strategic interest to the United

States of America at this point, when you look at our greatest adversary is China," he stated.

In addition to national issues, Congressman Tiffany was asked for his guidance on local issues.

John Gursoy, a local citizen, asked the congressman for direction, commenting that Tiffany had encouraged conservatives to get involved in the local school boards. Gursoy explained to the congressman that a local group is making conservative changes to the local school in the areas of the LGBTQ agenda, critical race theory, and social and emotional learning.

"What can we do, what is our next step?" asked Gursoy. "Give me some marching orders as far as how can we help in Washington to make this connection of eliminating this evilness in our schools and the indoctrination of our kids. What's happening in Washington? Tell me, what we can do next?"

Congressman Tiffany explained that at a federal level, Indiana Rep. Jim Banks just announced he is starting an "anti-woke" caucus in the House of Representatives. However, Tiffany emphasized the way to influence education is local. He expressed to the audience that they need to control the school and they control the school through their board of education.

"This is really about the local level; you need to take back your school," said Tiffany.

Tiffany further commented that he would like to eliminate the Department of Education at the federal level because the federal government does not advance the education of local children in ways that most of his constituents want.

Tiffany held seven listening sessions throughout the district on Jan. 16 and 17.

7th FORK pantry opens Jan. 25 in Three Lakes

Feed Our Rural Kids (FORK) opened its Three Lakes Pantry today, Jan. 25, which means there are now seven locations established to help food-insecure children in the North Woods.

"The expansion of a FORK Pantry program into the Three Lakes School District is an important step forward," said FORK President Perry Pokrandt.

Locations are now open in Northland Pines Elementary School buildings at Eagle River, Land O' Lakes and St. Germain, in addition to pantries at Phelps School, Conover Town Hall, and the Plum Lake Public Library in Sayner.

"We are excited about adding Three Lakes to the list of communities that we serve," said Children's Pantry Committee Chairperson Jean Arndt. "I might add that we look forward to the completion of the Sugar Camp Pantry in the not too distant future."

The Three Lakes Common's Pantry and the planned Sugar Camp pantry locations will be manned by the newest FORK volunteer, Three Lakes resident Jennifer Statz.

"This program will be a difference maker for many of our districts children and their families," said Teri Maney, district administrator for the Three Lakes School District. "We know that convenient access to food will aid our families, while the availability of the pantry will be used as a resource by our teachers in support of the children in their care."

"The concept is simple," added Arndt. "The more

accessible food is to children, the higher the probability that they will receive the nutritional support they need."

Pokrandt assured people that this program was not designed to replace the Christian Food Pantry in town.

"The (Three Lakes Commons) pantry simply enhances the availability of support options for local families so they can better support the nutritional needs of their kids," he said.

The new pantry will be available to the public anytime the school is open. FORK invites families to "take what they need" in order to best support their children.

"In other words, if a family needs help feeding their kids, the pantry is open to them for dinner that night or lunch over the weekend," Arndt added.

As previously stated, the program is also a resource for each school's educators and the educational staff, providing aid to hungry children during the school day and beyond if necessary. To that end, FORK is providing area educators another tool by which they can support the children.

Individuals who would like to get more information about how they can utilize FORK's Children's Pantry as a resource in their area can reach out to Jean Arndt at 309-647-0474.

To learn more about FORK and the FORK Pantry Program, visit feedourruralkids.org/fork-pantry.

FORK is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Lunch and learn planned virtually for businesses

A free virtual lunch and learn event focusing on financial resources for current and new businesses is planned Wednesday, Jan. 25, from noon to 1 p.m.

Participants will hear from several different panelists during the event. Panelists include Senior Vice President Small Business Administration (SBA) Credit Officer Kevin Whisler, Incredible Bank; Northeast Regional Project Director Colleen Bies, Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation; Regional Economic Development Director Jim Rosenberg, Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation; and Product Manager Ashley Lucas, Associated Bank.

The panel will cover topics such as SBA loans, local

bank loans, alternate funding sources for minority-, woman- or veteran-owned businesses, business development and tax credit opportunities unique to Wisconsin, available grants and other subjects relative to business financing.

"Our expert panel is well versed in all things financing for business," said Kathy Schmitz, executive director for the Vilas County Economic Development Corporation. "With January as a time for new beginnings, it's perfect to take this opportunity and learn about the many options to grow area businesses or launch start-up ideas."

For more information or to register for the event, visit vilascountyedc.org or call 715-337-0061.



A crowd of about 40 constituents attended the Jan. 16 session.

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SPORTS

Bluejays win seven of last eight as they move into second place

BY WILLIAM ZUELKE
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Three Lakes boys varsity basketball team used a thrilling 55-52 road victory at Laona last week to build a small win streak of two games. It is also their seventh win in their last eight overall as they now rest in sole possession of second place in the Northern Lakes Conference with a 5-1 mark. They are 9-3 overall.

The Florence Bobcats stand just one game ahead of the Bluejays in the conference and the two teams have an important matchup scheduled next month that will likely play a major role in how the conference title will eventually be determined.

But for this week, the Bluejays are happy to have left Laona victorious after a tough battle that went down to the wire.

Just before the half, the Rebels took a small lead over Three Lakes as Carter Janesch hit a long three-point shot in the closing moments to give the Rebels a 21-20 advantage.

To start the second half, the Bluejays took back the lead and held it for most of the half. The Rebels recaptured it at 48-46, late in the game before Three Lakes would take over from there en route to a three point win.

After a slow start to the season, Wabeno-Laona had won six out of eight games coming into the Tuesday contest. Currently they are only a game behind the Bluejays for second place in the conference with a 4-2 record. Overall, the Rebels are 8-8 for the season.

The Bluejays have now swept the series by beating the Rebels back in early December in Three Lakes.

Jared Kaufman was the top scorer in either team and led the Bluejays with 20 points, including 12 in the second half where they were needed down the stretch. Another major-scoring contributor was L.J. Terlizzi who pitched in 15 points. Like Kaufman, the majority of his scoring came in the later stages of the game, including his final score of the night on a three-point basket.

Kaufman had two, three pointers in the game. Josh Cogar joined the three-point club as he made three of his own for nine points.



Jared Kaufman, shown here during recent pre-game warmup, led Bluejays in scoring against the Laona-Wabeno Rebels last Tuesday with 20 points in 55-52 conference win
—Photo By William Zuelke

Toby Volkman scored six points, including a second half, three-point bucket. Chase Melton and McCain Graff rounded out the scoring for the Bluejays with four points and one point respectively.

Walter Winkelman led the Rebels with 15 points and six rebounds while Janesch chipped in 11 points and four rebounds in the defeat.

The Rebels did rebound as a team later in the week as they beat another conference rival, Crandon, by a score of 53-36.

Crandon just happens to be the next contest for the Bluejays as the team will travel to face the Cardinals at Crandon

High School on Monday.

Crandon has been struggling but head coach Brad Volkman expects a battle.

"You can never take a conference competitor for granted, regardless of their record, as all teams seem to get keyed up for their local rivals," he said. "Our team has been playing very good basketball, but we still need to stick with hard work and our general game plan with Crandon on Monday, as we would for any other important game. And at this point in the season, they are all important games."

The Bluejays played only a single game last week due to

the heavy snow event when a game initially scheduled to be played on Thursday in Watersmeet was postponed. Volkman indicated that since the game was against a nonconference team, there is a chance that it may not be rescheduled.

Following the Crandon game, the Bluejays will return to Three Lakes, Jan. 27, to face Prentice in another nonconference game at 5:45 p.m.

The Buccaneers have a 7-6 record for the season. They have had an up and down season, including recent games where they posted losses in their last two, after winning four of their previous five.

Sports Sidelines

By Doug Etten



Girls hockey program continues the fight

There is not a doubt in anyone's mind that there is a lot of pride in the Northland Pines girls hockey program.

Whether it be in the youth divisions or once the girls advance to Bantams and then to high school, those at the helm have always made a point of trying to maintain independence and competitiveness especially at the highest levels.

A few years back Pines welcomed a couple other districts who had youth interested in playing, but had nowhere to play. In the same breath they had continued to co-op with other schools for the right reasons, always maintaining the stance they were not going to become one of those programs such as the larger co-ops, who's basis instead continues to be focused on winning, and not as much on opportunity.

When members of the community gathered at Northland Pines High School last week, Pines Activities Director Josh Tilley was very open and honest in making sure people knew there were options available and that the decision on what to do with the program would be one that would be formed with good opinions from all sides.

He wasn't there to drive the conversation, but instead facilitate and honor what parents, coaches and athletes as well felt was best for them, best for the team and most importantly best for the community.

I wish more schools would take the opportunity to conduct these listening sessions with other entities. So many times many of the same people are running each, but in the case with youth hockey coming to the high school ranks that isn't necessarily always the case.

I was encouraged by the cooperation many of the individuals stressed at the meeting. And though I wasn't able to attend in person, it was evident in the coverage from Chris Oatman that everyone was cordial, accommodating and willing to listen to those whose heart was behind what they said.

And thanks especially to Tilley, for offering the community to have a voice on something that so many people in the Eagle River area are passionate about.

While it's been a tough year for the girls program, coach Andrea Harman and her squad continue to show up game after game and will lead through example with the type of perseverance the Northland Pines hockey program has always exhibited.

Marshfield prevails 8-2; Pines Classic set Friday, Saturday

BY CHRIS OATMAN
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Last week was a tough one for the Northland Pines boys hockey team who, after a cancellation of their much-anticipated Great Northern Conference games with Tomahawk and Rhinelander, fell on the road to Marshfield 8-2.

"We did not show up at all," said head coach Patrick Schmidt. "We let in three soft goals right away and it just took us right out of our game. The kids could just not rally back and get into it."

Marshfield came into the contest 9-9 while Pines rested at 5-8-1, with five wins and a tie in their last seven games.

The home Tigers built a 6-0 lead with three more goals in the second period before Griffin Kenning got the Eagles on the board with assists from Tyler Beiter and Nicholas Boxrucker.

Pines got an unassisted power play goal from Luke Wessel in the third period, but Marshfield scored two more times for the final 8-2 margin.

"We had three snow days in the past week and only got one good practice in," said Schmidt. "That was tough. Luckily it wasn't a conference game, but it's still one we wish we could erase."

The Eagles were scheduled to host Tomahawk this

past Monday to make up for last week's snowed-out game. They also had a conference game at Mosinee on the schedule for Tuesday. Schmidt said he was hoping to use these games to help build into the Pines Classic which is set for Friday and Saturday at the Dome.

"It's important to get our momentum back," he said. "We're coming up on some key games in the next couple of weeks. And the more experience we can get the younger kids, the better."

At the Pines Classic the Eagles will meet Hayward Friday at 5 p.m. followed by a game between Mosinee and University School of Milwaukee. Friday's winners will play in the championship game Saturday following the consolation game which begins at noon.

"It's going to be good to get back into the tradition of the Pines Classic," said Schmidt. "We're back to housing visiting hockey players (with Pines hockey families). There's a part of our group that has never experienced that before because of Covid."

Following the Classic, the Northland Pines boys hockey team will play its make-up game with Rhinelander, Monday, January 30 at the Dome.

District, parents, players discuss future of girls hockey program

BY CHRIS OATMAN
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

About 60 people came to the auditorium at Northland Pines High School in Eagle River last Wednesday night for an informational meeting about the future of the girls high school hockey program.

Information was compiled and shared by Pines Activities Director Josh Tilley after he was contacted by administrators from schools that form the Northern Edge co-op, including Rhinelander, Lakeland and Antigo.

Tilley opened the meeting with a presentation listing individual concerns, the steps in the process of forming or adding to a co-op team, and future projections of program participation at Pines.

"I am not on one side or the other right now," said Tilley. "I'm just getting information and listening to your input. It's a big con-

cern. I thank the three girls who came down from Upper Michigan to play. If they hadn't, our numbers would be even worse right now."

Counting those three players, the Pines girls hockey roster currently stands at 15. Participation projections are for 15, 14 and 17 players over the next three years. However, the number goes up to 23 in the 2026-'27 school year and stays in the low 20s for another three years.

Northland Pines could enter into a standard two-year co-op agreement with schools like Antigo and Lakeland. Those schools project to have only one girls hockey player each next season.

"I'm just a little concerned that if we let everyone combine, that when the time comes we're actually going to be kicking girls to the curb," said Nicole Ray, team manager for the Eagle River U12 girls team.

Tilley responded. "We would have to tell them we're giving them two more years of skate time, but we can't promise you anything after that," said Tilley.

Tilley explained that when teams become part of a co-op, a new name is chosen for that team and games are generally rotated around the home rinks of the teams in the co-op.

"If the team is not based in Eagle River, I think the number of girls in the program would dwindle dramatically," said Ray. "Ten years ago, the girls said they would rather play short-handed and lose every game than co-op. They wanted to be Pines Eagles."

There were others at the meeting that favored going with a co-op team, at least in the short term.

"It was good to see what the talk is about and good to see that nothing is set in stone," said Northland Pines girls hockey coach Andrea

Harman. "You are seeing the community come together again. I feel for girls hockey it hasn't been like that for a few years. It's really heartwarming to see the support."

Tilley felt everyone at the meeting wants what's best for the players and the girls program.

"I think we have help in many areas," he said. "From the administration. From parents. From coaches and players. I think people are a lot more acceptable than when they walked in here."

It was requested that Tilley gather more information, including participation numbers from previous years at Northland Pines and other districts, and hold another informational meeting in February. Anyone with questions or input about the future of Northland Pines High School girls hockey can call Tilley at the high school at 715-479-4473. When the prompt comes up, press 4.

SPORTS

Windigo sweep three games in Alaska to move up inside Midwest standings

BY DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Wisconsin Windigo vaulted from fifth to third place in the North American Hockey League (NAHL) midwest division standings as they swept three straight games on the road in Fairbanks, Alaska, over the weekend.

“To come into Fairbanks and take three games from the division leader is a huge accomplishment for us,” said Windigo head coach Blake Hietala. “This is one of the toughest buildings for a visitor to play in our league. The guys continue to work as a team and support each other.”

Hietala said that without the offensive production of his



LUKE LEVANDOWSKI

squad’s special teams it could have been a different outcome. However, scoring five power play goals across three games put an emphasis on the stat sheet afterwards.

“Our power play was great

this weekend,” said Hietala. “Our team defense and goaltending are tough to compete against. We have grit and we have speed. The guys are focused on whatever it takes to win.”

In the first matchup of the three-game trip the Windigo took a 5-3 matchup.

Gavin Moffatt recorded his 11th win of the season, saving 21 of the 24 shots faced. Kayden Hargraves took the loss for Fairbanks with 22 saves on 26 shots.

Axel Begley finished the game with three assists while Luke Levandowski scored twice. Zach Cline was the other multi-point scorer for the Windigo with one goal and one assist.

After winning their fifth straight game on Thursday the Windigo came out hungry for more and scored six unanswered goals over the first two periods Friday on their way to a 6-2 win.

Fairbanks peppered Moffatt with 13 shots in the third period, two of which found the back of the net. Moffatt earned his 12th win of the season, turning away 31 of the 33 shots he faced.

With a goal and assist in his first game of the year with the Windigo, Mario DiMaggio was named second star of the game and said afterwards he was excited to be part of a solid team win.

“I was happy and relieved that shot went in for my first NAHL goal,” he said. “As a rookie, I put a lot of pressure on myself to perform. My teammates have been great. Our defensive core is probably one of the best in the league with several good veterans. We’ve got great goaltending and great scoring too. I’m just happy to be a part of this group.”

Will Schumacher got the scoring started for the Windigo in the first as he registered his eighth goal of the year just 7:54 into the game. After that Begley’s playmaking prowess shined once again, with DiMaggio registering the second assist which made it 2-0. Cline (from Sam Groebner and Everett Pietila) scored his eighth of the year at the 10:54 mark to make it 3-0.

Next was Frank Jenkins scoring followed by goals from Levandowski, Pietila and then DiMaggio.

Saturday’s game looked to be a route for the Windigo who opened play with three power play goals in the opening 20 minutes of play with goals from Frank Jenkins, Max Martin and Levandowski which made it 3-0.

Fairbanks then came to life in the second period, outshooting the Windigo 15 to 3 as they scored twice on the power play to come within



Wisconsin Windigo goalie Gavin Moffatt looks to his left while protection the net during a recent North American Hockey League game. Moffatt

earned his 11th and 12th wins of the year in net on the recent road trip stopping a combined 53 of 59 shots on the weekend.

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Luke Levandowski fires a shot on goal during a recent game at the ERRA Dome in Eagle River. —Photo By Gary Ridderbusch

one goal.

Martin though increased the lead to two when he took a cross ice feed from Zach Burfoot and fired the puck into the short side. Anderson picked up the second assist to make it 4-2.

Fairbanks would capitalize on a rare 5 on 3 to come to within a goal late in the game, but Max Martin closed out the scoring with 49 seconds remaining on an empty net

goal to close the game, 5-3.

Windigo goalie Max Beckford made 21 saves on 24 shots to earn his 10th win of the season. Levandowski scored five goals over the three-game weekend, giving him 18 goals in 24 games since joining the Windigo. For his efforts he was awarded the Week by the NAHL.

With 44 team points on the year the Windigo vaulted from

fifth to third place in the Midwest Division, sitting behind only Fairbanks (47) and the Minnesota Wilderness (46).

The Windigo head south down the Kenai Peninsula of Alaska to take on the Brown Bears, Jan. 27-28. The team will continue their road trip with two games at the Minnesota Wilderness, Feb. 3-4. Following that the team returns home Feb. 9 -10, when they host Anchorage.



Windigo player Benjamin Anderson puts the puck between the legs of a defender as he tries to get loose for a shot during a recent home game in Eagle River. —Photo By Gary Ridderbusch



Northland Pines forward Mallory Schmidt weaves through traffic with the puck during a recent home matchup against Northern Edge. —Staff Photo By DOUG ETTEN

Schmidt scores twice though Pines girls fall to Arrowhead

BY DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northland Pines girls hockey team hosted Arrowhead Co-op this past Saturday at the Eagle River Dome, coming up short in a 10-2 contest.

Both Pines goals were scored by forward Mallory Schmidt who tied the game just 1:43 in at 1-1. Her second came at the conclusion of the first as Donna Lotzer assisted on the goal to make it 4-2 Arrowhead.

In the second, the visitors would expand on their lead scoring four times in the next 17 minutes to head into the third period, up 8-2.

Amelia Altmann added her third of the game 4:53

in, while teammate Quinn Sondrol followed with her third of the night, this one shorthanded, as each completed the hat trick in the 10-2 win.

Jenna Uhrine stopped 41 shots in goal across three periods, while Pines put 21 shots on Arrowhead goalie Bri Chmiel, who picked up the win.

The team was scheduled to take on Superior this past weekend, but that contest was canceled. Next up for the Pines Co-op is a game at Medford, Jan. 24. Following that the team will host Hayward, Jan. 31, at 6 p.m. at the Eagle River Dome.



BANTAMS WIN — The Eagle River Bantam hockey team hosted a tournament at the Dome recently and took first place. Team members are, front row from left, Sam Shrock, Drake Nelson, Everett Leslie, Hunter Tameling, Jonathon Gould, Collin Reynolds and Cooper Saari; middle row, Sage Olson, Milan Chobanov,

Colto Berray, Easton Otto, Landon Van Berkel, Ben Plank, Avey Renkes and Lilly Beitler; and back row, Dylan Kleffman and Ryan Wielhouwer. The team is coached by Craig Nelson and assisted by Zach Otto and Tim Beitler.

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SPORTS

Up and down week for Three Lakes girls team

By WILLIAM ZUELKE
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Three Lakes girls basketball team had mixed results this week starting with a 41-24 road loss to conference rival Wabeno-Laona. The team rebounded days later at home, beating Rhinelander 64-55 before falling 45-41 to a very good Lena team on Saturday.

"I knew the game on Saturday against Lena would be a challenge," said co-head coach Tony Pharo. "Especially after we played so hard the night before in our win against Rhinelander. The girls played with as much energy as they could, but you could tell they didn't have the same zip."

Michele Brown, co-head coach for the Bluejays, said the loss to Lena came down to a few little things which she feels her team learned from and can correct moving ahead.

"Our struggle making free throws has been our Achilles heel this season," said Brown. "Sooner or later, poor shooting at the line will come back to haunt any team and it came back to bite us against Lena."

Lena came into the game with an 11-2 mark. Only one team has beaten Lena this year and that's 12-3 Coleman who defeated them twice. Overall, Brown said it was a very tough stretch of games for her team.

"These were all very good teams," she said. "We showed positive signs in each, especially at home against Rhinelander and Lena, where if we could have just made our free throws, we would have sent the Wildcats home with a loss."

The Bluejays (8-7) are still above the .500 mark and will carry their winning record back to the home gymnasium this Friday to face another tough conference team in a matchup with Crandon.

The Cardinals currently

have a 13-1 record and lead the Northern Lakes Conference (NLC) at 6-1, while the Bluejays are tied for third place with Florence at 3-3.

Looking back to the Rhinelander matchup Pharo said there were a lot of positives.

"I am happy, however, with the grit and determination demonstrated in our win against Rhinelander," he said. "We played extremely hard throughout the game and never gave up, even when we were down 31-41 in the second half with around 12 minutes left in the game as we turned up the heat and outscored the Hodags 33-14 for the remainder to clinch the victory."

Brown also said she was pleased with the performance in the Rhinelander win.

"Our girls played very well," she said. "The total team effort was the best I have seen this year. This was also our highest scoring game of the season with Kallie



Three Lakes player Kaya Szevs looks to inbound the ball during a game at home last Tuesday night against Rhinelander. —Photo By William Zuelke

(Volk) leading the way with 16 points followed by Kaya (Szevs) and Karlee (Weavers) with 15 each. It sure was nice to see that."

"Jenna Erikson also finished with eight points and nine assists and did a nice job finding open players and leading our offense."

For the week, the Bluejays scored 129 total points averaging 43 in each contest, which is exactly the same as

the season scoring average.

Volk led the team in scoring with 37 points for the week, including her game-high 16 against Rhinelander. Weavers has been in a higher scoring mode in recent weeks as she had 31 points for the week, with 12 points in Lena to go with her 15 in the Rhinelander game.

"We saw a ton of improvement this week, however, even with the two losses," said

Brown. "Kallie has been our most consistent player all season and it is nice to see Karlee contribute on the scoring end, along with solid, improved play from Kaya and Jenna."

"We see streaks of nice things from our freshmen and will continue to push them to improve on things as they continue to gain experience."

Friday's game against Crandon at Three Lakes High School is set for 7:15 p.m.

Pines girls get hot in win over Hatchets, turn cold against Gillett

By DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

For the second time this season the Tomahawk Hatchets girls basketball team couldn't respond to Pines hot shooting as the home Eagles soared to a 51-30 Great Northern Conference (GNC) win last Friday evening.

"We shot the ball well going 42% from the field and were 5 of 14 from the three-point line," said Pines coach Jim Beyer. "Defense led to offense and we scored in transition. In the second half we attacked the rim well and got to the line."

As a team it was a defensive effort that collected 18 steals on the night.

"Paige (Hodkiewicz) and Emily (Rottier-Douangmala) set the tone with their defense," said Beyer. "Emily and Paige had their season highs and gave us the senior leadership and production that we are desperately needing. It was great to see our out-

side shots falling. The energy created from made baskets propelled our defense."

Hodkiewicz's 14 points was a boost for Pines offense. She also added eight rebounds and four steals. Following her was Rottier-Douangmala with a team-high 15 points. She also added five steals.

Vienna Klemett added seven points to go along with six apiece from Emma Weber and Mykala Felesen.

Pines now sits at 2-6 overall in the GNC, two games ahead of Tomahawk (0-7). Lakeland still leads with a perfect 7-0 mark followed by Mosinee (6-2), Antigo (5-3), Rhinelander (3-3) and Medford (2-4).

The team is off this week until Friday when they'll host Rhinelander in another conference showdown. Game time in the Pines fieldhouse is set for 7:15 p.m.

Loss to Gillett

Following the win over Tomahawk the Pines girls team

faced a tough Gillett squad Saturday in what was unfortunately a colder shooting day offensively for the Eagles.

"Our shooting from Friday just didn't carry over to Saturday," said Beyer. "We had a defensive effort that was good enough to win the game, but just couldn't make shots at the rate we needed to, to stay in the game."

Gillett was able to control their offensive sets in route to a 41-26 win. Afterwards Beyer said that although their shooting wasn't as good, 22% from the field and 2 of 14 from three, he was happy that his team took care of the ball and committed just 14 total turnovers.

"It's frustrating because it feels like we let one get away from us," he said. "Gillett was hot from the outside and we were ice cold. We were two evenly matched teams and one of us shot well and the other didn't. If we played them again, I would like our chances to win."



HOOPS NIGHTS — The basketball program at Three Lakes High School began in 1922. Members of the first team were, from left, Billy Anderson, Walter Uhl, Mike Gorski, Davy Farmer, Everett Nelson, Alex Oikowski and John Rychlock. The team was coached by Chalm-

er Davies. The team played five games their first season, going 3-2. The school will honor the 100 years of basketball with free admission Feb. 3 (girls) and Feb. 6 (boys) for all Bluejays alumni players. For information contact Charlie Volk at 715-546-3321. —Contributed Photo

High School Sports Schedules WINTER 2022-23

NORTHLAND PINES EAGLES

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

THREE LAKES BLUEJAYS

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

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SPORTS

Pines boys turn up their defense to get GNC wins over both Lakeland, Antigo

BY GARY RIDDERBUSCH
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Northland Pines boys basketball team picked up two Great Northern Conference (GNC) wins at Lakeland 57-39 last Tuesday and over Antigo at home 54-10 Friday night.

Against Lakeland, the Eagles took a commanding 12-0 lead before the T-Birds got on the board at the 12-minute mark in the half. Pines used fine offense and pushed the lead to 15, up 19-4, with 7 minutes left in the half. The Eagles proved to be too strong and continued their dominance with great team defense and offense to close out the half 34-10.

"We did a great job of defending them and our offense was very good," said

Pines coach Terry Klemett. "We didn't settle for long shots and really attacked the rim well."

The second half saw the T-Birds go on an 8-0 run to cut the Pines' lead down to 34-18 with 14 minutes to go. The Eagles then got tough baskets from Nolan Lurvey and Griffin Stiemke to go up 44-22 before Lakeland would go on another run and get within 14, down 44-30 with 6 minutes to go.

The Eagles went on a cold streak and the T-Birds cut the lead down to 10 with 5 minutes remaining. A tough Stiemke basket stopped the T-Birds' run and the Eagles went to full-court man-to-man pressure that saw Ryan Muench and Lurvey come up with back-to-back steals and layups, and another steal by Muench resulted in Lurvey getting two more points

from the free throw line to put the Eagles up 54-36.

A late triple from Lakeland and some good free throw shooting from the Eagles iced the game and the Eagles' 18-point win.

"Give Lakeland credit, they didn't stop fighting and really gave themselves a chance to get back into the game," said Klemett. "Our kids responded well and made some defensive stops and some tough baskets to put the game out of reach. We defended well throughout the game and I thought we did a good job of controlling them on both sides of the ball. It was a great win against a good team."

The Eagles were led by Stiemke's 18 points. Gabe Smith had another fine game with 16 points and six rebounds. Lurvey chipped in 14 points. The Eagles shot

18-of-32 from the field and 12-of-17 from the free throw line.

Antigo victory

Northland Pines hosted Parents Night at the clubhouse on Friday and came away with a convincing 54-10 win over the Red Robins. The Pines' defense helped the Eagles build a commanding 14-0 lead before Antigo got on the board.

A crowd-pleasing "alley oop" from Lurvey to Smith helped the Eagles build a 24-2 lead with 5 minutes remaining in the half.

Antigo could not get anything going as the Eagles' swarming defense didn't allow the visitors a good shot on any possession, helping Pines to go up 34-6 at the intermission.

"We did a great job defensively on them," said Klemett.

"They are a big, physical team and we just got after them. I was very pleased with our efforts. They switched to a zone which slowed us down a little bit, but we were very patient and got good buckets."

The second half was much of the same as the Eagles showed their defensive dominance and fast-paced offense, going up 44-8 with 8 minutes remaining. Two-handed dunks from Stiemke and Smith got the home crowd roaring midway through the half, which led to a running clock the remainder of the game.

Pines was able to get multiple rotations with substitutes and some good 3-point shooting from Kaiden Kroepelin extended the lead to 54-10 and sealed the win.

"We defended extremely well and they couldn't han-

dle our pressure and poise," said Klemett. "Their zone was a problem at times, but we were able to get some long balls to drop and did a great job of getting the ball into the high post for some nice drop downs for layups. It's hard to hold a team to 10 points and I couldn't be happier with where our team is at and the attention to detail from practice to the games. We are in the right direction."

The Eagles saw nine players score in the game, led by Smith's 10 points. Six of those points were on dunks.

Northland Pines is 11-3 on the season and 5-1 in the GNC. The Eagles were scheduled to host Merrill in a nonconference game on Tuesday of this week and will travel to Tomahawk for a GNC game this Friday, Jan. 20. Both games start at 7:15 p.m.

ABC, Shoeder's team up to support Hodag sports

Grand prize valued at up to \$20,000

BY NEWS-REVIEW STAFF

Raffle ticket sales are ongoing for one of the largest fundraising events ever for the Rhinelander Athletic Booster Club (ABC), which has partnered with Shoeder's RV & Marine of Rhinelander to have one lucky ticket holder win their choice of three grand-prize options.

The prizes — which include either a 2023 Jayco Jay Flight camper, a 2023 Viaggio Del Mar pontoon boat with a 25-horsepower Mercury motor, or a 2023 Arctic Cat Prowler Pro Crew Limited UTV — were donated by Shoeder's and each carry a value of more than \$20,000.

Tickets cost \$20 each and are being sold by participating Rhinelander High School and area youth sports teams, which will keep the proceeds from the tickets they sell.

"When Shoeder's approached the ABC about doing this raffle, we couldn't believe it," ABC President Brandon Karaba said. "This generosity can be a game changer on so many levels for so many teams."

"This amazing prize Shoeder's donated to the raffle will help generate funds for all teams selling tickets; which allows those teams to purchase equipment or uniforms needed for our athletes to train and compete at their highest level," added ABC board member Jeremy McCone. "One-hundred percent of the proceeds generated from the ticket sales goes directly to those teams that sold them."

According to Ali Shoeder of Shoeder's RV & Marine, as a family-owned business with strong roots in the Rhinelander community, supporting the ABC in this endeavor was an easy decision.

"We believe that having a strong school system, and strong athletic programs in that school system, are so important to the community of Rhinelander, and our surrounding areas," Shoeder

said. "Our hope is that collaborations like this will help ensure that every kid can participate in athletics if desired, regardless of their financial situation, and that it will give our programs the chance to continue to strengthen themselves with new training equipment, uniforms, and whatever else they may need. We believe strongly in ABC and what they provide for our community, and are happy to be able to support them however we can."

The winning ticket will be drawn during the Rhinelander High School boys and girls basketball doubleheader against Antigo at the Jim Miazga Community Gymnasium in Rhinelander Feb. 17, and the winner will have a choice of one of the three prizes listed above.

"This type of donation from Shoeder's is over the top amazing. And it's just another reason why this community is so great," Karaba added. "We can't thank them enough for always supporting the Athletic Booster Club and therefore making Rhinelander athletics the best they can be."

Hockey Schedules 2022-'23



NORTHLAND PINES HIGH SCHOOL - BOYS

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

NORTHLAND PINES HIGH SCHOOL - GIRLS

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

EAGLE RIVER FALCONS

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

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STANDINGS

EAGLE RIVER POOL LEAGUE

Results of 1/19/23

Results: Shotskis 9, Uncle Kent's I 7; Brew's Pub II 8, Great Escape 8; Club 45 II 10, Twin Lake Pub 6; Eagle Lanes 9, Denoyer's I 7; Brew's Pub I 10, Club 45 I 6; Denoyer's II 8, Uncle Kent's II 8.

Eight ball runs: Tom Muench 2.

STANDINGS	W	L
Shotskis	146	62
Uncle Kent's I	118	90
Eagle Lanes	117	91
Brew's Pub II	114	94
Great Escape	113	95
Denoyer's I	110	98
Brew's Pub I	107	101
Uncle Kent's II	88	120
Denoyer's II	87	121
Club 45 I	86	122
Twin Lake Pub	83	125
Club 45 II	79	129

EAGLE RIVER DARTBALL

Results of 1/18/23

Team results: Eagle Lanes 3, Sweetwater 0; Club Denoyer 2, Shotskis 1; Denoyers II 2, Mud Creek 1.

Top women shooters: Billie Jo Ernst 6/21, Shari Shoberg 5/13, Donna Adams 2/13.

Top men shooters: Joe Romdenne 11/22, Rob Govek, 11/26, John Ariola 10/22, Troy Ernst 8/21, Riccardo Ricchee 4/13, Keith Popp 3/13.

Home run: Kim Winter, Shari Shoberg.

STANDINGS	W	L
Eagle Lanes	22	11
Sweetwater	22	11
Club Denoyer	21	12
Shotskis	20	13
Mud Creek	9	24
Denoyer's II	5	28

EAGLE LANES LADIES NIGHT OUT

Results of 1/18/23

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

High team game: Northern Art & Design 921.

High team series: Northern Art & Design 2532.

High games: Dawn Greenman 232, Melissa Baker 218, Terri Schenck 216, Sharon Molinaro 213, Beck Brainard and Jen Schuette 200.

High series: Sharon Molinaro 616, Dawn Greenman 590, Melissa Baker 577, Jo Ann Bathel 553, Susie Erickson 530.

STANDINGS	W	L
Northern Art & Design	84	
Preuss' Pub	75	
6-Newitt North	66	
Harry's Fireworks	64	
Timmy's Holiday Corner	58	
Lanny's Fireside	52	

THREE LAKES DARTBALL

Results of 1/18/23

Team results: Wildcats 3, Newbies 0; Village People 2, Oneida Village II 1.

Top women shooters: Sue Schultz 3, Diane Hoffman 2, Bev Beyer 4, Missy Zanzinger 2.

Top men shooters: Gary Kasten 6, Larry Rothmeyer 2, Paul Kaiser 4, Larry Roth 6.

STANDINGS	W	L
Wildcats	20	1
Village People	8	13
Legion Newbies	7	14
Oneida Village II	7	14

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SPORTS

Roy, Fink & Kincaid earn the spotlight on a night the Larson family gives back

By WILLIAM ZUELKE
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Last Tuesday was special for the Rebel Jays varsity wrestling team who hosted Merrill and Iron Mountain at the small gymnasium in Three Lakes.

Not only did Ryan Roy, Gus Fink and Noah Kincaid go undefeated on the night, it was the first wrestling meet to take place under a new spotlight donated to the team by the family of Travis Larson, a former wrestler for Three Lakes who passed away two years ago at the age of 47.

Larson was an accomplished wrestler who was a two-time conference champion, multiple Sectional qualifier, and a team leader who earned more than 80 wins in his career at Three Lakes High School.

As the only home wrestling event to take place at Three Lakes High School this season, there was heavy local interest in this event before any announcements were made regarding the new lighting arrangement. Fans in attendance were treated with a unique perspective to the sport of wrestling. As head coach Seth Senter said, "There is something about spotlight wrestling that really encourages a focus on the sport itself for observers, as visual distractions during matches are very limited."

Senter said that from a wrestler's perspective there is a certain amount of excitement

that the lighting brings.

"It allows for the same high level of focus on the sport, but with added fan enthusiasm that energizes the venue which can be felt on the mat," he said. "I am happy that our kids had a chance to experience this new lighting, which will also help our team learn to adjust to different environments."

In the meet the Rebel Jays continued to see individual success from their team leaders including seniors Roy and Fink, as well as from sophomore Kincaid.

Roy was the only Rebel Jays wrestler to win in both matches, competing at the 170 lb. weight class. Fink received a win by forfeit in his first match against Iron River and finished the night under the spotlight with a pin against Ian Dreikosen of Merrill, doing so 58 seconds into the match.

Kincaid (145 lb.) also received a forfeit victory in his first match and then earned a second period win by pin against Preston Schuelke of Merrill.

Max Clark (106 lb.), Adison Romprey (138 lb.), and Levi Newman (160 lb.) were all one-one in match play.

Romprey and Newman scored forfeit victories against Iron Mountain while Clark won by decision. Each of the three wrestlers lost to their Merrill weight class competitors.

Jedidiah Sarrett (182 lb.) received a forfeit win against Iron Mountain and did not compete against Merrill.

Brady Shepard (132 lb.) and Hayden Demerath (126



The atmosphere inside the Three Lakes gymnasium last week was enhanced with some alternate spotlighting donated to the school district through the family of former wrestler Travis Larson. —Photo By Jennifer West

lb.) were scoreless in the meet as the Rebel Jays collected 52 team points on the night. Merrill would go on to dominate with 108 points, while Iron Mountain finished second with 70 points.

As with other smaller events, the Rebel Jays were at a disadvantage earning only 24 points from forfeited matches, while Merrill had 60 points due to the fact that they were able to fill so many different weight classes with a larger squad of wrestlers.

Even so, the Rebel Jays made the best with what they had as seven of their nine wrestlers recorded match victories.

Light Of The Night

One of the most memorable moments for the fans at Three Lakes High School came when school staff shut off the regular lights in the gymnasium to unveil the new spotlight shining proudly on the bright blue wrestling mat. It offered a very distinctive atmosphere and an added layer of crowd entertainment according to a few spectators.

April Hansen is the niece of Travis Larson and was in the bleachers with friends and other family members as fans were greeted with a public address announcement about the new mat spotlight.

In addition, each guest also received a flyer that provided the backstory to the light, including a brief biography of the wrestling history of Larson. The flyer also stated that the new light will be used in future wrestling events for the Rebel Jays at Laona High School and at Wabeno High School.

Hansen was on the phone during the event with her mother, Julie Decloux, who is the sister of Larson and who happened to be enjoying her 60th birthday on this same



Rebel Jays wrestler Gus Fink releases Ian Dreikosen of Merrill as referee calls pin victory for Fink 58 seconds into the match. —Photo By William Zuelke

night from her home in North Carolina.

"Our family is so happy that we could partner with the wrestling team to provide a tribute for Travis. He loved this school and he loved wrestling and the role that it played in his life," she said.

"My mom and I were just discussing the irony in this," Hansen added. "As Travis did not enjoy seeking out the spotlight in his high school athletic years, yet his honor will now live here literally under a bright spotlight hopefully for many years to come."

"We are very proud as a family to be part of this night and part of the Rebel Jays team and are grateful to coach Senter and to Gus and John Fink who really helped

with our donation and worked hard to get this project going."

After the wrestling was over on this special day, the Rebel Jays had to prepare for another major event as they also competed last Saturday at the Wausau East Lumberjack Invite, an event with 16 different schools competing.

Roy continued his dominating form with a first-place finish in the 170 lb. weight class. He went 4-0 at the invitational and scored a team-high 47.5 points for the Rebel Jays. Roy is now 27-5 for the season and has won six straight matches this week alone.

Fink also wrestled well again in the heavyweight category as he contributed 31 team points going 2-1 on the

mat, including a fifth-place match win in the second period by pinning Logan Werner of Marathon High School.

Paul Lewis (152 lb.) had a nice meet with a sixth-place finish and bringing in 31 team points, while Shepard also finished with a 2-1 record for the day and had 28 points and a sixth-place finish in his 132 lb. weight class.

While the team as a whole finished in 12th place of 16 teams, every member of the Rebel Jays had a winning match and contributed team points.

The next event on the schedule is a quad meet set for this Tuesday at Laona High School starting at 5 p.m. Competing schools have not yet been announced.



Noah Kincaid of Rebel Jays (left) faces off against Preston Schuelke of Merrill in match under new spotlight installed at Three Lakes High School. Kincaid would win match by pin in second period. —Photo By William Zuelke



Ryan Roy of Rebel Jays (right) initiates move on Merrill wrestler Brian Ball last Tuesday night in Three Lakes. Roy defeated both of his opponents on the night including this match by major decision. —Photo By William Zuelke

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2023 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SNOWMOBILE DERBY



FACES OF THE DERBY

The 60th running of the World Championship Snowmobile Derby attracted the best racers in the sport, but Derby fans and celebrities also were important to the four-day event that regularly brings thousands to the Eagle River area.

Above left: Derby Royalty included, front row from left, Derby Princess Sabrina Carlson and Derby Queen Ashley Hopkins; and back row, Derby Princess Katie Swendson, Miss Sno-Eagle Olivia Hunter and Miss Snowflake Rachyl Burzinski.

Top right: Midwest International Racing Association race official Ciara Berndt keeps things running smoothly.

Far right: World Champion Matt Goede takes his daughter, Anna, for a snowmobile ride after his big win.

Bottom right: Derby CEO Tom Anderson and event coordinator Laura Campbell greet fans and announce the races.

Below: Former Eagle River resident Madeleine Consoer sings the national anthem ahead of the big race.

Right: The mirrored glasses of Kristy Winnie of Swartz Creek, Mich., reflect action at the track. —STAFF PHOTOS



LIFESTYLE

Dream machine

"I AM A big car enthusiast. I totally understand guys like Jay Leno who have a thousand cars. But asking me my favorite car would be like asking my favorite song or favorite food — it changes everyday." — American musician Casey James (1982-)

Since you're reading this column today, it's a safe bet to say that I didn't win the Friday, Jan. 13 \$1.35 billion Mega Millions lottery jackpot.

While Friday the 13th was unlucky for me, it was ironically lucky for someone holding a \$2 lottery ticket bought at a convenience store in rural Lebanon, Maine that matched all six jackpot numbers — 30, 43, 45, 46 and 61, plus the power ball 14.

Out of the two Charlie Bucket lottery tickets I bought to punch my Willy Wonka-esque golden ticket to my wildest lottery-spurred dreams, I matched one ball on one ticket, which garnered me diddly, my match not being the \$2 prize power ball.

Despite the admittedly long 1 in 302,000,000 odds of winning the Mega Millions jackpot, hope springs eternal. I can always dream.

And speaking of dreams, as I was sweeping up the shards of my broken dreams, I read an email from a dedicated reader and occasional email correspondent, "Daffodil Sue," on another dream topic.

A fan of watching the auto auctions staged by Wisconsin-based Mecum Auctions

Not that you asked, but...

By Eric Johnson



sin-based Mecum Auctions on cable channel MotorTrend TV, including the big Jan. 4-15 Kissimmee 2023 auction at Osceola Heritage Park in Kissimmee, Fla., the perennially sunny Daffodil Sue posed me the the new billion dollar — or at least million dollar — question.

"We tape the show in our household, as does my brother up in Fargo," she wrote. "Broadcast all over the world! What a gem, with headquarters right here in Wisconsin! The main attraction on the show is all the shiny, flashy, desirable, unique cars. Dream cars! So much fun to watch and dream. What's your dream car???"

With Mecum Auction's 2023 sale fetching a combined \$13 million, and more than a dozen cars of the nearly 4,000 auctioned fetching more than a million dollars, including multiple Ferraris, two 1969 Dodge Hemi Daytonas, a 1970 Pontiac GTO Judge Ram Air IV Convertible, and a 1968 Eagle Offenhauser Indy Car, it quickly became clear that getting any classic dream car on my bucket list will involve either: a) winning

the Mega Millions jackpot; b) getting my 2015 Ford Escape to run another 17 years for "classic" status; or c) pivoting my dreams to a Kenosha-built \$2,000 "rough restorer" 1973 AMC Gremlin with lower body rust-out.

In a perfect world, forget visions of Ferraris, Jaguars or Beemers, or even the late model Hemi-powered Dodge Chargers dancing in my head.

I'd go all-in with the whole mid-life crisis package with the car of my earliest and fondest childhood recollection, my folks' upmarket medium gold 1968 Dodge Charger R/T, \$3,480 back in the day, and today anywhere from \$135,000 to \$316,000 depending on condition according to specialty vehicle insurer Hagerty, a bit of a stretch on a journalist's salary. Plus I'd have to add an extra \$99.95 for Earl Scheib to outfit it "Dukes of Hazzard" style with a General Lee paint job, though I could probably talk my son into welding the doors shut in true race car style.

Plus I'd need to add \$1,599 — shipping included — for the time displacement flux capacitor, and another \$61.17 for a Mr. Fusion Home Energy Reactor to generate the 1.21 gigawatts of power required for time travel off the fuel of banana peels, egg shells, stale beer dregs and aluminum beer cans.

As "Back to the Future's" inventor-scientist Doc Emmett Brown famously noted, "The way I see it, if you're gonna build a time machine out of a car, why not do it with some style?"

Gotta go back in time with my copy of "Gray's Sports Almanac: 1950-2000" and make some well-placed bets to generate the scratch needed to make my wildest car dreams come true.

With all due respect to American Motors devotees, time traveling in an AMC Gremlin isn't my style.

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Seen at the Boulder Junction Musky Jamboree Car Show, this restored 1969 Dodge Charger muscle car, painted to look like the "General Lee" race car from the hit 1979-85 CBS action comedy TV series "The Dukes of Hazzard," is the stuff dreams are made of for some classic car fans. —Photo By Eric Johnson

Winter regatta planned this weekend at Pitlik's Resort

By JON EICHMAN
ASST. EDITOR

After seven years without one, former Polish Regatta-goers are in luck because this weekend Pitlik's Resort in Eagle River is bringing back the event with a new winter twist.

This new event will have similar games as in the past and will focus on family fun. There will be games for children and adults of all ages including ice bowling, ice golf, ice pong and a ring toss challenge.

A two day pond hockey tournament featuring different teams from throughout the Midwest begins Friday, Jan. 27, at 10:30 a.m. Later in the evening there will be an ice fish fry from 5 to 9 p.m., accompanied by some soulful and higher energy music performed by Michael Saint.

Saturday's events will begin at 11 a.m. with food and refreshments. According to Gary Pitlik, general manager, the highlight of the regatta will be the North Woods largest outdoor winter cornhole tournament starting Saturday at 11 a.m.

The tournament will consist of 64 two-person teams with a double elimination bracket, set for ages 14 and older. Teams have until 9 p.m. on Jan. 27 to register.

Regatta-style games will be brought back for adults



Tech education students in Three Lakes School District used an assembly-line process to put together 32 cornhole boards for this weekend's regatta planned at Pitlik's Resort. Pitlik's provided the materials for the project.

—Photo By Jennifer West

inside the tent Saturday evening, accompanied by music from local DJ Justin Pitlik. The awards from the weekend festivities will also be handed out Saturday at 6 p.m.

"For the past seven years I have been asked more than a thousand times about when we are bringing the regatta back," said Pitlik. "Well, we are bringing it back in a different format this winter."

Although the event was a big success for 15 years, Pitlik's stopped hosting the Polish regatta after the August, 2015, event due to the lack of volunteer help. This year however, Pitlik's has enlisted the support of the Sugar Camp Safety

Committee (SCSC), which will provide the volunteers needed to staff the event.

The SCSC was created amongst several resort patrons that began frequenting the Pitlik's taproom more than a dozen years ago. As a charitable organization, the group has distributed more than \$10,000 in the past seven years.

"The group's many philanthropic efforts promoting goodwill have continued the 'Pitlik's Resort tradition of creating traditions,'" said Pitlik. "The proceeds from the 2023 winter regatta will be donated back to the SCSC."

For more information or to donate to the event, visit pitlikresort.com.

Walkabout in Eagle River launches new promotion to support FORK

From now through the end of February, Walkabout Paddle and Apparel in Eagle River is helping customers show their support for Feed Our Rural Kids (FORK).

"At the time of check out, our customers can select \$1, \$3 or \$5 amounts to add to their totals as a simple way to donate," explained Walkabout Manager Alice Krueger. "Or they can choose 'other' and select any dollar amount. In the end, it all goes to benefit the kids."

FORK is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide nutritional support to children from food-insecure homes within the Northland Pines, Three Lakes and Phelps school districts.

Additionally, FORK supports the Family Food Helpline at 888-479-FORK (3675). The helpline is a partnership with the Vilas and Oneida County Departments of Social Services that provides area residents a go-to source for locally available food support service information during families unplanned instances of food insecurity.

"We appreciate the support of Jessica and David Eibner, owners of Walkabout



Manager Alice Krueger displays the plaque honoring Walkabout as a Friend of FORK. From now through February, shoppers can add donation amounts to their totals in order to benefit local children experiencing food insecurity. —Contributed Photo

Paddle and Apparel, along with all staff and every Walkabout customer who chooses to support FORK's efforts to feed kids," said FORK Presi-

dent Perry Pokrandt.

Walkabout, located at 622 East Wall St., is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Women on Snow to hit trails

The 37th annual Women on Snow weekend will take place Jan. 26-28 at the Eagle Waters Resort in Eagle River.

This women-only snowmobile event, which began in 1986, will begin with a weekend of riding based at the resort, who will host the event.

The weekend will bring 113 women together to explore the scenic snowmobile trails through the North Woods and visit many local pit stops and restaurants both Friday and Saturday.

"Even though I won't be riding this year, I look forward to seeing the girls who

return every year and meet the new girls that attend the weekend event," said Sandy Voight, who took over leadership of the Green Group from her mother, Bev Dittmer, one of the founding members who started Women on Snow in 1986.

The Saturday night banquet, a tradition since the first Women on Snow event, is full of prizes and surprises. The theme for the 2023 is "Vegas, Baby" and costumes are encouraged, but not required.

Following the weekend, the attendees have the opportunity to continue the

fun with the Women on Snow Tour Jan. 29-Feb. 1.

The Women on Snow Tour riders will leave Eagle Waters Resort Sunday morning.

This year, the group will ride to a destination in Michigan, where they will stay on Sunday night. The group will ride again Monday and Tuesday to their next destinations and will return to Eagle Waters Resort on Wednesday.

Questions about the event can be directed to womenonsnow1@gmail.com.

For more information, visit womenonsnow.org or find them on Facebook.

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LIFESTYLE

Local author Bob Kovar inspires readers with newly published book

By STEPHANIE DYE
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

For many individuals when the world shut down for Covid in 2020, it was a life changing event. This was especially true for Manitowish Waters resident Bob Kovar who unexpectedly became an author.

During the early months of the pandemic, Kovar like many Americans, was struggling with the initial worldwide isolation. He could feel himself becoming distraught and at the time frustrated with the world around him. That's when he turned to a passion he had always had: photography.

Kovar's home is nestled deep in the North Woods, surrounded by the Lac du Flambeau Indian Reservation. He began with a simple task to fight the depression he was feeling from the uncertainty of a situation that he knew was beyond his control.

Each morning he would grab his camera and hike down to a spot where the river meets the lake and stopped under an eagle's nest to take a picture.

"At first, it was difficult," recalls Kovar. "I had to force myself to get up and go. But I kept doing it every day and as time progressed it became more natural for me."

The newly retired Kovar had intentions of living his life to the fullest in his



Photography enthusiast Bob Kovar turned his love for taking pictures into so much more, striving to inspire others with his newly published book, "Beneath the Eagle Tree."
—Contributed Photos

free time, but the pandemic thwarted his travel plans and he was now limited.

"I was frustrated and felt the negativity from the isolation," said Kovar. "So I began writing an optimistic statement with the image I would capture each morning to inspire positivity in my life."

Kovar never considered himself a writer. For

years he managed a cranberry marsh in Manitowish Waters and after becoming involved in some issues regarding tribal disputes, he began a program to bridge the gap that was being presented between the Native and non-Native students in the area.

The initiative, the Intercultural Leadership Initiative, brought students with multi-cultural backgrounds together for outings and events.

"The positive energy the program brought to me was profound," said Kovar. "It eventually led to other social justice initiatives in the North Woods and became my full-time job before I retired."

He aimed to find that positive energy again.

"I began posting my morning picture and encouraging statement on Facebook. And that is the only thing I began posting on my social media," Kovar stated.

And, according to Kovar people began to take notice. Although he posted hundreds of pictures of the same spot, each one was unique and inspiring. People he didn't know began requesting to be his friend.

Others began responding to his quotes, returning the positivity.

"I unwittingly invited others into a safe and positive space for energy," he revealed. "It wasn't intentional, but the impact it was having spread quickly."

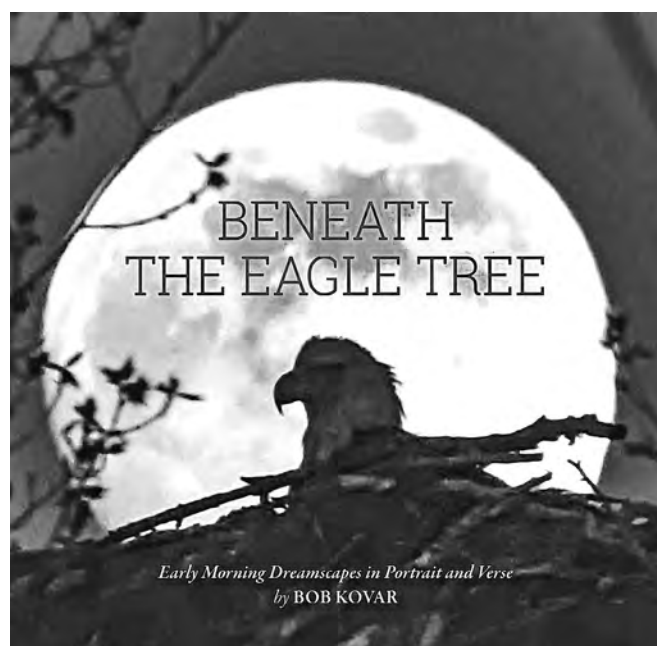
Published author and long-time friend John Bates encouraged Kovar to publish his book, "Beneath the Eagle Tree."

"We were in a canoe and John gave me his best 'why you have to write a book' lecture," said Kovar. "So with the help from him and his daughter, Callie who edited my book, it all became a reality."

The book is a progression of pictures throughout the pandemic with positive inspiration that he added through his writings.

Only 1,000 copies were printed and are available at several locations in the North Woods. To purchase a copy of the book, visit bobkovar.com or contact the author at 715-614-8831.

"I hope the book inspires people to appreciate the natural world around them," said Kovar. "Sometimes you just have to get out there at sunrise and see what's going on to do it."



Kovar's book is available for purchase at several locations throughout the North Woods, as well as on the author's website.

Tara Lila Trails to host annual snowshoe event

The 11th annual Tara Lila Snowshoe Celebration will be held Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Ripco Road Unit.

The event begins at 3 p.m. with a guided naturalist tour on the Golden Tara Trail, followed by a campfire with snacks and hot chocolate. This year's event is beginning an hour earlier than the previous year in order to provide more daylight for the naturalist tour.

Also planned is a luminary walk that begins at dusk.

"We invite outdoor enthusiasts to join us and celebrate the bounty of snowfall here in the North Woods," said Christopher Nafziger, operations manager for Tara Lila. "It's a great family-friendly event."

Tara Lila is a privately held wilderness conservation and trail management organization born out of a collaboration between landowners Richard and Amy Jo Aylward and the Three Eagle Trail.

The Aylwards purchased land in the North Woods with the hope of creating a homestead and through a relationship with the Three Eagle Trail, the Aylwards have built Tara Lila.

Established in 2007, Tara Lila's first park unit opened on Sundstein Road, where the Three Eagle Trail runs through the Aylward's property.

Tara Lila has expanded over the years, currently hosting over 20 miles of trails in

three different park units.

The name "Tara" is derived from the divine feminine aspect of far eastern traditions, while "Lila" is a Sanskrit word for play. Tara Lila is a place where "the divine comes to play."

"Tara Lila Trails offers three separate trail networks available for snowshoeing or winter walking, all of which feature prime access to beautiful winter landscapes of sheltered woodlands and peaceful wetlands," added Nafziger.

There is a parking area for a newly expanded network of snowshoe trails off the far south end of Sundstein Road. Another attractive network of snowshoe trails can be accessed from the Section 9 Road Unit trailhead about 3 miles south of the fairgrounds on Sundstein Road and then one-quarter mile east on Section 9 Road.

Maps are available at the trailhead kiosks.

The Ripco Road Unit Trail in the town of Sugar Camp is the newest snowshoe trail network and it also includes a system of groomed fat tire bike trails.

To find the Tara Lila Ripco Road trailhead, from Eagle River follow Highway 17 south for 2.7 miles, turn left (east) onto Ripco Road, then follow Ripco Road 2.9 miles south to 7550 Ripco Road.

More information, visit taralila.org or call at 715-544-5353.

Nicolet offers students scholarship opportunity

Anyone planning on attending Nicolet College during the 2023-'24 academic year is encouraged to apply for a scholarship from the Nicolet College Foundation to help cover college costs.

Scholarships range from \$250 to \$2,500 and the funds are available for both new and returning Nicolet students to help pay for tuition and books.

Both part-time and full-time students with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher are eligible to receive scholarships.

"We've heard time and again from students how scholarships have been such a tremendous financial help for them to get the education they need to get ahead in life," said Heather Schallock, Nicolet vice president of Community Engagement and director of

Nicolet College Foundation. "Every year we award hundreds of scholarships. Our donors want Nicolet students to receive this money, but first students need to fill out the scholarship application, which is fairly easy to complete."

The application period for foundation scholarships will run from Feb. 1-28 to cover costs from Fall 2023 through Summer 2024 terms.

The online application is available at nicoletcollege.academicworks.com.

Students seeking assistance filling out the application can contact the college's Academic Success department at 715-365-4455 for help.

For more information, contact Advancement Specialist Leslie Lukas in the foundation office at lukas@nicoletcollege.edu or 715-365-4557.

Nicolet revamping education with CBE courses

By JON EICHMAN
ASST. EDITOR

Over the course of the last decade, the higher education system has seen a partial revamp in terms of what types of curriculum are offered to reach a wider demographic of students.

One of the main programs leading the way is competency based education (CBE).

These courses offer students the ability to master competency skills at their own pace regardless of the environment. This alternative modality provides a different course structure that promotes mastery of a subject versus getting a certain grade needed to pass for credit, according to Nicolet College President Kate Ferrel.

"CBE is one of the most realistic settings for students to model what they will face in the workplace," said Ferrel. "These courses honor the learner and expand flexibility to give students time to learn the course work as methodically as they need."

Nicolet College undertook

the restructuring of its curriculum in 2017 and in the last five years it has offered several CBE courses which have helped widen the demographic of those pursuing higher education-based skill sets, Ferrel noted. She added that higher education has somewhat excluded non-traditional students for a long time which prompted the curriculum additions and restructuring of certain course modalities.

"The Nicolet College district covers a large geographic area of roughly 4,000 square miles and in order to reach more learners for whom driving two or more hours to campus was a barrier, we felt it imperative to offer an alternative to the traditional, time and place-based mode of instruction," said Ferrel.

"Learners in the North Woods' hinterlands want and deserve more delivery options. Our online students need the flexibility online offers because they tend to have multiple responsibilities, their schedules aren't the same from week to week, and they have complex work and family priorities," she added.

Tabatha Wilson, Nicolet College business management student, said CBE has been a huge help to her educational journey. She touched on the course model's flexibility and being able to have time for other commitments, all while going to school at her own pace.

"One thing that I really liked about the CBE courses is the flexibility that it offers," said Wilson. "I'm able to plan school around life instead of life around school."

Another testimonial came from fellow business management student Alyssa Damewood who said the importance of communication between faculty, advisors and students is essential for CBE success.

"My interaction so far with faculty and my success coach have been wonderful and I really appreciate their realistic approach to learning and how to better manage your coursework and how it applies to your own life," said Damewood. "Some of my classes were more demanding than others and my success coach knew how to realistical-

ly approach that for me."

Full programs currently offered in CBE modalities at Nicolet College include accounting, administrative professional, automotive, business management, electromechanical technology, industrial mechanical, information technology (IT) computer support, IT web development and welding.

CBE is being practiced by more than 160 universities worldwide according to Charla Long, president of Competency Based Education Network (C-BEN), of which Nicolet College is a member. Long also noted that CBE is used to track progress and learn about the educational patterns and habits of their students.

"Nicolet is a fine example nationally of how a trade school has done this implementation of CBE courses very well," said Long. "We here at C-BEN are incredibly impressed with the structure and flexibility of Nicolet College."

Long also described how time is the variable and learning is the constant within edu-

cation. By giving a little bit of extra time to learn the subject matter, students can actually master a subject versus only having to complete or learn 60% of a course to "pass" in the traditional course modality seen in most four-year universities.

In a study done by Capella University in Minneapolis, Minn., released in 2019, significantly better retention and completion rates were reported within the institutions using CBE courses versus traditional ones. Additionally, the degree cost was lower than that of traditional students and the time of degree completion was also quicker than that of CBE traditional counterparts.

Kelle Parsons, senior researcher at the American Institute of Research, touched on how the education system is adapting to the idea of implementing CBE on a more widespread basis. She noted that this may be due to a change in perception regarding the different types of students individualized needs and life circumstances.

"CBE is no longer brand new and is starting to mature as institutions have learned about these courses by looking at their own data and implementing change or keeping current strategies," said Parsons. "Our earliest studies of other CBE programs show that outcomes for students are on par with traditional programs, and some CBE programs have better outcomes for students than traditional programs do."

Although there has been some skepticism around CBE implementation, some CBE programs are beginning to share data about their outcomes. However, there is not a lot of outcomes data yet because there is no federal or state regulation for colleges or universities to report CBE data, according to Parsons.

The five-year report released by Capella University is one of the first of its kind and can be found at capella.edu. Additionally, Capella will be releasing an update on their 2019 report on Feb. 2.

For more information and full course offerings, visit nicoletcollege.edu.

The Almanac

This space is reserved for recurring events and services. Listings which are not updated or confirmed annually will be removed after one year. Call 715-479-4421.

January

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Events

GED PREPARATION — Nicolet College classes are available at Olson Memorial Library in Eagle River, Mon. and Wed., from 9 a.m.-noon. Call 715-365-4455 or 1-800-544-3039.

NORTHWOODS CHILDREN'S MUSEUM — Hands-on educational exhibits and programs. Fun for all ages. Prime ages 1-10. Call 715-479-4623 or visit northwoodschildrensmuseum.com.

PLUM LAKE LIBRARY — Preschool Story Hour and Playgroup meets Wed. from 10-11 a.m. at the library in Sayer. Call 715-542-2020.

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

Health

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

Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LIONS CLUB — The St. Germain Northwoods club meets the first Wed. of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church in Sayer. Call 715-891-4061.

LIONS CLUB — The Three Lakes club meets the first Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. Call for details for place to meet. Call 715-360-3751. threelakeslci@gmail.com.

MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS — Meets the first and third Fri. of each month Sept.-May from 9-11 a.m. at St. Germain Evangelical Free Church. Call 715-522-0900.

MUSKIES INC. — The Headwaters Chapter meets the first Wed. of the month at the VFW in Eagle River. Call Bill, 715-891-5574, to confirm.

NAMI — Meets Tues. and Thurs. from 12:15 to 2 p.m., on Zoom. Call Mary at 715-362-8972, Linda at 715-420-1700 or email northernlakescenter@gmail.com.

NORTHLAND PINES MUSIC BOOSTERS — Meets the second Thurs. of each month during the school year. Call Forrest Mann, 715-479-4473.

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

ROTARY CLUB — The Eagle River club meets Thurs. at noon at Chef Rene's at the Inn in Eagle River. Visiting Rotarians are welcome.

SERVE INC. — Senior Eagle River Volunteer Enterprise (SERVE) meets the second Tues. of each month at 10:30 a.m. at Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. Call Kalmal Center, 715-337-2510.

ST. GERMAIN PRIMETIMERS — Meets the first Wed. of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the St. Germain Community Center. Call 715-479-6550. stgermainprimetimers.org.

ST. GERMAIN WOMEN'S SERVICE CLUB — Meets the third Tues. of each month at the St. Germain Community Center. Social hour at 11 a.m. Meeting at noon. Call Barb, 715-479-6550.

THREE LAKES CENTER FOR THE ARTS — Meets monthly at the arts center in Three Lakes. Contact Collette at 715-477-0001 or sorgel.tlcf@gmail.com.

THREE LAKES GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY — Meets the fourth Mon. of each month at 1 p.m. at Demmer Library in Three Lakes. Call Nancy Bailey, 715-479-8971.

THREE LAKES GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY — Ask Your Genealogist, meets Thurs. from 2-4 p.m. at Demmer Memorial Library in Three Lakes. No appointments necessary.

THREE LAKES WOMEN'S CLUB — Meets the third Wed. of each month at 1 p.m. at the Reiter Center in Three Lakes. Contact Eileen at threelakeswomen@gmail.com.

VFW — Eagle River Post 8637 meets the fourth Thurs. of each month at 6 p.m. Call 715-479-8810.

VILAS COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB — Meets the second Wed. of each month at 7 p.m. at the Eagle River Fire Station. Call Fred Bouwman, 715-546-3221. vcarc.net.

VILAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS — Meetings are held at various locations and times. Call Shirley Egan, 715-891-1771.

Recreation

BADGER BRIDGE — Duplicate — Meets Mon. at noon, at Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. Call Bob Dow, 414-758-6411.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE — Meets Thurs. at 12:30 p.m., at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Eagle River. Call 715-546-8306.

CRIBBAGE/SCRABBLE — Meets Wed. at 12:30 p.m. at Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. Groups playing any other board or card games welcome. Call Kalmal Center, 715-337-2510.

HEART AND SOUL QUILTERS — Meets Wed. from 9 a.m. to noon at Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. All ages welcome, beginner or advanced. Call Cheryl Brierenfeldt, 920-973-5489.

ISLAND CASINO TRIPS — Monthly. For details, call 715-337-2510.

KNITTING CLUB — Northwoods Knitters and Purlers meets the fourth Mon. of each month at the Woodruff Town Hall in Woodruff. Call Carol Clauser, 715-453-8055.

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

NORTHWOODS CARVERS — Meets Wed. at 12:30 p.m. at Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. All ages welcome, beginner or advanced. Call John Modjewski, 715-479-6093.

NORTHWOODS SCALE MODEL PHANATICS — Meets second Sat. of each month at 3:30 p.m. at 3824 Tecumseh Lane in Eagle River. Scale modeling of all types. Learn how to build, or improve skills. Call Tom, 715-479-4988.

NORTHWOODS SINGERS — Meets Tues. at 6 p.m. at Ely Memorial Church in Land O' Lakes. New singers welcome. Call Bill Morgan, 847-254-9623.

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

OUTDOOR WOMEN'S GROUP — Activities are held monthly. Call Deb Stolze, 715-480-4188.

PICKLEBALL — For times of open play and beginner lessons at Riverview Park, visit eagleriverpickleball.org. Call Judy, 715-337-2003.



Racing for all ages at the World Championship Snowmobile Derby.

—STAFF PHOTO

PINES COMMUNITY WELLNESS CENTER — Hours, Mon.-Fri., 5:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat., 7 a.m.-noon. Office hours, Mon.-Fri., 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Call 715-479-4473.

REDDY FOR ANYTHING — St. Germain-area Red Hat group. Meets the third Wed. of each month for breakfast. New members welcome. Call Barb, 715-479-6550.

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

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

SQUARE DANCE LESSONS — For fun and fellowship; lessons start at various times of the year. Open to singles and couples. Call Judy, 715-337-2003.

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

WINTER BINGO — Tuesdays at 1 p.m. at the Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. Call Kalmal Community Center, 715-337-2510.



Support Groups

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Closed discussion meeting, Mon., 7 p.m., First Congregational United Church of Christ, Eagle River; open big book study, Tues., 7 p.m., First Congregational United Church of Christ, Eagle River; closed discussion meeting, Wednesday, 5 p.m., Kalmal Community Center, Eagle River; closed discussion meeting, Fri., 7 p.m., First Congregational United Church of Christ, Eagle River; closed discussion meeting, Thurs., 7 p.m., St. Theresa Catholic Church, Three Lakes; closed discussion meeting, Thurs., 7 p.m., St. Germain Community United Church of Christ; closed step meeting, Sun., 2 p.m., Land O' Lakes Town Hall, northwoodsaa.org.

CANCER SUPPORT — Meets the second Thurs. of each month at 10 a.m. at James Beck Cancer Center at Ascension St. Mary's Hospital in Rhinelander. Call 715-361-2027.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT — Meets the third Thurs. of each month from 10:30-noon at the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Eagle River. Call Amie, 715-479-3625.

CARITAS OF EAGLE RIVER — Interfaith outreach center, open Wed. from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Eagle River. Call Janon, 715-480-5683.

GENERAL CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Vilas County's program, meets the third Thurs. of each month from 10:30-11:30 a.m., online. Caregivers

will need to have access to a computer or iPad and have internet access. Minimal computer skills are necessary. Call Amie, 715-479-3625.

GRIEF SUPPORT — Healing Hearts, a free group helping participants process grief through creative means, meets the first Tues. of each month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Old School Arts & Learning Center in Rhinelander. Call 1-800-643-4663.

GRIEF SUPPORT — Open to any adult experiencing grief, meets the second Thurs. of each month from 1-2:30 p.m. at Ascension At Home in Arbor Vitae. Call 1-800-234-3542.

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

MENTAL-HEALTH SUPPORT — Open to anyone affected by mental illness. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)-Northern Lakes Chapter meets twice weekly at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rhinelander. Call NAMI, 715-420-1700 or Mick, 715-369-4740.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Call 1-866-310-9077.

NORTHWOODS AREA PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT — Call Denny Leith, 715-358-2207 or Norma Semling, 715-545-3414.

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE SUPPORT — Meets the third Sat. of each month from 10 a.m. to noon at Curran Building in Rhinelander. Meetings are free and open to the public. Call Sue Mackowski, 715-275-5399 or Tina Werres, 715-499-3002.

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WALTER E. OLSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Walter E. Olson Memorial Library is conducting a massive community survey to get feedback from patrons. The survey takes approximately 10 minutes and participants are entered to win one of several \$20 Kwik Trip gift cards. The survey can be found at surveymonkey.com/r/olson-library or paper copies are available at the library. Family story time and stuffed animal sleepover will take place Friday, Jan. 27, at 6 p.m. Children are invited to wear pajamas and bring a favorite stuffed friend for stories and fun with Ms. Tori at this special evening story time session. Children can also choose to leave a stuffed friend at the library overnight for a stuffed animal sleepover. On Saturday, children will receive pictures of some of the adventures their stuffed animal had during its sleepover. The American Association of Retired Persons will host free tax assistance appointments Wednesdays, from Feb. 8 until April 12. To make an appointment, call 715-479-3727. This service is free regardless of age.

The library invites children to come to the library to Read to a Dog Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 4 p.m. The program is held the second Wednesday of the month. The Afternoon Book Group meets Thursday, Feb. 9, at 1 p.m. Fact and Fiction Book Group meets Monday, Feb. 13, at 1 p.m. This month's book is "The Red Bandanna" by Tom Rinaldi and tells the story of Welles Crowther and his actions on 9/11. The library will host a Sip & Swipe tablet and smartphone learning program on Thursdays, Feb. 16 and 23, at 11 a.m. A mini-exhibit of historic toys, joke books and novelties is on display at the library, courtesy of the Eagle River Historical Society. Memory Café is scheduled Monday, Feb. 20, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The monthly program takes place the third Monday of each month. The library hosts a variety of activities each week that are free to the public. Patrons can check the library's calendar for a full rundown of events. Ongoing book sales are available in the lobby of the



January's Quilt of the Month featured quilt is "Frosty and Friends" and was pieced and sewn by Joyce Mecikalski. It was machine quilted by Al Kuphal for Karen's Quilt Corner and will be on display through January at the library. —Photo By Karla Zyhowski

library. Business hours are Mondays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesdays through Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The library is open for in-person and curbside service. Wi-Fi and digital services are available at all times. For more information, contact the library at 715-479-8070 or olsonlibrary@gmail.com, or visit olsonlibrary.org.

North Woods' Red Cross donation drives announced

January is National Blood Donor Month and the American Red Cross is celebrating those who give blood and platelets to help save lives. In partnership with the National Football League (NFL), those who come to give blood, platelets or plasma through Jan. 31 will be automatically entered to win a trip for two to Super Bowl LVII in Ariz., including access to day-of, in-stadium pre-game activities, tickets to the official Super Bowl Experience, round-trip airfare to Phoenix, and three-night hotel accommodations from Feb. 10 to 13, plus a \$500 gift card for expenses. With the current blood shortage situation, donors of all blood types, particularly type O blood donors, and platelet donors are needed daily to meet demand. The start of the new year is one of the most challenging times to collect enough blood products, despite the

constant demand. One in seven patients entering a hospital will need a blood transfusion. Local blood donation opportunities include a blood drive in Rhinelander Wednesday, Jan. 25, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Cabaret Cove located at 1540 Pueblo Drive; and two Eagle River drives, St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church on Tuesday, Feb. 7, from noon to 5 p.m. and Wednesday, Feb. 8, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Northland Pines High School. Blood donors must be at least 17 years old (or 16 years old with parental permission), weigh at least 110 pounds, be in general good health, and have a photo ID. Donors are encouraged to eat a regular meal and drink plenty of fluids prior to giving blood. To book a time to give blood or platelets, visit redcrossblood.org or call 800-RED-CROSS.

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BACKWARD GLANCES

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LONGTIME FAN — Since 1978, Bill Dickmann Jr. from Saukville has attended the annual World Cup Derby Races in Eagle River. Commemorating his 46 years of attendance, Dickmann had a custom license plate made to signify his passion for the event. —Contributed Photo

Hypothyroidism facts shared

According to the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases nearly five out of 100 Americans 12 years of age and older have hypothyroidism and data shows that it is most common in women over the age of 60.

Hypothyroidism is an underactive thyroid gland, which means that the gland responsible for regulating metabolism doesn't make enough thyroid hormones to keep the body running normally.

In most patients, the disease is a permanent condition that requires lifelong treatment in the form of daily thyroid hormone replacement medication.

"People feel that because they've been diagnosed with hypothyroidism, they should always experience symptoms such as fatigue and weight gain, but that is not the case," says Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioner Nicole Stodola at Aspirus Endocrinology Clinic. "Many of the symptoms people feel on a daily basis can be attributed to other unrelated issues. When hypothyroidism is treated properly, people can live well and feel well."

To mark Thyroid Awareness Month, Aspirus is sharing some common myths and facts about hypothyroidism, clarified by the American Thyroid Association (ATA).

Everyone with hypothyroidism does not always experience fatigue. Although fatigue is one of the early signs of hypothyroidism, once thyroid hormone is properly replaced and levels return to normal, the fatigue should resolve. If fatigue is ongoing, experts advise individuals to investigate other possible causes such as stress, poor sleep, nutrition, exercise and other chronic medical conditions.

A common myth is that it is impossible to lose weight when diagnosed with hypothyroidism. According to ATA, the truth is that weight loss is difficult for many patients with and without thyroid disease. Data shows that metabolism starts to slow in a person's late 30s and early 40s and can make it harder to lose weight. The ATA states it is easy to blame weight gain on one diagnosis but if thyroid hormone is adequately replaced, hypothyroidism is most likely not a contributing factor.

More thyroid hormone is not always a better option and doesn't always lead to more energy and weight loss. In reality, health professionals say that taking too much thyroid hormone can be harmful and lead to symptoms such as increased appetite, insomnia, shakiness and heart palpitations. If patients take too much thyroid hormone for an extended period of time, it can also lead to osteoporosis and heart disease. It's important to find the right dose for what your body needs.

Hypothyroidism can not be managed with diet. Although healthy diet and exercise are important, there is no evidence to support diets such as gluten-free diets, anti-inflammatory diets and iodine-rich diets to treat hypothyroidism.

Natural thyroid hormone is not necessarily better than thyroid hormone medications. Many natural medications are not completely purified and can contain other hormones and proteins that do not typically exist in the body outside of thyroid tissue. Experts urge individuals to consult a healthcare professional before taking any over-the-counter medications for hypothyroidism.

Aspirus encourages anyone who is experiencing symptoms typically associated with hypothyroidism to talk to your primary care provider.

For more information, visit aspirus.org.

O'Hatters to hold luncheon

The Scarlett O'Hatters of the Northwoods will hold a luncheon Thursday, Feb. 2, at the Blue Heron Restaurant in Eagle River.

Social hour will begin at 11 a.m. and lunch will follow at noon.

Menu choices include a western hamburger topped with white cheddar, bacon, onion rings, barbecue sauce and tomato served on a ciabatta bun with a side of fries; a chicken Caesar salad consisting of romaine lettuce, house Caesar shaved parmesan dressing with ciabatta crisp; or shaved prime rib sandwich with fries. Dessert will be included.

Cost of the luncheon is \$20 per person.

Registration with menu choice is due by Monday, Jan. 30. To register, call Joyce Dumas at 414-412-4002.

Checks for the luncheon should be made to the Scarlett O'Hatters and mailed to Judy Bates at 4450 Chain O' Lakes Rd., No. 10, Eagle River, WI 54521.



A day after his demise, the property of Allen Dorfman is seen here in a beautiful aerial shot in this 1983 News-Review archive photo.

One Year Ago - 2021
Rising vehicle traffic and sharply increased tonnage at the Highway G landfill had Landfill Venture Group in a race against time to expand the operation ... Dennis Meadows was welcomed as the newly appointed executive director of the Three Lakes Chamber of Commerce ... Vilas County's active Covid count leaped to 787 cases.

10 Years Ago - 2013
Scott Jensen retired from his position as Vilas County Veterans Service Officer ... A public input meeting in Three Lakes on a proposed plan to turn some town routes into ATV routes was held with a packed house in attendance with most supporting the idea ... The Lac du Flambeau band of Lake Superior Chippewa in Vilas County were awarded tribal law enforcement grants totaling \$49,190.

20 Years Ago - 2003
Vilas County supervisors defeated a resolution that would have authorized a new committee to review the year's budget for potential cost-saving measures ... Two Illinois snowmobilers were killed in separate accidents in the town of Presque Isle ... A coalition of several local organizations proposed the creation of a recreational area on the vacant land behind Eagle River City Hall.

30 Years Ago - 1993
Department of Natural Resources wardens issued a total of 102 citations in Vilas, Oneida and Forest counties during the World Championship Snowmobile Derby weekend ... The home owned by William and Sue Kahlenberg of Land O' Lakes was completely engulfed in flames and destroyed by a fire ... A felony marijuana bust was executed in Eagle River where the suspect was allegedly found with over a quarter pound.

40 Years Ago - 1983
Longtime area property

owner Allen Dorfman was murdered in Chicago in what was believed to be an act by the mafia to keep him silenced after facing a 55-year sentence for a bribery charge ... The DNR proposed a 30 to 40% jump in hunting and fishing license fees ... A new telephone switchboard system to help with better long distance and less busy signals arrived in Eagle River.

50 Years Ago - 1973
The Eagle River Memorial Hospital contemplated the idea of a "Meals on Wheels" program for those who are shut-in, ill or unable to prepare their own meals ... Vilas County Civil Defense Director William Davies investigated the shortage of fuel oil in the area ... DNR wardens sought more freedom from the "top brass" of the department.

60 Years Ago - 1963
An additional \$165,000 was allotted for work in the Nicolet National Forest under the Accelerated Public Works Program ... Extreme cold weather lasting almost two weeks caused concern amongst Eagle River city officials in regards to freezing pipes ... A sewage plant proposal was approved in Eagle Riv-

er by the Wisconsin Board of Health.

70 Years Ago - 1953
Eagle River was virtually certain to have Donald Dyer as its new mayor, who was running unopposed after the spring elections ... Aptitude tests were given to seniors at Eagle River high school to help determine what they were best suited to do ... An ambitious claim for damages totaling \$58,000 was reduced to \$3,000 in Tomahawk circuit court.

80 Years Ago - 1943
Locals were urged to change their heating systems from fuel oil-based to wood-based in order to save fuel for the U.S. Army ... Citizens were asked to make sure to recycle their tin cans as an effort to help aid wartime material production ... A settlement within the Vilas County Highway Department helped avoid a real strike as committee members and the chairman resolved their issues.

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

Aspirus Health adds Larson as Woodruff clinic physician

Aspirus Health announced the addition of physician Karl Larson, M.D., to its family medicine team at Aspirus Woodruff Clinic.



KARL LARSON

He is board certified by the American Academy of Family Medicine. Larson earned his medical degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. He completed his residency at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Rockford, Ill.

Prior to joining Aspirus Health, Larson cared for patients in Oshkosh with Ascension NE Wisconsin, Mercy Campus. He also has extensive experience in medicine from running an independent practice, managing critically ill patients in intensive

care and I enjoy leading patients to a healthier life by providing care to all ages."

In his free time, he enjoys fly fishing, building model rockets and is also a master level skier.

To schedule an appointment, call 715-356-8140. For more information, visit aspirus.org.

BADGER BRIDGE IN EAGLE RIVER

Results of 1/16/23
North-South, first place, Dick Nelson and Ed Stover.
East-West, first place, Shele Fawcett and Bob Busakowski.

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

North Woods photo gala accepting photography

The Northwoods Wildlife Center is currently accepting photography entries for its 2023 Photo Gala to be held Saturday, Feb. 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Campanile Center for the Arts in Minocqua.

Entry categories include: North American Wildlife, Naturescapes, Bugs and Blooms, People in Nature, Pets and Pro-Photographers.

Any individual that relies on photography for a percentage of their living and wants to support wildlife rehabilitation and education, the Pro-Photographer category is

designed so that the entrants will have their names displayed on submissions with a portfolio and website address.

Amateur photographers have a chance to win the juried "Photo of the Year" award and a \$200 prize from the North American Wildlife category.

Runners-up are eligible for \$50 People's Choice awards.

The cost to enter is \$20 per photo and entries are due by Monday, Feb. 4, at midnight.

For more information or to submit photo entries, visit northwoodswildlife.org.

More Than A Meal Café

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

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

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Pulled pork on a bun
Scalloped potatoes
Creamy coleslaw
Honey bee fruit salad

TUES., JAN. 31

Southwest chicken rice casserole
Corn and black bean salad
Sliced pears
Banana cake

WED., FEB. 1

Spaghetti and meat sauce
Salad

Garlic breadstick
Mandarin oranges
Pineapple cake

THURS. FEB. 2

Beef stroganoff
Mashed potatoes
Broccoli and cauliflower
Biscuit
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FRI. FEB. 3

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Presenting the scholarship is VFW Post 8637 Quartermaster Bill Jacobs (left) to Danika Rychlock who was under the guidance of Northland Pines English Teacher Josh Olivotti (right) for the essay contest. —Contributed Photo

Rychlock takes 3rd in essay contest

Northland Pines student Danika Rychlock placed third in the State of Wisconsin's Veterans of Foreign Wars' (VFW) Voice of Democracy premier scholarship program.

The program has been

operating since 1947 and each year nearly 57,000 high school students compete for more than \$2 million in scholarships and incentives. Students compete by writing and recording an audio essay on an annual

patriotic theme.

This year's theme was "Why is the veteran important?" and the Eagle River VFW Post 8637 chose the top three essayists to move forward to a state level. Rychlock's essay was one of

the essays selected by the local group.

Each year, Northland Pines High School English teacher Josh Olivotti guides the students to participate in the event.

Karaoke planned Friday at Warehouse Arts Center

The Warehouse Arts Center will hold its very first Karaoke night Friday, Jan. 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Inspiration Bar.

This is a family-friendly event and open to all ages.

Interested participants are asked to come prepared with a website link or Youtube link for their background music.

Performance time slots can

be signed up for on The Warehouse website or by calling 715-479-4060.

This event is part of the weekly Friday night music series at The Warehouse.

Drinks are available for purchase at Inspiration Bar.

To sign up or for more information, visit eagleriver-art.com.

Community expo seeks exhibitors and vendors

The Up North Community Expo is currently accepting applications for available spaces for exhibitors at the upcoming 2023 event in Rhinelander.

The North Woods newest business and organization showcase event, the first-time expo will be held March 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hodag Dome.

According to Rhinelander Area Chamber of Commerce Community and Member Engagement Director Rachel Boehlen, the community expo will host the largest variety of North Woods businesses and organizations in one place.

The purpose of this new expo is to help local businesses increase brand awareness and provide networking and exposure to many attendees and exhibitors from the surrounding areas.

"After seeing the recovery from the pandemic, we saw an opportunity to help with community growth," said Boehlen. "We want to give everyone this opportunity and provide another outlet to really showcase what they do. We have reached out to over 20 chambers in an effort to collaborate on this all-inclusive event."

In addition, the expo offers the opportunity to promote

employment and sell their products or services, as well as the chance for nonprofit groups to recruit volunteers.

"There are exhibitors from Tomahawk, Antigo, Conover, Park Falls and everywhere in between," added Boehlen.

As a participant, businesses who register before Feb. 1, also will have their name mentioned in print advertising, radio ads, social media, television ads, and printed in the event guide map.

Exhibitor prices are \$325 for a single or \$450 for a double. Organizations that are a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit receive \$100 off the single booth price.

Following the expo, there will be a special networking Expo After Hours event at the Rouman Cinema that will feature food and beverages. Tickets for the evening event cost \$10.

Food vendors are being sought to take part in the evening event to provide samplings to those in attendance. Set up will take place from 3:30 to 5 p.m. followed by sampling hours of 5 to 7 p.m. in the cinema's lobby. Clean-up will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

For information or to register, contact Boehlen at 715-365-7464 or visit rhinelanderchamber.com.



In the fourth- to sixth-grade division of the poster competition, winners included from left, first place Landon Sanchez, second place Louisa Knaack and third place Ian Thompson. —Contributed Photos

Conservation contest winners announced

Vilas County students took part in the Youth Conservation Poster and Speaking Competition, hosted by Vilas County Land and Water Conservation.

Overall, 82 students from Arbor Vitae-Woodruff Elementary, St. Germain Elementary, Montessori Learning Center, Eagle River Elementary, Christ Lutheran School, SOAR High School, home schoolers and students living in Vilas County attending the Tomorrow River Community Virtual Academy submitted materials for the competition.

"One of the most challenging tasks conservation professionals often encounter is communicating their science-based ideas to people who don't enjoy science," comments Cathy Higley, lake conservation specialist for the conservation. "These students come up with some delightfully creative ideas to help this communication through art and short speeches."

This year's theme was "One Water," emphasizing the water cycle processes, keeping water clean and that the water on earth is limited.

First through third place winners earned prizes sponsored by the Vilas County Lakes & Rivers Association, The Waters of Minocqua,

Wildwood Outdoor Adventures and the Northwoods Children's Museum.

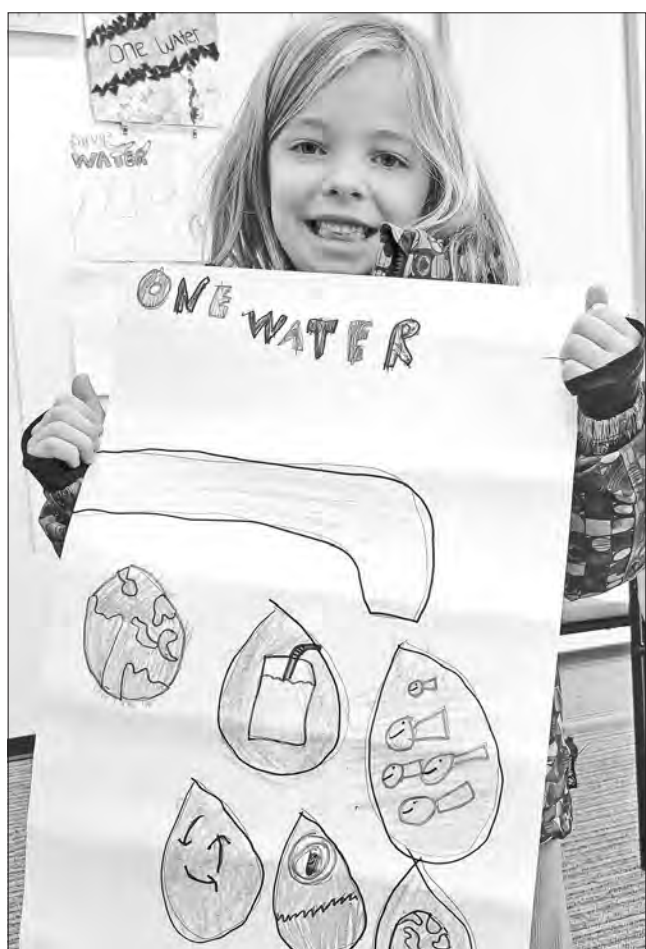
Division winners included K to first grade poster division: first place, Ellie Tomaszewski of Montessori Learning Center; second place, Adeline Schemmel of Christ Lutheran School; and third place, Logan Lorenz of Montessori Learning Center.

In the second to third grade poster division: first place, Delaney Darton, home schooler; second place, Conall Keenan of Montessori Learning Center; and tied for third place was Quinn Lechleitner and Zion Keeney both of Montessori Learning Center.

For the fourth to sixth grade poster division: first place, Landon Sanchez of Arbor Vitae-Woodruff Elementary; second place, Louisa Knaack of the Tomorrow River Community Virtual Academy; and a tie for third place was between Ian Thompson and Main Byram, both of Arbor Vitae-Woodruff Elementary.

In the ninth-12th grade speaking division: first place was awarded to Amber Higley with her speech "You Might Like These Fleas."

In addition, the public voted on their favorite posters for the Olson Library's People's Choice Awards.



Ellie Tomaszewski won first place in the kindergarten to first-grade division poster contest.

Award winners in that category included Logan Lorenz for the K to first grade division; Delaney Darton for the second to third grade division; and Louisa Knaack for

the fourth to sixth grade division.

Posters that placed or earned special mention can currently be viewed at vilas-countywi.gov.

Wisconsinites urged to test homes for radon

During National Radon Action Month, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is encouraging residents and business owners to test their homes and buildings for radon.

Exposure to radon is the second-leading cause of lung cancer nationally, and easy-to-use tests are widely available, according to DHS. Radon exposure is also the second leading cause of lung cancer overall and the leading cause of lung cancer for non-smokers.

"Radon is an environmental health issue in our state. Approximately one in 10 homes have elevated radon levels across Wisconsin," said State Health Officer Paula Tran. "Reducing radon exposure and radon-induced lung cancer in Wisconsin depends on encouraging and supporting all Wisconsinites, including property owners and tenants, to be proactive about testing for radon."

Radon is an odorless and radioactive gas that is naturally present in the ground and enters buildings through their foundations. Radon causes more lung cancer among non-smokers than second-hand tobacco smoke.

An estimated 21,000 lung cancer deaths per year among non-smokers are caused by radon, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Surgeon General. Approximately 962 of these deaths are in Wisconsin but fortunately, this

cause of lung cancer is largely preventable, and the first step is to test your house or apartment for radon.

The EPA recommends that when a test result is at four picocuries per liter (pCi/L) or higher, a mitigation system should be installed to prevent the gas from entering the residence. The cost of mitigation can be a barrier for Wisconsin residents but individuals may visit lowradon.org to find their local radon information center or speak with local public health department radon experts by calling 888-LOW-RADON (569-7236) to discuss available options.

Apartments can also be at risk and landlords have a responsibility to provide safe living conditions to all their renters. About one third of the nation's housing units are occupied by renters.

Additionally, effective March 1, 2023, all licensed, family child care and group childcare centers in Wisconsin will be required to test for radon and mitigate if levels are at or above 4 pCi/L. It is not required for licensed day camps.

Test kits are available from hardware stores and local public health agencies. There are more than 100 radon mitigation contractors in Wisconsin that are nationally certified to install radon mitigation systems if elevated radon levels are found.

For more information, visit lowradon.org.

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TORCH RIDE — The Three Lakes stop last Friday as part of the Badger Winter Games Torch Ride was well attended with approximately 25 to 30 sleds arriving at the chamber from Sugar Camp. Chamber officials set up a fire and outdoor heater, and offered hot

beverages and cookies. Displaying the torch are, from left, Olivia Hunter, Miss Sno-Eagle; Anne Sayers, Wisconsin Secretary of Tourism; AJ Kreaeger; Rachyl Burzinski, Miss Snowflake; and Kallie Volk, Three Lakes Ice Queen. —Photo By Peg Camp

Spaghetti fundraiser set for trail grooming

A Northern Lights Snowmobile Club fundraising spaghetti dinner is set for Sunday, Feb. 5, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Pike's Pine Isle in Three Lakes.

Cost for the dinner is \$12 per plate and will feature a side salad followed by a plate of spaghetti covered in a meat sauce, two large meatballs and two slices of garlic toast. Dessert items will also be available at additional cost and a cash bar will be open. The dinner is available in both dine-in or carry-out formats.

Event proceeds will benefit Three Lakes-Brulé River Trails grooming operations.

“Come show support for the volunteers who work hard to provide us with some of the best snowmobile trails in the Wisconsin North Woods,” said Carolyn Nobbe, Northern Lights event planner. “Take a close look at one of the Three Lakes-Brulé River Trails groomer rigs and take a chance to win in the 50-50 cash raffle, our Groom to Ride raffle, and the Three Lakes-Brulé River gun raffle drawings.”

Pike's Pine Isle is located at 1261 Pine Isle Road on the shore of Medicine Lake.

Spaghetti dinner attendees are invited to come by car or snowmobile. Sledgers are asked to travel the lakes only where they are marked safe by orange barrels and park their sleds on the lake in front of the restaurant.

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No proposal will be accepted unless accompanied by a certified check or bid bond equal to at least 5% of the amount bid, payable to the OWNER as a guarantee that, if the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute and file the proper contract and bond within 15 days after the award of the contract. BIDDER is required to deliver the original certified check or bid bond within the 72 hours of bid opening to MSA Professional Services, Inc., Attn: Jeff Seamandel, 1835 N Stevens Street, Rhinelander, WI 54501. The certified check or bid bond will be returned to the bidder as soon as the contract is signed, and if after 15 days the bidder shall fail to do so, the certified check or bid bond shall be forfeited to the OWNER as liquidated damages.

No bid may be withdrawn within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

The minimum wages to be paid on the project shall be in accordance with Federal Davis Bacon Wage Rates. Federal wage rates can be found at <http://www.wdol.gov/dba.aspx#0>. Be aware that project Administrators, Bidders, and Contractors are required to use the latest federal wage rate available at the time of bid opening.

This project anticipates use of Wisconsin DNR Safe Drinking Water Loan Program funding. We encourage Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), including Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBEs), and Women's Business Enterprises (WBEs) to submit bid proposals. A municipality, in awarding prime contracts, and the primary engineer and primary contractor, in awarding subcontractors, are required to make a good faith effort to achieve a combined minimum goal of 15% participation for MBE/WBE utilization in accordance with s.NR 162.09(3), s.NR 166.12(4), and s.NR 167.18(4) Wis. Admin. Code. If a subcontractor awards subcontracts, these requirements shall apply to the subcontractor.

The Contractor shall conform to the "Use of American Iron and Steel" provision of H.R. 3547 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014, section 436, including all iron and steel products used in the project. Bid Proposals may be denied if the requirements of this section are not met and waivers are required. EPA guidance for the use of American Iron and Steel (AIS) can be found at http://water.epa.gov/grants_funding/aisrequirement.cfm.

OWNER reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

Published by the authority of the Three Lakes Sanitary District.

CONSULTING ENGINEER:
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1835 N Stevens Street
Rhinelander, WI 54501
Jeffrey J Seamandel
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GOOD SPELLERS — Three Lakes Junior High School held its spelling bee the morning of Jan. 13 in the school auditorium. Winners of the bee are, from left, alternate Kamryn Boehm, third

place Grayson Osterman, second place Somerr Ridgeway, and first place, Vivianna Cruckson. —Photo By Jennifer West

Three Lakes Senior Citizen Nutrition Menu

Reiter Center
Serving at 11 a.m.

Nutritious meals by Lynn's Catering. Reservations and cancellations must be made 24 hours in advance. Call **715-891-2413**. Recommended contribution \$3.75 for dine-in meals, \$4.50 for home-delivered meals. \$10 mandatory for diners under age 60.

MON., JAN. 30
Pulled pork on a bun
Scalloped potatoes
Creamy coleslaw
Honey bee fruit salad

TUES., JAN. 31
Southwest chicken rice casserole
Corn and black bean salad
Sliced pears
Banana cake

WED., FEB. 1
Spaghetti and meat sauce
Salad
Garlic breadstick
Mandarin oranges
Pineapple cake

THURS. FEB. 2
Beef stroganoff
Mashed potatoes
Broccoli and cauliflower
Biscuit
Fresh grapes

FRI. FEB. 3
Turkey sandwich
Cream of broccoli soup
Peach slices
Cookie



STUDENT CITIZENS — Elementary students who were honored as December Citizens of the Month at Three Lakes include, front row from left, kindergartner Jacinta Braaten and first-grader James Mendez; and back row, second-grader Lilly Puffer, fifth-grader Brody Burns, third-grader Cecily Sharpe, sixth-grader Bekah Koch, and fourth-grader Lucia Rodriguez. Pictured in back is elementary principal Steve Gruszynski. —Photo By Jennifer West

4K open house slated at school

Parents with children who will turn 4 years old before Sept. 1 are reminded to save the date for the Three Lakes School District 4K open house and registration.

The event will be held at the Three Lakes Elementary

School on Monday, Feb. 13, from 3 to 6 p.m. Registration material and enrollment information for the 2023-'24 school year will be available.

Students may be signed up to take part in full or half days at either Three Lakes or Sugar

Camp elementary schools.

This year's open house will have time slots, so parents must call ahead to reserve their time.

To register, call 715-546-3323 to speak with Nikki Maney.

School Meals
We serve education every day™

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715-547-3343

LAND O' LAKES

bob.cheri59@yahoo.com



Milwaukee comedians joined forces with The Gateway Lodge to raise funds for the Frosty Snowmobile Club. Pictured from left is Gateway General Manager Lynn Forry, comedians Judd

Reminger and Mike Marvell, Frosty Snowmobile Club Secretary Erica Nyman and Frosty Snowmobile Club President Phil Mendham. —Photo By Bob Hughes

Treasure hunt benefits Frosty club

Approximately 50 snowmobilers participated in the 2023 Frosty Snowmobile Club Treasure Quest, held Jan. 14.

The participants registered at Bent's Camp or The Gateway Lodge where they received a map to begin the adventure. Riders then set out on the Frosty Snowmobile Club trail system to find and follow clues.

The clues provided participants a chance to find keys that would possibly open the quest's treasure chest containing a cash prize.

Later in the day, treasure hunters gathered at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Stateline Post 8400 in downtown Land O' Lakes for a spaghetti dinner and dessert, cooked by Frosty

club members.

Raffles for prizes donated by local businesses were drawn prior to the main event. Participants were able to try their luck and insert their keys to see if they found the winning key that would open the treasure chest.

The last rider, Ed Adams of West Bend, was the lucky winner to open the chest and took home the grand prize of \$500 and other Frosty Snowmobile Club souvenirs.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Frosty Club and supports the undertaking of grooming and maintaining trails throughout the winter season.

For the latest on club events or area trail conditions, find Frosty Snowmobile Club on Facebook.



Ed Adams was the prosperous winner of the Frosty Snowmobile Club's Treasure Quest grand prize. Adams participated in the snowmobile fundraising event to help support the club's efforts to maintain trails. —Photo By Bob Hughes



Land O' Lakes Public Library
P.O. Box 450 715-547-6006

The Land O' Lakes Public Library holds story time on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 10:30 a.m. All children, regardless of age, along with their parent/caregiver, are welcome to join.

Friends of Land O' Lakes Library is holding a 50-50 raffle fundraiser. Tickets cost \$5 each or five for \$20 and are available at the library. The drawing will be held Feb. 4, at 1 p.m. All proceeds directly benefit the library.

Popcorn Day has been moved to Mondays when patrons can stop in for hot, fresh, movie-style popcorn.

Lego® Club meets on the

first and third Wednesdays of each month from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Mahjong is held Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in the downstairs community room. Beginning and experienced players are all welcome. Instruction is available as well as a loaner mahjong tile set.

A Learning About the Google Suite of Products program, taught by Northland Pines School District Technology Director Harlan Leusink, is scheduled Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 1 p.m.

A "Learn to Macramé" program taught by a professional macramé artist will be held Thursday, Jan. 26, at 6 p.m. Instruction will be provided on knots and techniques. Students will create keychain wristlets to take home. There is a \$10 fee for the program and space is limited. Call the library to register.

A winter book sale will be held Saturday, Feb. 4, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The sale will have books of all genres and will feature a large quantity of children's books. All proceeds from Friends of the Land O' Lakes Library fundraisers directly benefit the library.

Upcoming programming at the library includes a CPR/AED class Monday, Feb. 6, from 4:30 to 8 p.m.; Valentine lavender sachets class Thursday, Feb. 9, at 6 p.m. and Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 1 p.m. There will be an Uno Party! on Wednesday, March 1, at 1 p.m.

Movie days include Monday, Feb. 13, at 1 p.m. and Thursday, Feb. 16, at 6:30 p.m., showing "Ticket to Paradise" on both days.

New mysteries on the shelves include "One Last Secret" by Adele Parks, "A Wilderness of Stars" by Shea

Ernshaw, "The Cloisters" by Katy Hays and "What Meets the Eye" by Alex Kenna.

The library now has mobile hotspots available for checkout for both Verizon and AT&T. They may be borrowed for one week at a time by patrons over age 18 who do not have internet. Hotspots must be checked out by and returned to Land O' Lakes Library staff during business hours. They may not be returned to another library or put in the after-hours drop box. Mobile hotspots may only be reserved by calling the library.

Library hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call 715-547-6006, visit landolakeslibrary.org, or stop in at 4242 Highway B.

Comedy event to support snowmobiling 'a success'

The Gateway Lodge dining room was turned into a comedy club venue for the annual "Comedy Night" fundraiser for the Frosty Snowmobile Club, held Jan. 15.

Two comedians from Milwaukee performed at this year's event. The show kicked off at 6 p.m. with warm-up comedian, Judd Reminger taking the stage, followed by headliner Mike Marvell.

Reminger has been a stand-up comedian for over 11 years and he spends much of his time telling jokes around various bars, venues, theatres and comedy clubs in the Midwest. His style of comedy has been

described as outrageous stories and corny short jokes.

Marvell has been a professional comedian for over 25 years after he was told by his high school guidance counselor that he was hilarious and should be a comedian. He has performed at various venues, including churches, swinger clubs, grade schools, colleges, country clubs, biker clubs, nursing homes, casinos and more.

The event raised approximately \$1,500 to help benefit the Frosty Snowmobile Club and their efforts that bring winter tourism to the North Woods.

Land O' Lakes Senior Dining

Love of Life Café
Gateway Lodge
Serving at 11:30 a.m.

Sponsored by ADRC of Vilas County

Reservations or cancellations MUST be made 24 hours in advance. Call Anna Moore at 715-547-6076 to reserve or cancel a meal. All meals served with fat-free milk, butter and margarine. Lighter substitute available in place of main entrée: healthy salad. Donations are accepted. No one will be denied service because of inability to contribute.

TUES., JAN. 31

Cheesburger
with lettuce, tomato, onion
Baked french fries
Broccoli salad
Gelatin

WED., FEB. 1

Beef taco salad
Corn chips
Refried beans
Mexi-corn
Pudding

CONOVER

JACKI HILDEBRANDT
conoverjacki@gmail.com

P.O. BOX 117
CONOVER, WI 54519

Sno-buddies to hold cook-off competition

The Conover Sno-Buddies Snowmobile Club is planning its annual Chili & Soup Cook-Off to take place Saturday, Jan. 28, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Wild Turkey in Conover.

Amateur chefs are welcome to participate in this long-standing club tradition where they can submit entries in either or both the chili and soup categories.

First place trophies will be awarded in each category. Entries must be entered at the Wild Turkey by 12:45 p.m.

Area restaurant chefs will also compete in their own category for best overall soup or chili.

Individuals can participate as a tasting judge for a suggested donation of \$10.

All proceeds from the event go towards Sno-Buddies trail maintenance.

Sno-Buddies clothing, club patches and decals will be available for purchase during the event. Clothing with the new Sno-Buddies logo introduced in September of 2022 will be on hand. Sno-Buddies vintage items can also be purchased.

Wild Turkey is located at 306 Highway 45 N in Conover and is Trail Pitstop #17 along Trail 8 for those arriving by snowmobile.

Club information and membership opportunities can be found at conover-snobuddies.com.

For more information, contact Randy Remblake at 847-980-0349.

Golden Years Café

Northern Exposure
Restaurant
Serving at noon

Sponsored by ADRC of Vilas County

Reservations or cancellations MUST be made 24 hours in advance. Call Judi Heikkinen at 715-545-3697 to reserve or cancel a meal. All meals served with fat-free milk, whole grain rolls/bread with margarine. Lighter substitute available in place of main entrée: healthy salad. Donations are accepted. No one will be denied service because of inability to contribute.

MON., JAN. 30

Baked chicken
Baked potato
with sour cream
Corn
Fruit

WED., FEB. 1

Kielbasa with sauerkraut

Boiled potatoes
Peaches

FRI., FEB. 3

Salisbury steak
Mashed potatoes with gravy
Mixed vegetables
Fruit

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PHELPS, WI 54554



ELEANOR
ELLIS
PUBLIC
LIBRARY

PHELPS, WI 54554

The Eleanor Ellis Public Library's "Name Our Snowman" display is up now through the end of February. Library patrons will have the opportunity to enter their idea for the perfect snowman name for a chance to win a \$25 Amazon gift certificate. One entry per patron.

A free essential oils class, Beginning Essentials, will be held Saturday, Jan. 28, at 1:30 p.m. Kaye Petts will share the basics of essential oils. Participants will receive free oil samples and be entered in a drawing for an essential oil diffuser and starter pack. Call the library to register.

Stories with Laura Myszkowski will be held Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 2 p.m. Participants will enjoy Myszkowski's favorite stories,

a take-and-make craft, and a treat. This program is open to ages preschool and older and meets the second Tuesday of each month. Videos of recorded stories also can be found on the library's website under the Youth Programs tab.

Next Chapter Book Club will meet Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 10 a.m. to discuss "Chasing a Blond Moon" a Woods Cop Mystery by Joseph Heywood. Discussion will be facilitated by Brian Blank. Copies are available at the library. New members are always welcome.

The Write On Writer's Workshop for January is also scheduled to meet Feb. 15. The workshop will begin at 12:30 p.m. and is open to writers at any stage of writing, from beginner to seasoned, and meets monthly. For more information, call the library.

New adult fiction on the shelves includes "Dark of Night" by Colleen Coble, "The House of Wolves" by James Patterson, "Blue Moon

Haven" by Janet Dailey, "Winter's End" by Paige Shelton and "The Devil's Weapons" by W.E.B. Griffin.

New adult nonfiction includes "Knitting Wraps in the Round" by Andrea Brauneis, "Two Dark Thirty; True Stories to Inspire Teaching and Learning in our Local Heroes" by Marc Hill of Wausau, "Code Name Blue Wren; The True Story of America's Most Dangerous Female Spy and the Sister She Betrayed" by Jim Popkin and "The Stories We Tell" by Joanna Gaines.

New children's books are "The Alien Next Door" series by A.I. Newton, "Fire Chief Fran" by Linda Ashman, "Explorer Academy" series by Trudi Strain Trueit and "Atlas of Dogs; Explore the Paw-Some World of Pooches" by Frances Evans.

The library has two Kajeet hotspots available for a seven-day checkout. The hotspots are provided through a grant from the Federal Emergency

Connectivity Fund and are for patrons who do not have access to the equipment or services sufficient to access the internet. Hotspots cannot be reserved or put on hold. Call the library for information.

Library hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesdays, 2 to 6 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Material pickup is available 24-7 using the secure, outdoor locker system and is available upon request by calling the library during regular business hours. Materials also can be delivered and picked up through Eleanor Ellis Homebound, a service available to anyone in Phelps or in close proximity to the library who cannot get to the library for various reasons.

Wi-Fi and digital service is available at all hours.

For more information call 715-545-2887, stop in at 4495 Town Hall Road, or visit phelpspubliclibrary.org.

BID NOTICE

The Town of Conover is accepting sealed bids for the asphalt pavement of approximately 4.49 miles in the town of Conover for fiscal year 2023. Included in this is 15,871 feet of East Buckatobon Rd, which is part of an LRIP Project. Schedule of Prices are available on the Town's website: townofconover.com/. Any questions on navigation of the website please contact the clerk's office at (715) 479-8688. Bids must be received by 5:30 P.M. on February 9th. All bids will be opened at the Town Board Meeting that evening of February 9th at 6:00 p.m. If you have questions, please contact the Town Foreman John Barnekow at 715-479-5420 or conoverhwyforeman@gmail.com.

The Town of Conover reserves the right to reject any and all bids, or to accept the bid deemed most advantageous to the town.

Please mail all bids to:
Town of Conover
P.O. Box 115
Conover, WI 54519
Posted this day, Jan. 19th, 2023.
Kendra Lederer, Conover Clerk

JACKI GOEBEL

ST. GERMAIN/SAYNER

715-891-8028

PUBLIC NOTICES



FERN RIDGE FUN — Silent sport and outdoor enthusiasts joined together on a brisk sunny Saturday for the Fern Ridge Rendezvous. The event, sponsored by the St. Germain Non-Motorized Trails Committee, offered hiking, snowshoeing and fat-tire biking on a trail system in the state forest. A large crowd showed up to enjoy hot chocolate and camaraderie while enjoying the trails. —Photos By Jacki Goebel



(One week, 1/25/23)
LEGAL NOTICE Jan 25, 2023
NOTICE OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS
 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Vilas County Treasurer, Paulette M. Sarnicki, pursuant to Section 59.66(2) Wis. Stat., shall publish a class 1 notice, under ch. 985, a listing of the names and last-known addresses of the owners for whom Vilas County is holding unclaimed money or security and is following that with a class 2 notice, under ch. 985, stating that the full listing that was noticed in the class 1 notice may be viewed at: www.vilascountywi.gov or www.wisconsinpublicnotices.org or at the Office of the Vilas County Treasurer, Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, Wisconsin, M-F, 8AM-4:00PM.
 The statute further provides that unless the owners request and prove ownership of such money or security within 6 months from the time of the completed publication on February 08, 2023, the County Treasurer will take possession or control of such money or security.
 To claim these funds, the owner must appear in person, with valid photo identification, at the Office of the County Treasurer, Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, Wisconsin, M-F, 8AM-4:00PM.
ADVERTISEMENT OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS
 Pursuant to Section 59.66(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes, I, Paulette M. Sarnicki, Vilas County Treasurer, herewith advertise the following unclaimed funds held by the named officers or department heads of Vilas County, Wisconsin.
 Furthermore, unless the owners call for and prove their ownership within six (6) months from the time of completed publication, the Vilas County Treasurer will take possession of these funds.
 By Vilas County Jail
 Sarah E Gallian \$59.00
 550 Peshigo Brook Rd
 Suring WI 54174
 William L Jacobs \$20.00
 2785 Wazhashk Trl PO Box 1035
 Lac du Flambeau WI 54538
 Kevin A Kerr \$30.00
 309 3rd Ave N
 Hurley WI 54534
 Adam L Knutson \$20.00
 608 Colby St
 Orfordville WI 53576
 Kacey L La Barge \$20.50
 2790 Maang Ave PO Box 702
 Lac du Flambeau WI 54538
 Michael D Maulson \$30.00
 14093 Longs Point Ln
 Lac du Flambeau WI 54538
 John G Ruhl \$63.00
 112 Forest Rd
 Davenport IA 52803
 Kelly D Thompson \$244.04
 PO Box 389
 Waupaca WI 54981
 Jacob D Thoms-Bent \$22.00
 2810 Cemetery Rd PO Box 471
 Lac du Flambeau WI 54538
 Ryan G White \$23.34
 2827 STH 47 #2
 Lac du Flambeau WI 54538
 Maxwell E Johnson \$46.00
 31 E Ogden
 La Grange IL 60525
 Robert Scott \$46.00
 3320 N Sherman Blvd
 Milwaukee WI 53216
 Colleen R Thompson \$33.00
 3685 Chief Wabeka Dr
 Laona WI 54541
 Anthony J Capaccione \$121.75
 4964 Commonwealth Dr
 Sarasota FL 34242
 Randall J Lego \$32.74
 4607 STH 47
 Rhinelander WI 54501
 William Henscke \$20.00
 4265 Maple Ave
 Eagle River WI 54521
 Carolina Hernandez \$29.00
 1429 Silver Lake Rd Apt 7
 Eagle River WI 54521
 Todd A Renk \$34.00
 PO Box 872
 Land O Lakes WI 54540
 Linda L Roach \$100.00
 870 Huber Ln
 Minocqua WI 54548
 Roland J Starr \$95.96
 3637 CTY H
 Laona WI 54541
 Monica C Tainter \$45.44
 9222 N Indian Trail Rd
 Hayward WI 54843
 Colleen R Thompson \$76.00
 407 Chippewa St
 Lac du Flambeau WI 54538
 Shavonn J Tuckwab \$40.00
 3041 STH 55
 Crandon WI 54520
 Kelsey L Williams \$43.50
 203 Chicog St
 Lac du Flambeau WI 54538
 Buzz A Anwash \$20.01
 2823 CTH H
 Wabeno WI 54566
 Tamara R Ashley \$78.00
 1425 S Ridge Rd
 Green Bay WI 54304
 Karl C Backhus \$65.50
 7697 CTH K
 Star Lake WI 54561
 Ryan W Groves \$40.00
 1670 Circle Dr Apt 3
 Woodruff WI 54548
 Wayne E Harrington \$45.50
 13916 Hoosier Rd
 Manitowish Waters WI 54545
 Noah S Lausche \$61.49
 1558 Naled Rd
 Eagle River WI 54521
 Madison C Soman \$33.50
 5525 Kwe Da Kik Ct
 Crandon WI 54520
 Mercedes M Vaaler \$21.26
 4323 Deerskin Rd
 Phelps WI 54554
 Thomas J Vincent \$124.66
 W775 County Rd N
 Niagra WI 54151
 Travis L Waldman \$106.09
 W164N8418 Hiawatha Ave
 Menomonee Falls WI 53051
 I, Paulette M. Sarnicki, Treasurer of Vilas County, hereby certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 State of Wisconsin
 County of Vilas
 s/s Paulette M. Sarnicki
 Vilas County Treasurer
 Dated this 16th day of January 2023
 Subscribed and sworn to (affirmed) before me this 16th day of January 2023
 s/s Kim Olkowski
 Vilas County Clerk
 My term expires 7/07/2026
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COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 3, MARKED BY A RAILROAD SPIKE IN PLACE; THEN N 87 DEG. 53' 10" E, 30.04 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE ON THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF BLOOM ROAD; THEN ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE N 17 DEG. 55' 00" W, 500.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THEN ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE N 18 DEG. 20' 17" W, 400.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THEN LEAVING SAID EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE N 18 DEG. 20' 17" W, 370.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, THEN CONTINUING N 86 DEG. 14' 31" E, 392.84 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THEN S 47 DEG. 34' 24" E, 121.46 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THEN S 09 DEG. 50' 14" E, 87.50 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THEN S 85 DEG. 20' 06" W, 436.29 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THEN N 19 DEG. 08' 34" W, 188.30 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.
 TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT 50 FEET IN WIDTH FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS TO SPRUCE LANE INCLUDING A 100 FOOT DIAMETER CUL-DE-SAC (TURN-A-ROUND) AT THE END OF SAID EASEMENT BEING DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
 BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL MARKED BY AN IRON PIPE BEING THE CENTER POINT OF A 100 FOOT DIAMETER CUL-DE-SAC. THEN ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID 50 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT, N 09 DEG. 50' 14" W, 87.50 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THEN ALONG SAID CENTERLINE N 47 DEG. 34' 24" W, 121.46 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THEN ALONG SAID CENTERLINE N 09 DEG. 18' 04" W, 286.83 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE ON THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SPRUCE LANE AND THERE TERMINATING.
 THE SIDELINES OF SAID 50 FOOT WIDE EASEMENT EXTEND OR FORESHORTEN TO INTERSECT THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE TO SPRUCE LANE AND THE 100 FOOT DIAMETER CUL-DE-SAC.
 Street Address: 4335 Spruce Lane, Eagle River, WI 54521
 Tax Key No. 14-188-04
 THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD AS IS AND SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL REAL ESTATE TAXES, SUPERIOR LIENS OR OTHER LEGAL ENCUMBRANCES.
 TERMS OF SALE: CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK OR CERTIFIED FUNDS, payable to the Clerk of Courts (10% down payment at sale, balance due within ten (10) days of Court approval; down payment to be forfeited if payment not received timely) (Cashier's Check required if down payment is \$20,000.00 or more). Buyer must comply with minimum bidder qualifications as set forth in Wis. Stat. § 846.155. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price.
 Joseph A. Fath
 Sheriff of Vilas County, Wisconsin
 Codilis, Moody & Circelli, P.C.
 Attorneys for Plaintiff
 (414) 775-7700
 50-22-00607
 NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.
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(Three Weeks, 1/11/23-1/25/23)
 STATE OF WISCONSIN
 CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY

PUBLICATION SUMMONS

CASE NO. 22-CV-110
 HON. MARTHA J. MILANOWSKI
 Money Judgment: 30301
 The amount claimed exceeds \$10,000.00 AND
 Other Contracts: 30303 Wis. Stat. § 810 Replevin

COVANTAGE CREDIT UNION
 PO Box 107
 ANTIGO, WI 54409 Plaintiff,
 v.
 CHRISTOPHER CLOUGH
 1910 W. CARPENTER LAKE RD.
 EAGLE RIVER, WI 54521 Defendant.

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN,
 To each person named above as a defendant:

You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within 40 days after the date of first publication, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the Court, whose address is Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, WI 54521, and to Galanis, Pollack, Jacobs & Johnson, S.C., plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 839 North Jefferson Street, Suite 200, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

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

DATED at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on December 30, 2022.
 GALANIS, POLLACK, JACOBS & JOHNSON, SC
 (S/ Electronically signed
 Joshua J. Brady
 WI State Bar No. 1041428
 Attorneys for Plaintiff
 P. O. Address:
 839 N. Jefferson Street, Suite 200
 Milwaukee, WI 53202
 Telephone: (414) 271-5400
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(Two Weeks, 1/18-1/25/23)
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 BEFORE THE VILAS COUNTY
 BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
 STATE OF WISCONSIN

ss
 COUNTY OF VILAS
 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
 Pursuant to Chapter 59.694 and 19.84 of the Wisconsin State Statutes and Article X, Section 10.3 of the Vilas County General Zoning Ordinance:

Public Notice is hereby given to all persons that a public hearing will be held at the Boulder Junction Town Hall at 5392 Park St., Boulder Junction, WI 54512 on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 10:30 AM.

Relative to Board of Adjustment Variance Application B2-22, submitted by Michael Katsis, property owner. On the following real estate to wit: Part of Government Lot 8, Section 2, Town 42 North, Range 7 East, Town of Boulder Junction, Vilas County, Wisconsin; identified by Vilas County Computer Parcel Number 4-107-3.

Requesting a variance to Vilas County General Zoning Ordinance Article VII, Section 7.3(A) which states:
 No driveways or private roads constructed within 5 feet of an adjoining property owner's lot line.

Applicant is requesting a variance to build a driveway and a retaining wall closer than five feet to the neighboring lot line. The Board of Adjustment may conduct an on-site inspection of the above-described property prior to the public hearing. The Board will meet at the Boulder Junction Town Hall at 10:00 AM to proceed to the property.

A copy of the application is on file at the Vilas County Zoning Office.
 All persons interested are invited to attend and be heard at the Boulder Junction Town Hall.

Vilas County Board of Adjustment
 Bridgette Nutter, Secretary
 Dated at Eagle River this 13th day of January, 2023
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING REVISIONS TO CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 1 - ZONING TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of St. Germain Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing regarding proposed changes to the Town's Zoning Ordinance at 6:00PM, Thursday, January 26, 2023, at the St. Germain Community Center. Proposed revisions include:

- Chapter 1 – Zoning**
- Page 8: Definition – Structure
- Page 9: 1.02 (C & D) – Restriction on the number of non-dwelling buildings per parcel in specific zoning districts
- Pages 12, 14, 16, 18 & 20: Districts to which 1.02(C & D) restrictions apply
- Page 24: 1.310 Community & Highway Business District - Modification of permitted uses
- Page 27: 1.311 Downtown Business District - Modification of permitted uses
- Page 71: Adjustment in property address (fire number) fees

The proposed revisions can be viewed in the office of the Town Clerk or accessed on the town's website through a link on the home page at townofstgermain.org.

The public hearing will be accessible via Zoom meeting ID 851 7243 9005 and passcode 658723.

In lieu of attending live or virtually, persons wishing to submit written comments to the Town Clerk may do so by letter to P. O. Box 7, St. Germain WI 54558 or by email to June.Vogel@stg.town. Written comments must be received by the Clerk no later than 5:00PM, Wednesday, January 25th to be considered at the public hearing.

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St. Germain Senior Meals

St. Germain Community Center
 Serving at 10:30 a.m.
 Sponsored by ADRC of Vilas County

Carry-out and home-delivered meals only. Home-delivered meals are available based on eligibility. For reservations or cancellations, please call **Nancy Moser** at 715-617-2795 (MUST call 24 hours in advance). All meals served with whole-grain bread or roll, butter or margarine, coffee and low-fat milk. Lighter substitute available in place of main entrée: grilled-chicken salad or healthy salad. Donations are accepted. No one will be denied service because of inability to contribute.

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| WED., FEB. 1 | Broccoli and cauliflower |
| Spaghetti and meat sauce | Biscuit |
| Salad | Fresh grapes |
| Garlic breadsticks | FRI. FEB. 3 |
| Mandarin oranges | Turkey sandwich |
| Pineapple cake | Cream of broccoli soup |
| THURS. FEB. 2 | Peach slices |
| Beef stroganoff | Cookie |
| Mashed potatoes | |

ON CAMPUS

MENOMONIE - UW-Stout has announced the dean's list for the fall 2022 semester for the following students: Guinness Bruce and Mitchell Popp of Eagle River; and Mackenzie Lentz of Three Lakes.

RIVER FALLS - UW-River Falls named the following students to the Fall 2022 dean's list: Zachary Muenzner

of Boulder Junction; Ellyn Reese of Eagle River; Emma Nackers of Land O' Lakes; Brooke Liebenstein of Sayner; and Brigitte Ledferd of Woodruff.

IOWA CITY, Iowa - The University of Iowa announced that Connor Nelson of Boulder Junction was named to the dean's list.

OUTDOORS

Trees: lasting impressions on young minds

IMAGINE a place where students can escape the concrete jungle and experience an outdoor classroom, a place where they learn about natural resources conservation while adventuring to a land that may weigh on their hearts and minds for a lifetime.

That's the beauty of Trees

For Tomorrow and the incredible land of lakes and forests that surround it, for every year the specialty school introduces nearly 5,000 elementary, middle and high school students to the North Woods via Eagle River.

These expert instructors say the three-day workshops feature science-based learning through thematic units in forestry, water and wildlife that "promote student application of previous knowledge in new ways."

The nonprofit school goes beyond the normal pond studies, tree identification and animal tracking, analyzing the data and inspiring questions and debate — in line with national standards.

There are people from all walks of life today who live, work or play here because they were introduced, at a very impressionable age, to this magical place filled with lakes, rivers and unending forests.

Among the school's alumni are people who went on to work for the U.S. Forest Service and the school's own executive director, Cheryl Todea, who came from the suburbs of Milwaukee and took a job at Trees many years ago because of her experience at a student workshop here in the 1990s.

With the majority of Americans residing in areas where they are cut off from the great outdoors, the challenge is properly educating

new generations that will carry the torch forward in the years to come, when today's conservationists are gone.

This specialty school has been using field studies and classroom presentations to teach students and their instructors since 1944.

Trees has demonstrated the benefits of contemporary resources management to thousands while introducing first-time visitors to an area many will visit again — first as a vacationer and then quite possibly as a seasonal resident or retiree.

In 2022, the school hosted 4,829 students and instructors from Wisconsin, Michigan and northern Illinois at 182 workshops and events.

The purpose of this writing is about more than public awareness, for this nonprofit school needs the support of its community. It can't survive on sponsorships and educational grants alone.

Everyone has their own reasons for why they support this or that and, for the scribbler, Trees For Tomorrow struck a chord when it made it clear that logging and sustainable forestry practices are an important part of forest management.

Our forests represent the most diverse, most productive renewable resource the world has ever known. When forest managers do their job right, trees are a crop that can grow back after the harvest.

But that's just the beginning. Timber management equates to jobs, high-demand wood products, paper products, creation of wildlife habitat, and oftentimes, improved growing conditions for the trees left behind in a selective cut.

In the Outdoors

By Kurt Krueger



Students cruise forest trails on snowshoes while learning about forestry, water, wildlife biology and a host of natural resource management issues at Trees For Tomorrow in Eagle River. —Contributed Photo

First and foremost, Trees was founded to help educate the residents of Wisconsin and neighboring states about the importance of reforestation following massive clear-cutting activities in the first quarter of the 20th century.

The facility's purpose has evolved into much more. Students learn that our society relies on natural resources for survival and quality of life. They learn that resources are limited, so proper management is necessary to sustain them.

They also learn about multiple-use management for the long-

term benefit of everyone. Those uses include forest products, recreation, aesthetics, wildlife, wilderness and others.

Where Trees excels is with field-based programs that place people in direct contact with resources that support human needs. The programs teach knowledge and skills that lead to responsible lifestyle choices.

I believe the challenge for local residents is to remember that there is a specialty school right here that teaches these important messages, and especially to kids who might never be exposed to resource edu-

cation on their own.

Our loyal readers include some powerful, influential and generous people who reside in all 50 states, sharing a love for this very unique part of Wisconsin and the country.

As a nonprofit, Trees is always searching for new sponsors and donors in order to sustain their educational mission — now in its 78th year.

Maybe it's time to rekindle our appreciation for Trees, which educates youth and introduces thousands of new visitors to the North Woods every year.

Lack of plowing at boat landings could limit ice-fishing options

By JON EICHMAN
ASST. EDITOR

Ice fishing in the North Woods has become synonymous with the wintertime, but because of county budget restrictions, not having a large enough workforce or the equipment to plow certain boat landings, angler options may be limited this season.

Many local, town-owned landings are taken care of by the towns themselves. However, Vilas County and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR)-owned landings are not plowed in the wintertime. This was addressed by Todd Bierman, park and recreation supervisor of Vilas County Forestry, Recreation, and Land Department.

"The boat landings and forest roads in Vilas County are not plowed in the wintertime," said Bierman. "Just like the state of Wisconsin and the U.S. Forest Service does not plow the landings or roads in their forests."

Bierman highlighted that this is not something new. However, he noted that the department could push for plowing equipment and staff items to be budgeted in, in the future, but fiscal constraints have prohibited them from doing so thus far.

On a town level, there are many open landings that are taken care of in the wintertime. Bierman did note that the county-owned landings on Boot and Hunter lakes in the town of Cloverland are taken care of by the county.

Fisherman should be advised that the Hunter Lake



The Hunter Lake landing turnaround is not plowed and caution should be exercised loading and unloading equipment to avoid getting stuck. —Staff Photo By JON EICHMAN

landing turnaround is not plowed, but the parking lot is accessible. However, Boot Lake's landing is wide open with plenty of parking space and lake accessibility.

Comments from two local fishermen at the Hunter Lake landing last week detailed how in the past the turnaround was plowed, which helped make it less likely to get stuck getting on and off the lake.

Cloverland Chairman Scott Maciosek spoke on how ice fishing is an asset to the community and if the county-owned landings aren't plowed, this will prompt fishermen to go elsewhere.

Town of Washington Chairman Jim Egan stated

that the town-owned landings on Deerskin, Anvil and Lynx lakes are plowed throughout the season by the town. Additionally, the town takes care of the county-owned Eagle Lake landing road and parking lot as a courtesy.

The town of Lincoln only owns one landing on Catfish Lake, but it is plowed and taken care of by the town, according to town Chairman Bill Hassey. Dale Mayo, town of Conover chairman, added that the town-owned landings on North and South Twin, Stormy and Pioneer lakes are plowed and maintained by the town as well.

Bierman also highlighted that the county could poten-

tially outsource the plowing to different agencies, but in the past these agencies have been hesitant to take on the job because of the liability aspect. He noted that a lot of individuals may think lake ice is safe if the landing is plowed, but that is not always the case.

All anglers and adventurers going out on the ice this season are reminded to practice safety, check ice depths and take preventative measures, if one does fall through the ice, by wearing a life jacket. For additional ice safety tips, visit dnr.wisconsin.gov.

For more information, contact Bierman at tobier@vilascountywi.gov or visit vilascountywi.gov.

Fishing with the Guides

By George Langley



Snowstorm helped trails but not mobility on lakes

We are continuing to see some pretty good January fishing, as the panfish and northerns are still providing action. It looks like we're going to be getting some of that really cold January weather later this week, with highs in the single digits. That should improve conditions after last week's big snowstorm.

We're seeing anywhere between 14 and 18" of ice on most lakes, but it can be challenging getting around with slush being a problem in some places.

Snow conditions are perfect for the skiers and snowshoers. We got a good dump last week of about 10", which didn't help getting around on the lakes. It looks like we may get a little more this week, too. What this feels like is a "normal" winter up here in the Northwoods.

Walleye angling has been decent for the last several weeks, although we seem to be seeing the beginning of that typical January slow-down. The Chain has produced decent fishing in the evenings in the 10 - 15' range right off the weeds. Shiners have been best on the Chain. The bigger, deeper lakes have had much better action after dark than we've seen on the smaller lakes. Suckers or shiners have been equal in production, with the tip-ups set near structure and intercepting the fish as they move up after dark to feed.

Northern action has been pretty good in the afternoons on most lakes. They are feeding, as usual, in the weeds. Look for the deepest weeds you can find. Large shiners are by far the best for these fish, with the tip-ups being set right on top of the weeds. All lake sizes are producing fish at this point.

Panfish action has been very good, with good crappie action on the Chain in the holes. Anglers are jigging in the holes with smaller vertical jigs tipped with waxies. We have also had some reports of decent tip down action, with the people using crappie minnows or rosie reds.

Bluegills are now hitting well in the weeds on spikes. We've had good reports from many of those mid-sized lakes with some nice weed beds. Perch action has been good, also in the weeds on many lakes. Search for those perch close to the bottom.

Good luck and good fishin'!

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OUTDOORS

Nicolet's adventure courses continue through the spring

The 2023 Winter Outdoor Adventure program from Nicolet College continues this month with more classes for a growing number of people in the North Woods ranging from outdoor activities to hunting to syrup making.

"Interest in outdoor classes continues to remain strong and we're looking forward to having a great winter," said Nicolet College Outdoor Adventure Coordinator Terry Rutlin. "It's exciting to be able to offer so many different classes for people to learn new skills and explore new natural areas throughout the North Woods."

Next-level fat biking will be offered Saturdays, Feb. 4 and 11, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at a cost of \$60. Classes will be held at Mud Lake Mountain Bike Trails north of Rhinelander or at Rhinelander-area Enterprise Trail system, depending on which trails conditions are

better at the time.

A backcountry winter camping course will be offered Saturday, Feb. 11, from noon to 3 p.m., starting in the Lakeside Center on Nicolet's campus where participants will then head out into the Nicolet woods. The fee for this class experience is \$40.

Then, a class on maple syrup making and another on basic tree felling will both be hosted on the Nicolet College Campus Saturday, Feb. 18. The maple syrup making course will run from 9 to 11 a.m. at a cost of \$30. Basic tree felling will be instructed from 1 to 3 p.m., free of charge to interested participants.

The college also has planned an informative course on how to hunt wild turkeys on Saturday, March 11, from 9 to 11 a.m. on the Nicolet College campus with a cost of \$30.

The final courses of the



A maple syrup-making course is slated in February through Nicolet's Outdoor Adventure program. —STAFF PHOTO

spring season to be offered will be in the form of a muskie fishing seminar on consecutive Saturdays, March 25 and April 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Attendees can choose to either sign up for a one-

day seminar at a cost of \$60, or \$100 for both.

For more information, full course descriptions and registration sign-up forms, visit nicoletcollege.edu/community/outdoor-adventure.

DU banquet set Feb. 15 in Eagle River

BY GARY RIDDERBUSCH
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Headwaters Chapter of Ducks Unlimited (DU) will have its 48th annual fundraising banquet Wednesday, Feb. 15, at Chef Rene's at the Eagle River Inn.

The banquet will feature a dinner, raffles, and a silent auction. Funds raised will go toward waterfowl and wetlands conservation, according to banquet organizers Jim Kauzlaric and Ron Patterson.

Doors for the banquet will open at 5:30 p.m., with dinner served at 7 p.m. The cost is \$60 per person, which includes a \$25 DU membership.

A pre-dinner raffle for \$250 in Duck Bucks is available at one ticket for \$10, three for \$20, 10 for \$50 and 25 for \$100. The winning ticket will be drawn before the dinner and the Duck Bucks can be used in most raffles the night of the dinner.

DU sponsors from the September sponsors-only banquet will be entered into

a special raffle and be recognized at the Feb. 15 banquet.

There also will be a recruiters raffle for a person taking someone new to the banquet (who did not attend last year's general banquet). That raffle will offer \$50 in Duck Bucks to use on most raffles.

In its 86th year, DU conserves, restores, and manages wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl. These habitats also benefit other wildlife and people who enjoy the outdoors.

"Out of every dollar raised, DU spends 84 cents for this

purpose," said Kauzlaric. "DU has conserved over 139,000 acres in Wisconsin and over 33.5 million acres across North America."

For more information about the banquet contact Kauzlaric at (715) 617-9385 or Patterson at (715) 337-2424.

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HELP WANTED: Energy Shop has an immediate full-time opening for a fireplace installer/service technician. Experience in construction helpful. Contact the Energy Shop, 5016 Highway 70 W., Eagle River, WI 54521; phone: 715-479-4533 or send resumé to: kmcvey@energysshop-gb.com. 9466-tfcl

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Guided snowshoe slated Feb. 4

The Northwoods Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance will host a guided snowshoe hike in the Underdown Recreation area of the Lincoln County Forest Saturday, Feb. 4, starting at 10 a.m.

Participants are invited to enjoy the unique landscape created by the Great Wisconsin Glacier about 10,000 years ago. A University of Wisconsin geology and geophysics professor described the Underdown as a "world class hummocky feature" of glacial topography.

In simpler terms, the area is abundant in swamps, lakes,

bogs and hills.

The snowshoe trail layout and design was created by chapter member Chris Schotz and is well marked and packed. Hikers may choose from distances of one to four hours depending on their ability, experience and endurance. The trail is considered moderately difficult, and participants should bring along their own snowshoes, beverages and weather-appropriate clothing.

Hot cider, hot chocolate, cookies and a warming fire will be available following the hike. There is no charge for

this event, although donations to the chapter will be accepted.

For more information, contact Ruby Jaacks at 715-551-1118 or brjaacks@outlook.com.

Those interested in attending should meet at the Underdown Recreation Area parking lot on Copper Lake Road. From Rhinelander, take Highway 17 S. to Highway J at Bloomville. Go right on J to Copper Lake Road, then turn left on Copper Lake Road to the Underdown parking lot. From there, attendees may follow the Ice Age Trail signs.

Ethical hunter nominations open

Exceptional moral actions and character while being out in the field are the types of nominative actions and values the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is looking for when selecting the 2022 Wisconsin Ethical Hunter Award recipient.

Any hunter or non-hunter can nominate a licensed Wisconsin hunter for the award for their actions during the 2022 calendar year. Although many nominations result from gun deer season, ethical actions can occur during a squirrel hunt, turkey hunt, waterfowl hunt or other Wisconsin hunting season.

"Ethical actions come in many forms," said DNR Recreational Safety and Outdoor Skills Section Chief Major April Dombrowski. "Examples could include helping

another person during a hunt or taking steps to protect our natural resources. Over the years, award recipients have returned lost gear, helped others find lost game or assisted another hunter facing a challenge of some kind."

The public is encouraged to submit their nominations for the award before Wednesday, Feb. 15. Nominations can be mailed to Dombrowski at: 101 South Webster St., P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707.

A four-person committee reviews the nominations and selects the person deemed most deserving of this award. The annual honor's creators are Bob Lamb, retired outdoors editor of the La Crosse Tribune; Steve Dewald, retired DNR conservation warden supervisor, and Jerry Davis, a

retired UW-La Crosse biology professor and outdoors writer.

The Nomination Committee focuses on singular actions or events rather than individuals who have long term, conservation-related programs. Written nominations must contain the name, address and telephone number of the witness or witnesses, or be aware of the act(s) which led to the nomination.

Established in 1997, the Wisconsin Hunter Ethics Award recognizes a hunter whose action is symbolic of the state's hunting heritage. This honor represents an outdoor tradition enjoyed responsibly, respectfully and safely.

For more information, contact Dombrowski at dombrowski@wisconsin.gov or visit dnr.wisconsin.gov.

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Full-Time Bookkeeper

The Northern Lakes Catholic Communities is looking for a detail-oriented, numbers-minded person to take care of the bookkeeping for our cluster parishes. Ideal candidate must be a self-starter, able to undertake a variety of office support tasks and work diligently with great attention to detail and discretion. Strong public-relation skills are also essential. Proficiency in QuickBooks, Microsoft Office and Google Drive are preferred. This is a 32-hour, full-time position with benefits.

Part-Time Thrift Shop Manager

The Northern Lakes Catholic Communities is looking for a detail-oriented person to manage the Three Lakes Thrift Shop. The ideal candidate must be a self-starter, able to lead volunteers, and have strong public-relation skills. You will be working with many community members in need while at the Thrift Shop, so that makes this position more of a ministry rather than a job.

For more information regarding these positions you can call the Northern Lakes Catholic Communities Cluster Office, St. Peter's, at 715-479-8704. To apply for any of these positions you can find an application on our website: www.northernlakescatholic.org, or stop in at the office on Hwy. G to pick up an application. We look forward to working with you!

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Made in China 2025 threatens the U.S.

Our View

Impressive racing events staged despite weather

The World Championship Derby Complex just pulled off an incredible feat in the midst of a January heat wave, staging an enormous vintage racing spectacle and the 60th annual world-title oval event on back-to-back weekends.

Warm weather and substandard lake ice that forced the cancellation of Eagle River's ice castle and St. Germain's huge radar run made for less than ideal ice conditions, yet pre-event preparations were enough to see the Derby Complex and its historic ice track through this year's racing.

The best oval racers from the United States and Canada were elated to be here for the oldest, grandest show in snowmobile racing history, and they expressed those thoughts from the winner's circle on both weekends. Once again they've put Eagle River on the national map, the big reason this city is known as the Snowmobile Capital of the World.

Much of the credit goes to an impressive cast of community-minded volunteers, nearly 100 strong, many of whom have been part of running the Derby for decades. Without them, these world championship events would not be sustainable longterm.

The Vintage World Championships brought nearly 950 entries and record spectator attendance, boosted by the return of Canadian racers. The World Championship Snowmobile Derby drew thousands, offering both indoor and outdoor viewing.

Fans at the history-making 60th anniversary event saw Matt Goede of Mayer, Minn., racing an F-III sled for the first time, take the checkered flag Sunday afternoon on an impressive hole shot following a red-flag restart with two laps to go.

Goede revived Ski-Doo as a contender for the world title in a field that was heavily dominated by Polaris sleds in a new, 600cc class that features racing machines with fewer modifications than the previous Champ 440 sleds.

We tip our caps to the Derby Complex owners who are in their fifth year at the helm, led by CEO Tom Anderson. This newspaper works hard to support the event because of its rich history and the enormous boost it gives to the tourism industry, bringing millions of dollars to Eagle River and all surrounding communities every January. The legacy continues.

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.

THE U.S. HAS been the world's technology leader since the end of the 19th century but that leadership is under assault. In 2015, the Chinese Communist Party launched Made in China 2025 and it has a goal to supplant the U.S. as the world's pre-eminent economic power.

The stakes couldn't be higher. Our dominance has made our country prosperous and secure. It's critical that the U.S. companies be given a level playing field at home and abroad. We need innovation and the free exchange of ideas for the American economy to succeed.

China's stated goal is to dominate the development and production of next-generation technologies, including electric and autonomous vehicles, information-technology and telecom equipment, advanced robotics and artificial intelligence.

People Make the Difference

By Byron McNutt



Towards that goal, China is using massive government subsidies and an array of predatory and unlawful tactics—including industrial espionage, dumping, tariffs and quotas—they have muscled aside American companies in critical industries.

Fortunately, there is a way to combat Beijing's economic thuggery that both parties ought to support, says William Barr, former U.S. attorney general. The Inflation Reduction Act may have been controversial but it does have some positive provisions.

The Inflation Reduction Act took a small step to respond to the Made in

China 2025 threat. It targets electric vehicles made in China or those electric vehicles containing Chinese-made batteries which were eligible for U.S. tax credits.

Those vehicles must now be made in North America and with high levels of North American content to receive a credit. The goal of the Inflation Reduction Act is to disqualify vehicles with any Chinese battery or critical mineral content from receiving the tax credit. We want those vehicles to be made in North America or an ally country and to break China's stranglehold over the battery supply chain.

Recent semiconductor

shortages have made clear that a transition to dependable and localized supply chains is essential for U.S. national and economic security. The U.S. needs to make its own batteries using a domestic supply of critical minerals.

If American companies don't build and control supply chains and mineral processing facilities that are critical to electric-vehicle batteries, China will be hard to compete against. China's state-sponsored auto makers and battery companies will dominate the industry for decades.

Some people believe the key to really experiencing diversity is to judge a person by their character only and to treat all people with respect.

If anyone wants to experience diversity, all you need to

To McNUTT, Pg. 13B



Winter royalty at Derby oval

High school students and recent graduates at Northland Pines and Three Lakes school district were found throughout the past two weekends at the World Championship Derby Complex fulfilling their community duties as Derby Royalty, roaming the grounds, posing for photo ops, lighting the Badger Torch and bringing some sparkle to the event. —Photo By GARY RIDDERBUSCH



Are we on the verge of Civil War

"FOLKS KEEP TALKING about another civil war. One side has about 8 trillion bullets, while the other side doesn't know which bathroom to use."

The words — actually a 2019 Facebook post — are those of then-Iowa Republican congressman Steve King, loosing a puerile smirk as he stirred the pot of violence on the American political right. The politics of stupid has intensified since then, as white supremacy and fear of the Great Replacement Theory take over the GOP.

Are we truly on the brink of a civil war? What, indeed, is a civil war? When does violence move from being random and individual — psychological — to strategic and political, which is to say, militarized? Can this happen without a quasi-governmental entity emerging, officially declaring "war" on the political establishment whose decisions it hates? Or is having 8 trillion bullets enough?

Resorting to violence — indeed, celebrating and honoring its use for just and moral purposes — requires a surrender to the temptation of force. No matter how disempowered you are, intellectually and spiritually, force is always available as a means of making your presence felt, if not actually getting your way. Force is a lost soul's last resort. It often turns into the first resort.

Say you're a Republican and you lose an election. What a nuisance! Consider the troubles faced by MAGA-T-shirt-wearing, would-be state Rep. Solomon Peña, who ran for a New Mexico House seat in November, Yeah, he lost, garnering only 26 percent of the vote, but refused to concede and challenged the legitimacy of the election. That accomplished nothing, so . . . what choice did he

To KOEHLER, Pg. 13B

Trails, trails everywhere

TALK TO YOUR average hiker or snowshoer or cross-country skier and the topic generally turns to all the great trails the person has been on.

Though I put my snowshoes away many years ago, my wife still occasionally uses hers, although her snowshoes, like all the titanium miniature metal things they call snowshoes these days, don't fit the definition of wooden-framed, rawhide-laced snowshoes as I have known them forever. Doesn't matter, if they get people out on the trails, I'm all for them.

After skiing on Fischer classic racing skis for about 30 years, I switched gears last winter and got on a new pair of Fischer skin skis. I love them. With great kick and glide to almost duplicate racing skis, I never have to worry about what wax to iron in on any given day.

Mostly I have been skiing Razorback Ridges in Sayner



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this winter, which are virtually right out my front door. But as always when I get a chance to ski somewhere else, especially someplace new, I jump on the chance.

Last weekend it was Standing Rocks County Park near Iola. Unfortunately, central Wisconsin has not had near the snow we have, so conditions weren't great but they didn't stop me from exploring some neat terrain and scenic trails.

While the woods held maybe six inches of snow, the trails themselves consisted of a base a couple inches thick. It varied from rock hard to lake ice slick, and the tracks for classic skiers like me were

not much more than shallow ribbons of ice.

Didn't matter. Skiing classic style out of the tracks worked just fine. I stayed off the "blue" trails which the trail map showed as having the most difficult hills. Normally I love steep hills, get in a tuck and fly down, but on ice and hard pack I decided a fall at high speed probably wouldn't do 73-year-old bones any good.

Given good conditions, my impression was that of a trail that would be an excellent ski for anyone who loves to get out and go in the winter.

The Birkie trail from Hayward to Cable is the benchmark for many skiers, but other places are equally good. Minocqua Winter Park for one, is a skier magnet every winter.

While taking a year off from a real job one year when I was in my fifties, I

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spent a winter working at Winter Park in the chalet. The pay was insignificant. The chance to ski excellently groomed trails every day was worth the daily roundtrip drive of about 60 miles.

Though I haven't skied the DNR's Escanaba trails for a few years, I spent many a great afternoon skiing around Escanaba, Pallette, Mystery and Spruce lakes where the scenery is magnificent along the miles of varied terrain.

Raven and Madeline, two more local DNR trails, are favorites of mine every ski season. Raven has some easy loops and one which

features a couple of doozies going downhill. Madeline is mostly easy skiing with gentle uphill and downhill, though one downhill can be almost scary fast when you have hard-packed conditions.

Some people can always find fault with anything the Wisconsin DNR does, but on those trails, they've got grooming right. Like almost every ski area, newer, better grooming equipment has made skiing much more pleasurable in almost any conditions.

I think Newman Springs trails on the Chequamegon National Forest near Park Falls off of Hwy. 182 is a little known gem. From my experiences there, during which I have yet to encounter another skier despite

obvious signs of use, a skier can expect good grooming and a very pleasant ski on the seven miles of trail.

I've only skied the Rock Lake trails near Cable a couple of times. Both times I jumped on them the day before the Birkebeiner to test the wax job I hoped would result in a good result in the Birkie the next day. The skis were always good in the Birkie. The skier? So-so at best.

My wife and I used to visit Eau Claire two or three times each winter while her parents were still alive, and each time I would find my way out to Tower Ridge, east of the city.

They are great trails if snowpack is good, and fortunately almost every time I skied there the conditions were good. Nothing too

difficult, but a few tough climbs and enough big, fast downhill to keep things interesting.

I skied a classic race at the inaugural Badger State Games in Wausau, and ever since, I usually hit the Nine Mile trails there once each winter. Again, given decent snow conditions the grooming is very good, and the trails always make for a fun ski.

With all these trails and several others I have skied or raced on, you'd think I'd have them all covered by now, but there are still plenty scattered all over northern Wisconsin and the U.P. that I have yet to get on.

Time to quit writing about them. Time to clip on some skis and hit another trail.

Parents' voices heard in many different ways within Pines district

Letter to the Editor:

In the Jan. 18 letter to the editor, multiple statements regarding Northland Pines and myself were shared that were inaccurate. First, my salary and that process connected to the referendum were stated inaccurately.

The Northland Pines Board of Education is required by Wisconsin state statute to issue contracts to all administrators in January, a month before the referendum that came in February. Contracts were issued to administrators with no raises; it was both responsible and best practice to not give any administrators raises before the referendum as the board did not know what our budget would be prior to passage of the referendum.

Historically, raises are determined and considered by evaluation, consumer price index, experience, comparison to others in the region and state in similar positions, and staying within budget. The raise questioned was a 4.1% raise and it was approved by the full board — it was \$5,775. My contract and salary have been approved by the board and are in alignment with other district administrators with similar positions. The Northland Pines Board of Education continues to maintain a balanced budget and searches for ways to keep costs down and funds focused on students.

There are no books of pornography in the Northland Pines School District Library. The book, "Flamer," which was brought up in the letter, was in the middle and high school library; it did contain language that does not meet our standards as we would not allow the same language in our schools.

The process for selecting the book, check-out process and removal process were all reviewed when brought forward. The book had sexual language between high school-aged students depicted in the book, it is unfortunate as the story could have been told without it.

The book was checked out once over three years and was in the section where only juniors and seniors are allowed to use. The book was removed through our weeding out pro-

cess for lack of check out and for the language. Our Junior and Senior Section is monitored in multiple ways. First, our library is staffed and second, our check-out system alerts our staff if a book has a grade level restriction at any level.

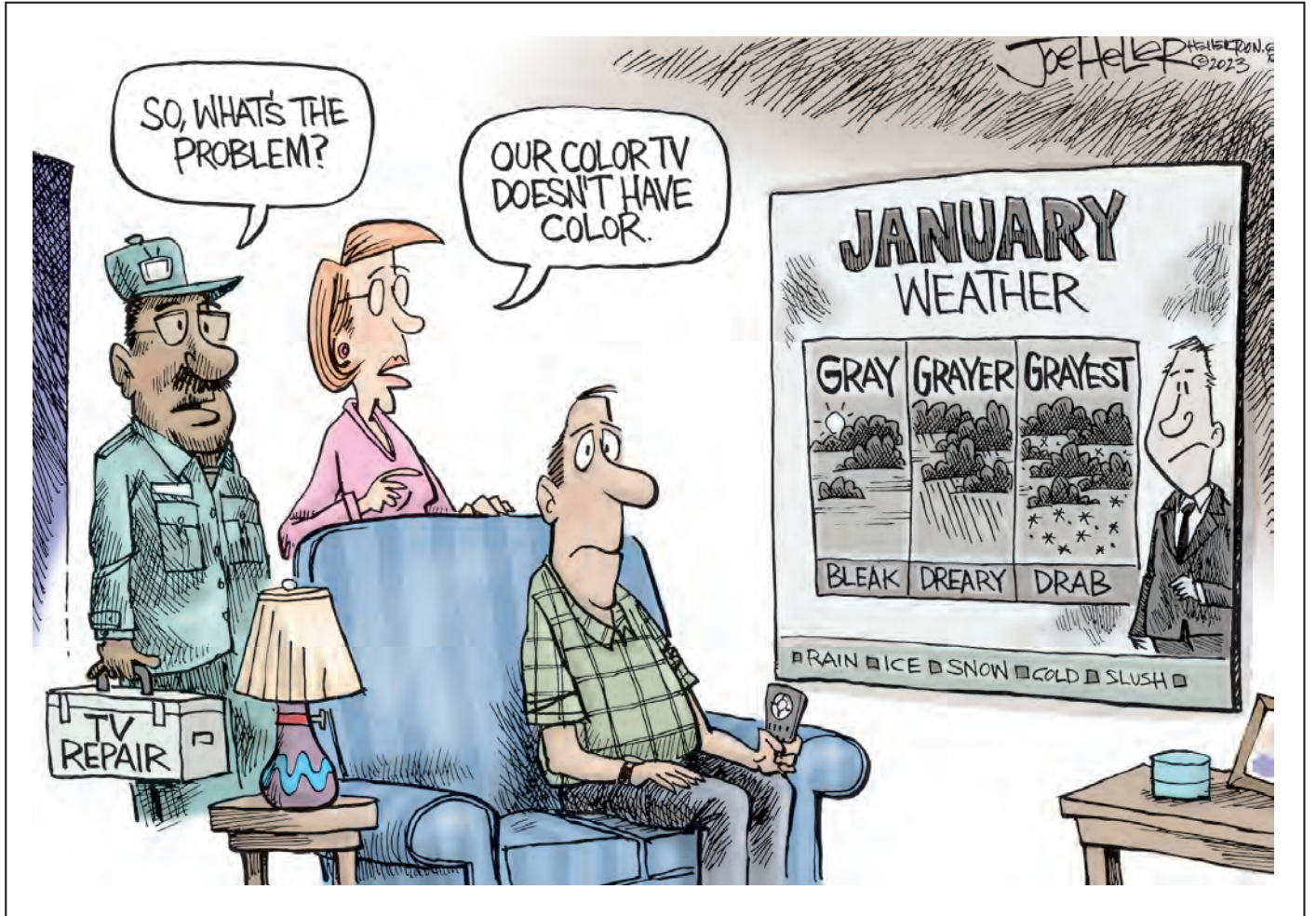
Our school library falls under board policy and has books that serve all students, as school libraries should. Our library contains books that are not required readings for students, are age appropriate and reach a wide range of interests. We have policy and procedures for parents to challenge a book and that process has not been used in recent years. Our school librarian does a great job with selection, making our libraries engaging in many ways more than just a place for books like it was in the past. Our libraries are a place students want to come to learn, produce items and collaborate.

Parents' voices are heard often and in many different ways, not just at a board meeting under citizen comments or one person who is not a parent saying it in a letter to the editor. Parents talk to me frequently at student events, by email, by phone, in-person meetings, district events made for information and hearing back from parents, and parent surveys.

Two ways we also measure feedback is the 2022 referendum referenced, passed with 68.5% voting yes. The second is, we have seen increased enrollment for five years in a row where most districts are seeing declining enrollment.

Parents share they are pleased with the focus on safety, great staff, academic opportunities and options as well as all as the extracurricular options we provide. Finally, the other piece of feedback I hear is that they are glad that we are willing to get better. As the leader, my promise is to have a continued focus on improvement across the district in all areas with academics and safety on top of that list. Thank you to the parents and community that support our students in so many ways.

Scott Foster
 Northland Pines School District Administrator



Snowbird shares a whale of a tale

Letter to the Editor:

Being mid-winter in northern Wisconsin, I thought you all would like to read the News-Review and a human interest story with a twist.

I live near the Gulf Coast of Mississippi for six months or more depending on the North Woods weather. I retreat down here for the winter to escape the frosty, cold snow-driven, roof-shoveling confines of the North Woods; not counting the short days, long nights with cold hands and feet, hoping the furnace doesn't quit or run out of wood.

Enough of that. Here's my story.

Living near the coast there are miles and miles of sand beach shoreline. Recently a 16,000-pound dead whale washed up on shore, for here is a very rare occurrence. Oceanologists wanting to know why

the whale had died called a doctor from the Mississippi Ocean Research Team to give it an autopsy and find out the details of its death. Simple enough, the results were the whale was sick.

Here's the twist — and I'm not making this up — the name of the attending pathologist was "Doctor Moby."

That's it. Stay warm.
 Harold Kressin
 Conover and Florida

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do is talk to people and, most important, listen.

Dan Webb of Reno, Nevada, said: "I have found there are only two kinds of people, be they executives, professors, mechanics, pastors or

the people at a restaurant: good people and not so good people."

The rhetoric of diversity exposes the cowardice and denial of this fundamental ideal of human decency.

For young people, a great way to experience diversity is to join the military. The military will expose you to a cor-

nucopia of people that this wonderful country provides.

Another way is, to move to a diverse neighborhood when the opportunity presents itself. Start by attending a college that puts a high emphasis on diversity. After graduation, and as you start your career, look to locate in a diverse part of the community.

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have? He allegedly hired some guys who drove past at least four houses of local politicians — two state legislators and two county commissioners — and fired bullets into walls and doors. He was arrested a few days ago and charged in the shootings.

There was a time when this would have been seen, in most respectable circles, as insanity. Now I fear it's just one more example of Republican fun and games, as the party members come to grips with their (is it possible?) permanent minority status. Voter suppression is no longer adequate to ensure victories. Donald Trump has given losing GOP candidates their mantra du jour: The election was rigged.

And thus, as Stephen Marche wrote recently in The Guardian: "The United States is a textbook example of a country headed towards civil war. The trends increasingly point one way, and while nobody knows the future, little — if anything — is being done, by anyone, to try to

prevent the collapse of the republic. Belief in democracy is ebbing. The legitimacy of institutions is declining. America increasingly is entering a state where its citizens don't want to belong to the same country. These are conditions ripe for political violence."

The iconic specter of mainstream GOP violence was, of course, the Jan. 6 insurgency, as thousands of angry white people, egged on by their dear leader, broke into the capital as Congress was in the process of transitioning to the Biden presidency, shouting things like "Hang Mike Pence!"

Since then, Republican outrage has morphed into such actions as the break-in last October at Nancy Pelosi's San Francisco home. "Where's Nancy?" the intruder shouted — alas, she wasn't there — eventually attacking her 82-year-old husband, Paul, with a hammer, fracturing his skull.

"But on the right, support for violence is no longer a fringe position," Rachel Kleinfeld points out at Politico. "... This is not a marginal movement: It is people who see violence as a means to defend their values, an extension of

their political activity."

She notes that violence isn't just a matter of wielding weapons: "One particularly pernicious culprit in violence is jokes and memes," she writes. "Jokes are actually far more likely to normalize prejudice than an overtly prejudiced argument, because sharp-edged humor circumvents our brain's usual pathways for rational thinking."

For example, shortly after the Pelosi attack, Donald Trump Jr. posted an image on Instagram of a hammer and a pair of underwear, commenting: "Got my Paul Pelosi Halloween costume ready."

"When a key figure on the right can tweet a joke about an 82-year-old man getting hit by a hammer, and thousands of people like it, that is a sign of real danger," Kleinfeld writes.

I recommend the words of Martin Luther King Jr. to anyone who thinks that all it takes to win America's emerging civil war — that is to say, to heal its historical wounds, to repair its broken social structure — is 8 trillion bullets.

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VOICES

FROM ACROSS THE HEADWATERS REGION

Compiled by Stephanie Dye

Question: What is your favorite part of the World Cup Snowmobile Derby?



Ed Miller, 59
 Self-employed
 Sioux City
 "My favorite part of coming up here for the Derby is the camaraderie that comes with it. We camp and are together all weekend. The fast snowmobiles are always a bonus too."



Elvis Russell, 18
 Mechanic
 Sayner
 "Well, this is my first time attending the Derby, but so far it is the snowmobiles. Their speed is awesome to watch."



Teri Abrams, 11
 Sixth-grade student
 Eagle River
 "I love coming to Friday Night Thunder. It's definitely my favorite part of the Derby. My mom volunteers here each year."



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