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Local Aspirus facilities to incorporate locations into names

FOR CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN RAPIDS – To enhance patient clarity regarding their locations, Aspirus Riverview Hospital and Aspirus Doctors Clinic will soon incorporate “Wisconsin Rapids” into their names.

Beginning Feb. 1, Aspirus Riverview Hospital will be called Aspirus Wisconsin Rapids Hospital, and

Aspirus Doctors Clinic will be Aspirus Wisconsin Rapids Clinic-Peach Street.

Location-based name changes will also occur at the other Aspirus Health facilities in the greater Wisconsin Rapids area. The changes are consistent with the naming pattern the organization is implementing for hospitals and clinics throughout the service



area. For example, Aspirus Riverview Clinic-Wisconsin Rapids will go by Aspirus Wisconsin Rapids Clinic-Dewey Street; Aspirus Riverview Therapies will be Aspirus Outpatient Therapies-Wisconsin Rapids; Aspirus Riverview Clinic-Nekoosa will be called Aspirus Nekoosa Clinic; and Aspirus Riverview Clinic-Adams will become Aspi-

rus Adams Clinic. Aspirus Riverview Foundation will maintain its current name.

"The new location-based names will be much clearer for our patients," said Aspirus Southwest WI Division President Chris Squire. "The new names will be especially helpful to

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An application packet is available at the Water Works and Lighting Commission office at 221 16th Street South, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin or online at www.wrrwwlc.com. All questions should be directed to Matt Stormoen at 715.422.9053.

A completed application, resume, and a cover letter must be submitted in a sealed envelope and must be received by 12:00 Noon on January 10, 2025. This position will remain open until the position is filled.

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Sex offender residing in Neillsville

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WOOD COUNTY – Randy P. Scott had previously been convicted of child enticement and possession of child pornography. Mr. Scott’s targeted victims are minor females. Mr. Scott had on-line conversations with someone he believed to be a 14 year old female. He arranged to meet for the purpose of having sexual intercourse. He was also in possession of child sexual abuse material with images of pre-pubescent female victim’s. Mr. Scott is currently homeless and is residing at the Clark County Fairgrounds located at 1121 E



Scott

Division St Neillsville WI 54456. When Mr. Scott does obtain a residence the public will be notified of that information.

Mr. Scott will be supervised by agents specializing

in intensive supervision. He is to have no unsupervised contact with minors, no taverns/bars/liquor stores and not to consume any alcohol or drugs. He is to comply with the standard sex offender rules, cooperate with electronic monitoring, and is required face to face contact with law enforcement, in addition, to comply with all requirements and life time registrant of the Wisconsin Sex Offender Registry. If you have any questions please contact Captain Kerry Kirn at 715-743-5358.

This sex offender has served the sentence imposed on him by the courts. He is not wanted by law enforcement at this time. This notification is not intended to increase fear; rather, it is belief that an informed public is a safer public.

Name: Randy P. Scott
Age: 58
Sex: Male
Race: White
Height: 5'09"
Weight: 200
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Hazel

Sex offender released near Wood County

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY – On April 30, 2007, William M. Varga was convicted in Portage County for sexual assault of a 14 year old. On April 17, 2009, he was again convicted in Portage County for sexual assault of a 13 year old.

William M. Varga has served his sentence imposed on him and was released from prison back to Portage County on May 7, 2019. On March 9, 2021 William was revoked due to a manufacture/deliver Amphetamine charge.

William M. Varga will be releasing to Stevens Point, WI on Dec. 3 of 2024. He will be placed on supervision with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) and monitored



Varga

by Probation agents with the Division of Community Corrections, in Portage County. William M. Varga also subject to lifetime GPS monitoring. William M. Varga has additional conditions to not have any unsupervised contact with minors; no contact with the victims; not to con-

sume drugs. Varga is to comply with the standard sex offender rules; cooperate with electronic monitoring. Varga is to have face-to-face contact with law enforcement and comply with all requirements and is a lifetime registrant of the Wisconsin sex offender registry. Varga’s current address and any change of address will be updated and available online by accessing the Wisconsin Sex Offender Registry at <https://appsdoc.wi.gov/public>.

Date of Birth: 11-10-1982
Male/White
Height: 5'6"
Weight: 145
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Hazel

Wood County Land & Water Conservation tree, shrub and native wildflower sale

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY – The Wood County Land & Water Conservation Department is offering a variety of species for the spring 2025 Tree, Shrub

and Native Wildflower Sale. Orders are due by Friday, Jan. 17, 2025. Notification will be sent in April stating dates/times orders will be ready for pick up.

The species offered include Douglas Fir, Hybrid Poplar, Hybrid Willow, Red Osier Dogwood, Sugar Maple, Highbush Cranberry, White Spruce, Fast Growing Species Packet (5 species, 2 of each species including 2 Hybrid Poplar, 2 Hybrid Willow, 2 Norway Spruce, 2 Ninebark & 2 Silver Maple) and Bird & Butterfly Packet (five species, 2 of each species including 2 Butterfly Bush, 2 Lilac, 2 Trumpet Vine, 2 Rose of Sharon and 2 Hibiscus Moscheutos). Tree and shrub bundles contain 25 trees/shrubs while the packets contain 10 trees/bushes. Sizes range from 6-24 inches and prices range from \$22.00 - \$30.00 per/bundle or packet depending on the tree species. Native prairie wildflower seeds are also available and include Pollinator Mixes, Monarch

Mixes, Erosion Control Mix, Land Restoration Mix, Grass Waterways Mix, Logging Road Mix and Pollinator Seed Bear (for a 200-400 square foot pollinator garden) as well as 6 varieties of Food Plot Mixes. Generic gel and tree shelters are also available at all times throughout the year (generic gel is a starch absorbent that retains water and gives it back to the plant during dry periods; tree shelters are 4-foot plastic, seamless, twin-walled tubes which protect newly planted seedlings from wildlife damage).

For a description of tree species and wildflower mixes or for a fillable order form, please go to: <https://www.woodcountyiwi.gov/Departments/LandConservation/TreeSale.aspx>. Some species sell out, so please order early. If you have questions, call 715-421-8475 or e-mail barb.peeters@woodcountyiwi.gov or landcons@woodcountyiwi.gov.

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Ring in the holidays

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WOOD COUNTY – Nashville recording artist, Becky Schlegel, is on the road with the High 48s touring their Christmas show throughout the mid-west. A seasoned bluegrass band, the High 48s have been making music together since 2006. A band with one foot in tradition and the other in the world of music today, they will be joined by Becky Schegel’s incredible voice as it floats, whispers, then soars above music of the highest quality.

This extravaganza will take the stage at the Pittsville school auditorium on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 3:00pm. It’s a short drive over the river and through the woods to Pittsville to enjoy a show for the whole family and set a great tone for your Christmas season.



Show tickets will be available at the door, or can be purchased in advance at the downtown Pittsville office of Wisconsin Farm Business/Ortner Accounting \$20. Special senior rate \$15,

students still only \$3. Take a break from hectic holiday demands of the season and imbibe in twinkling sublime renditions of melodies that are the true reason for the season.

Police Calls

On Nov. 25 a caller left a voicemail stating their husband did not return home from hunting, dispatch was unable to reach the caller when calling back.

On Nov. 26 at 11:00 in the morning a male was reported to be outside and yelling while banging on stuff. The caller reported it looked like he had a pipe.

On Nov. 26 a caller reported that 4 horses were not being fed and what they were given to eat had gone moldy.

On Nov 26 at 1:00 in the afternoon a caller from Nekoosa called dispatch to report they were being called names.

On Nov. 26 at 2:30 in the afternoon a caller from Au-

burndale advised dispatch they found a shopping bag filled with anti theft devices.

On Nov. 25 at 2:00 in the afternoon a caller from Rudolph received an email from an unknown address that contained a threat. The threat was accompanied by blackmail that told the caller to send money to bitcoin.

On Nov. 25 a caller reported a white Jeep not yielding to bicycles and almost causing injury. The caller suspected the driver may be a stalker.

On Nov. 24 a caller in Arpin reported upon returning to their home that their lock boxes had been opened and they did not feel safe. The caller reported that their ex has been having people

watch their house.

On Nov. 22 a caller in Wisconsin Rapids reported a syringe found on their property. They reported they will check their cameras and find a suspect.

On Nov. 22 around 10:30 at night a caller in Pittsville reported their daughter had stolen pills and left their residence.

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Be on the lookout for more deer on the roads during the fall rut

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUTY – The Wisconsin Department of Transportation reminds drivers to be alert for deer on and along roadways to avoid potentially dangerous crashes.

Deer crash numbers typically increase this time of year in Wisconsin as more deer move around during peak mating season.

“This is a busy time of year on the roads for both deer and motorists,” Wisconsin State Patrol Superintendent Tim Carnahan said. “It can be hard to spot deer along the road and their movements are unpredictable, so it’s important that drivers are vigilant and avoid distractions while driving.”

Deer are most active during the early morning and evening hours. Be sure to use your headlights as daylight transitions to dusk and deer become more difficult to see, especially as daylight saving time ends in Nov.

In 2023, there were more than 16,000 crashes involving deer in Wisconsin, killing 14 people and injuring 585 people. Staying alert is an important step to be safe this time of year.

Deer are unpredictable and may freeze or change directions. Drive at a safe speed, eliminate distractions and make sure everyone is buckled up. Crash injuries are less severe or can be avoided when everyone wears a seat belt.

Scan the road ahead carefully. If one deer crosses, watch for more. If you see a deer, honk your horn to urge them to move away from the road.

If you cannot avoid hitting a deer with your vehicle, brake firmly and stay in your lane. Avoid sudden swerving, which can result in a loss of control and a more serious crash. Motorcyclists are at a greater risk of injury in a crash involving a deer. Of the approximately 16,000 deer crashes last year, 196

were motorcycle crashes, resulting in 11 fatalities and 53 serious injuries. This means there is about a 33% chance that a motorcycle deer crash will result in a fatality or serious injury, compared to less than 0.1% in auto or light truck deer crashes. If you cannot avoid hitting a deer with your motorcycle and there is enough space to swerve around it without leaving your lane, brake and adjust course as needed.

If you do end up hitting a deer, get your vehicle safely off the road, if possible. If someone is hurt or the deer is in the active portion of the road, call 911.

If no one is hurt and your vehicle and deer are off the road, contact local law enforcement. Stay buckled up inside your vehicle and wait for help. Getting out of your vehicle and walking along a road is always dangerous. Never attempt to move an injured deer.

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Mid-State Technical College named a top-10 Bellwether Award finalist

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WISCONSIN RAPIDS – Mid-State Technical College has been selected as a top-10 Bellwether Award finalist in the category of Planning, Governance and Finance. The annual award honors innovative community college programs and practices that address critical issues facing community colleges across the country. Mid-State is the only college in Wisconsin to be named a finalist.

Mid-State’s submission, “Work the Plan: A Scalable Grassroots Campaign to Raise Millions,” details its success in securing \$23M through public-private partnership to build and equip the Wayne H. Bushman Advanced Manufacturing, Engineering Technology, and Apprenticeship (AMETATM) Center in Stevens Point.

“The success of this fundraising effort would not have been possible without Mid-State’s incredible

partners in this community,” said Mid-State Dean of the School of Applied Technology Ryan Kawski. Everyone from industry leaders to local and state government recognized the need for a state-of-the-art advanced training facility, and they came forward with deep commitment of time, talent and financial resources to help make it happen.

Bellwether Awards are granted annually in three categories and widely regarded as one of the nation’s most competitive and prestigious recognitions for community colleges.

“I am so proud of the remarkable work done by our Mid-State team to raise \$23M for the AMETA Center,” said Mid-State President Dr. Shelly Mondeik. “Being recognized as a Bellwether finalist just adds to my belief that Mid-State’s faculty, staff and partners are among the most dedicated and in-

novative anywhere. I look forward to sharing our story of success with other Bellwether finalists across the country in February and learning from their successes as well.”

Each year the Bellwether Consortium nominates 30 community college finalists from a large group of applicants in the United States and its territories. The selected colleges compete for one of three Bellwether Awards. A rigorous selection process with two rounds of judging by peers and academicians in the field culminates with a daylong event of presentations by contenders for the Bellwether Award.

A team from Mid-State will compete at the 30th Annual Community College Futures Assembly being held in Feb. 2025 in San Antonio, Texas. One winner will be selected from each of the three categories by a panel of national experts.

Launch of public health vending machines

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY – As part of its commitment to enhancing community health and accessibility through innovative solutions, Wood County announces the launch of its first public health vending machines, providing free, high-quality health and safety supplies to anyone in need. Each vending machine offers important local resources and is stocked with a wide range of health-related items such as CPR kits, personal hygiene kits, Narcan, fentanyl and xylazine test kits, first aid kits, gunlocks, hand wipes, and sharps containers.

“We are excited to introduce these public health vending machines to our community. This initiative reflects our commitment to improving public health in communities most impacted by overdoses and overdose deaths,” said Sue Smith, Wood County Health Department Director and Health Officer. “Having these machines in convenient locations removes barriers to accessing lifesaving resources and information.”

Lauramae Keuffer, Assistant Outreach Director with St. Vincent de Paul, shared, “It takes aligned efforts and all of us working together. St Vincent de Paul provides resources to people in our community who need help and appreciate this opportunity to be a host of one of these machines.”



For more information about the public health vending machines or other health initiatives, please visit the Wood County Health Department website or contact Sydney Resler at 715-421-8911 or sydney.resler@woodcountywi.gov.

The six vending machines have been strategically placed at key locations within Wood County communities that have been most impacted by overdoses and overdose deaths. These locations include:

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8 th Annual Christmas Tree Walk · Sat.-Mon. & Fri.-Sun. 12/7-12/9 & 12/13-12/15, South Wood County Historical Museum, 540 3 rd St. S, Wisconsin Rapids. Check out the variety of Christmas trees. 11 rooms of holiday magic. Starts at noon on 12/7-12/9 & 12/14-12/5 and 5 pm on 12/13. Free. <http://www.swch-museum.com/>

Christian Women's Connection Ladies Brunch · Wed. 12/11, Bullseye Golf Club, Wisconsin Rapids. Speaker will be Don McCumber, retired mechanical engineer from Madison, WI. Don will be sharing "Choices-a COVID Recovery Miracle". Special feature will be music by "Aspiring Acapella". Reservations are essential. Starts at 9:30 am. \$20 includes meal, tip and program. 815-994-1317 or 701-741-5905 for reservations

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South Wood County Historical Museum · Exhibits closed until 4/1, 540 3 rd St. S, Wisconsin Rapids. Office will be open Tues.-Thurs. from 10 am-3 pm. <http://www.swch-museum.com/>

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One adult arrested in series of burglaries

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WOOD COUNTY – On Nov. 14, 2024, the Clark County Sheriff's Office arrested a suspect in the rash of burglaries that occurred over the summer of 2024 in the South Eastern part of Clark County and the Willard/Rock Dam area.

The suspect was identified as Zachary Wolf, 21 years old, of Chili. Mr. Wolf was arrested by detectives and transported to the Clark County Jail. Wolf is charged with numerous crimes to include burglary while armed, burglary, theft, criminal damage to property and bail jumping. He remains in Clark County jail on a \$50,000.00 cash bond.



Some property has been found in the Clark County Forest near the Wildrock Campground. Clark County Sheriff's Office are asking hunters in gun deer season to be on the lookout while in the woods for any stolen property or items that do not

Wolf

Wisconsin Rapids Area Community Choir performing on Dec. 7

FOR CITY TIMES
WISCONSIN RAPIDS – The Wisconsin Rapids Area Community Choir will present its annual holiday concert entitled "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!" on Saturday, Dec. 7 at First Congregational United Church of Christ located at 311 2nd St. S, Wisconsin Rapids at 4 p.m. The concert will feature holiday classics such as: I'll Be Home for Christmas, Baby It's Cold Outside, The First Noel, and more. Familiar Carols will be sung and the audience is encouraged to sing along. The choir is led by Cyd Cooper, Jennifer Pulvermacher, Vicky Dresser, and Jan Dykstra. The concert will also feature local music artists and soloists. Admission is free and all are welcome.

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belong there. The Clark County Sheriff's Office is also asking for the public's help in identifying any additional perpetrators and recovering additional stolen property. Anyone with information can contact the sheriff's office at 715-743-3157. Citizens can also anonymously contact Crime Stoppers of Clark County at 1-877-341-2416. Tips can also be provided online at www.p3tips.com to Crime Stoppers of Clark County. If tips are received through Crime Stoppers and the tip leads to an arrest, there is a potential for a monetary reward to the individual calling in that particular tip. Mr. Wolf has a presumption of innocence.

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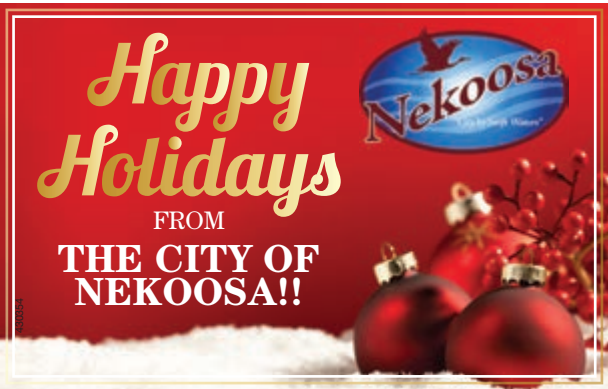
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2024 preliminary gun deer license sales and harvest totals

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced preliminary deer harvest and license sale totals for the opening weekend of the 2024 gun deer season.

Preliminary figures indicate the number of gun deer hunters in Wisconsin slightly increased compared to 2023. As of 11:59 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24, sales for gun deer privileges (which include gun, archery, crossbow, conservation patron and sports licenses) reached 778,111, up 0.48% from the same time last year.

Final license sales figures will be available in Jan., at which time DNR staff will perform a thorough analysis and inter-

pretation.

In total, hunters registered 89,203 deer statewide during the opening weekend of the 2024 gun deer hunt, compared to 90,831 registered for the same period in 2023. This is a 1.8% decrease from a year ago and 4.7% below the 5-year average.

Hunters registered a total of 49,038 antlered deer on opening weekend, compared to 51,261 in 2023, a 4.3% decrease. The antlerless harvest was 40,165, which is up 1.5% from last year.

Conditions for opening weekend this year were mostly cloudy and dry, with some light precipitation in places on Satur-

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PUBLISHER’S LETTER

Becoming Instruments of God’s Peace

Dear Reader,

As we go through life, there’s one undeniable truth we all share: we are all going to die. This sobering reality has been with us since the dawn of humanity, yet we often fail to confront it until we’re forced to. But what if, instead of avoiding this truth, we embraced it as a powerful motivator? What if we used it to drive us toward something greater than ourselves?

Imagine if, knowing that our time here is limited, we dedicated our lives to becoming instruments of God’s peace. Imagine if we became peacemakers in a world that so desperately needs peace. The concept isn’t new—it’s been the call of countless prophets, leaders, and thinkers throughout history. But now, perhaps more than ever, it’s a call we need to answer.

Why don’t we? Why don’t we choose to be God’s peacemakers, to show kindness and love that extends beyond our own material needs and desires? Perhaps it’s fear, or perhaps it’s because we’re so often caught up in the mundane routines of life. We focus on accumulating wealth, power, and possessions, thinking that these things will bring us happiness. But deep down, we know that they won’t. True fulfillment comes from something far more profound.

What if God’s plan all along has been for us to figure out that we’re here to spread peace and love? What if our highest calling is to reach out to others, to transcend our

own selfish needs, and to show acts of kindness and compassion? It’s a simple idea, yet it’s incredibly powerful.

Think about the impact we could have if each of us made the conscious decision to be a peacemaker. If we chose to resolve conflicts rather than create them, to build bridges rather than walls, to spread love rather than hate. The ripple effect of our actions could transform not just our immediate circles, but the world at large.

As instruments of God’s peace, we have the opportunity to leave a lasting legacy. We can make a difference in a world that often seems lost in chaos and division. And in doing so, we can find a sense of purpose that goes far beyond our individual lives.

So, let us ask ourselves: why not? Why not become peacemakers? Why not live our lives in a way that reflects the love and kindness that God has shown us? Why not strive to leave the world a better place than we found it?

In the end, we all will face the same fate. But until that day comes, let’s commit to living our lives as instruments of peace. Let’s reach beyond our material needs, show love to those around us, and embrace the calling that has been with us all along. We may just find that in doing so, we fulfill the very purpose of our existence.

PATRICK J. WOOD

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The Friends of the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge hosting holiday open house

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY – The Friends of the Necedah National Wildlife Refuge are hosting a free Holiday Open House on Friday, Dec. 6 from 9:00-2:45.

Inside the visitor center there will be crafts for adults and children. Santa will be on the scene from 10:00 - 2:00, ready to share holiday cheer and to have his photo taken with young and old alike.

Visitors can enjoy watching birds and other critters from the fireplace room while sipping hot beverages and sampling baked goods and other treats. Or come inside for a warm beverage after hiking one of the refuge trails.

Everything in the Karner Korner Nature Store is on sale for 20% off. There are many, many new items for all ages. Volunteers will wrap gifts, purchased at the sale, for free. Friends are also hosting a bake sale that day.

An array of nature art is already on display in the Visitor Center’s front lobby and available through silent auction bidding. On Dec. 6 there will also be several holiday themed silent auction baskets.

Carol Kramer is the “artist of the month” for Dec. Her nature related quilted hangings don the walls in the fireplace room and are available for purchase.

There are several ways to give a “gift-that-keeps-giving” through the Friends Group. The Adopt-a-crane program has three donation levels and rewards to honor the donation. Each level receives a framable certificate, and one year’s membership in the Friends of Necedah NWR. \$100 donors also receive a plush baby crane, referred to as a colt. \$200 givers receive a parent crane and colt. \$300 donors receive a family of two adults and one colt.

If you visited the Visitor Center lately, you’ve probably seen the beautiful tree painted on the wall leading to the patio. The “Giving Tree” was done by Jay Joachim, a nationally known artist and proud member of the Friends. That “Giving Tree” symbolizes the gateway to the refuge and the many adventures that await you. Many folks have given the tree life by placing leaves on it with their personal messages. The messages commemorate their visit, honor a friend or relative who passed, celebrate a special person, or provide a conservation message.

There are three levels of giving for the leaves as well: Gold – \$500.00 or more; Silver – \$250.00; and Copper – \$100.00. Each Leaf is personalized with your message and the year of your donation.

Gift memberships to the Friends are also an option. Memberships for senior citizens costs \$15; individual memberships are \$25 and family memberships cost \$40. Members receive a minimum of six on-line newsletters, invitations to special “Friends-only” events and 10% off all purchases at the Karner Korner Nature Store.

Every penny earned from sales goes to educational events, support for wildlife, scholarships or other refuge projects. Memberships and Giving Tree leaves can be ordered on the Friends website for people unable to attend the Dec. 6 event. friendsofnwnr.org

DEER NUMBERS

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day morning. Mornings were cool and quiet. Temperatures rose to near or above 40 each day, which made for comfortable conditions for hunters.

Reports from the field varied widely from good deer activity to little or no daytime deer movement. Some reports of breeding activity were still coming in, but overall, deer sightings and harvest were down as expected, given the late opening date relative to the peak of the breeding season.

At the time of this publication, the DNR has no firearm-involved hunting incidents to report during the opening weekend of the 2024 gun deer season. During the opening weekend of the 2023 season, the DNR reported two firearm-involved hunting incidents.



Antlered deer harvested during the 2024 season saw a decrease compared to the results from 2023.

Brian Woolman

Beekeeping conference returns to Central Wisconsin

FOR CITY TIMES

WISCONSIN RAPIDS – The Central Wisconsin Beekeepers Association (CWBA), in partnership with Mid-State Technical College, Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, announced it will host its Beek Meet 2025 Conference Saturday, Jan. 25, 2025. The event follows the return of Beek Meet 2024 that drew almost 300 attendees. Beek Meet 2025 will provide attendees with access to speakers, sessions and vendors sharing the latest information and products to improve their beekeeping skills.

“We are excited to once again host Beek Meet 2025 and continue to support our mission to help educate people on how to improve honey



production and beekeeping,” said Mike Lawrence, CWBA president. “For 2025, we will have expanded facilities, new and previous vendors and, most importantly, a dynamic line-up of terrific speakers. CWBA invites beekeepers at all levels from all over the Midwest to join us to explore how to get the most from their beekeeping experience. Beek Meet 2025 is a great opportunity to come together, learn and come away feeling energized about your beekeeping experience.”

Beek Meet 2025 presents a world-class line up of speakers, including keynote speaker Ian Steppler, who manages Steppler Farms 1,500 honeybee operation and hosts a Canadian Beekeeper’s Blog on YouTube.

Conferences like Beek Meet 2025 play a critical role in the success of beekeepers throughout the region.

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15. Having a strong sharp smell or taste
16. Local area network
17. Data transmission speed measure
18. Embarrass
20. When you hope to get there
21. This (Spanish)
22. Gives up
25. Churchgoer
30. Current
31. Slang for gun
32. Small drum
33. Vanished union bigwig
38. Rocker’s tool of the trade
41. Dearth
43. 2024 Olympics host
45. Excess blood in the vessels
48. Afrikaans
49. Agreement between provider and customer
50. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
55. Ancient Syrian city
56. Witch
57. Celebrations
59. Long period of time
60. A team’s best pitcher
61. Current unit
62. One-time aerospace company
63. French/Belgian river
64. Swedish rock group

CLUES DOWN

1. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
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5. Ohio town
6. Olympic sport
7. Cure
8. Behave in a way that belittles
9. Shares a boundary with
10. Give advice
12. Promotional materials
14. Assist or encourage, usually in some wrongdoing
19. “Agatha All Along” actress Kathryn
23. Small piece
24. King of Camelot
25. Parts per thousand (abbr.)
26. Small Milky Way constellation
27. One who challenges authority (abbr.)
28. Equal (prefix)

29. Shawl
34. S. American wood sorrel relative
35. The end
36. Supervises interstate commerce
37. Yes vote
39. Officer of high rank
40. Church office
41. Tire pressure measurement
42. From a distance
44. Photographs
45. Industrial process
46. Nobel Prize-winning physicist
47. Map out
48. Mammary gland part of female mammal
51. Honorable title (Turkish)
52. Spongelike cake leavened with yeast
53. Speak incessantly
54. Poetry term
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Harvest your holiday tree this season

BY KATIE SCHIMKE

WOOD COUNTY – Every family who celebrates Christmas is familiar with the annual tradition of untangling lights and dusting off ornaments. The decorations that don the tree are often times put together as a holiday activity for families. However, the act of choosing and harvesting the tree that will soon wear its’ decorations can be as strong of a family tradition, too. Wood County has local tree farms with “cut your own” trees available.

The most popular variety of Christmas tree is the Balsam fir. Balsam firs, known for their beautiful fragrance and dark green needles, are among the most sought-after species as a holiday tree. Various types of pines also find their way home with customers at Wood County’s tree farms.

To cut your own tree this year, visit R & S Tree Farms in Neillsville or Vines Christmas Tree Farm LLC in Granton.

R & S Tree Farms located at N4368 County Highway G, Neillsville, WI 54456 offers a selection of Balsam and Fraser fir trees to cut and harvest yourself. Pre-cut trees are also available, as well as a variety of holiday activities to celebrate such as wagon rides, hot chocolate, and cookies. R & S Tree Farms is open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm



Balsam firs, known for their beautiful fragrance and dark green needles, are among the most sought-after species for Christmas trees. **Stock Photo**

through Christmas.

Vines Christmas Tree Farm LLC located at W3579 Ridge Road, Granton, WI 54436 offers a variety of trees available to cut yourself (as well as pre-cut available). Types of trees include Balsam, Fraser, Canaan Fir, White Pine, and painted trees in colors of blue, purple, and white (painted trees are all Fraser Firs). At Vines Christmas Trees LLC you can head into the field yourself or catch a wagon ride to find the perfect Christmas tree. Saws are available to use if you forget to bring your own. Vines Christmas Tree Farm LLC is open seven days a week from from 9:00 am to dusk, however weekdays are self service only.

Cutting down trees to celebrate the holiday season has been a long tradition stretching back to Germany, but in America

decorating cut trees first began in the 1820’s in Pennsylvania’s German community. In areas that were more heavily populated by German immigrants, Christmas trees were more popular and eventually spread to the surrounding communities.

According to Wisconsin Public Radio, Wisconsin is one of the top producers for Christmas trees today with nearly 24,000 acres of Christmas trees grown in the Badger State. Cutting one’s own Christmas tree used to be a more popular tradition in the 20th century, when individuals would go into forrests off the road and cut down any tree they saw. Today, while you can’t just go into any forrest and cut down a tree, there are plenty of farms like R & S Tree Farms and Vines Christmas Tree Farm LLC that have trees to cut yourself.



Green Bay Packers Running Back Josh Jacobs secured a career high three touchdowns after rushing for 106 yards. **Tori Wittenbrock photo.**

Complimentary football leads to career night for Jacobs

BY TORI WITTENBROCK

After securing a 38-10 win over the San Francisco 49ers, Green Bay Packers Running Back Josh Jacobs said that his success was due largely to the team’s execution of complimentary football.

Jacobs had a career night rushing for 106 yards and 3 touchdowns.

The defense forced several turnovers in the game with Xavier McKinney’s interception, Lukas Van Ness’s strip sack forcing a fumble and Keisean Nixon forcing a fumble.

The Packers went 5 for 5 in the redzone, and Jacobs said the offense would not have been as productive without such an aggressive defense.

“It felt great. I came in here with the mindset that I want to make plays and I want to set the tone and have them play off it,” said Jacobs.

“At the end of the day, we don’t care how we get a win or who we go against. We get a win and it’s a divisional game, we’ll definitely take it.”

Jacobs said that his mindset going into this game was to show up for his team and get his job done so that others could follow.

“I just tried to go in there and put my stamp on the game, and I was able to go in there and do that today. It just feels good when you clinch a win like that,” said Jacobs.

According to Jacobs, everyone on the team stepped up to fill their role on the field this week and to improve their shortcomings from weeks prior.

“I think we went in with a great scheme. I think its been a big point of emphasis in this building of trying to find an area to be better in and to grow in. It’s been

good to work hard all week, and it’s paying off,” said Jacobs.

However, Jacobs said that the success of the offense would not have been possible without the defense showing up.

“The o-line — I give them all the credit. I tell them all the time, ‘You make my job easy,’ said Jacobs. “We lean on each other, so they get all the credit for this game today.”

Though the game was not perfect, Jacobs said that he was proud of his team for their ability to go out and get the job done with few penalties.

“It felt good to be able to play a complete game as a team. The defense was getting turnovers and getting points out of it. A lot of times we hurt ourselves in certain situations. It felt good to get everyone locked in. It’s something we are proud of that we definitely need to keep doing,” said Jacobs.

Center Josh Meyers said that he was proud to be a part of the win and to feed off of Jacob’s energy all night.

“I thought we did a nice job handling their movement and I thought we communicated really well today, across the board. We were communicating with the tight ends, running backs and everybody. I just thought it was a good effort,” said Meyers.

“I think that the first thing is keeping pace with the rest of the division. It gives us a little energy on a short week coming off a win, so that’s always good,” said Meyers.

Meyers also said that he enjoyed blocking for Jacobs against the Niners and is looking forward to working with him throughout the

season.

“Grity. Super fun to block for. I’m sure, fun to watch. He just runs the ball so hard. He’s a pro. He’s been a pleasure to work with and a pleasure to block for.”

Safety Xavier McKinney concurred with Jacobs’ and Meyer’s assessment of the team’s execution of complimentary football.

“It felt good. It was a good win. I thought we played well in all phases. There are some things to clean up but it was a good win,” said McKinney.

“That’s what I came here to do. I was brought in to make big time plays when we really need it, so credit to everybody doing their job and me being able to go out there and make a play.” McKinney said that his interception was a product of him fulfilling his role for the team and being mindful of how the Niners seemed to be playing.

“They were dropping a lot of passes, so I kind of played for the tip. I saw what was in front of me and I kind of figured that one was going straight through their hands because that seemed to be the theme through the whole game. I just played for the tip and luckily it bounced right to me and I was able to make the play,” said McKinney.

In addition, McKinney said that he was proud of how his team played on both sides of the ball to set each other up for success.

“It was good and it works out in our favor every time. When we do that it really shows. When we execute at all levels and everybody is doing their job and our playmakers are making plays, we’re a hard team to beat. We’ve got to continue to keep trying to do that,” said McKinney.

Green Bay Packers looking for high schools in need of new helmets

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY – The Green Bay Packers are inviting Wisconsin high school football coaches and athletic directors to apply to receive \$7,500 worth of brand-new helmets for their football teams, courtesy of the Packers, Ticketmaster and Xenith.

Ten winning schools will be awarded this spring with helmet packages that will be custom-made to fit each school’s colors to supplement or replace their existing equipment inventory.

The donations are made possible through the support of Ticketmaster and their efforts to provide high school athletes with the equipment and support they need to pursue their dreams. The helmet donation program is part of the Packers’ football outreach efforts, which promote and serve youth and high school football

programs around Wisconsin. The gift is also part of a donation match by Xenith as part of their Community Give Back Program and their Buy a Helmet Give a Helmet Program.

Last year, more than 100 coaches and athletic directors submitted applications for the donated helmets, with many of the schools demonstrating great need for donated equipment to serve the number of students in their athletic programs and to conduct their football programs safely. As football helmets are essential to participating in football, many youth and high school football programs must devote their small budgets to purchasing helmets or focus their fundraising efforts on raising enough for helmets, instead of other necessary equipment or training tools.

“We’re proud to partner with Ticketmaster

and Xenith to help provide brand new helmets to these schools and to help give high school teams the support and resources they need,” said Ryan Fencl, Packers football outreach manager. “Ensuring that schools have all the equipment they need so their students can take the field safely is critical, and we know these helmets will aid in the continued, successful development of these schools’ football programs.”

Packers Give Back is the team’s all-encompassing community outreach initiative that includes the Green Bay Packers Foundation, appearances made by players, alumni, coaches and staff, football outreach, cash and in-kind donations, Make-A-Wish visits and community events. The annual overall charitable impact of Packers Give Back exceeds \$11 million.

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When people think of estate planning, they often think of wills and trusts. When people think of legacy planning, they often think of the value of the assets they will leave. What people often do not think of is how their asset transfer will play out. Let’s walk through some topics of conversation I’ve repeatedly had with clients.

Retirement accounts and non-retirement accounts. You could have a million dollars in an IRA and a million dollars in a non-retirement account. Which is more valuable upon inheritance? The non-retire-

ment account, because of taxation. Pre-tax money that was contributed to a retirement account is subject to ordinary income taxes upon withdrawal. Furthermore, the IRA may be subject to required minimum distributions forcing money out of the account and if inherited by a “non-eligible designated beneficiary” (an IRS term), the account must be emptied in 10 years, fully subject to income taxation. Conversely, the non-retirement account does not come with those same strings attached. Furthermore, the non-retirement account

may enjoy a stepped-up cost basis, whereby capital gains tax implications may be reduced.

Land and real estate. Upon inheritance, your beneficiary needs to have a source of liquid funds to pay the ongoing maintenance and expenses. Furthermore, some things may change upon your passing. Did you know for example, that some homeowners’ policies will not insure a vacant home, and therefore the policy may need to be changed if the owner was the sole occupant and dies? Additionally, if liquidation is the intention, the final value will then be the sale price which will be determined by the market at the time, less maintenance and selling expenses.

Business inheritances are almost always complicated. Is the successor qualified to run the business? Is the business ready for the new owner? If a

partnership, is there a buy-sell agreement in place? Does it include a formula to value the business so there is not an argument? Does the surviving partner have money available to carry out the buy-sell to the deceased owner’s beneficiary? These are where the questions begin.

Equipment. I’ve had a good number of clients who own construction or related companies. They add up the value of their equipment and believe that if their spouse is not able or wanting to continue the business, the spouse will just sell the equipment and that’ll work like a life insurance policy. Sure, that could work, but you’d have to factor in the eventual sale price of the equipment, not what you’d purchased it for or even what YOU would sell it for. Furthermore, if there is debt on the equipment and it’s no longer producing income, the

sale may be to the first willing buyer, not the highest bidder. We often hear this referred to as a “fire sale”, where assets are sold at a deep discount due to some sort of distress.

Collections. Like art, cars, jewelry, salt and pepper shakers, mugs and shot glasses, guns, tractors or figurines. While the collection may have significant meaning to the owner, it may not hold the same value to the inheritor. These are good conversations to have in advance to potentially avoid conflict between multiple heirs. Some may feel like they may have been slighted or even overlooked if for example, they got the jewelry but would have really rather had the cars.

Life insurance and bank accounts. These are the easy ones, as long as the beneficiary designations or the transfer on death instructions are properly recorded on the account.

Life insurance pays out in the form of a check to each beneficiary, most often, income-tax free. Bank accounts are simply cash and cash is easy to understand and simple to work with.

Just remember that not all assets are inherited equally.

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WRSC Competed in the Oshy Champions, met Olympic Swimmer

FOR CITY TIMES

The Wisconsin Rapids Swim Club traveled to the Oshkosh YMCA and attended the Oshy Champion Swim Meet which was held on Nov. 21-24. The highlight of the weekend was meeting AJ Pouch. AJ is a student at Virginia Tech and a member of the U.S. National Team. AJ Pouch is a breast-stroker and IM swimmer on the U.S. National Team who competed in the 2024 U.S. Olympic Trials. AJ placed third in the 200 breaststroke at the 2024 U.S. Olympic Trials. “Being named to the U.S. National Team is something I’ve dreamed of since I started swimming. To be able to wear the cap with my flag and my name is every swimmer’s dream and my dream finally came true,” Pouch said.

During the meet, several swimmers were chosen to compete against AJ in the 25 yd Breaststroke and McKenna Anderson was one of the lucky ones. McKenna also got to meet and talk with AJ. She received an autographed t-shirt. “It was not exactly a close race, but to watch this young man swim was amazing,” Coach Kontz said. “AJ is the perfect role model for our swimmers to always dream big and maybe become an Olympic swimmer someday.” McKenna went on to place 7th in the 25yd Freestyle and 9th in the 25yd Butterfly. Her personal records “PR” included the 50yd and 100yd Freestyle, 50yd Backstroke, and 100yd Individual Medley.

The top Kraken finishers are as follows: Milo Jennings placed 2nd in the 25yd and 50yd Freestyle (PR). Milo also placed 8th place in the 25yd Backstroke (PR): Anna Gumz, setting all new club records by placing 2nd in the 25yd Backstroke (PR), a pair of 3rd places in the 25yd Butterfly and 50yd

Backstroke (PR), followed by a 5th place finish in the 25yd Freestyle (PR): Claira Jennings placed 2nd in the 25yd Breaststroke and 5th place in the 25yd Freestyle: AJ Plummer finished in 2nd place with a new club record in the 50yd Butterfly (PR). AJ also placed 5th in the 50yd Freestyle (PR), 7th in the 50yd Breast and 9th in the 100yd Breaststroke: Tretton Delaney finished in 3rd place in the 50yd Freestyle and 5th in the 100yd Freestyle: Travis McMahon placed 3rd in the 25yd Freestyle and had a (PR) in the 500yd Freestyle: Emry Jennings placed 3rd in the 25yd Freestyle and 6th in the 50yd Backstroke: Janessa Rucinski had her (PR) with a 5th in the 25yd Backstroke and 6th in the 25yd Freestyle: and finally, Vivian Zachar swam all PR’s in the 50yd and 100yd Freestyle with another (PR) in the 50yd Breaststroke.

The Krakens will now start competing in the Central Wisconsin Swim Conference. They will round out 2024 with swim meets in Rice Lake on Nov. 30, Tomahawk on Dec. 7, and Phillips on Dec. 14.

The Wisconsin Rapids Swim Club (WRSC) is a non-profit organization open to the public. The Club is part of the Wisconsin Rapids Recreation Department. WRSC is designed exclusively for educational, competitive, and recreational purposes. The Krakens are geared for children ages 5-18. Practices are at the Lincoln High School Community pool on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. For more information on how to join the Wisconsin Rapids Swim Club, call the Wisconsin Rapids Parks and Recreation Department at (715) 421-8240 or visit the Wisconsin Rapids Swim Club Facebook page.



McKenna Anderson



AJ Pouch and McKenna Anderson

UNPACKING History



The Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame generously opened their vault to share pieces of Packers history with the Press Times to be highlighted each week for our readers. For more information on the hall of fame, visit www.packershofandtours.com. If you would like to donate Green Bay Packers memorabilia to the Packers Hall of Fame, contact Katie at (920) 965-6986 or katief@gbphof.com.

A 1940s wing-type leather helmet. **Tori Wittenbrock photo**

Deer carcass disposal available

FOR CITY TIMES

WOOD COUNTY – Portage County Solid Waste has once again collaborated with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to offer residents a free option for deer carcass disposal. A dedicated dumpster is available at the Portage County Solid Waste Transfer Facility until Jan. 31, 2025. After this date, deer carcasses and remains will no longer be accepted. This service is available for both in-county and out-of-county residents.

Processing facilities and businesses must arrange for deer carcasses and remains to be sent directly to the Adams County or Marathon County Landfill.

The Portage County Solid Waste Transfer Facility

is also a CWD testing site. Please place deer heads for testing in the self-service kiosk located next to the carcass disposal dumpster.

Due to CWD concerns, many Wisconsin landfills no longer accept deer carcasses, and therefore they cannot be mixed with trash. If you need to dispose of deer carcasses or remains outside of the specified timeframe, the Marathon County Landfill will accept them year-round for a fee. As a reminder, it is illegal to dispose of waste on public lands, roadways, or on private property without permission. Additional guidance on deer carcass disposal is available at www.dnr.wi.gov/topic/wildlifehabitat/carcass.html.

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