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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21, 2022

City property owners allege demolition-related damage

Contractor claims testing meets standard

By JON EICHMAN
ASST. EDITOR

Since the first week of November when the demolition of Nicolet National Bank began, some Eagle River property owners have alleged damage to foundations and structures that they blame on seismic activity caused by construction equipment.

The company subcontracted to do the work, Soper Companies of Oshkosh, is investigating the accusations while maintaining that initial vibration monitoring by a third-party agency showed no readings were near or exceeded the criteria for compliance.

Several local property

owners reported damage to their homes' foundations as well as cracking of walls, ceilings and other structures after the demolition.

Janie Spencer of Eagle River reported that her insurance company would not cover a claim for damage to her home, citing ground movement and construction movement as non-covered risks in her policy.

"It felt like war," said Spencer. "People in this area, they felt it."

Miron Construction of Wausau was contracted for the project by Nicolet Bank, to which they subcontracted the demolition of the bank to Soper Companies of Oshkosh.

"I just want to note that Miron and Soper Companies take accusations such as this seriously and will always do our due diligence to investigate such accusations in order

to find fault within our own firms," said Vice President of Soper Companies Ethan Engel.

Eagle River property owner Jon Wagner provided pictures of the damage to his home, which showed foundation and sheetrock cracking.

"When they were getting the vault out and when they compacted the dirt back down after removing the vault, my whole house would shake," said Wagner, whose house neighbors Spencer's. "I have filed a claim with my insurance company and it looks like the damages will be covered. What I am waiting on now is an estimate on how much it will be to fix the damage to the foundation and sheetrock in my home."

Eagle River City Administrator Robin Ginner confirmed an engineer was not hired by the city to assess the risk of the project and that it

was not the responsibility of the city to do so.

"The city is only responsible for the zoning process. Hiring of the construction company and the building permit process is between the property owner and the State Building Inspector. However, going forward, we may require companies doing work within the city do better due diligence prior to starting their work," stated Ginner.

According to Mike Sanborn of Eagle River Light & Water, seismic activity could have potentially damaged city utilities, though they have no signs of it yet.

"There is no way of telling if damage has been done to the sewers/pipes other than seeing water bubbling up out of the ground, which we haven't seen yet," said Sanborn. "The contractor we use

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RINGING BELLS — Heidi Kramsvogel donated her time last week to ring the bell for the Salvation Army. Shifts are still open through Christmas Eve at Trig's, Nelson's Ace Hardware and Pick 'n Save in Eagle River for anyone who would like to volunteer. To sign up, visit registering.com.

—Staff Photo By MICHELLE DREW



MERRY MUSIC — Northland Pines Eagle River Elementary School fifth- and sixth-graders put on a concert last Friday afternoon that featured holiday selections performed by choir and band students.

The musical event concluded with band students performing the holiday classic, "Jingle Bells," for the packed auditorium.

—Staff Photo By STEPHANIE DYE

Snowmobile trails could open soon thanks to cold, snow

By DOUG ETEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The publicly-funded snowmobile trail systems in Vilas and maybe Oneida County are set to potentially open this week following a meeting of area snowmobile clubs that are assembling Wednesday evening to discuss the joint decision.

Snowfall in the Headwaters and Lakeland areas blanketed trail systems with anywhere from 5 to 10 inches of heavy, wet snow prior to this week's cold weather.

According to Todd Bierman, Vilas County Forestry, Recreation and Land Department supervisor, the Vilas County Snowmobile Alliance

is meeting tonight, Dec. 21, in St. Germain to discuss the progress groups have made over the course of the last week following the most recent snow event.

Bierman finished his mandatory inspections Tuesday and said he'll likely make an announcement Wednesday evening or Thursday morning in regards to the opening date and time for Vilas County trails.

"I'll have the (public service announcement) ready to go," he said. "If things all look good and we are ready I'll

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Landfill expansion scheduled to start in May 2026

By CHRIS OATMAN
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

For the past three years, the Vilas County Highway G Landfill has seen a surge in the number of people driving in to dispose of their garbage, which has prompted landfill officials to schedule a projected date to begin the upcoming expansion project.

This increase in usage and waste volume in recent years has sparked the need for the landfill to start its expansion a few years earlier than originally expected. The original expected date for expansion was January, 2028.

A.J. Kraczek, Highway G Landfill manager, told the Executive Committee of the

Landfill Venture Group at a meeting earlier this month he thought that, after the long permitting process is complete, they should start the expansion project in May of 2026.

"Then we would have the summer construction season to build. We would have to do bidding in the winter of '25-'26. And we have to get more clay," Kraczek said.

Last Nov. 1, a space survey was conducted at the landfill as plans are moving forward for the next expansion project there. Those plans were dis-

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Churches report Christmas services

Many times during the holidays families are traveling and finding local church services may be difficult to find. The following holiday services celebrating Christmas and New Year's have been announced by area churches. Several churches are holding in-person gatherings and some are offering services virtually via their website or Facebook page.

For organizations not listed or for more information on these services, call the church's office.

Eagle River: Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church will hold Christmas Eve services Saturday, Dec. 24, at 4 p.m., and a Christmas Day service will be held Sunday, Dec. 25, at 9:30 a.m.

First Congregational United Church of Christ will hold a Blue Sunday Service on Wednesday, Dec.



21, at 6 p.m. and a Christmas Eve service Saturday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church will have a Christmas Eve candlelight service Saturday, Dec. 24, at 3 and 5 p.m.; a Christmas Day worship with holy communion will be held on Sunday, Dec. 25, at 10 a.m.

St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church will hold

a Christmas Eve service Saturday, Dec. 24, at 4 p.m. and 11:45 p.m. and a Christmas Day service Sunday, Dec. 25, at 11 a.m. A New Year's Eve service will also take place Saturday, Dec. 31, at 4 p.m.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will hold a Christmas Eve service on Saturday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m. and a Christmas Day ser-

vice on Sunday, Dec. 25, at 9 a.m. A New Year's Day service will be held Sunday, Jan. 1 at 9 a.m.

The Community Bible Church will have a Christmas Eve service Saturday, Dec. 24, at 6 p.m. and a Christmas Day service will be held Sunday, Dec. 25, at 10:30 a.m. A New Year's Eve service will take place Saturday, Dec. 31, at 6 p.m., followed by a time of fellowship.

St. Mary of the Snows Anglican Church will hold Christmas Eve Service on Saturday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m. and Christmas Day service Sunday, Dec. 25, at 10 a.m.

Three Lakes: Faith Lutheran Church will hold a Christmas Day service Sunday, Dec. 25, at 9 a.m.

St. Theresa Catholic Church will hold Christmas Eve services Saturday, Dec.

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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., Dec 13	31	28	None	Mon., Dec 13	44	19	None
Wed., Dec 14	33	30	None	Tues., Dec 14	38	23	None
Thurs., Dec 15	33	28	4.8" S*	Wed., Dec 15	54	36	None
Fri., Dec 16	28	12	1.3" S	Thurs., Dec 16	49	12	.35" R
Sat., Dec 17	25	1	0.7" S	Fri., Dec 17	17	7	None
Sun., Dec 18	24	9	Tr.S	Sat., Dec 18	23	16	Tr.S
Mon., Dec 19	19	7	0.3" S	Sun., Dec 19	25	10	Tr.S

* Rain-snow mix Dec. 15

LAST YEAR The average daily high at this time last year for the next seven days was 26, while the average overnight low was 7. There was snow on three days measuring 4.6 inches.

COMPARISON Days precipitation recorded since Oct. 1, 2022, 37 days; 2021, 46 days. Average high of past 30 days, 2022, 32; 2021, 29. Average low of past 30 days, 2022, 28; 2021, 18.

SNOW CONDITIONS Trails are not open yet, but the groomers are out getting ready. Don't ride on lakes until barrels are out.

	'20-'21	'21-'22
Snowy days	24"	38"
Inches to date	27.71	20.4
Ground cover	16"	8"

STREAMS AND LAKES There are 4-8 inches of ice slush do to recent weather. The single digit forecast for this week will help lake ice thickness.

FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK

- Wednesday:** Afternoon snow showers. High: 9° Low: 6°
- Thursday:** Snow likely. High: 19° Low: 9°
- Friday:** Windy, snow showers possible. High: 12° Low: 1°
- Saturday:** Cloudy and windy. High: 6° Low: -5°
- Sunday:** Mix of sun and clouds. High: 8° Low: 1°

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



SNOWY MORNING — White-tailed deer traveled through a winter wonderland scouring the neighborhood for food last Thursday morning. The freshly fallen snow created a pris-

tine backdrop after the winter storm dropped about 4-6 inches of heavy, wet snow and ice on the Eagle River area. —Staff Photo By MICHELLE DREW

St. Matthias Episcopal Church

Christmas Eve - December 24th - 5:00pm
Christmas Eve - December 25th - 10:00am
New Year's Day - January 1st - 10:00am

403 E. Chicago Avenue - Minocqua
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www.stmatthiasminocqua.com

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24, at 4 p.m. A Christmas Day service will be held Sunday, Dec. 25, at 8:30 a.m., and a New Year's Day service Sunday, Jan. 1, at 8:30 a.m.

Three Lakes Evangelical Free Church will hold a Christmas Eve candlelight service Saturday, Dec. 24, at 6 p.m. A Christmas Day service will be held Sunday, Dec. 25, at 9 a.m.

Land O' Lakes: Hope Lutheran Church will hold Christmas Eve candlelight services Saturday, Dec. 24, at 4 p.m. and a New Year's service with holy communion Sunday, Jan. 1.

St. Albert Catholic Church will hold a Christmas Day service, Sunday, Dec. 25, at 9 a.m. and a New Year's Day service Sunday, Jan. 1, at 9:15 a.m.

Phelps: St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church will hold a Christmas Eve service Saturday, Dec. 24, at 4 p.m., a

Christmas Day service Sunday, Dec. 25, at 9 a.m., and New Year's worship will be held on Sunday, Jan. 1, at 9 a.m.

St. Mary Catholic Church will hold a Christmas Day service Sunday, Dec. 25, at 7:30 a.m. and a New Year's Day service Sunday, Jan. 1, at 7:30 a.m.

Conover: Conover Evangelical Free Church will hold a Christmas Day service Sunday, Dec. 25, at 9:30 a.m.

God's Gathering Place will hold a special Christmas service Sunday, Dec. 25, at 9:30 a.m.

St. Germain: St. Germain Community Church of Christ will hold Christmas Eve services Saturday, Dec. 24, at 6 p.m. There will be no service Christmas Day.

St. Germain Evangelical Free Church will hold Christmas Eve services Saturday, Dec. 24, at 3 and 5 p.m. and a Christmas Day service, Sunday, Dec. 25, at 10:15 a.m. A New Year's Day service will be held Sunday, Jan. 1, at 10:15 a.m.

Sugar Camp: St. Kune-

gunda Catholic Church will hold a Christmas Eve service Saturday, Dec. 24, at 6 p.m. and a Christmas Day service Sunday, Dec. 25, at 10 a.m. A New Year's Day service will be held Sunday, Jan. 1, at 10 a.m.

Sayner: Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church will hold a Christmas Eve service Saturday, Dec. 24, at 4 p.m. and a Christmas Day service Sunday, Dec. 25, at 9 a.m. A New Year's Day service will be held Sunday, Jan. 1 at 9 a.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church will hold Christmas services Sunday, Dec. 25, at 9 a.m.

Boulder Junction: The Community Church of Boulder Junction will hold a Christmas Eve service Saturday, Dec. 24, at 5 p.m. On Sunday, Dec. 25, the Christmas Day service will be held on the church's website with a link available on the church's Facebook page.

St. Anne Catholic Church will hold a Christmas Mass Sunday, Dec. 25, at 11 a.m.

Presque Isle: St. Rita Catholic Church will hold Christmas Eve Mass Saturday, Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.

Happy Holidays

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NEWS



CLEARING THE DRIVEWAY — Brian VanSchyndel of Eagle River used his ATV equipped with a small plow to clear his driveway following last week's snow storm that dropped several inches of wet, heavy snow. —Staff Photo By MICHELLE DREW

Tax bills due soon

Tara Ostermann, Oneida County treasurer, reported that property taxpayers in Vilas and Oneida County should have received their 2022 tax bills, and it is time to pay their local treasurer.

Those who have not received their tax bill should contact their county or local treasurer.

"Remember, state law states you must pay your taxes and pay them on time even if you did not receive a tax bill," Ostermann said.

Property owners must pay at least the first installment listed on their tax bill on or before Jan. 31, 2023 to their local town or city treasurer. Checks and envelopes should be made out to their municipality.

"We receive payments made to the municipality, but mailed to the county, which we cannot apply," Ostermann said.

"Payments will be sent to the municipality before Jan. 31. 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," she explained.

She added that now is also the time for property owners to be sure they are certified for the Lottery and Gaming Credit which can be done by checking the tax bill.

"The amount of the Lottery and Gaming Credit appears in the middle of your tax bill, right above the Net Property Tax calculation," she said. "If you have not received the Lottery Credit and meet the requirements, contact your local treasurer who will see that you receive a claim form or go

to wi.gov to obtain a copy of the Lottery and Gaming credit application.

"You must sign and return the form to your local treasurer before you can be certified for and receive the credit. You are only allowed one credit. It must be property that was owned by you and was your primary residence on Jan. 1, 2022 to be eligible for the credit. This form must be in the hands of the local treasurer by Jan. 31, 2023 to receive the credit off the current tax bill."

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."

Ostermann also noted that due to staff shortages and record high sales, the Oneida County Land Information Office is delayed in processing the deeds to the tax roll. Property sales that occurred after Aug. 1 will not be updated to the 2022 tax roll. New owners will need to get the tax bill from the sellers, or by going online to view and/or download a PDF of the bill.

Aspirus health in Woodruff finishes consolidation plan

Aspirus Health has renovated its Woodruff Clinic on Maple Street to consolidate its two primary care clinics in Woodruff.

This was part of a multi-phase plan that began in September and was completed earlier this month.

"Providing an outstanding patient experience is our top priority," said Aspirus North Division President Teri Theiler. "We look forward to showcasing the newly renovated spaces with our patients and the community."

The former cardiology suite at Howard Young Medical Center (HYMC) was remodeled to provide additional space for specialty care with updated interior finishes during phase 1 of the plan. The project is designed to create a calmer environment, improve safety, patient experience and enhance workflow for staff, according to Theiler.

Phase 2 included a refresh of the current primary care clinic and an improved clinic entrance.

The renovation of the clinic entrance on the north side of HYMC was completed in October and offers a spacious registration area designed for patients and their families to discuss confidential personal and health care related information. This space includes an



After completion of the Woodruff clinics consolidation project, Aspirus Health — Maple street physicians and staff are excited to share updates and improvements with patients. —Contributed Photo

enlarged employee work area to accommodate the additional volume of patients.

Theiler noted now that the clinic renovations are complete, primary care staff and providers from the Aspirus Woodruff Clinic on Veterans Parkway have moved to the Aspirus Woodruff Clinic located at 240 Maple St.

The family practice clinic welcomed providers Holly Beede-McKinney, Advanced Practice Nurse Prescriber (APNP) and Katy Ellingson, Physician

Assistant-Certified. They join current family medicine providers Doctor(s) of Medicine Karl Larson and Jeffrey Jast.

Also welcoming McKinney and Ellingson are APNPs Margaret Alvarez, Tracy Clay and Alexis Roy, in addition to Pediatrician Dr. Paul Fischbuch.

Aspirus Woodruff Clinic patients also enjoy direct access to Laboratory Services, Radiology, Outpatient Therapies, Occupational Health, Pain Management, Emergency Care, Urgent Care, and the Aspirus Tick-

Borne Illness Center under one roof at HYMC.

"This facility is designed to focus on our patients overall experience, team-based care, and efficiency from the time you enter the parking lot, receive care from our teams, and even when exiting the facility," Theiler added. "We are dedicated to continually improving our clinic and hospital to best serve our local and surrounding communities."

To learn more about providers and services available, call 715-356-8140 or visit aspirus.org.

Shawano man leads police on 80 mph chase on Hwy. 51

By MICHELLE DREW
EDITOR

A 32-year-old Shawano man is now in custody after leading police on a high-speed chase in Minocqua last week.

According to Terri Hook, captain of Investigations for the Oneida County Sheriff's Office, the Minocqua Police Department received information about a suspicious vehicle in the area Dec. 13, but when officers arrived, the vehicle was gone.

They did obtain the license plate number, which was registered to Cody J. Huebner, 32, of Shawano. He had a probation warrant for his arrest.

The next day, officers saw the vehicle in the Save More Parking Lot and attempted to make contact with Huebner as he entered the vehicle, Hook said. When approached, Huebner allegedly fled in the vehicle, leading law enforcement on a high-speed pursuit southbound on Highway 51.

Huebner crashed the vehicle in the Hazelhurst area and fled on foot into the woods, where Hook said he pointed a handgun at an officer and told them he was not going back to jail. He then attempted to enter a home, but was unsuccessful.

Huebner then allegedly found an unlocked vehicle with the keys in the ignition in a driveway and stole it. While driving away from the neighborhood, he allegedly struck a deputy, causing non-life-threatening injuries, then led law enforcement on an 8-mile chase on ice-covered roads at speeds in excess of 80 mph before exiting the car and running into the woods near Little Bearskin Lake.

After approximately two hours, Huebner was arrested in the area of South Shore Road and Pollnow Road in the town of Cassian. He is currently in the Oneida County Jail.

Personnel from the Minocqua, Woodruff and Rhineland-

er police departments; Vilas, Oneida and Lincoln county sheriff's offices; Department of Natural Resources; and Oneida County Emergency Services were all involved in the incident, which resulted in no serious injuries, Hook said.

Huebner is scheduled to make his adjourned initial appearance Dec. 22 in Oneida County Circuit Court in front of Judge Michael H. Bloom.

He is charged with seven felonies, including second degree recklessly endangering safety, fleeing/eluding an officer, intentionally pointing a firearm at law enforcement, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and possession of narcotic drugs.

He is also charged with six misdemeanor charges such as resisting or obstructing an officer, taking or driving a vehicle without consent, and miscellaneous drug charges. All charges carry a repeater modifier.

Cash bond of \$100,000 was set for Huebner.

PUBLIC NOTICE

(Three Weeks, 12/21/22-1/4/23)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY
— PROBATE —
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 22PR80
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Mark R. Grabl
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth September 25, 1956 and date of death November 15, 2022, was domiciled in Vilas County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1239 Bo-Di-Lac Dr. Lac Du Flambeau, WI 54538.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is March 17, 2023.
5. A claim may be filed at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Room Probate.
/s/ Dawn Halverson
Probate Registrar
December 5, 2022
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Dual-language road signs unveiled

New dual-language signs placed on state highways were unveiled by the Sokaogon Chippewa Community and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT).

The signs indicate tribal boundaries in both Ojibwemoin language and English.

"This was something a long time coming and it's an honor and pleasure to see this change take place," said Sokaogon Chippewa Community Chairman Robert VanZile Jr. "I am a former teacher and this is a teaching moment about our language which is a win-win situation for the tribe and state to build a relationship of understanding of one another."

The sign unveiling took place Dec. 9 at the Sokaogon Chippewa Community Cultural Building in Mole Lake.

The dual-language signs for the Sokaogon Chippewa Community increases a state-wide DOT initiative launched in 2021. The Sokaogon Chippewa community is the fourth tribe in Wisconsin to install dual-language signs.

"We are honored to help preserve native languages through our dual-language

sign program and offer these signs to the Sokaogon Chippewa community," DOT Secretary Craig Thompson said. "These signs identify tribal lands in indigenous languages and provide visual reminders of tribal heritage with travelers. The dual-language sign program widens our perspectives and properly recognizes tribal nations across Wisconsin."

The new tribal boundary signs feature the Sokaogon Chippewa community tribal seal next to the tribe's name in its native language — "Zaaga'inganiin" — (Zaa-ga'in-ganeeen) the traditional name for the reservation, which means "place of a light in the water." The English language version of the highway sign is located beneath the Sokaogon Chippewa community version.

"It is great to see more tribes across Wisconsin participate in the dual-language sign program," said Federal Highway Administration Wisconsin Division Administrator Glenn Fulkerson. "We appreciate the opportunity to participate in these important efforts, and help tribes preserve their native language and to



Sokaogon Chippewa Community Chairman Robert VanZile presents the new dual-language signs that will be posted on highways featuring the tribe's name in their own Ojibwemoin language. —Contributed Photo

share a little of their culture and language with those traveling throughout Wisconsin."

DOT offers the installation of dual-language road signs placed along state highways on tribal lands. These signs welcome travelers to tribal communities in English and native languages. Dual-lan-

guage signs join a long tradition of Native American language shaping the state. The names of many Wisconsin cities, lakes and landmarks are derived from Tribal languages.

To learn more or to apply for the dual-language sign program, visit wisconsin DOT.gov.

OBITUARIES

Tom Doyle

Tom Doyle, D.D.S, a resident of Eagle River, died Monday, Dec. 19, 2022 at the Rennes Health and Rehab Center in Rhinelander. He was 93.

currently pending. A complete notice will appear in a future edition.

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

James J. 'Jim' Rechlitz

James J. "Jim" Rechlitz of Milwaukee, Wis., and Eagle River, Wis., was born to eternal life on Dec. 12, 2022, in New Berlin, Wis.



RECHLITZ

Jim was born July 27, 1937, to John and Sophie (née Dolata) Rechlitz.

Jim is survived by his beloved children, John (Joy) of Mukwonago, Wis., Julia (Dr. Robert) Anderson of Neenah, Wis., Jennifer (Mike) Relien of Woodbury, Minn., and Joel (Kelly) of Milwaukee. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Nick (Stacey) Rechlitz, Katie (Russell) Martiny and April (Matt) Gianceselli, Aidan and Sienna Anderson, Ryan, Alex and Nathan Relien, and Jake and Olivia Rechlitz; along with great-grandchildren, Ethan, Owen and Hayley Rechlitz, Louie and Lemon Martiny, and Amelia Gianceselli. Jim is also survived by his sister, Mary Ann Michaels; many family members; and a large group of great friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Judy (née Delopst); his parents, John and Sophie; brothers, George and Frank; and sisters, Marge and Joan.

Jim graduated from Milwaukee Boys Technical High School in 1956 where he was a three-sport athlete. Jim's passion was baseball and his senior year he was awarded the Silver Slugger Award which helped him earn a minor-league contract with the Milwaukee Braves. Jim

was inducted into the Wisconsin Old Time Ballplayers Hall of Fame in 1996.

Jim was proud of his country and served in the U.S. Army. He was called to active duty in 1961. He was honorably discharged and began his career with the Milwaukee Fire Department.

Jim earned his bachelor's degree from Cardinal Stritch University in 1987, and after 36 years of service to the city, he retired as a Battalion Chief in 1998.

He was very active in his community, serving as president of the St. Jude's League and St. Gregory the Great Men's Club.

He had a famous whistle that got everyone's attention, especially on the ball field and in the firehouse.

Jim lived most of his life in Milwaukee, and upon retirement Judy and Jim moved to the beautiful North Woods area of Eagle River in 1998.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman and successfully launched Rechlitz Hi Pines Recreation, where he shared his skills as a professional fishing guide. He referred to Eagle River as God's country and found great joy and peace on the chain of lakes.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, Dec. 22, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at St. Gregory the Great Parish, 3160 S. 63rd Street, Milwaukee, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Jim's name may be made to Fishing Has No Boundaries and the Milwaukee Fire Department Honor Guard.

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NEWS



Pictured (left) Bill Clark, Grant Meyer, Jason Steliga, Nic Weight and David Klinner gathered to celebrate the combination of more than 125 years of insurance experience between Meyer Insurance and Klinner Insurance. —Contributed Photo

Meyer and Klinner Insurance combine 125 years of experience

Meyer Insurance and Klinner Insurance have announced that the two firms will join together under the name Klinner Insurance Inc.

Partners Nic Weight, Jason Steliga and Bill Clark will lead the agency through its main offices in Eagle River and Medford, with extension offices in St. Germain, Land O' Lakes, Abbotsford, and Gilman. Klinner Insurance Inc. is now one of the largest insurance firms in northern Wisconsin.

"Meyer Insurance opened its doors as an independent agency in the 1960s under the direction of Mel Meyer," explained Weight. "Grant then took over in the early '70s and changed the name to Meyer & Associates Insurance Agency."

"Throughout the years, we have been dedicated to exceptional customer service, insurance expertise, and caring for our community. Klinner Insurance shares these same values and they have made us who we are, and we appreciate the trust the com-

munity has given us," Weight added.

Klinner Insurance began serving the communities of North Central Wisconsin in 1946. Over the years, both firms grew from one-to-one person businesses into large, multi-line agencies.

Former partner Dave Klinner attributes this success to hard work and good people.

"The agency hires great people and empowers them to do their jobs," explained Klinner. "Klinner Insurance has operated like a well-oiled machine for a very long time and the staff is to be thanked for that, and the agency has always been committed to being honest with our clients and our staff, which I am most proud of."

The firm bears the name of Dave Klinner's father, Robert W. Klinner, the founder of Klinner Insurance.

Dave was reluctant to leave his legal practice to take the reins at the agency in his hometown of Medford but looking back, he has no

regrets.

"Working with my dad ended up being a priceless experience," said Dave Klinner.

The Medford office celebrated its 75th anniversary in 2021, and the Eagle River office celebrated its 50th anniversary this year. Weight believes this strong history will be vital to the agency's future success.

"Jason, Bill, and I are proud to follow in the footsteps of Dave Klinner and Grant Meyer, and are excited about the future," said

Weight. "While the Meyer Insurance name is changing, our support for the community, dedicated staff, and our professional insurance will remain the same."

"We continuously improve to find better ways to serve our clients and care for our communities," Weight added.

Klinner Insurance represents more than 20 unique insurance companies and is licensed in 10 states. The agency offers home, auto, umbrella, life insurance, and a wide range of commercial insurance solutions.

Comment period extended for wolf management plan

The open comment period for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) updated wolf management plan has been extended until Feb. 28, 2023.

The DNR said this extension is intended to allow more time for the public to review the details of the plan and share their feedback on this important item.

The DNR's plan proposes several changes to align the wolf management strategy with the current state of the wolf population, the available science and the perspectives of a diverse public.

One of the biggest changes is the DNR's decision to move away from a single numeric population goal and instead use an adaptive management process. The department plans to reduce harvest registration times and issue zone-specific wolf harvest

permits to improve its ability to effectively meet harvest quotas.

The plan also adds mechanisms to address localized concerns, including wolf harvest concerns near tribal reservation boundaries, and focused wolf harvest in areas with a history of wolf-live-stock conflict.

To view the full plan as well as the link to submit online comments, visit dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/wildlife/habitat/wolfmanagementplan.

Questions and comments also may be emailed to dnr-wildlifewatchboard@wisconsin.gov, or mailed to: Wolf Management Plan Comments, 101 S. Webster St., P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921.

The previous deadline to submit comments was Jan. 10, 2023.

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NEWS

POLICE REPORT



SHOP WITH A COP — Third-graders could take part in the Shop With a Cop program at Walmart in Rhinelander recently where selected children are paired up with a Rhinelander police officer and/or firefighter who help them select gifts for themselves and family members (above). Felix (right) had the opportunity to shop with Rhinelander Police Officer Marc Nylund. Once the gifts are selected, officers and firefighters, along with help from their spouses, assist the children in wrapping the presents purchased for their family members. The program relies heavily on donations from the community.

—Staff Photos By RACHEL WOOD



Vilas County Sheriff
Vilas County Sheriff's Department dispatchers last week reported at least 12 911 hangups, one abandoned vehicle, five car vs. deer accidents, one vehicle accident with personal injury, one nonreportable traffic accident, eight vehicle accidents with property damage, six requests to assist another agency, 11 burglar alarms, one fire alarm, four ambulance requests, one attempted burglary, eight requests to assist citizens, one citizen problem, one criminal damage to property offense, three disturbances, one domestic violence complaint, three drug problems, two fires, one found property report, three fraud complaints, two harassment complaints, two juvenile problems, one Lifeline alarm, two vacation checks, one request for officer assistance, one lewd and lascivious complaint, one snowmobile violation, one suicide attempt, five reports of suspicious circumstances, one theft, one theft by contract offense, one ID theft, three threats complaints, five reports of hazardous conditions, five traffic violations, one trespassing complaint, one wanted person and five welfare checks.

There were at least 30 informational or procedural entries.

In the past week, one or more persons were booked

into the Vilas County Jail for the following offenses: criminal damage to property, misdemeanor bail jumping, disorderly conduct, domestic violence and failure to appear.

Eagle River Police

Among the calls received by Vilas County dispatchers were at least 28 calls for the Eagle River Police. These included one alarm, three ambulance requests, one request to assist another agency, one child abuse or neglect offense, one request to assist a citizen, two possession of marijuana offenses, two disorderly conduct offenses, one domestic violence offense, one false alarm, one fire, one failure to appear, one juvenile problem, one parking problem, two reports of suspicious circumstances, one traffic accident with property damage, one tobacco problem and four welfare checks.

No people were taken into custody and booked into the Vilas County Jail.

Three Lakes Police

The Three Lakes Police Department reported one accident, two alarms, five ambulance requests, one request to assist a motorist, three business checks, one death investigation, one request for extra patrol, two reports of hazardous conditions and five traffic stops.

'Drive Sober' campaign in effect thru New Year's

The Wisconsin State Patrol has joined the national Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over holiday campaign in order to help prevent the dangerous consequences of impaired driving.

The holiday season is a time for celebration, but law enforcement agencies across Wisconsin are urging drivers to spread good cheer responsibly. Officers will boost patrols from Dec. 16 through New Year's Day.

"There are hundreds of families mourning those lost in preventable tragedies this holiday season," said Tim Carnahan, Wisconsin State Patrol superintendent. "Put safety first every trip behind the wheel so you can make sure you make it home to your loved ones."

According to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT), during the 2021 holiday season, there were nearly 400 crashes involving impaired drivers in Wisconsin. Those incidents killed seven people and injured almost 200 others.

Alcohol and drugs can have a significant impact on a driver's focus and ability to maintain control behind the wheel. Even a small amount can impact a driver's coordination and concentration. Impaired drivers cannot accurately assess their own impairment.

DOT provides tips to prevent impaired driving this holiday season.

If individuals plan to celebrate, they should identify a sober designated driver. If one feels impaired, they likely are over the 0.08 blood alcohol concentration limit and should not drive. Some bars and restaurants have

programs to provide customers with a safe ride home.

"Taking mass transit, calling a taxi, using a ride-share service or asking a sober friend to drive you home can reduce the risk of an arrest," said Carnahan. "If a friend is about to drink and drive, step in and take the keys away to help them get home safely."

If a person suspects a driver is impaired, safely gather as much information as possible about the vehicle, driver, and location and then call 911.

According to Carnahan, the Drive Sober campaign is not simply about stopping or arresting drivers. It is centered around saving lives.

DOT officials stated that someone is killed or injured in an impaired driving crash every two hours in Wisconsin.

Tough enforcement of drunk driving laws has been a major factor in reducing drunk driving deaths since the 1980s, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

There are 25 multi-jurisdictional Operating While Intoxicated task forces operating around the state and throughout the year to stop impaired driving. More than 6,000 officers are trained in Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement noted Carnahan.

Wisconsin also has 365 drug recognition experts, among the most in the nation. This special training helps agencies detect impaired drivers, get them off the roads, and secure convictions.

For more information, visit wisconsinstatepatrol.gov.

Vilas County Court report

Fond du Lac woman, 55, sentenced in Vilas drug case

A 55-year-old Fond du Lac woman pleaded guilty and was found guilty to a charge of possession of narcotic drugs, with a second and subsequent offense making it a Class I felony, in Vilas County Circuit Court last week.

Branch 1 Circuit Judge Martha J. Milanowski sentenced Regina M. Blaszczyk to 12 months in jail. That sentence was stayed and Blaszczyk was placed on probation for two years with the following conditions: alcohol and other drug abuse (AODA) assessment and treatment, maintain full-time employment or education or a combination, pay court costs within 60 days to the Clerk of Circuit Court or establish a payment plan, and serve 15 days in jail sentence (may be served in Fond du Lac County on electronic monitor) with work release privileges.

Judge Milanowski said Blaszczyk must report to jail

within 60 days of the sentencing date. According to court documents, the incident occurred in Vilas County on Oct. 9, 2021.

In other felony cases, Vincent D. Jensen, 55, of Prairie Farm, facing a charge of possession of methamphetamine, appeared by video for his plea and sentencing hearing. Attorney Courtney Christine Jolin was in court for Jensen.

Jensen entered a plea of guilty and he was found guilty by Judge Milanowski, who sentenced Jensen to 10 months in jail, which was stayed. Jensen was then placed on probation for 24 months to run concurrent to his present probation. Jensen must complete an AODA assessment and follow through with any counseling or treatment deemed appropriate by the probation agent. Court costs of \$518 must be paid within 60 days or on a payment plan. The incident

occurred Nov. 27, 2021, in Vilas County.

Ryan P. Olmstead, 41, of Sheldon, was in court before Branch 2 Circuit Judge Daniel L. Overbey. A felony charge of possession of methamphetamine was dismissed on a prosecutor's motion. Sheldon then pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Judge Overbey found Olmstead guilty of the misdemeanor charges and sentenced him to 12 months of probation with the following conditions: AODA assessment and follow through with any counseling or treatment deemed appropriate by the probation; must obtain a mental health evaluation prior to release; maintain full-time employment or education or a combination; pay court costs and surcharges to the Clerk of Circuit Court within 60 days or establish a payment plan.

The incident occurred Sept. 21, 2021, in Vilas County.

Langston C. Brown, 20, of Madison, charged with substantial battery-intend bodily harm, a Class I felony, made an adjourned initial appearance. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Feb. 1, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. His \$500 cash bond was continued. The alleged incident occurred Aug. 7 in Vilas County.

Timothy L. Mann Sr., 54, charged with sex offender-fail to update information, a Class H felony, made an initial appearance. Mann waived his preliminary hearing. The court found probable cause and Mann was bound over for arraignment. Not guilty pleas were entered by the court and in court judicial pretrial was scheduled for Feb. 1, 2023, at 2 p.m. His \$500 signature bond was continued. The alleged incident occurred Feb. 1 in Vilas County.

Tips given to protect consumers against scams this holiday season

Consumers are encouraged to learn how to identify and avoid holiday scams this season by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP).

The winter holidays are a time of charity, gratitude, and gift-giving when everyone is looking for the best deals and money-saving tricks, but scammers try to take advantage of consumers' holiday plans through rip-offs and fraudulent schemes.

DATCP provides tips for consumers this holiday season.

Fake shipping companies may send consumers messages alerting them to a delivery and threatening to delay unless the consumers 'verify' private information. Sometimes there

is an attachment to download, usually containing a virus.

Do not open these messages or provide any personal information and contact the company directly using a verified customer service phone number or email address for a shipping status update.

Consumers may receive messages claiming they have won a prize such as a gift card to a major retailer. The catch, however, according to DATCP, is that consumers are asked to pay a small processing fee, complete a survey or provide some personal data before they can claim it.

Prizes do not require fees, so DATCP urges consumers to never engage with someone offering gift cards or other goods for free, but with strings

attached.

DATCP also asks the public to be wary of buyers overpaying with checks as this is a sure sign of fraud and businesses should not refund them.

Consumers should not pay for items unless the seller can be confirmed as legitimate. Not giving out personal information or moving the conversation to an off-site channel can help prevent fraud.

Pets are a popular holiday gift, but consumers should use caution when buying one online. Scammers will advertise pets and, when contacted, claim the pets were already sold but that they know a far-away second seller with more options.

Asking for the name and location of the pet's veterinar-

ian or contacting the vet using publicly available information to confirm the pet really exists can help, but consumers are urged to never pay up front for pets sold online.

Tickets to popular events can be expensive and in short supply and while many unofficial sellers and third-party websites are legitimate, watch for unreasonable prices and fake ticket sales.

Purchasing tickets from official vendors that have established policies for cancellations and refunds is a consumer's best bet for a safe transaction.

For additional information and consumer protection resources or to file a complaint, visit consumerprotection.wi.gov or call 800-422-7128.

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NEWS

City council addresses bank demolition issues

By KEN ANDERSON
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

A major problem developed with the demolition of the Nicolet Bank according to a report given to the Eagle River City Council last week from city Administrator Robbin Ginner.

Ginner indicated vibrations in the demolition of the vault have caused significant damage to properties along the alley on the east side of the bank property.

"I've been working as a go-between from the property owners and construction company to make sure all damage was logged," she reported. "I've advised all property owners to notify their insurance companies to work with the construction companies to compensate and repair the damage."

Ginner said she felt the damage was already done, and asked the construction company if they did any soil boring since we have significant clay in our soils, but said they have not responded to that question.

She has also asked Northern Pipe to re-televiser the sewers along Wall and Second streets to make sure the vibration didn't damage area sewers.

Golf course

A new clubhouse at the Eagle River Municipal Golf Course will be constructed

starting in spring and there are several persons interested in operating the restaurant there.

However, proprietors weren't sure if they could utilize the restaurant portion of the existing clubhouse.

Chuck Hunter of Hunter Engineering, whose proposal was approved last month to complete the construction project, assured them they could use the full facility until the new clubhouse is built.

The council approved renting the kitchen facility, but reducing the rent from \$3,000 to \$1,500 to the new proprietor.

In other golf course action, the lawnmower ordered last spring arrived in late November. Any new mowers are from one to two years out due to manufacturing and delivery delays.

The council approved the purchase of a used John Deere with a one-year warranty for \$62,000 for, as Alderman Jerry Burkett stated, "We're a golf course so we will need to cut the grass."

The city council also discussed bonus payments in closed session and announced in open session bonus payments of \$9,821 for the golf pro, \$2,500 for the greens superintendent, \$500 each for two full-time pro shop employees, and \$250 each for seven greens crew.



CLEAN UP — Eagle River city crews were out the morning of Dec. 15 to clean up the aftermath of Wednesday night's ice and snow storm. Although 10-18 inches were forecast, the North Woods got significantly

less than expected. Snow totals ranged from close to 4 inches in Eagle River to 9-plus in the Land O' Lakes area. Road conditions Thursday morning were still icy. —Staff Photo By MICHELLE DREW

Snowmobilers prompted to ride sober, beware of ice

With area trails slated to open soon, snowmobilers are reminded to operate within their limits and stay sober on the trails this season.

According to data provided by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), in the early months of 2022, there were 14 fatal snowmobile crashes, with 10 involving alcohol.

"Alcohol affects your risk perception and reaction time. If you choose to consume alcohol, wait until after you've safely returned home — it could save your life," said Lt. Jake Holsclaw, DNR Off-highway Vehicle administrator.

"Excessive speed, alcohol use and inexperience contribute to snowmobile crashes. Remember to ride responsibly and look out for yourself and others. Sober riding is always the best policy," he said. "Snowmobiles and drinking don't mix. Making the smart choice and abstaining from alcohol can save your life. Impairment of any kind, either by drugs or alcohol, can have tragic consequences."

In addition to safely operating recreational vehicles, riders also should practice some early season ice safety

practices. Holsclaw reminds those out on frozen lakes this season that ice is never completely safe under any conditions, although certain steps can be taken to prevent injury or death.

Those heading out should contact area sport shops to ask about ice conditions locally on the lake or river they want to cross, he said. In addition, proper clothing and equipment, including a life jacket or float coat, should always be worn in the event that an individual falls through the ice. These safety pieces can help retain body heat in frigid water temperatures.

Do not travel in unfamiliar areas, slow down when traveling at night, and know if the lake has inlets, outlets or narrows that have currents that can thin the ice, Holsclaw said. He also urges riders to watch for pressure ridges or ice buckling, which can be dangerous due to thin ice and open water.

For more information on snowmobile safety classes, regulations, safety tips and how to register a snowmobile, visit dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/snowmobile.

Anyone with information regarding natural resource violations, including unsafe

snowmobile operation, may confidentially report by calling or texting the Violation Hotline at 1-800-TIP-WD-NR (800-847-9367).

The hotline is available

24 hours a day, seven days a week. Trained staff relay the information to conservation wardens. Reports can also be filed online at dnr.wisconsin.gov/contact/hotline.html.

Trails: FROM PAGE 1A

probably swing into my office next Wednesday evening after the meeting and send it out."

Bierman said trail groups have been busy this week cleaning up debris and ensuring signage is set for the potential opening date. The warm, wet weather prior to the snow wreaked havoc on some areas, though it wasn't as bad as what Bierman thought it would be.

"We avoided some of the heavy winds that they had predicted at first which would have made cleanup this week a lot worse," he said. "Iron County of course opened (Thursday) and Oneida County is maybe a little bit behind where we're at. It all happens pretty quick, but we're in a good spot right now with the snow and the cold. Trails should be set up pretty nice."

The lowland areas, marshes and swamps could still be a

bit of concern, Bierman said. He expects that early this week clubs will be out breaking them up in hopes that the pending cold weather helps solidify the base and allow for what could be intense traffic over the course of the holiday week.

Last year trails were hit with a similar situation where warm weather and hanging branches pushed back the opening of the county systems prior to the Christmas holiday. A quick blast of Arctic air, however, sure things up quickly, and led to what was one of the best opening weeks in recent history.

For updates on the trails system, check online at vnewsreview.com or check any of the area club's social media pages for updates.

As a reminder, trails as of Dec. 21 are closed, and riding is prohibited.



Homeowner Jon Wagner alleges that cracks such as this one to his foundation are a result of the deconstruction project. —Contributed Photo

Demo: FROM PAGE 1A

being Northern Pipe Inc. out of Green Bay always does a great job and will alert us if they find something troubling down there, but as of right now there is no infrastructure damage."

Northern Pipe Inc. will be going beneath the surface again for another optic review of the city's infrastructure according to both Ginner and Sanborn.

Ginner also noted that she talked with Soper employees and let them know that doing a soil check would have been helpful in understanding the potential aftershocks that could be caused by the use of heavy construction equipment. She added that "Eagle River has notoriously unstable soils due to the clay from the surrounding lakes."

Engel told the News-Review that soil borings were done prior to demolition.

"Soil borings were conducted prior to starting construction," said Engel. "There is nothing in the borings indicating any types of soil or local geology that would suggest any damage would have occurred during demolition."

Engel also released a statement regarding the matter on behalf of Soper Companies and their due diligence of testing vibration levels near the demolition site.

"Soper Companies hired Vibra-Tech, a third-party test-

ing agency to perform vibration monitoring. The tests that were conducted are representative of the work activities that have and are occurring on site thus far," he said.

"Vibration monitoring data was collected and the findings are clear: no readings were near or exceeded the criteria for compliance. Therefore, construction activity has not impacted any adjacent homes or structures. The full report from Vibra-Tech has been given to the City of Eagle River."

Prior to the hiring of Vibra-Tech, Ginner questioned Engel on the validity of the anticipated findings: "They will not be testing under the same conditions, so I'm not sure how you can make a statement as such after the majority of the damage was already done."

Wagner added: "During the assessment a third-party engineer stated that all the perspective damage to my home more than likely occurred because of the seismic activity from the demolition of the bank."

Additionally, a business owner in close proximity to the demolition site who wished to remain anonymous told the News-Review that damage including ceiling cracks incurred to their facility as well. The source said their insurance company has been contacted and an assessment has been ordered to aid in filing a claim.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

The real estate transactions listed below are being published at the request of many of our readers. The information is public record and reflects an index of each week's transactions.

Property transactions exceeding \$10,000 recorded at the Vilas County Courthouse the past week and the transfer fee:

Dec. 5, 2022

SMS Ventures LLC to Sara H. Pictus Revocable Trust, lot 4 of plat 179 in Little Bohemia, \$2,451
Eleanor N. Bjorkman Trust and Trustee Jean E. Graf to David Andrews and Theresa Andrews, lot 17 of plat 290 in Sellstrom's, \$1,890

Edward A. and Mary L. Pryzina Revocable Living Trust and Trustee Nancy Jean Stobber to Travis R. Luzney and Yvonne E. Luzney, gov lot 1 in 21-42-5, \$276

Gain Road LLC to Patrick L. Swanson, SE SE and NE SE in 17-41-11, \$105

Charles A. Schaller and Theresa B. Schaller to Brian P. Haldorson and Mary A. Haldorson, NW SW in

30-40-7, \$615

William E. Cleveland and Carole A. Cleveland to James J. Hesprich and Karen M. Hesprich, NW NE in 27-40-6, \$30

Stephen K. Mcknight, Stephen K. Mc Knight, Thomas Brusky and Sarah Brusky to Candlewood Properties LLC, Bailey Revocable Trust, Trustee Jerome R. Bailey and Trustee Ann M. Bailey, gov lot 5 and 6 in 28-44-5, \$2,025

David B. Clemence and POA Gail Ropel to Robert B. Weaver and Monica J. Weaver, NE SW in 5-40-8, \$149.70

Dec. 6, 2022

Richard A. and Donna L. Schultz Joint Revocable Trust, and Trustee Richard A. Schultz, Thomas Brusky and Sarah Brusky to James R. Hishmeh, Cathy Hishmeh, Bailey Revocable Trust, Trustee Jerome R. Bailey and Trustee Ann M. Bailey, unit 3 of plat 21 in Birch Haven Shores Condo, \$450

Richard D. Carlson Jr. and Donna J. Carlson to James C. Decicco and James C. De Cicco, SW NW in 18-41-12, \$30

Philip F. and Barbara A. Curle Revocable Trust and Trustee Barbara A. Curle to Robert K. Green and Jennifer L. Leigh, gov lot 4 in 23-43-7 and gov lot 6 in 24-43-7, \$1,716

Dec. 7, 2022

William F. Schwartz and Mary V. Schwartz to Gary L. Rosema and Debra D. Rosema, gov lots 6 and 19 in 4-43-5, \$36

Susan Irene O'Connor to Miranda M. Zeller, lot 11 in block 1 of plat 375 in Mrs. Ada Williams Subd, \$525

Victor D. Courchane, Melissa J. Courchane, and Melissa J. Cole to Benjamin A. Kerscher and Tammy J. Kerscher, SE SW and SW SE in 25-43-7, \$45

Jack Pine Development LLC to Lakewood Market LLC, lot 1 in CSM5713 and lots 1, 2, and 4-8 in block 2 of plat 418 in Boulder Junction Assessors Plt, \$9,360

True North Condo's LLC to Kenneth Allen Sr. Krause Trust and Trustee Kenneth Allen Sr. Krause, unit 1 and garage 1 and unit 5 and 6, building B of plat 1067 in True

North Condominium, \$2,370
Aidan J. Byrnes to Paul Jason Krueger and Stacie Melissa Mundro Krueger, gov lot 6 in 17-43-6, \$390

Dec. 8, 2022

Christine A. and Carl F. Wolter Revocable Trust, Trustee Carl F. Wolter, Victor D. Courchane, Melissa J. Courchane and Melissa J. Cole to Philip Heins, Janith M. Heins, Benjamin A. Kerscher and Tammy J. Kerscher, SE SW in 36-44-5, \$195

Bret Chocholous and Joanie Chocholous to Earl T. Hansen and Sarah JZ Hansen in SE SE in 22-40-8, \$1,656

Dec. 9, 2022

Geoffrey L. Arnold to Jrkundert Building LLC, NE NE and SE NE 18-41-9, \$726.

James Brian Williams, Theresa Ann Williams and Trevor J. Williams to Bailey Luis Marcue, NE NE and SE NE in 19-41-6, \$51

David B. Clemence and Gail Ropel POA to Zachary W. Kendrick and Anya M. Kendrick, NE SW 5-40-8, \$299.40

NEWS

Lincoln participates in post-election audit

By MICHAEL ANDERSON
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Shelly Sauvola, clerk for the town of Lincoln, reported at the board's Dec. 13 meeting that the town was one of four in the county to be randomly selected to complete a post-election audit following the Nov. 8 election.

According to the news release provided by Sauvola, on Nov. 29, an audit was conducted on all five town of Lincoln wards. The Wisconsin Election Commission audited the voting equipment as an additional way to ensure that voting machines work properly.

During the audit, 10 post-election auditors hand-counted and confirmed the total ballot count of 1,501 ballots which were cast in the five town wards. The auditors then tallied all votes/under-votes for the candidates in the contests for governor, attorney general, secretary of state, and representative to Assem-



Residents looking to dispose of their trash and recyclables in the town of Lincoln will have to use the new location on Jack Frost Street. —Photo By Michael Anderson

bly District No. 34.

There were no differences found between the post-election auditor hand count and the Dominion ImageCast Voting System equipment results tape from the Nov. 8 General Election.

“The audit does increase our workload. We are required to conduct a hand count of all our ballots,” explained Sauvola.

She further explained that the state compensates the town for the additional work.

The town receives \$50 to set up for the audit and an additional 35 cents per ballot. The compensation collected was passed on to the 10 election workers required for the audit.

The towns of Land O’ Lakes, St. Germain, and Presque Isle were also selected for the post-election audit. A record 10% of reporting units across Wisconsin were chosen for audit following the November 2022 General Election.

More information on the 2022 post-election audit can be found online at elections.wi.gov/2022-voting-equipment-audit.

Town Chairman Bill Hassey also reported that the town of Lincoln recycling drop-off point has been relocated to 208 Jack Frost St. in the city of Eagle River. The new location is down the street from the previous location.

There is a blue sign at the end of the drive marking the location as the town drop-off site and posting the hours of operation.



SNOW DAY — School was canceled for students in the Northland Pines School District last Thursday, which presented a perfect winter opportunity for youths to enjoy the heavy, wet snowfall that blanketed the area. Friends and cousins Ava Jo Skarda, Jayme Halsey and Kylie Alvarado spent time outside building this snowman in addition to taking part in a lighthearted snowball fight. —Staff Photo By MICHELLE DREW

Cellcom donations awarded to four northern nonprofits

Cellcom has selected four North Woods nonprofits to receive a share of its annual Green Gifts.

Company officials say the program uses funds generated from Cellcom’s cell phone recycling program to fund green nonprofit initiatives and has generated \$581,206 for local charities over the past 19 years.

Awardees this year include Wild Instincts of Rhinelander, North Lakeland Discovery Center (NLDC) of Manitowish Waters, and Trees for Tomorrow and Camp Nicolet Foundation, both of Eagle River.

Wild Instincts provides quality, ethical wildlife rehabilitation while promoting wildlife stewardship through

education and research, according to officials. The \$1,500 gift from Cellcom will help the organization maintain biosecurity and keep its animal patients safe with the construction of a new enclosure for quarantine as needed.

“On the heels of the COVID-19 pandemic, which impacted wildlife in the state, we’re seeing Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) emerge impacting the ability of wildlife rehabilitation facilities to perform their work safely. Wild Instincts has remained open and is absorbing additional admissions from facilities who cannot implement safety measures necessary,” said Sharon Larson, co-founder of Wild Instincts. “We’re thankful for Cellcom’s

support to add on to our facility to continue our mission.”

NLDC had recently winterized its facility and for the first time was able to offer winter programming to school groups. The \$1350 Green Gift from Cellcom will support two days of programming for two school groups.

“Schools in our area are looking for opportunities to continue to connect their students to the natural world, and as the area’s premier environmental education center, we try and fill that role any way we can,” said Licia Johnson, naturalist at NLDC. “These experiences and opportunities are so important to our youth, and even though they live in this area, they don’t always get the opportunity to get out

in nature, to explore and be inspired, and that is always the goal of our programming.”

Trees for Tomorrow was awarded a Green Gift for \$500 to support its Kinder-Wild Camp, a nature-based educational program for 3- to 5-year-old children focused on the outdoors.

Camp Nicolet Foundation received a \$500 Green Gift to support the growth of native plants in an area that were

impacted by flooding the past several years.

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NEWS

Landfill: Drive-ins accounted for nearly 7,000 tons of garbage

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cusSED at the recent meeting where Erik Lietz of Oakridge Engineering, which is designing the next expansion project for the Highway G Landfill, talked about the survey.

"We did a volume study and the good news is that A.J. (Kraczek) and Dillon (Quick) did a real good job compacting," Lietz said. "Our landfill is now 73% full, and that's with the compactor down for about two months."

Lietz noted that a comparison of waste volume was completed between the Aug. 24, 2017, and Nov. 1, 2022, surveys.

"This was done to get 'lifetime' averages. Given that filling rate, the landfill will be full in September of 2026," he explained.

When asked about the project last May, Lietz said to permit, construct and cap the landfill expansion would cost about \$1 million per acre, not including operational cost. They were looking at 7 or 8 acres.

Kraczek attributes the increase in trash disposal at the landfill to more people moving here during the pandemic.

"It definitely has some-

thing to do with the new population of people we have up here (since Covid hit). They seem to be moving from the city to the country now," he said.

"A lot of them are not sure what to do about trash service. They may assume you can put it on the curb, and it will be picked up. That's only the case in a few areas around here. If you don't live in the city limits of Eagle River, you have to take it to the transfer station or the landfill. Or you have to hire someone to do the service," he explained.

Kraczek said he feels more people are beginning to realize that if they are willing to dispose of their trash themselves, the landfill is the place to go.

"Our \$8 minimum (for up to 220 pounds of trash) is very friendly to people once they figure out how to use it and bring more than one bag of trash," he explained. "You can bring about 10 bags of trash for \$8 versus going to a transfer station charging by the bag."

The Highway G Landfill also charges \$67 per ton. Recyclables are accepted at no charge, with some exceptions. For more information, call 715-479-2938.

Landfill usage

Residents who have taken



Saturdays are busy at the landfill as vehicles travel in and out all day to drop off their trash and recyclables. —Photos By Chris Oatman

their trash to the landfill, located about 9 miles west of Highway 45 in Eagle River on Highway G, know there can sometimes be long lines of vehicles waiting to get to the weigh station before driving into the landfill, especially on a Saturday.

Kraczek provided some figures on the increase in usage at the landfill over the last few

years.

In 2020, drive-ins were up by more than 3,400 to 21,572. It was 22,395 in 2021 and 26,173 as of Dec. 1 this year.

Drive-in customers have deposited approximately 6,900 tons of garbage and paid about \$543,000 in fees.

Large haulers Republic Services, Lakeland Disposal and Advanced Disposal brought 14,340 tons of garbage to the landfill this year as of Dec. 1, which, when accounting for drive-ins and the independent haulers, that's a total of 30,454 tons of garbage, Kraczek said.

It also equates to about \$2.1 million of fees coming into the Highway G landfill during that time, and that's after the big haulers had decided to take some, or most, of their waste to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan (U.P.).

According to Kraczek, Advanced Disposal had been bringing a minimum of four semis a day to the landfill before deciding to go to the U.P. The landfill now only gets waste from them periodically.

"We were not surprised by that at all. The haulers are pretty good at communication, so we knew about it at the beginning of the year. They have a better deal up

there," noted Kraczek. "While the number of vehicles is way up, the number of tons is down. The more that comes in, it makes it easier to function for the community."

"That's dollars we can operate on. Without them everyone would have to pay more," he said.

Other trash services

Among the large haulers in the area, Republic Services single-family curbside rates include a monthly charge of \$15.03 for a 20-gallon cart, up to \$64 for a 96-gallon cart. For more information about Republic, call 715-477-0077.

Area independent haulers include Gary's Garbage and Recycling Service in Three Lakes.

Weekly trash and recycling pickup rates range from \$25 to \$35 per month, depending on family size and distance from town. They offer quarterly billing and no cart delivery fees. For more information, visit garysgarbageandrecycling.com.

Other independent haulers in the area include Clearwater Landscaping and Junk Removal in Eagle River at 715-439-5003 and Nordic North Garbage at 715-617-7582.



A local resident drops off his recycling in one of the bins available at the Highway G Landfill.



Jim Lovas pays landfill employee Joe Kraczek in the office.

Watercraft Sales named a top dealer for 6th year

For the sixth year in a row, Watercraft Sales in Three Lakes was recognized as one of the top boat dealers in North America earning a spot on the Boating Industry Top 100 List.

The Top 100 is the only independent ranking of recreational boat dealers in North America. The list recognizes dealerships that are unsurpassed in business operations, professionalism, marketing tactics, customer service and more, according to Boating Industry Editor-In-Chief and Top 100 Program Director Adam Quandt.

"Watercraft Sales is proud to be celebrating over 100 years of delivering the boating dream, having been family owned since 1960," said Watercraft Sales Vice President Ryan Lamon. "Our entire team is honored to win this award for the sixth year in a row. This award signifies that we are taking the proper steps to becoming a world class dealership."

Quandt summarized that the Boating Industry Top 100 has recognized the top dealers in North America every year since 2005. Additionally, the program now celebrates the Top 40 Under 40, Women Making Waves and the Top Dealers across North America.

"This year's Top Dealers program brought on a stack of new applicants and new

competition to the program along with very strong returns from multi-year winners," he said. "We're also very excited to highlight the accomplishments of all, as new dealers join the ranks and others join forces to become one."

The recreational boating industry elite members celebrated the launch of the reimagined Top 100 Awards during a black-tie gala Nov. 16 during the final evening of the Boating Industry Elevate Summit in Orlando, Fla.

Lamon added that Watercraft Sales will continue to serve the local community and offer an ever-expanding comprehensive package of sales options and services.

This includes the sales and service of new and used boats, as well as other watercraft accessories and extras.

Fully advanced and comprehensive annual maintenance suggestions and service options are available year round for any make and model. Water valet pickup and drop off of customer watercrafts, on-water gas pumping and mobile repair services are also available.

Additionally, after-market accessory installation and service upgrades are more services offered in addition to being a complete parts provider.

For more information, visit watercraftsales.com or call 715-546-3351.

Festive season safety tips provided

While decking the halls with holiday cheer, homeowners are urged to make sure their festive decorations don't invite tragedy in the form of house fires this season, according to ReadyWisconsin.

"Regardless of how you celebrate the holidays, it's important to protect yourself and loved ones from possible dangers," said Wisconsin Emergency Management Administrator Greg Engle. "Be aware of those risks as you get ready for the holidays and consider what to do in the event a fire does start."

Candles are a popular decoration to use during the winter holiday season to give a gentle glow, but they are also a big contributing factor to house fires each year.

U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 7,400 home fires that were started by candles between 2015-'19, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Candle fires peak in December, followed by January.

ReadyWisconsin offers some tips to reduce risks of fire this holiday season.

Burning candles should never be left unattended and must be kept at least 12 inches away from flammable materials. Candles should never be placed where children or pets could accidentally knock them over. Instead of lighting real candles, homeowners should

consider using battery-operated flameless candles.

Fresh trees are often used in the home to create a festive atmosphere, but these could be a major fire hazard if they are not properly placed or maintained.

Live trees should be watered daily. It only takes a matter of seconds for a fire involving a dry, live tree to grow into a large blaze.

Trees should also be displayed at least 3 feet away from heat sources such as a heater or fireplace. Heat will dry out a tree and make it more combustible when exposed to open flames, heat or sparks.

Electrical distribution or lighting equipment was involved in almost half of reported home holiday tree fires. U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 160 home fires started by holiday trees each year between 2015-'19, according to the NFPA. Nearly one in five of those fires were started by decorative lights.

Residents should inspect their holiday lights before decorating their tree and replace strands that have worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. More than three light strands should never be linked together, unless the directions indicate it is safe to do so.

ReadyWisconsin notes that if the wires are warm to the touch, unplug and remove

them. Be sure to turn off all lights on trees and other decorations when going to bed or leaving the house, and unplug extension cords when they are not in use.

"Cooking during the holiday season can also bring fire concerns into the home, with Christmas Eve and Christmas Day among the top days of the year for cooking fires," Engle said. "When preparing a holiday meal or treats, avoid distractions in the kitchen, keep cooking areas clear of decorations or other items that could catch fire, and have a fire extinguisher available nearby."

Families should check their smoke alarms to make sure they are working properly. These alarms should be located on every level of the home and be tested monthly.

The latest NFPA statistics underscore the increased risk of fire during the holiday season and beyond.

An estimated average of 160 home fires involving Christmas trees caused two civilian deaths, 11 civilian injuries, and \$12 million in direct property damage per year between 2016 and 2020. In addition, some type of electrical distribution or lighting equipment, including decorative lights, was involved in more than two of five (44%) of home Christmas tree fires. Nearly one in five Christmas tree fires (19%) were started by decorative lights. The majority, 74% of Christmas

tree fires occur in December and January.

Decorations also are big culprits that contribute to home fires. An estimated average of 790 home fires that began when decorations (other than Christmas trees) caught fire caused an average of one civilian death, 26 civilian injuries and \$13 million in direct property damage per year between 2015 and 2019, according to NFPA.

One in five home decoration fires occurred in December.

Year-round, 35% of home decoration fires began with candles, but in December, the number jumped to 45%. In more than two of every five fires (44%) involving decorations, the decoration was too close to a heat source such as a candle, cooking or heating equipment.

Cooking is the leading cause of reported home fires (49%) and home fire injuries and the second-leading cause of home fire deaths. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires. Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires, followed by Christmas Day and Christmas Eve.

"Create an escape plan with your family and practice it so everyone knows two ways to get out of the house in the event of a fire," Engle added.

For additional holiday safety tips, visit readywisconsin.wi.gov.

SPORTS

Three Lakes boys notch key conference wins across week

By WILLIAM ZUELKE
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Three Lakes Boys basketball team celebrated two important Northern Lakes Conference (NLC) wins last week, tripping up Crandon at home Tuesday, 55-36, and then beating Elcho in a tight road contest Friday, 55-51.

"Crandon and Elcho (both) have a very stingy defensive approach that is designed to control the tempo of a game," said Three Lakes coach Brad Volkmann. "Both of these contests were similar in the fact that we knew that we would have to jump on an early lead to extend the zones and then we would try to pick them apart and put the games away."

The Bluejays were consistent in terms of offensive production as they scored 55 points in each game. They now stand alongside Florence as the only undefeated teams in the NLC and also improved their overall record to 5-2 on the season.

"It all worked out well for the team because our players stood up and accepted the challenge," Volkmann said of the pair of wins. "But nothing is easy at this level and both games were hard fought battles."

The Crandon game was played before a loud Three Lakes home crowd which saw Jared Kaufman and Toby Volkmann reach double digits again after their impressive 47-point collective output in the previous game on the road at Suring.

In this game, Volkmann led all scorers for the home team with 18, followed by Kaufman who put in 14 points. Volkmann converted three shots from distance while Kaufman



Three Lakes' Toby Volkmann elevates towards the rim and over a defender during a recent Northern Lakes Conference game against the Crandon Cardinals. —Photo By William Zuelke

helped his point total by converting five shots from the field to go with a 4-of-4 performance from the free throw line.

Chase Melton chipped in offensively with nine points followed by McCain Graff who dropped in seven, including a three-pointer. L.J. Terlizzi and Josh Cogar also contributed with four and three points, respectively.

Coach Volkmann said afterwards he felt the four three-point shots by Graff and Toby Volkmann played an important role in the victory because it really opened the zone and allowed for additional scoring.

With a 27-16 lead at the half, the Bluejays kept the pressure on in the second as their defense shined. Other than Crandon senior Devin Headson, who led his team with 25 points, the Cardinals offense sputtered to their lowest output of the season to

date.

In a less friendly road environment on Friday night in Elcho, the Bluejays squeaked out a 55-51 win as they led throughout, though the Hornets kept things within a score or two most of the evening.

Kaufman scored 20 points and added seven rebounds on the night to lead the Bluejays, while Toby Volkmann tossed in 11 points, including two three-pointers and added four rebounds of his own.

Melton added seven including a three-pointer. It was also the first substantial contribution for senior Austin Adams since his return to the lineup following an ankle injury sustained just after the season started. He chipped in with six, had five rebounds and a steal. Cogar, Graff and Terlizzi each had separate offensive outputs also.

"As with our win against Crandon, our three-point

shooting helped to stretch their defense and allowed offensive opportunities, which combined with good team rebounding and clutch free throws, helped us seal the game," coach Volkmann said. "It looks as though the conference is going to be very tight this year and every night will be a new battle. These tough conference games often feel like playoff games and it helps us get stronger and play harder when we get opportunities to battle night in and night out within the conference."

Next up on the schedule will be two non-conference home games against Niagara this Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. and then against Wakefield-Marenisco, Jan. 3 at 7 p.m.

Following those two contests will be a highly-anticipated home game against the undefeated Florence Bobcats (6-0, 3-0), Jan. 6.

Big second half helps Eagles down Hurley in non-conference tilt

By GARY RIDDERBUSCH
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Northland Pines boys basketball team came away with a 77-51 nonconference win at Hurley last Tuesday.

The Northstars came into the game ranked sixth in Division 5, while Pines was ranked seventh in Division 3.

Pines opened the game on a 6-0 run before Hurley's Eli Talsma got the Northstars on the board, though Pines took a 13-10 lead at the 12-minute mark of the first half.

Hurley's Dominic Croci tied the game at 13 apiece before the Eagles went on a 10-0 run behind Griffin Stiemke and Ryan Muench's back-to-back triples and Stiemke's back-to-back layups in traffic to open the lead up for Pines at 23-13 with 8:38 remaining.

The Eagles' Gabe Smith picked up his third foul and the Northstars would get back in the game behind the hot 3-point shooting of Croci to put Hurley up 27-26 with 5 minutes remaining in the half.

A Nolan Lurvey triple and back-to-back buckets put the Eagles up 33-32 with 2:30 left in the half. Both teams would share one point leads, with the Eagles taking the advantage at the break, 39-38.

"I thought we played a very solid game in the first. We defended very well and even with foul trouble we were able to not lose any momentum in the game," said Pines coach Terry Klemett. "Dominic Croci was on fire and we did a nice job on him and Talsma."

Pines came out of the break much stronger defensively and went on 10-0 run behind Smith's fine play around the rim and the Eagles' full-court pressure.

"We made some adjustments at the break and our full-court press is very tough to beat and we were able to get some nice buckets off turnovers," said Klemett.

The Northstars would finally get on the board with

12 minutes remaining with the Eagles up 54-40. The Eagles' defense was relentless in the entire second half, holding the Northstars to 13 second-half points.

"Our defense was amazing tonight. Ryan Muench did a fantastic job of making adjustments on Croci and holding him to two points in the second," said Klemett. "Our team defense was phenomenal and our ball movement was exceptional. We are a tough team to beat when we play that way. Give Hurley credit as they tested us in the first half."

Stiemke continued his fine offensive play to lead the Eagles with 25 points, 17 of those coming in the first half.

"Griff has been on a good run the last couple games and the way he is attacking the rim is awesome to see. He's a tough guy to stop," said Klemett.

Smith chipped in with 16 points despite playing only 18 minutes. Lurvey had another fine game running the team with 15 points, six assists and seven rebounds.

"Ryan Muench and Miles McCann played their tails off on defense tonight. Ryan has such a motor and he just keeps grinding," said Klemett. "He's playing on another level. Miles is playing some great basketball on both sides of the ball."

The Eagles shot 18 of 24 from two-point distance and 8 of 20 from three. They were a solid 17 of 20 from the free throw line.

Another nonconference game against Ladysmith, scheduled for last Friday night, was postponed due to poor weather.

Pines, 6-1 overall and 2-0 in the Great Northern Conference, was scheduled to host Wittenberg-Birnamwood in a nonconference game Tuesday of this week and will play at Marinette in a nonconference game Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 5:30 p.m.

Roy, Fink lead way for Rebel-Jays as team places 16th at Shawano

By WILLIAM ZUELKE
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Rebel-Jays wrestling team was back in action this past weekend in Shawano at the annual High School Holiday Classic where over 30 schools gathered for an early-season tournament.

Ryan Roy, in his first action of the new wrestling season following an injury absence, led the varsity squad with 32 points while the team finished in the middle of the pack.

Roy earned a fourth-place medal at 182 pounds followed closely by Gus Fink who contributed 27 points and earned a fifth-place medal at the heavyweight class.

As a team, the Rebel-Jays scored 123 points landing them in 16th place for the tournament.

Roy, a senior from Wabeno, pinned his first two opponents before ultimately losing by decision to Tucker Brockman of Freedom High School in the third-place match. Fink, a senior from Three Lakes, split his first two matches before defeating Andyboi Hernandez of Omro High School in a second-round consolation match by major decision to earn his fifth-place medal finish.

"It was good to have Ryan back," said head coach Seth Senter. "And it was good for the team to see him back in action as he is one of our leaders. It was especially nice to see him get those first couple of victories on the mat and while he ended up losing

two matches, the competition was very difficult as both of his opponents had state level experience coming into the meet and both come from good wrestling programs."

Brady Shepard, Noah Kincaid and Max Clark each wrestled well also.

Shepard, a junior from Laona, had 25 points on the day splitting his four matches and earning a sixth-place finish in the 132-pound division.

Kincaid competed at 145 pounds and earned 24 points with an eighth-place finish. Clark rounded out the squad with 15 points and a 10th-place finish.

"All five of our varsity wrestlers finished in the top-ten of their respective weight classes, and continue to work hard as we improve as a team," said Senter. "And one of the things that really helps is our willingness to be open to constructive coaching. We had some examples today of our kids losing matches early in the meet only to find subsequent successes after some post-match coaching sessions used to make the necessary adjustments to win."

Senter said that a good example of constructive coaching came after Shepard lost to Trenton Nicklaus of Brillion in quarterfinal championship action.

"Brady needed to focus more on his hand fighting to get his opponent in better



Noah Kincaid of the Rebel Jays wrestling team experienced some success over the course of the weekend with a top-10 finish in Shawano. —Photo By William Zuelke

positions to secure points and a victory," he said. "So we talked about the adjustments before his next match where he came out much more prepared with his hand fighting techniques and won by a 10-0 major decision."

The Rebel-Jays junior varsity team also had four top 10 grapplers starting with Levi Mawan, who finished in second place winning two of three matches, both by pin at 170 pounds.

Paul Lewis also won two of three matches and took fifth-place at 152 pounds. Hayden

Demerath (126) and Adison Romprey (138) completed the full team with fifth and sixth place finishes.

Next up for the Rebel-Jays will be a quadrangular meet on the road as they take on wrestlers from Southern Door, Wrightstown and the host school, Bay Port. Following that will be one of the larger varsity invitational events of the season on Dec. 29-30 at the University of Wisconsin facility in Oshkosh where more than 60 different high schools are scheduled to compete.

Illness takes toll on Pines girls hoops team entering tough stretch of schedule

By DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a tough first half at home last week Tuesday as the Northland Pines girls hoops team managed just 13 points offensively, falling to Merrill 67-40 in a non-conference matchup.

"We struggled defensively again, allowing too many second-chance points," said Pines head coach Jim Beyer. "Shooting has been a major focus in practice and we saw some results from the field where we shot 40%, but we were only 1-for-12 from behind the three-point line."

Beyer said his squad has been battling illness and were struck hard last week with two starters missing in the matchup with Merrill.

"That being said, we still have to ramp up the defense and get more aggressive on the glass," he said. "I challenged a few girls on the sideline to try to bring some more intensity."

Aubrey Beyer had a good game as she posted her first double-double of the season with 11 points and 10 rebounds. She added three blocks to go along with her effort.

Also having a good night was Paige Hodkiewicz who added 11 points, eight rebounds and three steals.

"Paige did a great job in the second half, meeting that challenge, and played some of her strongest basketball of the year," said coach Beyer. "Aubrey also showed some aggression and strength taking the ball to the basket."

Emma Weber once again had a good all-around game as she filled up the stat sheet with seven points, four boards, three steals and three assists.

The team was to take on Florence last week, but weather postponed that game until mid-January. Up next for the team will be a non-conference contest at home against Wittenberg-Birnamwood, Dec. 20. Following that the team heads on the road to face Marinette, Dec. 28.

The team reopens conference play to start 2023 as they'll host Mosinee, Jan. 3.

Lakeland (2-0) sits atop the league standings followed by Mosinee (3-1), Antigo and Rhinelander (2-1), Medford and Pines (1-2) and Tomahawk (0-4).

SPORTS

Lady Bluejays creep closer to .500 following 55-20 NLC win in Elcho

By WILLIAM ZUELKE
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

It was the tale of two games for the Three Lake girls basketball team who, following a 56-19 loss in Crandon last Monday, responded later in the week to take a key matchup at Elcho, 55-20.

After a stretch of four-straight road games, the dominating win on Friday night in Elcho ended the road series with a 2-2 record, and has the team just a game away from a .500 record for the year heading into their matchup this week against Prentice.

"After the loss in Crandon, the team realized that we needed to pick up our game time intensity for the remainder of the season," Three Lakes coach Tony Pharo said after the Elcho win. "Tonight, we saw the team come out with good energy from the start which hasn't been the case in some recent games."

The week started on a low note in a very loud and colorful gymnasium at Crandon High School where the Bluejays fell to the Cardinals by a score of 56-19.

Senior Kallie Volk led the team in scoring with eight points, including a three-point basket in the second half and three-of-four made from the free throw line.

Bright spots in this game were limited, but did include successful three-point shots made by two different freshman players, Cassidy Williams and Kailyn Fogerty, as they both continue to gain valuable experience within the varsity ranks while junior Kaya Szews and senior Karlee Weavers worked hard for a combined 13 rebounds.

Offensively the Bluejays ended the game with a season low 19 points and were

handed their second Northern Lakes Conference (NLC) loss.

Just days later the team displayed a complete turnaround on the road against rival Elcho where they dominated the Hornets from the start and got 14-point offensive outputs from Williams, Volk and Szews.

Part of Williams' offensive night was four shots that she locked in from distance.

Both Pharo and co-head coach Michele Brown agreed that the team was very slow and out of rhythm in Crandon. Each though was pleased at the rebound effort in Elcho.

"This intensity allowed us to jump out to a 38-9 half-time lead which we were able to maintain through the second half," he said. "I really liked what we accomplished tonight with a better effort and a strong overall team win."

Brown said the team needs to stay focused on fundamentals moving forward.

"Obviously scoring was the number one issue in Crandon," she said, "But turnovers prevented us from getting shots which in turn did not even give us a chance to score points. Before we knew what hit us Crandon was up 20-0 and we went into halftime trailing 33-7. That's a tough hole to crawl out of and we just can't afford to get off to such slow starts."

Brown knows Crandon's recent history well, and knew going in that they were a well-balanced team with plenty of depth and experience.

"They can bring in five reserves at one time to give their starters a break, which is a major advantage, and Holly Palubicki just had a great night with good three-point shooting and 23 points," said Brown. "We knew going into Elcho that we needed



Three Lakes' Kaya Szews gathers a rebound and looks to get

the ball to a teammate during last week's game at Crandon. —Photo By William Zuelke

to make adjustments and we took care of business against the Hornets, jumping to our own substantial 12-1 start and carrying a 38-9 lead into halftime."

Statistically, every player on the Bluejays team contributed at Elcho, even if not by scoring.

Erikson didn't register in the scoring column, but collected six steals, five rebounds and four assists. Libby Eppler was also scoreless but had four rebounds, three steals and two assists to her credit. Szews added to her 14 points with eight rebounds, six steals and four assists. Kailyn Fogerty added five points, three steals and two rebounds.

"In the Elcho game we used our own manpower advantage as the Hornets struggled with

a limited five-player team," said Brown. "It was a running clock situation during the entire second half as they had to play with only four kids after one player had to sit out with a medical issue and I can say that an 18-minute half goes by pretty fast when it's actually 18 minutes."

"Overall, I was happy with

the effort of our team and the way we reacted to the difficult loss in Crandon. We had much improved shooting and a better pace of play."

After the Dec. 20 matchup with Prentice, Three Lakes will host Niagara in a non-conference title, Dec. 28. That game is set for 2 p.m. The team will host Wake-

field-Marenisco Jan. 3 to open play in 2023. They will then see Florence Jan. 5 as NLC play resumes.

Crandon (3-0) holds the top spot currently in the conference followed by Wabeno-Laona (3-1), Florence (2-1), Three Lakes (1-2), Elcho (1-3) and Goodman-Pembine (0-3).

Falcons alumni, kids skate event slated Dec. 23

By DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Eagle River Falcons mens hockey team will hold their annual Alumni Game and Skate With The Falcons kids event Friday, Dec. 23 at the Eagle River Dome.

The event will welcome any and all past and present Falcons players back to Eagle River for a friendly and competitive event set for 7 p.m.

Before the event starting at 5:30 p.m. the community and youth skaters are invited onto the ice at the famed Dome to socialize and skate with the current and past players.

Food, drinks and concessions will be available during the skate event and alumni game.

The Falcons are currently on break and will resume Great Lakes Hockey League (GLHL) action Friday, Jan. 6 when they host the Portage

Lake squad at 8 p.m. Portage Lakes currently leads in the GLHL standings with 13 points, having played eight of their league games already this season.

Following them is Fond du Lac (12), Mosinee (10), Calumet (4), Marquette (3) and Eagle River and De Pere with two points each. The Fox Cities Ice Dogs, who won the end-of-season tournament on their home ice last season, are 0-5 so far on the season.

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SPORTS

Pines boys shutout by Ashland, Rhinelander game postponed

BY CHRIS OATMAN
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Northland Pines boys hockey team was shutout 6-0 on the road in Ashland this past week.

It was the only game in the last seven days for the squad as their scheduled Great Northern Conference match-up last Thursday with Rhinelander was postponed due to weather.

In Ashland last week the home team started strong and held a 3-0 lead after one period on the way to handing Pines its seventh loss in seven games.

Goals for Ashland came from Gabe Kivisto, Braxton Zaleski and Carter Vuoremaa. Zaleski added one more in the second, along with Parker Pisco, which made it 5-0 heading into the third.

There, Pisco added his second with seconds to play, ending the game with his team taking the shutout win.

The Eagles were outshot 27-22, the first time they've been outscored in that category so far this season.

"After the first goal went in against Dominic (Dahlquist), the kids went into protective mode and that really chang-

es the way we play," said Pines coach Patrick Schmidt. "They're competitive and they're trying to win the game by trying to make sure no one shoots on our goalie. But it hasn't been panning out that way."

Dahlquist's growth has been well noted over the last three months, having stepped in to fill the role of Eli Kerner who injured his foot during football season and had to start the season in rehab.

The team, and Schmidt, got some good news last week as Kerner seems to be on the comeback trail and will be dressed and in goal likely sooner than later.

"He got cleared by his doctor yesterday (last Wednesday) and he'll be on the ice practicing tomorrow," said Schmidt last week Thursday.

Schmidt said that if all goes well, Kerner will be in the lineup for the game with Wausau East-Merrill Dec. 26.

"I'm a little excited, but you don't want to be too excited because you don't want to take away from what Dominic has done for this team for the first seven games," said Schmidt.

With Kerner stepping back in, it bolsters the position for Pines as Dahlquist will now

provide the Eagles with a back-up at goalie, and also be able to continue to sharpen his game in practice.

Following the game at Marathon Park this Thursday, the team heads into the Christmas break and will head to West Salem for a two-day tourney there. They return to the Dome to start 2023 when they face Stevens Point Pacelli in a rematch, Jan. 3.

The Cardinals defeated Pines 6-5 in overtime in the second game of the season.

Lakeland remains atop the Great Northern Conference standings with nine points. They are followed by Rhinelander (six) and a log jam from there as Tomahawk, Mosinee, Waupaca and Antigo each have three points. Both Medford and Pines are still in search of their first league point.

Hockey Schedules

NORTHLAND PINES HIGH SCHOOL - BOYS					
Tue. 11/22	@ DC Everest	L 7-3	Thu. 1/5	@ Antigo	7 pm
Tue. 11/29	@ Pacelli Catholic	L 6-5 OT	Tue. 1/10	Ashland	6 pm
Fri. 12/2	@ Waupaca	L 8-3	Thu. 1/12	@ Medford	7 pm
Sat. 12/3	@ Waupan	L 6-1	Tue. 1/17	Tomahawk	7 pm
Tue. 12/6	Shawano	L 8-5	Sat. 1/21	@ Marshfield	3 pm
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	7 pm	Tue. 1/31	@ Lakeland Union (GNC Meet)	7 pm
Thu. 12/29	@ West Salem (Tourn.)	TBD	Thu. 2/2	@ Shawano	7 pm
Fri. 12/30	@ West Salem (Tourn.)	10 am	Tue. 2/7	@ Lakeland Union (GNC Meet)	7 pm
Tue. 1/3	Pacelli	7 pm	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	7 pm
Sat. 11/26	vs. Lakeshore	L 16-3	Tue. 1/10	@ Hayward	5 pm
Fri. 12/2	Chippewa Falls	L 14-1	Thu. 1/12	Marshfield	7 pm
Mon. 12/5	@ Rhinelander	L 10-4	Sat. 1/21	Arrowhead	1 pm
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	@ Baraboo (Stoughton)	7 pm	Sat. 2/11	Beaver Dam	1 pm
Thu. 12/29	@ Baraboo	3 pm	Tue. 2/14	Regionals	TBD
Thu. 1/5	DC Everest	7 pm			

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	8 pm	Sat. 2/18	@ Mosinee Papermakers	8 pm
Sat. 1/7	Portage Lake Pioneers	8 pm	Fri. 2/24	@ Calumet Wolverines	6:30 pm
Sat. 1/14	@ Portage Lake Pioneers	6:30 pm	Sat. 2/25	@ Portage Lake Pioneers	6:30 pm
Sat. 1/21	Fond du Lac Bears	8 pm	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 12/15/22			
Results:	Shotski's 9, Great Escape 7; Uncle Kent's II 9, Uncle Kent's I 7; Eagle Lanes 11, Brew's Pub I 5; Brew's Pub II 8, Club 45 I 8; Denoyer's I 10, Denoyer's II 6; Dublin's 11, Club 45 II 5.		
Eight-ball runs:	Michelle Picciallo.		
STANDINGS	W L		
Shotskis	104 40	Uncle Kent's I	87 57
		Eagle Lanes	86 58
		Great Escape	79 65
		Brew's Pub II	79 65
		Denoyer's I	78 66
		Brew's Pub I	70 74
		Denoyer's II	64 80
		Uncle Kent's II	60 84
		Club 45 I	57 87
		Dublin's	52 92
		Club 45 II	48 96

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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-Birnawood	8 pm	Tue. 12/20	Wittenberg-Birnawood	6:30 pm
Wed. 12/28	@ Marinette	5:30 pm	Wed. 12/28	@ Marinette	4 pm
Tue. 1/3	@ Mosinee	7:15 pm	Tue. 1/3	Mosinee	7:15 pm
Fri. 1/6	Medford	7:15 pm	Fri. 1/6	@ Medford	7:15 pm
Tue. 1/10	@ Lakeland Union	7:15 pm	Tue. 1/10	Lakeland Union	7:15 pm
Fri. 1/13	Antigo	7:15 pm	Fri. 1/13	@ Antigo	7:15 pm
Tue. 1/17	Merrill	7:15 pm	Fri. 1/20	Tomahawk	7:15 pm
Fri. 1/20	@ Tomahawk	7:15 pm	Sat. 1/21	Gillett	5:30 pm
Sat. 1/21	@ Catholic Memorial	3 pm	Fri. 1/27	Rhinelander	7:15 pm
Fri. 1/27	@ Rhinelander	7:15 pm	Mon. 1/30	@ Menominee Indian	7 pm
Tue. 1/31	Wausau East	7:15 pm	Tue. 2/7	@ Mosinee	7:15 pm
Tue. 2/7	Mosinee	7:15 pm	Fri. 2/10	Medford	7:15 pm
Fri. 2/10	@ Medford	7:15 pm	Fri. 2/17	@ Lakeland Union	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	VARSAITY WRESTLING		
Tue. 11/22	Northland Pines	L 77-31	Sat. 12/3	@ Antigo (Inv.)	
Tue. 11/29	@ Tomahawk	W 58-42	Sat. 12/10	@ Forest County Potawatomi Community Center (Inv.)	8th/12
Fri. 12/2	Laona-Wabeno	W 43-32	Sat. 12/17	@ Shawano (Inv.)	16th/30
Thu. 12/8	Lakeland Union	L 67-38	Tue. 12/20	@ Bay Port (Match)	4:30 pm
Sat. 12/10	@ Suring	L 78-23	Thu. 12/22	@ Rhinelander (Inv.)	11 am
Tue. 12/13	Crandon	W 55-36	Wed. 12/28	@ Lourdes Academy (Inv.)	TBD
Fri. 12/16	@ Elcho	W 55-51	Fri. 1/6	@ Lena (Quad)	TBD
Wed. 12/28	Niagara	3:30 pm	Sat. 1/7	@ Merrill (Inv.)	8 am
Tue. 1/3	Wakefield-Marenisco	7 pm	Tue. 1/10	Quad	6 pm
Fri. 1/6	Florence	7:15 pm	Thu. 1/12	@ Wittenberg-Birnawood (Quad)	TBD
Tue. 1/10	@ Goodman-Pembine	7:15 pm	Sat. 1/14	@ New London (Inv.)	TBD
Mon. 1/16	@ Laona-Wabeno	7:15 pm	Sat. 1/21	@ Wausau East (Inv.)	TBD
Thu. 1/19	@ Watersmeet	6:30 pm	Tue. 1/24	@ Laona (Quad)	5 pm
Mon. 1/23	@ Crandon	7:15 pm	Fri. 2/3	@ Crandon (Duals)	7 pm
Fri. 1/27	Prentice	5:45 pm			
Sat. 2/4	@ Gresham	2:15 pm			
Mon. 2/6	Elcho	7:15 pm			
Thu. 2/9	Hurley	7 pm			
Fri. 2/10	@ Bowler	7:15 pm			
Mon. 2/13	@ Florence	7:15 pm			
Tue. 2/14	Phillips	7 pm			
Mon. 2/20	Goodman-Pembine	7:15 pm			
Tue. 2/21	@ Antigo	7:15 pm			
Tue. 11/22	Northland Pines	W 55-23			
Mon. 11/28	@ Phillips	L 80-47			
Thu. 12/1	Laona-Wabeno	L 58-23			
Mon. 12/5	@ Wittenberg-Birnawood	L 77-30			
Sat. 12/10	@ Suring	W 48-40			
Mon. 12/12	@ Crandon	L 56-19			
Thu. 12/15	@ Elcho	W 55-20			
Tue. 12/20	Prentice	7 pm			
Wed. 12/28	Niagara	2 pm			
Tue. 1/3	Wakefield-Marenisco	5:45 pm			
Thu. 1/5	Florence	7:15 pm			
Mon. 1/9	@ Goodman-Pembine	7:15 pm			
Fri. 1/13	@ Crivitz	7:15 pm			
Tue. 1/17	@ Laona-Wabeno	7:15 pm			
Fri. 1/20	Rhinelander	7 pm			
Sat. 1/21	Lena	5 pm			
Fri. 1/27	Crandon	7:15 pm			
Tue. 1/31	Gresham	7:15 pm			
Fri. 2/3	Elcho	7:15 pm			
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SPORTS

Windigo splits series with Anchorage

BY DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Anchorage Wolverines made the over 3,200-mile trip to Eagle River this past weekend for what they heralded as a much-anticipated visit to hockey history at the Eagle River Dome.

While the community rolled out the welcome mat for the Alaska-based team, the home Windigo did everything they could to take an advantage in the two-game set by winning Friday's opener, 5-2. Anchorage would come back in game two on Saturday, winning 6-4.

Wisconsin jumped out to a

two-goal lead just 10 minutes into the first period Friday as Paul Huglen commenced the scoring with his fifth goal of the year, assisted by Drew Fisher and Noah Pickart.

Following him was the fifth goal of the year for Windigo forward Cam Boche as he put the Windigo up 2-0 just 10 minutes into the game.

"I'm proud of the way the guys created scoring chances and converted on them," said Windigo head coach Blake Hietala.

Anchorage shook off the rough start as they answered at the 17:50 mark of the period to make it 2-1. Not long after though Chris Kernan's third goal of the sea-

son, just over a minute later, put the Windigo up again by two goals to close an action-packed first period.

Things nestled closer in the second, though Anchorage got a goal to make it 3-2 heading into the third. There though, the Windigo put the game on ice as defenseman Daniil Dolzhenko scored his second goal in as many games to put the Windigo up 4-2 at the 2:49 mark of the third period.

Just a few minutes later the Windigo's league-leading, penalty-killing unit showed its offensive prowess when Ben Anderson stole the puck from the Anchorage goalie behind the net and fed it to Victor Widlund, who buried his seventh goal of the season into an empty net to close the game at 5-2.

"Once again our penalty-killing unit was outstanding," said Hietala, whose team leads the entire Midwest Division with an 89.3% efficiency mark on the penalty kill. "Given the injuries and illness we've experienced this week, I wasn't sure what to expect tonight. Our game was a little rough at times, but we found ways to score and played team defense. And (Gavin) Moffatt was solid in net again tonight."

Moffatt recorded his seventh win on the season with 24 saves in the contest. The Windigo placed 30 shots on Anchorage's net.

Saturday's game seemed destined early to go again in



Windigo players Zachary Burfoot (No. 17) and Ben Anderson (No. 24) work against Anchorage's Colten Gerken (No. 21) during Friday's win at home. —Photos By Gary Ridderbusch



Windigo player Samuel Grebner looks to a teammate up the ice during last Friday's win at the Eagle River Dome.

the Windigo's favor as goals by Burfoot, Anderson and Levandowski propelled the Windigo to a 3-1 lead after the first period.

Anchorage, though, hit the ice in the second and responded just nine seconds into the frame to close the lead to just one.

After Windigo forward Everett Pietila scored his second of the year at 14:09 of the period, the ice tilted in favor of Anchorage who not only tied the game in the second, but then ran away with it in the third with two more to win going away, 6-4.

Max Beckford, in his first

start in several weeks since suffering a lower body injury, had 37 saves on 42 shots faced. The Windigo placed 34 shots on the Anchorage netminder.

The Windigo remain in seventh place in the Midwest Division, the tightest of the four divisions across the North American Hockey League (NAHL), with just 13 points

separating first from last.

Minnesota Wilderness holds down the top spot with 39 points. They are followed by Kenai River (37), Fairbanks (37), Chippewa Steel (34), Janesville (33), Anchorage (32), Wisconsin (30) and Springfield Jr. Blues (26).

The Windigo will next host the Kenai River Brown Bears inside the Dome, Dec. 30-31.

Raiders spoil Eagles girls debut in Michigan with 3-2 comeback win

BY DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a game of firsts last Friday night at Pat O'Donnell Civic Center in Ironwood, Mich., as for the first time ever there was a varsity girls hockey game at the storied arena in the Upper Peninsula.

Unfortunately for the Northland Pines girls hockey co-op, it was another historic first for the Medford-based squad who for the first time in their programs history they were victorious over their former conference rival, defeating the Lady Eagles 3-2 in dramatic fashion.

Pines was able to get on top of their opponent early, getting an even-strength goal off the stick of Hailey Krzmarich with an assist from Mallory Schmidt which made it 1-0 Eagles.

That lead held up as Jenna Uhrine stopped 11 shots in the first and then withstood 18 shots in the second to keep her team on top heading into the

third.

There, Medford tied things up midway through the period as Sophia Brunner scored at the 7:16 mark on an even-strength goal which knotted the game at 1-1.

Pines came back as this time it was Schmidt alone who scored, lifting her team in front 2-1 with just 4:23 left on the clock in the third period. Needing to hold Medford down the final bit of the third, Pines couldn't convert as the Raiders scored the game-tying goal off the stick of Alyssa Brandner with 1:57 to play. Just 1:03 later the visiting team scored the game-winner as Kara Kennedy's shot got just inside the pipe alongside Uhrine to lead the Medford co-op to a 3-2 win.

Pines offense turned to defense in the third period as they managed just four shots while Medford put 12 on goal in picking up the win.

The loss dropped the Lady

Eagles to 0-8 on the year as they head into the Christmas break where they'll battle the Stoughton-based Icebergs team who is 1-9 so far this sea-

son. That game is set for Dec. 28 followed by a matchup with the Baraboo-based Badger Lighting team Dec. 29. They are 4-4 so far this season.



SHELK WINS — Mike Schelk (left) of Eagle River was the only contestant to go 14-2 to win Week 15 of the News-Review Football Contest. Here, Gary Brainard of the sponsoring Peoples State Bank in Eagle River presents Schelk with the \$150 cash prize. —STAFF PHOTO

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JINGLE BELL JUKEBOX



CHRISTMAS CONCERT — Students at Three Lakes Elementary School put on a Christmas concert last week with the theme "Jingle Bell Jukebox." Youths dressed in a '50s theme with backdrop decor to match, where they would pretend to pick a song from the jukebox on stage. Some scenes from the concert include:

Above: Grades fourth through sixth sing "Comin' Up Christmas," using candy canes as their dancing props.

Below: The Grinch makes an appearance as grades three through six sing "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch."

Bottom: The entire elementary takes part in the opening number to perform the theme song, "Jingle Bell Jukebox." **Left:** 4K students Carson Steinhaus and Olive Wiedeman, dressed in black leather jacket and poodle skirt, respectively, sing during the opening number.

—Photos By Jennifer West



Warm The Children program serves 464

By MICHELLE DREW
EDITOR

The Vilas County News-Review's Warm The Children (WTC) program's families and program volunteers wrapped up the shopping season at Glik's in Eagle River and Northland Clothing Co. in Three Lakes.

The program served 464 children this year. With program discounts, more than \$200 in warm clothing was purchased by all who were at least 2 years of age, according to program coordinator Liz Schmidt.

Donations to WTC have exceeded the 2022 fundraising goal of \$80,000 and donations are still trickling in.

"How inspiring it is to live and work in communities that harbor such generous and thoughtful people — both residents and seasonal visitors," said News-Review Publisher Kurt Krueger.

WTC, a nationally recognized and highly awarded program, provides new winter clothing to children in need in Vilas County, as well as Three Lakes and Sugar Camp in Oneida County.

The program has been the recipient of donations from many sources including anonymous gifts, individuals, fam-

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Rose Bowl sendoff scheduled

The Northland Pines Band, as a part of the larger Northwoods Band, is headed to California and the Rose Parade.

The Northland Pines School District will hold a send-off for the band members, giving the school community an opportunity to show their support for their hardwork and dedication to this big event.

The entire community is welcome to participate in the send-off for the band.

The bus will depart from Northland Pines Middle and High School on Wednesday,

Dec. 21, at 8:30 a.m.

The escort from the Eagle River Fire and Police Departments will go into town and then head West towards US Highway 17.

The Northwoods Band is comprised of participants from local high schools including: Wausau East and West, Antigo, D.C. Everest, Lakeland Union, Merrill, Mosinee, Northland Pines and Three Lakes.

The Rose Parade will be broadcast on Monday, Jan. 2, 2023, at 8 a.m. on ABC, NBC and be streaming online on Peacock.

Warehouse Arts Center seeks volunteer members for 2023

The Warehouse Community Arts Center continues to work on developing its strategic plan for the future, as the center continues to grow they are in search of individuals looking to give back to their community.

Individuals can become involved through volunteering, serving one of the many committees, including fundraising, programming, building and grounds and more, or joining the board of directors.

The Warehouse reports that the organization has had a suc-

cessful 2022 year, working hard at grant writing, diversifying offerings and improving the facility.

As it continues to look ahead, the committees are working with artists and community members to devise a strategic direction, including measurable goals to ensure The Warehouse remains an Eagle River staple for generations to come.

For more information, visit eagleriverart.com or email info@eagleriverart.com.

Not that you asked, but...

By Eric Johnson



Merry and bright

"Some Christmas tree ornaments do more than glitter and glow, they represent a gift of love given a long time ago."
—Tom Baker

For me, truer words were never spoken.

In this Christmas season of glitter and glow, my Christmas tree ornaments do indeed truly represent gifts of love given a long time ago.

I have the original Marshall Field & Co. boxes to prove it, back when there still was a Marshall Fields and sturdy, complementary gift boxes were a no-brainer given of good will and fastidious attention to providing impeccable customer service.

Nana was a fan of the sprawling tri-level Marshall Fields department store at Mayfair in Wauwatosa, just outside Milwaukee, and my childhood Christmas memories are intricately interwoven with memories of Nana's and Marshall Fields.

Come every holiday season, there was always a weekend sleepover visit to Nana's that culminated in a leisurely Saturday of "Fielding," which included a formal lunch in Field's fine dining Linden Room restaurant, where we enjoyed each other's company, admired the glitter and glow of the towering "Great Tree" with its thousands of lights and ornaments, and dined on two signature Field culinary staples — Mrs. Hering's 1890 recipe Chicken Pot Pie and a dessert of Frango Mint Ice Cream Pie.

One particularly adventurous year saw us do our day of Fielding at Marshall Field & Company's flagship State

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LIFESTYLE

Blood drive slated Dec. 30

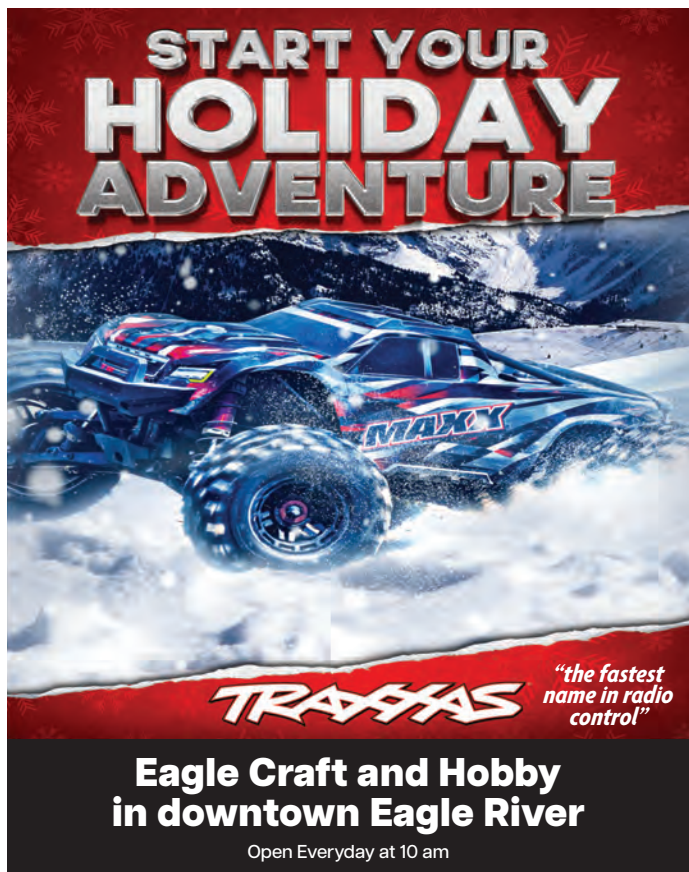
A community blood drive will be held at the Howard Young Medical Center Friday, Dec. 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at its location at 240 Maple St. in Woodruff.

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.

Advance registration is requested prior to donating and can be scheduled by calling 800-280-4102 or visit communityblood.org/donor and enter the sponsor code ON24.

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Vintage ornaments depicting Marshall Field & Co. holiday characters Uncle Mistletoe and Aunt Holly decorate the Christmas tree in columnist Eric Johnson's Boulder Junction home.

—Photo By Eric Johnson

Johnson: FROM PAGE 1B

Street department store in "Windy City" Chicago, where we dined at the famed seventh floor Walnut Room, with its Circassian walnut paneling, Austrian crystal chandeliers and soaring 45-foot Christmas tree.

After lunch, it was always the much anticipated time for me to select a Christmas ornament for my Christmas tree from Field's dizzying array of dazzling ornaments. My ornament selection would

carefully be wrapped and placed in a sturdy Marshall Field & Co.-emblazoned box for the trip back home.

The boxes, and the ornaments in them, bring back cherished memories of Christmases past and gifts of love given by Nana a long time ago.

Some 40- and 50- plus years later, the ornaments — and the memories they evoke of Nana — are still making my holidays merry and bright.

Tickets available now for Pink Carpet Gala

The annual Freezin' For a Reason Pink Carpet Gala and New Year's Eve event is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 31, at Whitetail Inn in St. Germain.

According to a spokesperson for the Pink Gala Team, this event was created to help raise awareness and funds for the annual Knockers Bikini Run, held each year during Hiller's Radar Run, which supports the Pink Ribbon Riders.

The Pink Carpet event is an excuse to get "suited-up" and enjoy an evening of red-carpet style music and fun, organizers said. It is open to the public with options to purchase tickets in advance or at the door.

Complimentary appetizers and a chance to win a door prize are included in the ticket purchase.

"The dollars raised at this event stay in Wisconsin and are given to men and women that are dealing with breast cancer, and support them during their difficult time," the spokesperson said. "Our organization is dedicated to the process of making that happen, but we need your help. We hope that you will be able to take part in making our benefit a successful one and experience firsthand the pride we take in supporting our cause."

Tickets cost \$75 in advance

or \$80 at the door and include a dinner choice of filet medallions, crab stuffed shrimp, salmon or half a chicken.

Doors open at 6 p.m. followed by cocktails and hors d'oeuvres until 7:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 8 p.m.

There will be live entertainment throughout the evening and games such as Texas Hold 'em, blackjack, money wheel and craps. A 12 a.m. New Year's countdown and champagne toast will ring in the New Year.

There also is a \$10 cover charge at the door for live music performance by the Dirty Water Boys which begins at 10 p.m.

Anyone interested in providing monetary donations or items for a themed basket or silent auction should contact knockersbikini@outlook.com.

Ticket forms are available at radarracers.com/about/pink-carpet-gala.

The Pink Ribbon Riders have contributed more than \$300,000 to Wisconsin Breast Cancer survivors and the local rescue organizations.

Hiller's Radar Run, which also hosts the Bikini Run, is scheduled to be held on the West Bay of Little St. Germain Lake Feb. 3-4, 2023.

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ily trusts and yearly donations from local service groups.

Krueger said while there are many programs that seek financial help during the holidays, the WTC program continues to be well accepted.

"Donations arriving from our community came from many individuals, churches and organizations who have continued to contribute from previous seasons," he said.

Schmidt said area residents appreciate knowing that 100% of their donations will be applied to clothing area children, as the News-Review takes care of all program costs. Monetary donations are tax-deductible.

She noted that many people, both families and donors, have expressed their gratitude for the WTC program.

"The program receives thank-you's from grateful families as well as from donors who appreciate what we do," Schmidt said. "Thank you so much to those who have dedicated their time and money to help keep local children warm this year and beyond."

WTC operates under the auspices of the Eagle River Rotary Club Foundation as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit group.

Tax-deductible donations may be made year-round and are applied toward the next year's program, allowing volunteers to send children shopping when the cold weather begins in the fall.

For more information, call Schmidt at 715-479-4421.

Checks can be made out to "Warm The Children" and mailed to the Vilas County News-Review, P.O. Box 1929, Eagle River, WI 54521 or dropped off at the News-Review office. Online donations can be made at vcnewsreview.com on the home page.

Community donations

In addition to many anonymous donors, donations were received as of Dec. 13 from residents in the following communities:

Conover: Barb and Dan Benson, and George and Nancy Brown.

Eagle River: The Bookwormettes, Cam Eggebrecht, and Lee Krajewski Family.

Three Lakes: Rita and Bob Strathmann.

Other Wisconsin cities: Tim and Christine Pattermann, Hilbert; Jack and Hester Werner, Menomonee Falls; and Colette and Tom Altmann-In Memory of Deloris Hentges.



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LIFESTYLE



Teachers Nicole Musial (left) and Nicole Kremsreiter masterminded the lesson and hired students Owen Healy and Josie

Nowak to be walleye caretakers for the duration of the project. The tank is located in the hallway outside their classrooms.

—Staff Photos by STEPHANIE DYE

Students start walleye hatchery

BY STEPHANIE DYE
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

For two fourth-grade teachers in the Northland Pines School District, what started as an idea for a simple pet project in the classroom has become an ongoing conservation lesson for the entire community.

Eagle River Elementary School teachers Nicole Musial and Nicole Kremsreiter began the lesson knowing that they wanted to teach their students about the preservation and maintenance of local fish species in the North Woods. From there, the project began to flourish.

“At first, we were going to have trout in the classroom,” said Kremsreiter. “But after talking to our local Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Biologist Eric Wegleitner, we were directed to a hatchery in Arbor Vitae who suggested we begin with one of the more prominent fish species in the area, the walleye.”

With survey numbers reflecting a decline in the North Wood’s walleye population in recent years, the duo decided to begin teaching their students about the conservation of the species and what they can do to help.

Kremsreiter said that they were instructed on the protocol for becoming an authorized state hatchery for muskie and walleye and began working towards the license immediately. They obtained funding by receiving grant money from The Vine, which they utilized to purchase the materials needed to begin the project.

After setting up the tanks and getting their first inhabitants — five walleyes which the students got to name — the venture was underway.

The tanks, located in the hallway near the classrooms, have been well viewed throughout the school year. This encouraged the classes to install a virtual camera featuring live-feed viewing of the fish.

Many of the elementary school classrooms stream the filming several times throughout the day, added Musial. The community can enjoy watching the fish as well by visiting [youtube.com/watch?v=PR9EPIJCuHo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PR9EPIJCuHo).

Fourth graders filled out job applications for the position of “walleye caretakers,” who would be responsible for assisting in the majority of the care of the fish.

Nine-year-old Owen Healy and 10-year-old Josie Nowak were selected for the job.

In the morning they are responsible for cleaning the minnows out of the tank, checking the nitrate and ammonia levels regularly, and adding water conditioner as needed to make sure the tank’s water remains healthy for the walleye. They also aid the teachers in cleaning out the tank when needed.

“We have to feed the fish every one to two weeks, and my favorite part of caretaking is pouring the minnows into the tanks,” said Nowak. Both students said that they enjoyed fishing. Healy added that he has always been interested in fish and likes to go fishing in area lakes with his grandfather and cousin from Mosinee.

“It was fun being able to name the fish,” commented Healy. “My favorite fish are Big Mama who is 12 inches long and Bucknose, who runs his nose into the side of the tank all the time.”

The classes have a stuffed animal walleye fish that students take turns bringing

home and journaling about. They are responsible for learning about conservation, fish, species and other facts during the week, and report back what they have learned with the other students at the end of the week.

To make the fish more comfortable in their surroundings, the tank has been covered with black paper to imitate the darker, more natural habitat of nocturnal fish, like walleye.

The walleye eggs were collected from the Eagle River Chain Channel, and although the group hopes to release the walleye in the same area, the DNR will determine the release location based on biological information.

An April 2023 spring-time release is planned, depending on the size of fish and the acclimation process to prepare the walleye for colder conditions before release.

Both youngsters agreed that they have learned a lot during the conservation project and thoroughly enjoyed watching the fish grow. The teachers commended them for their hard work and successful job as caretakers.

“It has been great to see the kids engaged with our natural environment here in the North Woods, learning about the cycle of life and everything it takes to make this work,” said Musial.

The teachers and students will also be presenting at the upcoming school board meeting regarding the project.



Five fish, all uniquely named by students for their characteristics, habituate the tank. Big Mama, FinUp, Day, Night and Bucknose are the names the student’s came up with.

Nicolet selected to display Vietnam veterans exhibit

Nicolet College was recently selected by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) as one of only 31 sites across the country to host The Wall That Heals exhibit in 2023.

The three-quarter scale replica exhibit of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., along with a mobile Education Center, will be on campus May 18-21, 2023. It will be open 24 hours a day and free for the public to visit.

The Wall That Heals honors the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed forces in the Vietnam War and it bears the names of the 58,281 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam.

“Nicolet College is honored to have been selected to host The Wall That Heals,” said Casey Lehmann, Nicolet Financial Aid advisor and site coordinator. “We are excited to share this wonderful event with the entire Nicolet College community and all Northwoods residents.”

Nationally, more than 100 other entities also submitted applications, with 31 selected. Lehmann submitted Nicolet’s application to host the exhibit.

The replica is 375 feet in length and stands 7.5 feet high at its tallest point. Visitors will experience the wall rising above them as they walk towards the apex, a key feature of the design of The Wall in D.C.

Visitors are able to do name rubbings of individual service member’s names on The Wall.

“The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund is pleased to bring The Wall That Heals mobile exhibit to Rhinelander to allow local veterans and their family members a chance to experience The Wall,” said Jim Knotts, president and CEO of VVMF. “Hosting The Wall That Heals provides an opportunity to honor and remember all those who served and sacrificed in the Vietnam War and educate visitors on the continuing impact of the Vietnam War on America.”

“It has been great to see the kids engaged with our natural environment here in the North Woods, learning about the cycle of life and everything it takes to make this work,” said Musial.

The teachers and students will also be presenting at the upcoming school board meeting regarding the project.

The wall is transported from community to community in a 53-foot trailer. When parked, the trailer opens with exhibits built into its sides, allowing it to serve as a mobile education center telling the story of the Vietnam War, the wall and a divisive era in American history.

The mobile education center exhibit includes digital photo displays of “Hometown Heroes”. Service members whose names are on the wall that list their home of record within the area of a visit.

Digital photo displays of Vietnam veterans from the local area honored through VVMF’s In Memory program which honors veterans who returned home from Vietnam and later died is another feature. Video displays also teach about the history and impact of the wall.

Educational exhibits told through items representative of those left at the wall in D.C., a replica of the In Memory plaque, a map of Vietnam and a chronological overview of the Vietnam War are also able to be viewed.

The 2023 national The Wall That Heals tour is generously sponsored by United Services Automobile Association. Through a partnership with the Truckload Carriers Association, the trucking industry and Blue Beacon, the exhibit is able to travel across the country.


Since its debut in 1996, the exhibit has been on display in more than 700 U.S. communities in addition to an April 1999 tour of the four provinces of Ireland and a visit to Canada in 2005.

The Wall That Heals is a program of VVMF, the non-profit organization that built the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. in 1982. It is the only traveling exhibit affiliated with The Wall in Washington, D.C. and includes the largest wall replica that travels the country.

Two VVMF staff members lead volunteers on site, educate visitors and students, and ensure the reflective atmosphere of the wall.

For more information, visit thewallthatheals.org.

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Tips for assessing care during virus surge

As more and more patients continue to seek walk-in care amid a surge of influenza, RSV, and Covid, Aspirus Health offers important tips and considerations to help their patients and communities navigate care options.

“With patient demand exceptionally high, Aspirus providers, nurses, and clinic staff are truly going above and beyond,” said Matt Brewer, vice president of Operations – Primary Care, Aspirus Health.

Aspirus offers considerations to help its patients and communities save time, navigate care, and potentially feel better more quickly.

Health officials said that self-care is appropriate in many cases for those who have only just begun to experience symptoms, such as runny nose or mild temperature, and wouldn’t need to seek treatment. Some of the patients seeking care at Aspirus are not candidates for care, and it extends wait times for those with more acute symptoms.

For those who think they have Covid, Aspirus has

developed an interactive Covid Symptom Checker tool in its MyAspirus app to help patients determine their next steps when they experience symptoms or were recently exposed to the disease. This tool can be found at myaspirus.org/mychart/symptomchecker.

Individuals may not always know when they should seek medical attention. An in-person walk-in clinic visit is especially appropriate for anyone who has a worsening cough or high fevers that won’t come down with medication, Aspirus health officials said.

In addition to in-person care, Aspirus offers both on-demand video visits and e-visits for Wisconsin patients, available on MyAspirus and performed by Aspirus providers. Many conditions and symptoms are well-suited to telehealth, including pink eye, rashes, sinus concerns, and recurring urinary tract infections.

Patients are urged to contact their primary care provider’s office before going to urgent care or the emergency

department.

“It’s always a great idea to start with your primary care clinic,” said Pam Warnke, nurse practitioner at Aspirus Weston Clinic. “If your primary care doctor can’t see you within the next two to three days, sometimes there are other providers in the clinic that can see you in a timely manner. Similarly, there are nurse triage lines available through your primary care clinic to walk you through the steps of where you should seek care given your symptoms.”

For non-respiratory symptoms, a primary care provider’s office may be a patient’s best bet to secure a specific appointment time and avoid a long wait. If their provider isn’t available, patients should ask for the next available appointment with any provider.

“You can also check appointment availability on MyAspirus,” Warnke said. “Keep in mind that your primary care provider has a nurse line. Feel free to call the nurse line to triage symptoms, seek advice on care,

and help set up an appointment if appropriate.”

Hospital Emergency Departments (EDs) are for serious acute life-threatening problems and not the best choice for minor illness or injuries. EDs get patients the immediate care they need, that in some cases may be lifesaving, Aspirus officials noted.

For more care options, visit aspirus.org/right-care.

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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.

December

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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 Sawyer. 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 eaglecivilairpatrol@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 2 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 lakelandartleagueui@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 Sawyer. 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 northermlakescenter@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.lcfca@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.

HAPPY HATTERS — Meets the last Wed. of each month at 9 a.m. at the Eye on Entrepreneurs building in Eagle River to make hats for distribution to patients and newborns at local hospitals. Call Bonnie Kegleys, (715) 617-0130.

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 Brierlenfeldt, (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 2021 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.



Three Lakes Elementary band students perform holiday favorites. —Photo By Jennifer West

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.

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 — Meets Tues. at 12:30 p.m., at Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. Call (715) 337-2510.

SQUARE DANCE LESSONS — For fun and fellowship; lessons start at various times of the year. Open to singles and couples. Call Judy, (715) 337-2003.

SQUARE DANCING — Held first and third Sun. of each month from 2:40-3 p.m. at Woodruff Community Center. Open to singles and couples. Call Judy, (715) 337-2003.

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, Tues., 7:30 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.



Brewster-Frandrup

Erica Brewster and Dominic Frandrup were united in marriage Sunday, Sept. 18, 2022, on the bank of the Savage River in Denali Park, Alaska.

Husband of the bride's cousin, Tim Bodony, presided.

The bride is the daughter of Nancy and Bruce Brewster of Three Lakes. The groom is the son of Roberta Frandrup of Inver Grove Heights, Minn., and Dallan Frandrup of Prescott. Music, readings, catering and photography were provided by Karin and Ida Bodony, the bride's cousin and her daughter.

Readings included selections by Sam Campbell and Khalil Gibran.

The wedding cake was Little Debbie brand Zebra

Cakes, white cake with chocolate ganache stripes, from the visitor's center.

The bride is a graduate of Three Lakes High School and completed her bachelor's degree at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, and her Master's degree at Loma Linda University in California. She is currently employed as the director at the Edward U. Demmer Memorial Library in Three Lakes.

The groom is a graduate of Prescott High School. He received a bachelors from UW-Superior and a Master's from UW-Madison. He is currently the library director for all Door County libraries.

The couple will relocate to Sturgeon Bay in the near future, but will keep their family home in Three Lakes.

Nicolet holds burn simulation exercise

“911. What's your emergency?”

Every day those few words set off a chain of events that bring together specialists from a number of professions who then have to work together efficiently and effectively in order to have a successful outcome for all involved.

However, it is common for those new to any given emergency response or health care profession to not have had the opportunity to work with others outside of their profession and understand their duties and roles when seconds and lives matter.

That changed recently at Nicolet College when dozens of students and staff took part in an educational burn simulation exercise.

“What many people don't realize is the high level of communication and coordination that takes place between all of the players who respond to a high-risk emergency,” said Dilya St. Louis, Nicolet College Nursing instructor and simulation exercise coordinator. The multi-faceted exercise started with a 911 call to report two individuals trapped inside a burning building, prompting a response by firefighters, who then entered the college's smoke-filled burning building to extract the victims. Once outside, paramedic

and emergency medical services students assessed the extent of patients' injuries, initiated care and transported the patients by ambulance to the Nicolet emergency room, otherwise known as the college's nursing lab.

While en route students in the ambulance had to radio ahead to pass on as much medical information as possible to the waiting nursing students who then prepped the emergency room for the patients.

Fourth-semester nursing student Cody Volm said the experience was invaluable, giving him and his classmates the opportunity to practice the many skills they've learned leading up to this day.

“Being part of a real-world training scenario like this is fantastic,” Volm said. “This may be the only time we get to do something like this before entering the workforce. It's a fantastic collaborative experience that really gives you added insight into how all the pieces fit together.”

The last phase of the scenario entailed professional staff from Aspirus MedEvac arriving to transport the critically injured patients to a burn unit. This gave nursing students the opportunity to practice their communication skills, relaying the treatment



Students in Nicolet's Paramedic and Emergency Medical Services program transport the “burn patient” to a waiting ambulance as nursing students look on in the background. The recent scenario training exercise gave students from different academic areas experience working together in an emergency situation. —Contributed Photo

they provided and the medical status of each patient.

Dilya St. Louis noted that she was quite pleased with how the training played out.

“We refer to scenarios like this as low frequency and high risk. We don't see them very often in a rural area like Northern Wisconsin,” St. Louis explained. “But they do happen and we feel it's important to train for situations like this. Peoples' lives are literally on the line. It's high stress and I'm just glad we could provide the training everybody can draw on when

the need arises.”

Nicolet Associate Dean of Public Safety Jason Goeldner also participated in the simulation, directing the firefighters who launched the scenario.

“Firefighters may not always have a good sense of what paramedics do and what nurses do,” Goeldner explained. “This was an excellent opportunity to expand the knowledge base of all involved and to stress how they have to communicate with each other and work together efficiently and effectively to have a successful outcome.”

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BACKWARD GLANCES

Compiled by
Jon Eichman



QUILT DISPLAY — Cranberry County Quilters Guild member Beth Moore (above) is the head of the Quilt of the Month display at the Walter E. Olson Memorial Library in Eagle River. Each month, she selects a quilt a member has sewn to be on display for a full month. Moore said this gives everyone in the community an opportunity to appreciate the work as well as gives the quilter a sense of confidence in their talent. December's featured quilt, "Silent Night," (left) was created by quilter Gloria Priefer.

—Photos By Karla Bryant

Fraud on the rise during holidays

Statistics show that impersonation fraud is currently on the rise and scams often begin with a phone call, text, message or email that appears to be from a trusted business. According to officials at North Shore Bank, the criminals try to deceive and manipulate individuals into transferring money or divulging personal and financial details. Reports indicate that every year, people lose hundreds, even thousands, of dollars to these scams. North Shore Bank representatives remind individuals that if they are doubtful, they should stop, challenge it and protect themselves by contacting the legitimate business to confirm the caller's story. Bank officials provide the following advice to avoid being deceived.

Always try and talk to someone that is trusted before taking action, and don't use the phone number, email or website they provided. Look up the contact information and check with the real bank,

agency, person, or company when verifying the story. Don't share any personal or financial information with someone who calls unexpectedly. Never give a temporary access code, PIN, debit/credit card number or account number to a suspicious caller. Banks will never ask for this information. All legitimate institutions will never contact people out of the blue, demanding money or information. It's important to know not to trust caller ID. Scammers know how to fake caller ID so it looks like a real, local phone number. Never pay anyone who demands payment by wire transfer, gift card, or crypto-

currency. Only scammers will ask to be paid that way. If the caller pressures you to rush, hang up and contact the company directly. In most cases, it's perfectly safe to open a scam email or text. However, the key is not to download any attachments. Often times, attachments may contain malware such as viruses, worms, or spyware. North Shore Bank representatives commented that if an individual feels like they have been the victim of a scam, and they did provide personal or financial information, to contact them immediately. To report a scam or fraud attempt, contact 877-672-2265.

Residents can still participate in Operation Christmas Child

Eagle River area volunteers recently celebrated the collection of gift-filled shoeboxes that will send Christmas wishes to children around the world.

Thousands of volunteers contributed to Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse by packing shoeboxes filled with fun toys, school supplies, and hygiene items. The global Christmas project will deliver these gifts to children in need. Although drop-off locations have closed, there is still time for individuals to share hope and love with children overseas by packing a gift-filled shoebox online. Shoeboxes built online go to some of the hardest-to-reach areas in the world. Those who prefer the convenience of online shopping can browse online to select gifts matched to a child's specific age and gender, then finish packing the virtual shoebox by adding a photo and personal note of encouragement. To shop online or for more information, visit samaritanpurse.org/buildonline.



Greg Gremban, of Eagle River, shot this buck with a .351 collector's rifle loaned to him from a friend, Ed Miller of Eagle River in this News-Review archive photo from 1982.

One Year Ago - 2021
A deer harvested in the city of Eagle River became the first to test positive for CWD from Vilas County's wild deer herd ... Hurricane-force 76 mph winds and strong severe thunderstorms left a path of destruction in their wake in the North Woods ... A 38-year-old man charged with six counts of felony bail jumping made his initial court appearance in Vilas County.

10 Years Ago - 2012
U.S. District Judge Barbara Crabb ruled that Wisconsin Chippewa tribes overstepped their authority by authorizing deer hunts at night with lights without state approval ... The Ministry Eagle River Memorial Hospital Gift Shop was damaged when a vehicle crashed into the building ... The Eagle River Derby Track donated a Phantom snowmobile to the Eagle River Recreation Association.

20 Years Ago - 2002
Prosecutors celebrated as the Shawano County jury found Douglas J. Plude guilty of first-degree intentional homicide ... A \$1,500 reward was offered to anyone with information on the recovery of a historic birch-bark canoe stolen from the Ottawa National Forest visitor center in Watersmeet, Mich. ... The DNR was notified of an escaped farm-raised white-tailed deer that tested positive for CWD.

30 Years Ago - 1992
The first Advanced Placement course, Advanced American History, was introduced at Northland Pines High School ... M&I Bank of Eagle River completed its "20 Days of Giving" program by donating hundreds of items to the Vilas Food Pantry ... The 30th anniversary of the World Championship Snowmobile Derby revived the tradition of allowing children 12 and under into the event for free.

40 Years Ago - 1982
Carl Kalous of Eagle River VFW Post 8637 was appointed to serve as an assistant inspector general of the Veterans of Foreign Wars ... A Pickeral Lake property owners group tried to stop the construction of the Vilas County Landfill off Highway G ... A record breaking gun deer harvest was recorded statewide, but numbers fell again in the North Woods.

50 Years Ago - 1972
The Eagle River Lions Club renewed its commitment to continue sponsoring the World Championship Snowmobile Derby during a meeting at the Hiawatha Lodge in Eagle River ... Trinity Lutheran Church in Boulder Junction used symbolic Christmas trees to add to its decor for the holiday season ... The first ice palace constructed in seven years was enjoyed by community members.

60 Years Ago - 1962
A new device for analysis of blood alcohol by breath tests was ordered by the police commission of Vilas County... H. Phillips Company of Wausau donated more than \$600 to the Eagle River Memorial Hospital... A 61-49 vote passing the \$90,000 com-

munity building proposal highlighted a town meeting in St. Germain.

70 Years Ago - 1952
Three Eagle River students pledged to Greek-letter organizations on the Ripon College campus ... An Antigo man convicted of shining deer had his car confiscated, was fined \$250 and lost his deer rifle along with his hunting privileges for three years ... Wisconsin agriculture finished another billion-dollar year where established levels of production were exceeded.

80 Years Ago - 1942
The first meeting to organize USO activities in the Eagle River area were held by officials at city hall ... Eagle River Rotary Club addressed Christmas cards to all men from Vilas County who were in the Armed Forces ... The mystery of the abandoned car found on Meta Lake Road was solved after the car's owner, Leland Timmerer let police know he caught a ride from a friend during a blizzard.

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.

Fund created to honor family

The Pride family recently announced the creation of a memorial fund to support the Eagle River Historical Society's capital campaign, Choosing Growth. Multiple generations of the descendants of Harry J. and Virginia Pride have contributed to a fund to honor their parents and grandparents. The fund, The Harry J. and Virginia Pride Memorial Fund, is designed to continue to support the society's growth for the three-year duration of the campaign.

The movement for the fund was led by daughters, Alice (Pride) Kramer and Nan (Pride) Breidenbach. According to family members, they created the fund with the hope of creating a lasting memorial for their loved ones. "We felt that a gift to support the heritage and culture of their hometown was a wonderful way to remember our



Members of the Pride family have created a fund to support the Eagle River Historical Society in honor of their parents and grandparents. Pictured front row from left are David Pride, Susan Pride Ronstadt and Nan Pride Breidenbach; back row from left Alice Pride Kramer and Chuck Pride. —Contributed Photo

parents," commented Kramer. "There is no better way to preserve a family's memory than to make it a part of local history."

Kramer added that she would encourage other local families to consider starting similar funds for their loved ones and families.

YMCA to offer balance classes

The YMCA of the Northwoods in Rhinelander is offering two small group exercise programs for seniors Mondays and Thursdays, beginning Jan. 2. Actively Aging Balance Training Level 1 will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. and Actively Aging Balance Training Level 2 will be held from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the aerobic studio. Both classes will be taught by physical therapist John Sykes, who has over 40 years of experience working with individuals to improve their motor skills and rehab from

injuries or surgery. Level 1 class is designed to educate and help participants learn basic balance exercises and develop a home program that is successful in maintaining and improving their balance skills. Level 2 class will advance upon the skills gained in Level 1 and will focus on balance reactions and strategies in order to prevent falls. Both programs are designed for healthy older adults without a strong history of falls (less than 3 falls over the past year) and who are not receiving any skilled therapy for falls.

The classes will consist of a number of basic balance exercises, progressive in nature, with an emphasis on safety and proper technique. Pre- and post testing will be performed based on standardized testing and participants will be given a home exercise program for practice, progressing and improvement. Programs are free to YMCA members and \$50 for the general public. Space is limited and registration is required. For more information to register, contact Marilyn Duschl at 715-362-9622 ext. 118.

More Than A Meal Café

The Rock Mission Center
Serving at noon
Sponsored by ADRC of Vilas County

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

MON., DEC. 26

Closed in observance of Christmas Day

TUES., DEC. 27

Salisbury steak
Mashed potatoes and gravy
Squash
Multi-grain bread
Vanilla yogurt and berries

WED., DEC. 28

Chicken breast with Mushroom and bacon sauce
Brown rice
Brussels sprouts

Apple slices
Mint chocolate cake
New Year Celebration

THURS. DEC. 29

Kielbasa with sauerkraut
German potato salad
Peas
Whole-wheat bread
Pineapple

FRI. DEC. 30

Sloppy joe on a bun
Roasted potatoes
Baked beans
Grape salad

LIFESTYLE

Professionals' group to offer networking

The Northwoods Young Professionals is an organization that helps young business affiliated persons connect socially and professionally in the North Woods to increase workforce retention.

This is a new organization based out of the Rhinelander area and currently hosts events and programming in Minocqua, Rhinelander, Eagle River and Tomahawk. The group has members that travel from Phillips, Wausau and Prentice as well.

Organization founders Niina Baum and Kristen Carlson discovered a need for a young

professionals group in the area and together moved forward with starting the group.

The organization's goal is to bring young professionals together to better attract and retain young talent in the North Woods.

"Our goal is to showcase what the North Woods has to offer professionally, socially and recreationally through events and programming designed to engage current residents and attract new residents," said Baum.

For more information, contact northwoodsyp@gmail.com.

Nicolet to host winter solstice celebration

Area residents have the opportunity to celebrate the upcoming Winter Solstice at a community celebration Wednesday, Dec. 21, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Northwoods Community Garden located in the field at Nicolet College.

In classic folk tradition, the event will welcome the return of light on the darkest day of the year.

The festivities will feature hot beverages including cocoa and cider, tasty treats and a roaring warming bonfire to help individuals fight off the winter cold.

"In the solstice tradition of letting go of the things that weigh us down, Rhinelander

artist Ken Juon has created a site-specific artwork to burn at our annual solstice fire, offering a light to the diminishing darkness and growing length of daylight," said Melinda Childs, community and cultural development director with ArtStart and Nicolet College.

The event is free and open to the public and is organized in partnership between Nicolet College and the Northwoods Community Garden.

Attendees are advised to monitor the weather and dress accordingly for this outdoor evening event.

For more information, visit nicoletcollege.edu.

Year-end fundraising goal approaches for Warehouse

The final days of fundraising for the 2022 season are here, and The Warehouse Arts Center has announced its year-end campaign goal of raising \$50,000 by Dec. 31.

During the summer, The Warehouse celebrated its 10th anniversary, a milestone that less than 50% of all non-profit organizations meet.

"As we reflect on this year of tremendous growth, The Warehouse is grateful for the numerous partnerships, grant funding, and donors and supporters that enabled them to continue offering diverse creative opportunities for all, regardless of age, skill level or economic situation," said The Warehouse's Creative Arts

Coordinator Angela Badeau. "With programming up 30% from last year, and facility upgrades resulting from 2021 storm damage, The Warehouse is motivated to move to the next level."

Board members, staff, artist-teachers and volunteers are dedicated to working to develop a strategic direction as they move into the new year, to ensure that the organization thrives for generations to come.

"Donations are tax deductible and will help The Warehouse to meet its goal," added Badeau.

To make a donation or for more information, visit eagle-riverart.com.



HOCKEY HELPERS — Several players from the Wisconsin Windigo hockey team in Eagle River recently visited elementary schools from Northland Pines School District to spend time participating in holiday festivities. The hockey players, dressed in Christmas attire, assisted students from St. Germain Elementary School and the Montessori Learning Center construct gingerbread houses at various stations set up in the school hallways. Kindergartners through fifth graders were able to construct their own festive creations during the holiday happenings.

Above: Hockey player Everett Pietila helps St. Germain Elementary School first-grader Selah Lenox build a gingerbread house to bring home with her for Christmas.

Right: Sam Groebner sports elf glasses and reindeer horns as he helps Easton Hoffman construct a unique gingerbread masterpiece. Hoffman is a fourth grader at the Montessori Learning Center in St. Germain.

Below: Wisconsin Windigo Team Assistant Coach Casey Kirley helps kindergartner Kael Lechleitner from the Montessori Learning Center build and decorate a gingerbread home constructed of graham crackers and frosting and decked out with sweet accents.

— Contributed Photos



Library Corner

203 N. Main St., Eagle River, WI 54521
Tel: 715-479-8070 | Fax: 715-479-2435



The Walter E. Olson Memorial Library will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 24, for the Christmas holiday. December Take & Make craft kits are still available.

The Fact and Fiction Book Group will meet Monday, Jan. 9, 2023, at 1 p.m.

The next Memory Café is scheduled Monday, Jan. 16, 2023, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The monthly program takes place the third Monday of each month.

The library invites children to come to the library to Read to a Dog Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023, at 4 p.m. The program is held the second Wednesday of the month.

The Afternoon Book Group will meet Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023, at 1 p.m.

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

Nicolet College Academic Success hours at the library are held Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon; ukulele practice takes place each Monday from 2:30 to 4 p.m.; Story Time with Ms. Tori takes place Tuesdays at 10 a.m. where youths and their grown-ups can drop in for stories, songs and fun, and then at 4 p.m. the Olson Memorial Library Chess Club meets. The group is open

to players of all levels, from age 5 to 105. Aunt Gracie's Sewing Circle is held Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m.

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

The Eagle River Genealogical Society meets the third Thursday of each month with the next meeting on Jan. 19, 2023, from 2 to 4 p.m.; Memory Café is offered the third Monday of the month; Compassus Grief Support Group meets the first Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.; and Mending Day takes place the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon.

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

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

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

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

Aspirus gives tips to manage diabetes

For those that are one of the 38 million people in the United States with diabetes, the holiday season can sometimes be a challenge.

Aspirus reminds diabetics that being concerned about managing the disease in the face of all holiday temptations is important to maintain their health. Professionals at Aspirus are reassuring patients that there are many things they can do to make sure that they enjoy all the season has to offer while keeping their diabetes in check.

"Planning ahead is an important part to enjoying the holidays and staying healthy with diabetes," said Jessika

Jamgochian, an Advanced Practice nurse practitioner specializing in endocrinology at Aspirus. "Once you know what your schedule looks like, you can create a plan for keeping your diabetes in check."

The American Diabetes Association, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Association of Diabetes Care & Education Specialists have shared ways to keep the holidays healthy.

It is important to time daily doses of medication. Holiday meals are often eaten at odd times and individuals may need to have a snack at normal mealtimes or have another plan in place.

Although it's not imper-

ative to completely rework the holiday menu, diabetic may want to consider minor changes. There are ways to make traditional holiday foods healthier by cutting back on sugar or using fat-free, low-fat ingredients when cooking.

Watching portion sizes is important. This can be done by taking small tastes of high-calorie foods, using a smaller plate at a buffet-style gathering and keeping overall carbohydrate and calorie intake the same as at a normal meal.

Eating a healthy snack may help. Before parties have a healthy snack first so hunger is down when upon arrival.

Try to keep the focus off

food when at a gathering. At a party, look for activities other than eating, such as interacting with family and friends. Sometimes, it helps to keep a distance from high-calorie snack bowls and food tables and diabetics should remember to watch what types of beverages are drunk, these contain calories too.

According to Aspirus providers, stress can have a negative effect on blood sugar levels and they advise that is a good idea to avoid stressful situations during the holidays. Remembering to exercise can be an effective way to relieve stress.

For more information, visit aspirus.org.



CHOIR PERFORMANCE — The Three Lakes high school and junior high choirs performed for the Three Lakes Women's Club during their meeting at the Reiter Center. Although the kindergar-

teners were also slated to perform, they did not due to icy walkways to get to the center.

—Photo By Jennifer West

Genealogy course to start in January at Demmer library

The Three Lakes Genealogy Society will present a free Beginning Genealogy course starting Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Edward U. Demmer Library in Three Lakes. The instructor for the course will be Nancy Bailey.

Classes will be held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month through the first week of May. For those who cannot make one of the scheduled sessions, makeup sessions can be arranged.

According to Robert Bailey, these classes are for individuals who know nothing about genealogy and want to begin their research, as well as for those wanting a refresher course.

"This is a low-key class with lots of information," he said.

Some of the topics to be discussed will be: how to organize your genealogy; what tools are available at the Demmer library; what are pedigree charts and family group sheets; how to contact relatives; how to store and preserve your documents and heirlooms; genealogy software packages; websites and other tools such as ancestry.com, fold3.com, familysearch.org, findagrave.com, land records, probate records and newspapers; and writing a narrative.

For more information, email familyhistory@demmerlibrary.org or call Nancy Bailey at 715-479-8971.



SANTA SMILES — Santa visited with children at the Three Lakes Lions Club's Children's Christmas party held Dec. 10 at SpiritView Lakeside.

Refreshments and family-friendly events were offered to participants along with horse-drawn carriage rides.

—Contributed Photo

25 participants take part in snowmobile, ATV safety class

The Three Lakes Police Department conducted a snowmobile and ATV safety certification class earlier this month with 25 students attending.

Youths taking part in the class learned about safety requirements and laws to put into effect when using these recreational machines.

Sportsman's Service Center of Three Lakes provided a meal

from Subway both evenings for the students and teachers.

Snowmobile trails are not open yet for riding, but after last week's 4 to 5 inches of heavy, wet snow, members of Three Lakes Brule River Trails Inc. expect the system to have a good base. Volunteers were out packing the swamps and trails last week as well as cleaning up a few trees and branches that came down

during the storm.

According to the Oneida County Snowmobile Council, public service announcements are typically posted 48 hours in advance of trails opening. There is currently no date set for when that may occur.

For the latest on trail conditions, follow Three Lakes Brule River Trails or Northern Lights Snowmobile Club on Facebook.



ST. THERESA DONATES — Volunteers from St. Teresa's Thrift Shop recently awarded Jay Wentworth, founder of the new women's sober living home, Lotus Place in Eagle River, a \$600 donation. The funds will be used toward "everyday expenses," according to Wentworth, second from left. St. Teresa's Thrift Shop is located at 1759 Superior St. in Three Lakes. Current hours

of operation are Thursdays from noon to 3 p.m., Fridays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The shop will be closed Christmas weekend and New Year's weekend. Beginning in 2023, hours of operation will be every Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For the latest hours and information, find the shop on Facebook.

—Photo By Peg Camp

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., DEC. 26
Closed in observance of Christmas Day

TUES., DEC. 27
Salisbury steak
Mashed potatoes and gravy
Squash
Multi-grain bread
Vanilla yogurt and berries

WED., DEC. 28
Chicken breast with Mushroom and bacon sauce
Brown rice
Brussels sprouts
Apple slices
Mint chocolate cake

THURS. DEC. 29
Kielbasa with sauerkraut
German potato salad
Peas
Whole-wheat bread
Pineapple

FRI. DEC. 30
Sloppy joe on a bun
Roasted potatoes
Baked beans
Grape salad

Chili cookoff slated Dec. 30

Three Lakes Brule River Trails Inc. will hold its chili cook off and meat raffle Friday, Dec. 30, from noon to 3 p.m. at Pike's Pine Isle Lodge.

Participants are invited to come taste and vote for the best chili in the Three Lakes area. Samples cost \$7 and early attendance is urged as chili supplies have been

known to run out.

There also will be a meat raffle held.

Proceeds from the event go to support maintenance of local snowmobile trails.

For the latest club and snowmobile trail information, find Three Lakes Brule River Trails on Facebook or visit threelakestrails.com.



DELIVERING CHEER — Members of the Sugar Camp Lions Club each year bring holiday cheer to senior citizens who are alone at Christmas time. Club members put together and deliver approximately 50 baskets of food and gifts to distribute.

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30th
Birthday!

December 28th, 2022
Three Lakes
American Legion Post 431
Three Lakes, WI

PARTY STARTS AT 5:30 pm
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NEWS-REVIEW CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED: Energy Shop has an immediate full-time opening for a fire-place 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: kmovcey@energyshop-gb.com. 9466-ftcl **CAXCA**



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Three Lakes Chamber of Commerce Office Manager

Job Description: The Office Manager's role within the Three Lakes Chamber of Commerce and Welcome Center is one of both independent functionalities as well as collaborative support. This individual shall be charged with assisting the Executive Director in executing the vision and strategic plan of the Chamber of Commerce, its Board of Directors, and its membership.

The Office Manager will organize and execute day-to-day Chamber operations. This individual will manage mailings, along with much of the communication with members, and with the community. The Office Manager shall also be tasked with interaction with visitors of the Information Center, phone call inquiries to the office for resources and information, and engagement at Chamber events and activities.

This role shall be tasked with developing and maintaining member and event spreadsheets along with a coverage calendar of volunteers, ensuring adequate support is available for events and any required office coverage.

The position reports directly to the Three Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director.

Interested Parties Should Contact:
director@threelakes.com

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HELP WANTED Delivery Person SUBSTITUTE PART-TIME DRIVER

The Vilas County News-Review has an immediate opening for a substitute driver to deliver newsstand sale bundles and special publications to outlets in Eagle River and surrounding communities.

This job would be for approximately five hours Tuesday afternoons. There could be additional hours on a seasonal basis, especially in summer.

Driver must have a full-size pickup with a covered box, or a cargo van. Must be able to lift bundles up to 40 pounds.

If interested, contact:

VILAS COUNTY
NEWS-REVIEW
425 W. Mill St., Eagle River (715) 479-4421

Full-time

Production Technician

The Vilas County News-Review, a state and national award-winning publication, is accepting applications for a full-time production technician.

The ideal candidate will have a strong attention to detail and exceptional organizational skills. Typing, spelling and grammar skills are a must. Knowledge of AP style is a plus.

Job duties include typesetting, paginating, formatting/posting content to the web and proofreading.

Experience with Mac-based desktop publishing systems and Adobe Creative Suite applications (InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop and Acrobat) is helpful.

Must be able to work in a fast-paced environment, meet weekly deadlines and work well with others.

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Stop in for an application at 425 W. Mill St., Eagle River, WI, or send your resumé to:

VILAS COUNTY
NEWS-REVIEW

Attn: Al West, Production Manager
P.O. Box 1929, Eagle River, WI 54521
or email alw@vcnewsreview.com

(Three Weeks, 12/14-12/28/22)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL DIVISION
ONEIDA COUNTY

ONEMAIN FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC AS SERVICER FOR ("ASF") WILMINGTON TRUST N.A. AS ISSUER LOAN TRUSTEE FOR ONE-MAIN FINANCIAL ISSUANCE TRUST 2020-2 601 NW Second Street Evansville IN 47708 Plaintiff,

vs.

Case No.: 2022CV000201
Classification Code: 30301
The amount claimed is over \$10,000.
Todd S Olson
3854 Evergreen Rd
Eagle River WI 54521
Defendant.

PUBLICATION SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, To the 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 (forty) days after December 15, 2022, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 1 S Oneida Ave Rhinelander, WI 54501 and to Dobbstein Law Firm, LLC, the plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 225 S. Executive Drive, Brookfield, Wisconsin 53005. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not provide a proper answer within 40 (forty) days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Dated this 6th day of December, 2022.
DOBBSTEIN LAW FIRM, LLC
Attorneys for the plaintiff
Ashley M Nelson
State Bar No. 1086258

MAILING ADDRESS:
225 S. Executive Dr.
Brookfield, WI 53005
(262) 641-3715
8497

(Three Weeks, 12/14-12/28/22)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL DIVISION
MARATHON COUNTY

ONEMAIN FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC AS SERVICER FOR WILMINGTON TRUST N.A. AS ISSUER LOAN TRUSTEE FOR ONE-MAIN FINANCIAL ISSUANCE TRUST 2021-1 601 NW Second Street Evansville IN 47708 Plaintiff,

vs.

Case No.: 2022CV000680
Classification Code: 30301
The amount claimed is over \$10,000.
Valerie J Johnson
1233 Maple Ln
Woodruff WI 54568-7709
Defendant.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. Dated this 7th day of December, 2022.
DOBBSTEIN LAW FIRM, LLC
Attorneys for the plaintiff
Ashley M Nelson
State Bar No. 1086258
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Brookfield, WI 53005
(262) 641-3715
8496

(Three Weeks, 12/7/22-12/21/22)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY
Case No. 22CV108

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING

In the matter of the name change of:
EmiLee Clare Pitts
By Erin Lee Doss
NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: EmiLee Clare Pitts
To: EmiLee Clare Doss
Birth Certificate: EmiLee Clare Pitts
IT IS ORDERED:
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Vilas County, State of Wisconsin:
Judge's Name: Honorable Daniel L. Overbey
Place: Vilas County Courthouse, Branch II
330 Court Street, Eagle River, WI 54521
Date: January 4, 2023
Time: 10:00 a.m.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Vilas County News-Review, a newspaper published in Vilas County, State of Wisconsin.

BY THE COURT:
/s/ Daniel L. Overbey
Circuit Court Judge
December 1, 2022

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(Three Weeks, 12/14-12/28/22)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY

PROBATE —
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 22PR83

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JEFFREY JOSEPH EBERHART
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth February 20, 1960 and date of death January 15, 2022, was domiciled in Vilas County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1957 Harmony Lake Rd, Eagle River WI 54521.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is March 24, 2023.
5. A claim may be filed at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Room 54521.

/s/ Dawn Halverson
Probate Registrar
December 8, 2022

Carol Diane Eberhart
1648 Balsam Court
Shawano, WI 54166
715-617-4154
8500

(One Week, 12/21/22)
December 13, 2022

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Eagle River was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Jeff Hyslop. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Roll Call: Jerry Burkett, Ron Kressin, Kim Schaffer, and Diane Marquardt. Also in attendance: Becky Bolte, Robin Ginner, Mike Adamovich, Chris Dobbs, Tony Sabie, and Kyle Anderson.

Motion by Burkett, 2nd by Kressin to approve the minutes of the 11/9/22 Budget Workshop Minutes, 11/15/22 Finance Committee and Common Council meetings, and 12/5/22 Budget Hearing meeting minutes. Carried, all.

A) Street Closing/temporary sign/amplification/display of goods permits: Motion by Burkett, 2nd by Schaffer to approve the June 30, 2023 Depot 100th Anniversary event at 116 S Railroad as presented. Carried, all.

B) Picnic Licenses: Eagle River Historical Society, Depot 100th Anniversary: Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Kressin to approve a Temporary Class B beer picnic license to the Eagle River Historical Society for the Depot 100th Anniversary on 6/30/23 as presented. Carried, all.

C) Operator's licenses: Regular Nicholas Demith, Michael Donovan, Rene Kecker, Elexius Martinson, Russell Radowicz, Cadyn Wilhelm Pending: Dawn Novack. Motion by Burkett, 2nd by Kressin to approve the presented regular operators licenses as presented and pending operator license subject to approval from the

Chief of Police. Carried, all.

D) Direct Sellers Permit: C&D Seafood, Clint Zimbeck Seller: Motion by Kressin, 2nd by Marquardt to approve direct sellers permit for C&D Seafood, Clint Zimbeck-seller, for a period of 11/25/22 to 11/24/23. Carried, all.

Code Repeal: Subdivision: Motion by Burkett, 2nd by Kressin to approve the presented Riverdale Plat, with the following changes; note on roadway maintenance costs, final sentence, strike TOWN and replace with CITY, and Subdivision Notes item 1) addition of "at developers expense" at end of sentence regarding installation of City Municipal sewer and water services. Carried on a roll call vote all.

Motion by Burkett, 2nd by Kressin to authorize Mayor Hyslop to sign Riverdale Plat Council Resolution and Zoning Administrator Robin Ginner to sign Riverdale Plat Zoning Certificate. Carried on a roll call vote, all.

F) Planning Commission: Approval of final plans for Rotary Square Development. Motion by Burkett, 2nd by Marquardt to approve the Design for Rotary Square building as presented. Carried on a roll call vote, all.

Conditional use permit for installation of an interpretive sign on City property on South Railroad Street and Pine Street by the Three Eagle Trail Foundation. Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Kressin to accept the recommendation of the plan commission and to the issue a conditional use permit for the installation of an interpretive sign on City property, located at S Railroad and Pine Street, to the Three Eagle Foundation. Carried, all.

Ordinance #581 - Groundwater Protection Overlay District - Municipal Zoning Code, Chapter 106, Article XI, Sections 783-789. Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Kressin to adopt the Groundwater Protection Overlay District Ordinance #581 as presented. Carried on a roll call vote, all.

G) Resolution #999 authorizing submission of the Wisconsin Economic Development CDI Grant/Vibrant Spraces Grant Program application for Rotary Square: Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Kressin to approve Resolution #999 authorizing submission of the Wisconsin CDI/Vibrant Spaces grant program application. Carried on a roll call vote, all.

H) MSA - Monthly Update: Motion by Burkett, 2nd by Kressin to accept amendment one to the agreement between the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration and the City of Eagle River as presented, extending the performance period through June 30, 2023. Carried on a roll call vote, all.

I) Golf Course - Season End Pro Shop and Greens Dept Updates: Motion by Burkett, 2nd by Kressin to proceed with obtaining financing options to purchase a used John Deere Rough Mower with one year warranty for a price of \$62,000 less a \$4,000 trade in allowance for replaced greens mower. Carried on a roll call vote, all.

Burkett suggested looking at consolidating financing of this purchase to refinance existing, higher interest rate, obligations, as rates seem to be coming back down a bit.

Golf Course 2023 Operations Budget: Motion by Burkett, 2nd by Kressin to approve Golf Course 2023 Operations budget as presented. Carried on a roll call vote all.

Restaurant rental for 2023 season: Motion by Kressin, 2nd by Marquardt to pursue RFP for the 2023 restaurant lease at the Eagle River Golf Course, reducing rent to \$1500 for the 2023 season, with caveat that the City discourages posting restaurant employees from other golf course departments. Carried on a roll call vote, all.

J) 1000 Gallon diesel tank installation at DPW: Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Kressin to order the tank and proceed with installation of pad. Carried on a roll call vote, all.

K) Approve payment of bills for the city and the golf course: Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Kressin to approve payment of the bills for the city and the golf course as recommended by the Finance Committee. Carried on a roll call vote, all.

L) Administrators report on activities in all departments & general monthly duties: Ginner presented a written update of department happenings for review.

M) Police chief report on departmental activities: Chief Dobbs supplied a written update of current activity and events for review.

N) Appointment of Brian Dominick as the City of Eagle River representative to the Eagle River Union Airport Commission: Motion by Burkett, 2nd by Kressin the appoint Brian Dominick as the City of Eagle River representative on the Eagle River Union Airport Commission. Carried, all.

Motion by Burkett, 2nd by Kressin Adjourn to Closed Session according to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility: Annual performance bonus(es) for Golf Course employees. Carried on a roll call vote, all.

Motion by Burkett, 2nd by Kressin to return to open session. Carried on a roll call vote, all.

Motion by Burkett, 2nd by Kressin to grant performance bonuses to the golf

course employees as follows: Golf Pro \$9,821.70, Greens Superintendent \$2,500, Full time pro shop employees (2) \$500 each, Greens crew (7) \$250 each. Carried on a roll call vote all.

Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Marquardt to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm. Carried all.
Becky J Bolte - City Clerk
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(Three Weeks, 12/14-12/28/22)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY

PROBATE —
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 22PR81

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GERALD E. SMITH
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth April 30, 1936 and date of death September 19, 2022, was domiciled in Vilas County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 2625 Dee Ln, Arbor Vitae, WI 54568.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is March 24, 2023.
5. A claim may be filed at the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St., Eagle River, Wisconsin, Room Probate.
/s/ Dawn Halverson
Probate Registrar
December 7, 2022

Attorney Jason Krautkramer
Ecker & Krautkramer, LLC
P.O. Box 1185
Wausau, WI 54402-1185
715-842-0907
Bar Number 1092990
8499

(Three Weeks, 12/21/22-1/4/23)

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY

PROBATE —
Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims (Informal Administration)
Case No. 22 PR 82

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Marie A. Behnke.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth March 12, 1934 and date of death February 1, 2021 was domiciled in Vilas County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 8329 County Road O, Winchester, WI 54557.
3. The application will be heard at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Room Probate, before Dawn Halverson, Probate Registrar, on January 4, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is March 24, 2023.
5. A claim may be filed at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Room Probate.
6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.

/s/ Dawn Halverson
Probate Registrar
12-07-2022

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(One Week, 12/21/22)
City of Eagle River
ORDINANCE 581
Effective 12-21-2022
GROUNDWATER PROTECTION
OVERLAY DISTRICT
CHAPTER 106, ARTICLE XI,
SECTIONS 783-789

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAGLE RIVER, VILAS COUNTY, WISCONSIN DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:
Re-creation of Groundwater Protection Overlay District: CHAPTER 106, ARTICLE XI, Sections 783-789 GROUNDWATER PROTECTION OVERLAY DISTRICT, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF EAGLE RIVER, WISCONSIN.

Purpose:
The residents of the City of Eagle River depend exclusively on groundwater for a safe drinking water supply. Certain land use practices and activities can seriously threaten or degrade groundwater quality. The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish a groundwater protection overlay district to institute land use regulations and restrictions within a defined area which contributes water directly to the municipal water supply providing protection for the aquifer and municipal water supply of the City of Eagle River and promoting the public health, safety, and general welfare of City residents.

Complete ordinance is available for inspection at Eagle River City Hall, 525 E Maple Street, by contacting the Clerk at 715-479-8882 x224, or by emailing request to ibolte@eagleliverwi.gov.
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Lions club members Ken Dahnke, Rod Ingram and Keith Slizewski carefully place fresh fruit, cranberry sauce, and milk coupons in each of the boxes that were delivered to homes

last Wednesday. The annual project also involves behind the scenes routing and notifying recipients that a fruit basket will be delivered to them on the appointed day. —Photo By Wally Geist

Lions club members distribute fruit baskets to elderly residents

Three members of the St. Germain Lions Club met Dec. 13 in the grocery prep section of Camp's Fresh Market to assemble fruit boxes to be distributed to local residents. More members of the club then picked up the boxes for distribution the following morning.

The 2022 distribution brings some cheer to 64 homes and the three buildings which make up the St. Germain apartments located

on Sunrise Lane. Each of the units will receive a large basket for the residents to share.

This annual St. Germain Lions project is not considered charity. Instead, it is a way of remembering those who need a little extra care at the holidays. Club members want those who are confined to their homes, have lost loved ones during the year, or just need some cheer to know they are not forgotten.

While most of the baskets were delivered Wednesday, recipients who are not home or not available will be contacted and receive their gift from Lions club members who go the extra mile to be sure the kindness reaches those for whom it is intended.

The distribution is in addition to the work the group does to promote good vision and vision screening for all ages. As always, the

project is underwritten by the club treasury from funds raised through a variety of raffles and club services to the community.

Recipients also received a few canned goods and a coupon for a free gallon of milk.

Friends and neighbors are encouraged to remember the Lions Clubs of St. Germain and Sayner-Star Lake with their gifts of love when they see a fundraiser in progress.

Snowmobile Torch Ride stops scheduled Jan. 20

The Badger State Games 2023 Snowmobile Torch Ride will make a stop in Sayner, "Birthplace of the Snowmobile," Friday, Jan. 20, 2023, at 9 a.m. as part of the fourth annual Snowmobile Torch Ride from Wausau to Eagle River.

The torch ride will involve 17 snowmobile clubs, four counties, and more than 200 miles of snowmobile trails.

Other stops in the area on Jan. 20 will include Arbor Vitae, the Snowmobile Hall of Fame in St. Germain, Sugar Camp, Rhinelander and Three Lakes, before heading to the Eagle River World Snowmobile Headquarters Museum at about 3:45 p.m.

The ride will then make its way over to the World Snowmobile Championship Derby Complex at 6 p.m. for the Opening Ceremony for the

World Championship Snowmobile Derby races and Badger State Games.

Each stop will last about 30 minutes and include a meet and greet with representatives and dignitaries from that community to welcome the Torch Ride and pass the torch from snowmobile club to snowmobile club. There also will be photo opportunities and short speeches by club representatives.

Local clubs involved in the ride include the Barnstormers of Sayner, St. Germain Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club, Sno-Eagles and Cross Country Cruisers.

For more information regarding schedules, locations, athlete sign-ups, becoming a sponsor, or volunteering, visit us at badgerstategames.org or call 715-355-8788.

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.

WED., DEC. 28
Chicken breast with
Mushroom and bacon sauce
Brown rice
Brussels sprouts
Apple slices
Mint chocolate cake
New Year Celebration
THURS. DEC. 29
Kielbasa with sauerkraut

German potato salad
Peas
Pineapple
FRI. DEC. 30
Sloppy joe on a bun
Roasted potatoes
Baked beans
Grape salad



Plum Lake Public Library
Sayner, Wis. 715-542-2020

The library still has a few at-home Covid tests and N95 masks available on a first-come, first-served basis. The masks and tests were donated by the Family Health Center of Marshfield Inc.

Everyone is welcome to utilize the new Feed Our Rural Kids food pantry in the foyer during regular hours. Families are welcome to take what they need and/or give what they can.

The library will be closed Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 30-Jan. 1 for the holidays.

The library building is open to come in and browse, check out items, use the public computers, pick up their hold items and more. Hours are Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wi-Fi is available 24-7 inside and outside the library and in the parking lot.

For more information call 715-542-2020, visit plum-lakelibrary.org, or stop in at 8789 Peterson St. in Sayner.

The Friends of the Plum Lake Library group Christmas trees are sold out, but the pecans have arrived. Pecans from the Friends sale may be purchased at the library during regular hours. Both pecan halves and pecan pieces are available and cost \$9.75 each. Cash or check is accepted.

The Kanopy streaming service is now available for anyone with a Plum Lake Public Library card to have instant access to thousands of movies, documentaries and children's programs. It is available on all Apple and Android devices, as well as SmartTV apps like Roku, Apple TV, and Fire Stick. New items are added each month.



SNOMO SAFETY — The Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club hosted a well-attended snowmobile safety class at the St. Germain Community Center recently. Any person born on or after Jan. 1, 1985, and who has reached the age of 12, must have completed and received a snowmobile safety certificate in order to operate a snowmobile in Wisconsin. The certificate must be carried while operating the snowmobile, and displayed to a law enforcement officer upon demand.

—Photos By Jacki Goebel





Christmas Eve Services, Dec. 24
St. Germain Campus: 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.
6065 Hwy. 70 E — Senior Pastor Josh Reese
Rhinelander Campus: 4 p.m.
903 Boyce Drive — Pastor Justin Olson

Christmas Day Services, Dec. 25
St. Germain Campus: 10:15 a.m. ONLY
(No 8:30 a.m. service)
Rhinelander Campus: No Sunday Service

New Year's Day, Jan. 1
St. Germain Campus: 10:15 a.m. ONLY
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PANTRY DONATION —The Phelps Land O' Lakes Lions Club recently donated \$2,000 to the Headwaters Food Pantry in Land O' Lakes. Taking part in the check presentation are, from left,

Paul Scheffel, president of the food pantry, and Lions Rollie Alger, Steve Chandler and Brian Blank.

—Photo By Sharon Gifford

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., DEC. 26 No senior meals Northern Exposure will be open	Sour cream Corn Fruit
WED., DEC. 28 Baked chicken Baked potato	FRI., DEC. 30 Shepherd's pie w/mixed vegetables Gelatin w/fruit

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open to ages preschool and up and meets the second Tuesday of each month.

Chapter Book Club will meet Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023, at 10 a.m. to discuss "Anxious People" by Fredrik Backman. Discussion will be facilitated by Diane Blank. Copies are available at the library. This group is open to adults and new members are always welcome.

The Write On Writer's Workshop for January is also scheduled to meet Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023. The Writer's 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.

Vilas Syndeo, a Vilas County foster care advocate program, is looking for volunteers to cook one meal per month for the foster families in the Phelps area. Anyone

interested or looking for more information should contact Cathy Calvetti at 715-617-2946.

New adult fiction on the shelves includes "Hunting Time" by Jeffery Deaver, "A Christmas Memory" by Richard Paul Evans, "The Whittiers" by Danielle Steel, "Robert Ludlum's the Blackbriar's Genesis" by Simon Gervais and "Holidays in Virgin River" by Robyn Carr.

New adult nonfiction includes "The Complete Pantry: 350+ ways to cook with what's on hand" by America's Test Kitchen, "The Queen; Her Life" by Andrew Morton, "Rebuilding Beautiful: welcome what is, dare to dream again and step bravely into what could be" by Kayla Stoecklein, "Pickleball is Life" by Erin McHugh and "Dinner in One" by Melissa Clark.

The library will now have 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.

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. Services available include copier and printer use; faxing; scanning; laminating; delivery and pickup through Eleanor Ellis Homebound; no-contact pickup at all times via the outdoor locker system; Wi-Fi and digital at all hours; and cloud-based, wireless printing.

For more information, call 715-545-2887, stop in at 4495 Town Hall Road or visit helpspubliclibrary.org.



GENEROUS DONATIONS — The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary to Stataline Post 8400 presented checks to several organizations recently. The donations will provide funding to the Snowflake Ice Rink (\$500), Land O' Lakes Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services (\$500) and the new playground project (\$1,000). The donations are part of the Auxiliary's Community Outreach program.

Above: Auxiliary President Donna Barth presents Land O' Lakes Town Supervisor and Fire Chief Sam Otterpohl with the check.

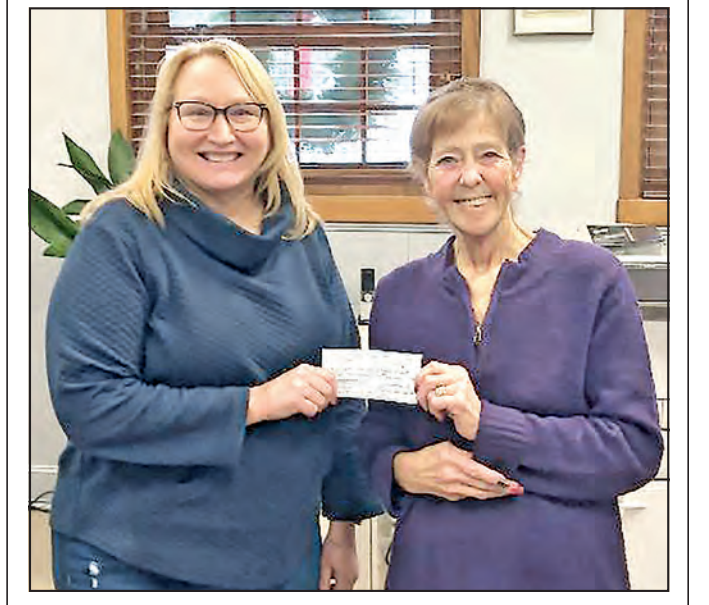
Below: Lynn Jolin (left), Land O' Lakes Town Clerk-Treasurer accepts the check for the community projects from Auxiliary President Donna Barth.

—Contributed Photos



FESTIVE DECOR — The Phelps-Land O' Lakes Lions Club made 15 wooden Christmas trees to be added to the Christmas decorations in downtown Phelps. The trees are made out of pallets donated by Boone's Lumber and the ornaments are poker chips and garland sprinkled with glitter. The trees were attached to the flower boxes at Pines Park. Lions club members displaying the decorations are, from left, Jerry Gifford, Bill Reckling and Rollie Alger.

—Photo By Sharon Gifford



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., DEC. 28 Nuttty cranberry-chicken salad over a bed of dark greens Dinner roll Melon Ice cream	WED., DEC. 29 Shrimp alfredo Broccoli Garlic bread Tomato juice Banana split
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OUTDOORS

Wolves, spearfishing data on 'wish list'

IN THE heart of the Christmas season, it is time once again to formulate a "wish list" in regard to some of the nagging issues that impact those of us who live to spend time in the great outdoors.

They call it the season of miracles and as we celebrate the greatest gift the world has ever known, it can't hurt to ponder how we might help improve the future of Wisconsin's outdoor traditions.

We've got more than our share of turmoil these days over wolf overpopulation, a struggling deer herd, deteriorating water quality, lack of logging, etc. The list is long.

Part of the improvement might be a change in personal responsibility, for each of us plays a role in resource conservation.

My wish list is not written to a plump man in a red suit but more as a prayer for some divine intervention. It's also intended to encourage those who appreciate the outdoors to give back, conserve resources, improve attitudes and pass this unique heritage to new generations.

This list isn't just for those of us who hunt, fish and trap. The future depends on our stewardship of the state's plentiful, but certainly finite natural resources. Conservation of resources should be promoted and funded by all state residents.

So here goes . . . for the Christmas season and coming months, I wish:

- That former wolf expert Adrian Wydeven would stop with the misinformation regarding zero wolf "reintroduction," as he apparently forgot about the dozens of problem wolves from

northwest counties that were trapped, transported and "reintroduced" to state and federal lands in northeastern counties, including Vilas, Oneida and Forest.

In the Outdoors
By
Kurt Krueger



- That every deer hunter and property owner who has complained about wolves will take the time, before Feb. 28, to comment on a Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) revised wolf management plan that proposes to eliminate a maximum numeric population goal — a plan with no ceiling on wolf numbers.

- In the name of public record integrity, that a state law be passed to force the tribes and their Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) to make public all spearfishing records regarding the quantity, size and sex of every walleye and muskie speared from public waters. This information should not be protected by any kind of tribal sovereignty or immunity.

- For legislative intervention on getting the DNR to demand accountability by requesting exact details on the size of the 126 walleyes tribal members illegally speared from Squirrel Lake last May, which still hasn't been turned over by the tribes even though the investigation and court case are history.

- That Congress gets its act together and takes liberal federal

judges out of the wolf management equation in responsible states such as Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and Wyoming, returning that right to federal and state wildlife experts to manage a reasonable, sustainable wolf population. We're revising a wolf plan we can't enforce.

- For regulation revisions that return the state's spring turkey season to a mid-April start. The season starts so late in 2023 that the third of the six one-week seasons interferes with the fishing opener, and the final week goes into Memorial Day weekend.

- For a new movement to strengthen shoreland zoning regulations before irreparable damage is done to our lakes and water quality, which are the basis for all recreation, tourism and property values. Vilas County had the best lake classification system in Wisconsin before state legislators took away local control.

- That Wisconsin would study how to give gun-toting deer hunters more opportunity during the annual rutting period, instead of regulating in favor of archers — especially those with highly efficient crossbows.

- To praise those parents, grandparents and friends who are taking the time to mentor young hunters, giving them an early appreciation for an outdoor sport that can be enjoyed for a lifetime.

- That the DNR would give us back Escanaba Lake as a sustainable, educational all-year walleye fishery where due to the research, tribal spearing is not allowed.

- To heap praise where it belongs, on the managers of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, who currently are selling



A tribe claiming immunity from public records requests still hasn't turned over data on the 126 illegally-taken walleyes from Squirrel Lake. —Contributed Photo

and cutting more wood volume than any national forest in the country. Ditto to the DNR for partnering with the Forest Service to manage 25% of the logging jobs.

- For health and prosperity to those volunteer instructors who take the time, without pay and/or fanfare, to teach hunting safety, boating safety, snowmobile safety and other certification courses to our youths.

- For stricter regulation of deer farms and fenced preserves that are threatening, single-handedly, the health and well-being of the country's best whitetail deer herd — which sustains the sport of

hunting and conservation work in general, through license sale revenue.

- That all upland bird hunters could experience a day or two afield over a great dog, so they could know firsthand the added enjoyment, productivity and conservation brought by man's best friend.

- And lastly, for God's richest blessings upon the soldiers who are deployed to distant lands during this time of love and family togetherness. They are the true defenders of freedom, deserving our support and unending gratitude.

Have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

State asking ice anglers to share winter mudpuppy observations

The public is being asked by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to report any observations of mudpuppy activity while fishing this winter.

Mudpuppies are Wisconsin's only fully aquatic salamander and can be found in streams, rivers, ponds and lakes year round. Due to their elusive behavior, surveying can be difficult and labor-intensive. Data collected from these sightings will help determine the distribution and range of the species statewide, according to DNR Conservation Biologist Lena Carlson.

"Observations from the public are incredibly valuable," said Carlson. "Every report allows the DNR to have a better idea of how mudpuppies are doing in the state. This information will show us where we will need

to direct future management efforts to help declining populations," she added.

Because mudpuppies can be a common by-catch during the winter ice-fishing season, officials are hoping that anglers will share mudpuppy observations with the DNR this winter.

The DNR encourages those who catch a mudpuppy while fishing to snap a picture of it, then gently remove the fishing hook and release it back into the water. Anglers are encouraged not to touch the mudpuppy too much because amphibians have sensitive, permeable skin.

Once considered a common amphibian species in Wisconsin, evidence suggests that populations may be declining. They have been listed as a species of special concern in Minnesota and are currently threatened in



Mudpuppies are sometimes caught through the ice, especially with tip-ups that are set close to mucky bottoms. The DNR is asking anglers to report those catches. —Contributed Photo

both Iowa and Illinois.

According to DNR officials, Wisconsin's mudpuppy population has not been studied extensively, and there are still many unan-

swered questions.

Mudpuppy location details, observations and photographs can be submitted to dnrherptiles@wisconsin.gov.

Fishing with the Guides

By *George Langley*



Ice, snow conditions great for the holidays

Ice conditions will continue to improve with the cold weather we're getting this week. We're hearing reports of anywhere from 6 to 11 inches, depending on the location. The Chain, as is typical, is on the low side of that spectrum.

After last week there was a bit of slush on the lakes, but it was very bearable. The coming week's cold will remedy that and grow the ice quickly. There are people out on ATVs now and since the snow, snowmobiles.

Snowmobile trails will open soon and the snow has been great for skiers and snowshoers.

Walleye fishing has been good. We're hearing about good numbers but not great size, and actually this is true across all species. The evening bite has been pretty consistent throughout the area. Plan on getting out and being set up by 3 p.m. or so. Medium shiners or sucker minnows under tip-ups are best for walleye.

Best setups are in about 10 to 15 feet of water right off any structure. Tip-ups can be moved shallower, in 4 to 6 feet, after dark.

Northern action continues to be good, with fish being caught all day long in the weeds using large shiners. If you're fishing on weed edges for walleye you may find that the northern are interested in your offerings too!

Panfish action is also good, and perch are being caught on most lakes on the deeper edge of weeds using crappie minnows and tip-ups. We are still seeing some panfish in water of 10 feet or less, but if you're not finding them in the shallows, move deeper and check the 12- to 25-foot range at the edges of weed beds or structure.

Jigging is often a great way to rattle some of these fish into hitting and is an easy way to search horizontally thru the water column. Try tipping a one-sixteenth ounce jig or spoon with a minnow head and jigging high in the column for crappie or dead sticking about 6 inches from the bottom for bluegill and perch.

Get out there and enjoy some time on the ice as an antidote to the Christmas chaos.

Happy Holidays to everyone and as always, good luck and good fishin'!

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Northwoods ATV/UTV website revamped to be more user-friendly

Earlier this year, tourism entities in four North Woods counties joined forces to create a website specifically for ATV and UTV riders, and now the site has been updated with even more helpful information for locals and visitors.

Northwoodsatv-utv.com is a one-stop shop for everything riders need to know for their next North Woods four-wheeling trip, including trail descriptions and maps, information about ATV/UTV clubs, trailside restaurants and businesses and ATV/UTVing rules and regulations.

"In just a few months, the site has become an invaluable

resource for riders," said Deena Grabowsky, executive director of the Antigo/Langlade County Chamber of Commerce.

"It's been really well received, and we wanted to build on that success with even more detail and resources. We're excited to offer the paper map too, as a helpful planning tool for riders as they explore the area. We're so grateful for all the insight from the local clubs who helped make this project possible," she added.

New additions to the site include updated trail information collected from local clubs, new imagery and video to make the site more

visually appealing. Users can now explore three new itinerary categories which include two weekend options and a day trip option to help better plan adventures in the North Woods.

There also is a spot for local businesses to add their information to the website, as the group works toward building the most comprehensive site possible, noted Grabowsky.

Users can sort by information between Oneida, Forest, Lincoln or Langlade counties by trail or club, and will find detailed trail descriptions that includes length, elevation, parking areas, trail access informa-

tion, and what riders will see along the way.

The site also includes information about each of the counties' ATV/UTV clubs, including links to their trail maps and trail reports.

Destination marketing organizations in Antigo/Langlade County, Forest County, Three Lakes, the Rhineland area, Tomahawk, Minocqua/Arbor Vitae, Woodruff, and Merrill all partnered together to make the site happen, with funding from a Wisconsin Department of Tourism Joint Effort Marketing Grant.

For more information, visit northwoodsatv-utv.com or contact Grabowsky at antigocc@frontier.com.

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Our View

Christmas spirit all about the gift of Jesus Christ

The Christmas spirit is alive and well in the North Woods, evidenced by busy churches, nativity scenes that include a live nativity and generous giving to those in need — the latter of which follows an example started by God, who gave the world the gift of a special child.

For those who don't celebrate Christmas or who would be offended by a simple, heartwarming greeting such as "Merry Christmas," you might want to stop here. This is much more direct than the vague words of the average greeting card.

The holiday we are about to celebrate is not really about Santa, shopping sprees and presents under a tree, though intense commercialism has helped bury the true meaning of an extremely significant event.

The Holy Bible tells us that more than 2,000 years ago, a very special child was born in Bethlehem. The good news spread quickly that a savior was born in the city of David. It was the Christ Child, the Prince of Peace, the Son of God. Why should people be offended? This is the Christmas story.

No event in the history of the world has been more celebrated or more well-documented. Christ went on to teach the world about peace and goodwill toward all humans. His disciples carried his message to the corners of the Earth, as they still do today, baptizing those who believe.

Certainly the spirit of Christmas is a miracle all its own, a time when people help others more than any other time. We tip our hats to those who have given of themselves and their possessions during this remarkable season, making the world a better place for everyone. Generous donations to our Warm The Children program this year are just one example. How great the North Woods is that we can still enjoy some real Christmas programs in our schools.

We are reminded by Christian pastors that even more significant than the spirit of giving is understanding the most treasured gift that could ever be given — Jesus Christ on Earth. We are told that how we receive that gift and what we do with that knowledge and grace, the year around, is central to Christmas.

People can deny most anything and they can certainly believe in what they choose, but there is no doubt that Jesus Christ is the reason for the season.

Behind the editorial 'we'

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THE HOLIDAYS are a time when lifetime memories are made. What happens in your lives the next two weeks will be etched in your minds forever. Ten, 20 years from now you may tell people around you of some event that happened during the year-end holidays of 2022.

Joyce Maynard tells us, "As much as we watch to see what our children do with their lives, they are watching us to see what we do with ours."

Joe Addison once observed, "Something to do, someone to love, something to hope for — these are the essentials to happiness in this life."

This can be a very stressful time for many people. Perhaps we need to take the hassles out of this time of year, and enjoy some of the basics that we may have lost along the way. To that end, here is a list of gift suggestions gleaned from a 1995

People Make the Difference

By Byron McNutt



edition of The Lutheran Digest that has been hiding in my file.

Time: In our hectic, daily pace, the phrase, "I don't have time, can become a habit. But if we care, we can find time to make one phone call to a friend in need; a half-hour visit to someone who lives alone. People crave personal attention.

Acceptance: Have you ever tried to change someone you love? That usually doesn't work very well. An easy-going person will not suddenly become a worrier and vice versa. Think about your loved ones and determine to accept some traits, attitudes and imperfections.

It takes the pressure off of you, and may trigger a surprising change in the other person.

A good example: We set examples every day — to our children, to others. Christmas is a good time to make a silent resolve to set a better example than before. What you are speaks volumes, let it speak for your faith.

Listening: The ability to be a good listener is an admirable trait, and one we all will benefit from. Too often we interrupt or act disinterested when others are talking. Listening is an art. Cultivate this rare gift and share it with family.

Seeing the best in peo-

ple: How often are we critical? How often do we give unwanted advice? How many times do we see the negative rather than the positive? Confidence is a gift worth cultivating and giving all year.

The gift of fun: Have you known people who were constantly down? It doesn't matter what happens, they go around casting gloom everywhere. Then there are those who find fun in everything they do. They never see the rain, only the rainbows. Can we give this gift of joy, fun and happiness to others?

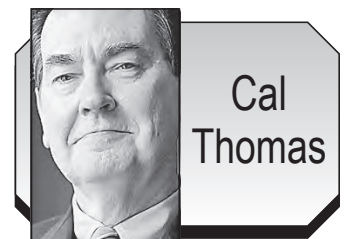
Giving up a bad habit: All of us have annoying habits. What a great gift it would be to give up an unhealthy habit! Maybe the habit of overeating, not being content with our lot in life or losing control. Think of how others will rejoice as we live up to our Christian potential and

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Turkeys scratch for food source

Turkeys feast on seeds, nuts, plants and sometimes small invertebrates to build up fat supplies for the winter season. Although feeding animals here is prohibited, residents can encourage turkey habitation by planting native fruit and nut trees and leaving trees and shrubs in their yard for cover. —Staff Photo By MICHELLE DREW



I (used to) love New York

NEW YORK — I was a teenager when I first visited New York. The flight cost \$15 on the Eastern Airlines Shuttle from Washington, D.C. You could buy your ticket from a flight attendant on board. She (and it was always a she back then) would roll a cart down the aisle with a credit card device on top.

New York in the 1960s was the place to visit. There was Greenwich Village with folk music. Broadway shows were cheap and the subway cost a dime. The streets were mostly clear of trash (except during the occasional garbage strike) and most importantly they were free of criminals.

One New Year's Eve I decided to join the crowd in Times Square. I had no fear of being mugged or my pocket picked.

For 10 years I came to New York every week to appear on Fox News programs. It was exhilarating for a guy who once lived here with little money while in the Army.

The old New York is a fading memory and unknown to younger people brave enough to visit the city. Then, I brought a camera to record my experiences. On this trip, after seeing TV images of people being attacked with bats and fists and pushed onto subway tracks, I brought Mace.

The exodus of New Yorkers for less expensive and safer climes has been well documented. In 2021, the U.S. Census Bureau reported 300,000 residents left the state. I suspect the number this year will match or exceed that. High taxes, crime, the cost of housing and living are all contributing factors. Police are leaving too, 831 so far this year. Who can blame them given the way they are treated?

New York is not alone. Other big cities faced with

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Fun with Christmas trees

ON THE BIG Bang Theory TV show, Sheldon Cooper tried his darndest to enrich the knowledge of everyone with his Fun With Flags podcast. He was not successful.

I figured today I would one-up Sheldon and offer you my own favorite subject in a Fun With Christmas Trees format.

As anyone who knows me well, I am a Christmas tree fanatic. As we speak, I have our Griswold Family Christmas tree up and decorated in our living room. My feeling about Christmas trees is that the earlier you put up a Christmas tree in your house, the longer you can lay back in your recliner each evening to enjoy it.

I like to think I am a connoisseur of fine Christmas trees. I will have nothing, I repeat, nothing, but a balsam fir decorated in my house, and not just any balsam fir.

Beginning each spring as soon as the snow is gone, I



Trails & Tales By Will Maines

start wandering the woods looking for my next Christmas tree. Far and wide I search. By the time the leaves pop on deciduous trees I always have at least five or six candidates in mind for December.

In the fall, once the leaves are down, I start searching again. I cover new territories for that search, adding another half-dozen or so candidates to my list. During subsequent visits to "my" trees I winnow the list down to three or four, and then the one.

I used to wait until mid-December to cut a tree, but as I've gotten older and a bit more feeble of body —

some say of mind — I have found it much easier to cut and drag a Christmas tree anywhere from a hundred yards to a half-mile out of the woods when there is little or no snow on the ground compared to maybe a foot or two later on.

In recent years I have expanded my Christmas tree cutting to include three or four each year for my front lawn. This year there are three. I am fortunate to have friends and family with lots of private property loaded with balsam fir. Most are of the scraggly type, nowhere close to meeting my in-house tree criteria, but I always manage to find a few that will look halfway decent when encircled with multiple strands of lights.

Our inside tree looks a little different each year. I can't help but find at least a string or two of new lights each year that look like must-

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WHAT OTHERS SAY

State parks open New Year's Day

By WISCONSIN DNR

MADISON — The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds Wisconsinites that 2023 is right around the corner.

Those looking for a healthy, refreshing kick-off to the new year can join one of the First Day Hikes happening at Wisconsin state parks, forests, trails and recreation areas this upcoming Jan. 1.

First Day Hikes are an initiative from the National Association of State Park Directors to encourage active outdoor recreation on New Year's Day.

From Richard Bong State Recreation Area in Racine County to Straight Lake State Park in Polk County, First Day Hikes are scheduled near most corners of Wisconsin.

"Starting the new year by getting outside and being active is refreshing not only for our bodies but also our minds," said Steve Schmelzer, DNR Parks and Recreation Management Director. "We invite everyone to a First Day Hike in the Wisconsin state park system as a great way to set the tone for the new year."

Several properties offer 1- to 3-mile hikes guided by property naturalists or local experts. These hikes have a specific start time and gathering spot. For beginner hikers or those new to visiting state parks, this is a great introduction to winter adventures. Experienced hikers are also invited to join in and share their knowledge with the hiking community. Some guided hikes are pet-free, so please check with the property.

Self-guided hikes are available for participants to choose their own pace or difficulty level, from nature trails to advanced routes. Property staff may offer maps and recommendations for those self-guided adventures.

Remember, it will be

January in Wisconsin. Warm clothing, hats, gloves and warm boots or insulated hiking shoes are recommended.

Some properties will have warming shelters open, along with opportunities to enjoy hot chocolate and other refreshments around a bonfire. Please check with the property to see which activities are available.

"Events like First Day Hikes bring together families and individuals, children and seniors, experienced hikers and those looking to dip their mittens into winter recreation. Our park staff is ready to help all visitors find a path that fits," Schmelzer said.

First Day Hikes are free, but a Wisconsin state park admission sticker or a state trails pass may be required.

For those without a state park daily admission pass, a free pass may be available to check out from your local library. Learn more about participating libraries and check out which state parks are closest to those libraries.

Most of the events include options for hiking or snowshoeing, and some trails will be groomed for cross-country skiing. Those interested in snowshoe rentals or reserving an outdoor wheelchair should check with the property beforehand. Additionally, check with the property for more information on universally accessible trail conditions.

If a First Day Hike event is not available in your area, you are still invited to visit a Wisconsin state park, forest, trail or recreation area. Properties are open 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. year round.

For details on each event, visit the DNR's event calendar and search "First Day Hike" under the "type" field. Hikers may drop in at any time during the event window. Events may be canceled due to weather.

Check the event calendar for the latest information.

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haves. I'm up to about three bushel basket containers full of various and sundry lights right now. I still feel there is always room for more.

Those that fall out of favor for use on my inside tree travel outside to go on my yard trees. Of all my lights I treasure bubble lights the most. They have fascinated me since I first saw them on a relative's tree 60 years ago or so.

When it comes to other tree decorations, I find myself equally as unable to resist new ones as I am with new lights. My wife and I have found a favorite Christmas store in Door County. We visit it whenever we travel

there and always manage to find a half dozen ornaments we can't live without. Cardinals and other birds on delicate glass, a wooden cutout one with a scene of a big buck standing in front of a cabin, a similar one with a boy rolling a big snowball to make a snowman, owls and other such "woody" scene ornaments also hang from our tree.

Wooden ornaments hand-painted by my wife for our first Christmas tree 51 years ago hang from our balsam branches as well. Very importantly, a U.S. Army and a U.S. Navy ornament each hang front and center on our tree in honor of our Army son and Navy son-in-law.

Outside, my trees keep company with yard figures including a Creche scene,

a gathering of the Peanuts gang, a five-foot high candy cane, a multi-colored light show tree, a giant bubble light, a sleigh full of presents, a large-antlered buck, Rudolph and Bumble, a 6-foot snowball-juggling snowman and other such things.

And now, as promised, some fun facts about Christmas. Take it away, Sheldon.

First, it is generally accepted that Christmas trees originated in ancient Egypt, though Romans at an early date hung wreaths of evergreens during the Roman holiday of Saturnalia.

O'Tannenbaum isn't really German for Christmas tree. It's actually fir tree. However, O'Weihnachtsbaum just doesn't seem to have the same ring to it.

The top Christmas tree

producing states in the United States are Wisconsin, Washington, Michigan, Oregon, North Carolina and Pennsylvania.

The most popular tree sold in the United States is the Fraser fir. For my money, only balsam fir qualifies as a true Christmas tree. Far and away the best.

No Christmas trees are farmed in New Mexico, South Dakota or Wyoming. Bah humbug on them.

American's annually buy 25-30 million live Christmas trees each year, yet about 80% of American Christmas trees each year are artificial. Double bah humbug on them.

There are many more fun facts I could toss your way, but for now, Sheldon Cooper signing off, Fun With Christmas Trees.



Baldwin's travel fund is necessary next step

Letter to the Editor:

Fresh off championing the newly signed into law Respect for Marriage Act — a bill that protects the freedom to marry who we love — Sen. Tammy Baldwin's introduction of the Reproductive Health Travel Fund Act could not have come at a more critical time in the fight for another freedom - abortion rights.

The Reproductive Health Travel Fund Act would distribute grants to help those in need of an abortion pay for travel, childcare, lodging and other expenses related to the medical procedure.

According to the bill, grants would prioritize patients living in areas where abortion access is severely restricted or not available at all. This includes Wisconsin, where legal abortions have ceased since Roe v. Wade — the decision that

declared our right to abortion under the constitution — was overturned this year and an archaic 1849 state abortion ban — with no exceptions for rape or incest — went into effect.

While every person who can become pregnant has been severely impacted by a lack of access to abortion, it's the marginalized members of our communities, people of color, and those with lower incomes who have seen the harshest impacts — both before and after Roe v. Wade was overturned.

Sen. Baldwin's proposed travel fund would help close those gaps and mitigate unequal access to abortion care, not just in Wisconsin, but across the country.

No matter a person's zip code, everybody deserves the freedom to make decisions about growing their families,

about what is best for their own bodies, and we shouldn't have to go broke in order to seek a safe and legal abortion.

Call your federal representatives today at 202-224-3121

and let them know Wisconsin-ites support the Reproductive Health Travel Fund Act.

Lucy Ripp
A Better Wisconsin Together

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rising crime, woke district attorneys like New York's Michael Bragg, who free violent criminals on low or no bail, are experiencing similar reductions in their populations. A new Redfin study has found the number of people leaving Los Angeles for safer and cheaper cities is at record levels. Homelessness, panhandlers and filthy streets also make these cities less attractive.

It gives a new meaning to the opening line of the Frank Sinatra song, "Start spreading the news. I'm leaving today." Except the leaving now is from, not to New York.

Businesses, too, are fleeing New York, many for Florida, which has no state income tax, thus diminishing New York's overtaxed base.

Much of this could be reversed with the right political leadership. Rep. Lee Zeldin (R-NY) laid out a detailed plan to fight crime and improve the state's

economy when he ran for governor. Unfortunately, he lost to the incompetent Kathy Hochul. Too many New Yorkers are so tied to the Democratic Party they would vote for anyone, even perhaps Satan, if he had a "D" behind his name.

Democratic mayors and governors of these cities and states own these issues, but the media never hold Democrats accountable for their failures as they would Republicans should a member of that party ever manage to win an election and fail as much as Democrats have failed.

So many songs have been written about New York and the love people used to have for it. Some still do love it. These are the diehards who seem to think it's not as bad as one sees on TV or in The New York Post, the only newspaper that pays attention to the crime spree and the criminals who roam the streets, shoplifting and attacking innocent people.

As for me, I have no intention of dying hard or easy in New York. It's why I carry Mace.

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give up the old miserable way.

Letting others give: It is blessed to receive, as well as give. Think of how you like to give. Allow others that privilege too when they want to give to you. Let us receive with appreciation what others have to give. We are then both blessed.

Self-esteem: There is no greater gift one can bestow on children than that of self-es-

teem. Building confidence is a day-by-day process. Give this priceless gift all year long, not only to family members but also to others. Everyone appreciates it.

Privacy: Sometimes we bombard our family members with questions the second they enter the door. Give the gift of personal privacy to each member of your family. Show them some patience.

As the holidays surround you, and you celebrate their wonders, be sure to exchange these priceless gifts with the ones you love and know.





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