

Students continue Jimmy Carter's legacy with Habitat for Humanity

BY CHRISTINA BRANDMEIER
 EDITOR

After the news of former President Jimmy Carter's death broke last month, Rhinelander High School (RHS) teacher Wil Losch followed the coverage and felt inspired to share Carter's "extraordinary" life with his history and construction students when they returned from winter break.

What stood out the most was Carter's involvement with Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit organization dedicated to building homes for people in need.

For three years, juniors and seniors in Losch's residential construction class have partnered with the Northwoods Habitat for Humanity and served as the primary volunteer group to construct a Rhinelander home.

"What impressed me about Habitat's mission and Carter's legacy is that it's the epitome of giving a hand up, not a handout," Losch said. "Carter's life and our collaboration with Habitat are about serving others. I remind the students of this regularly."

Last week, Losch invited Dave Havel, the executive director of the Northwoods Habitat, to his class to give a presentation on Carter's contributions to the organization, which the former president has volunteered with since 1984.

Afterward, the students returned to the construction site, where they are daily, even on cold January days.

This year, they're working on a house on Coolidge Avenue, next to the high school.

The collaboration is a win-win situation for the community, with students learning valuable trade skills while building homes for area families. It's a personal experience, too, as the students have met the future homeowner they're building for.

Losch credits RHS grad Ann Sorensen, now the construction manager at the Northwoods Habitat, for the success of the collaboration. She took the same residential construction class as a student, proving its influence.

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The residential construction class at Rhinelander High School partners with the Northwoods Habitat for Humanity, an organization former President Jimmy Carter was involved with since 1984.
Bob Mainhardt photos

Rhineland chamber announces finalists for annual awards gala

The Rhinelander Area Chamber of Commerce has announced the finalists for its Annual Awards Gala and Fundraiser, set for Thursday, Jan. 23, at the Pines Event Center in Rhinelander.

The event celebrates Rhinelander area businesses and individuals and the impact they made over the last year. The chamber said it received hundreds of nominations, and an independent judge's panel narrowed the list of nominees down to the following finalists:

Small Business Excellence Award: Heather Collins Photography, Northland CPAs, and Tom's Drawing Board.

Business Excellence Award: Blain's Farm and Fleet, Nicolet College, and Ripco Credit Union.

Community Service Award: Hodag 10s, Oneida County Humane Society, and the Rhinelander Area Silent Trails Association.

Community Enhancement Award: Aspirus Rhinelander, Culver's Rhinelander, and Holiday Inn Express and Suites.

Company Culture Excellence Award: Briar House, Charter Next Generation, and Trig's Rhinelander.

Entrepreneurial Achievement Award: Cutz with Connection, Northwoods Bricks, and Wally's South 17.

Community Volunteer of the Year: Kerry Bloedorn, Krystal Fochs, and Amy Vanney.

Spirit of the Hodag: Lexi Allen, Eric Burke, and Janet Jamison.

Fab Five 40 and over: Eric Burke, Cecily Dawson, Kate Ferrel, Lloyd Gauthier, Linda Krebsbach, Darlene Machtan, Bill Vancos, and Geoff Weller.

Fantastic Five Under 40: Ricky Cropley, Ben Hauser, Steven Jopek, Tiki Krueger-Boehm, Stephanie Laska, Michael Lodholz, Grace Nash, and Di Wu.

For more information, visit rhinelanderchamber.com/annualawardsgala.



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RCF receives \$15,000 donation for Hodag Park improvements

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The Rhinelander Community Foundation (RCF) announced a generous donation of \$15,000 from AirPro Fan and Blower Company.

The foundation said the contribution will directly benefit the Hodag Park Improvement Fund, with the funds earmarked for developing a new playground and splash pad.

It added that the planned enhancements to Hodag Park aim to create an exciting, modern space for visitors to enjoy, in alignment with the foundation's mission to support community growth and well-being.

The donation was formally presented to the RCF by AirPro President Keith White Jr. at a ceremony held at AirPro's headquarters.

To learn more about the RCF or donate, visit rhinelandercommunityfoundation.com.



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Bowling fundraiser to benefit Wild Instincts

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Wild Instincts, a wildlife rehabilitation center, will hold a bowling fundraiser Sunday, Feb. 2, at Nick's Hodag Lanes in Rhinelander. Doors open at noon, and bowling begins at 1 p.m.

It's a nine-pin, no-handicap individual event.

The cost is \$15 per person. All proceeds will be used to help treat injured and orphaned wildlife.

Pre-registration is required by noon on Feb. 1. To register, visit wildinstinctsrehab.com.

According to Wild Instincts, the center is the only facility in Wisconsin licensed to treat all injured and orphaned wildlife allowed by law. It provides quality, ethical, and professional wildlife rehabilitation to all Wisconsin native wildlife to release them back into the wild.

It also offers environmental education programs promoting wildlife stewardship to Northwoods communities and is funded entirely by memberships and donations.

Nicolet College to offer London trip

FOR STAR JOURNAL

An educational trip to London will take place May 7-18, hosted by Nicolet College.

The art-focused study abroad trip is open to students and community members.

Activities are focused on the evolution and history of art, as experienced through exhibits at London museums, galleries, and historic sites.

A Nicolet College art instructor will guide participants through experiences at museums and galleries to build knowledge and art appreciation.

Participants will also visit Stonehenge and Salisbury Cathedral.



Nicolet College students and Northwoods community members visit the Tate Britain Museum in London in 2023. **Submitted photo**

"If you love art, you should go because it was truly an amazing trip," said Mira King, a Nicolet College graduate who participated in the 2023 London study abroad trip.

Nicolet College students earn course credit during the trip, progressing toward a degree while immersed in a life-changing experience.

"I got to go on an art trip of a lifetime to London, England, through Nicolet to embrace my creative side," said Kayla Fraley, another past participant in 2023. "Nicolet College gave me experiences I never would have thought possible."

The student trip fee is

\$2,763 plus tuition for enrollment in a Nicolet College art course. The non-student trip fee is \$3,450. Non-students do not need to enroll in a class to participate.

According to the school, the student cost of the trip has been made more affordable through donations to the Nicolet College Foundation.

The cost includes round-trip airfare, transportation, hotel, museum and excursion fees, and some meals.

Current Nicolet College students who need help paying for the trip may be able to use financial aid or apply for a scholarship.

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Ice ice baby

For the first time in three years, conditions were finally right to build an ice castle in Eagle River, a beloved local tradition. The Eagle River Fire Department and volunteers began construction last week and documented the days-long process on Facebook for excited community members. The castle is now complete and on display downtown.

Eagle River Fire Department/Facebook photos



DOT seeks comments on Hwy 51 project

FOR STAR JOURNAL

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) will hold a public involvement meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 5 p.m., at Northwoods Community Elementary School in Harshaw to share proposed alternatives for an improvement project on Hwy 51 and the Hwy K/Swamp Lake Road intersection in Nokomis and Cassian.

To reduce the number and severity of crashes at the intersection, the DOT is considering constructing north- and southbound left-turn lanes and a northbound right-turn lane; constructing north- and southbound left-turn lanes; a northbound offset right-turn lane; and a raised median on the Hwy K approach.

The meeting will also discuss constructing a multi-lane roundabout with two-lane approaches on north- and southbound Hwy 51 and single-lane approaches on Hwy K and Swamp Lake Road.

Construction is currently scheduled for 2027. During construction, Hwy 51 is expected to remain open to traffic, but traffic impacts will depend on the alternative

selected.

A short presentation is planned for 5 p.m.; the remainder of the meeting will follow an open-house format. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting to listen to the discussion, ask questions of project staff, and provide input.

Northwoods Community Elementary School is located at 9086 Hwy K in Harshaw.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. Hard-of-hearing, deaf, deaf-blind, or those with a speech disability needing accommodations should contact the Wisconsin Telecommunication Relay Service via 711 at least three days before the meeting.

Those unable to attend the meeting can find information about the project on wisconsin.gov.

Comments on the proposed project are being accepted through Feb. 19. Contact stacy.hagenbucher@dot.wi.gov or the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, 510 Hanson Lake Road, Rhinelander, WI, 54501, Attn.: Stacy Hagenbucher.

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And Losch's desire to share information about the 39th president with his students proves how much Carter influenced him.

"I have long admired Carter," he said. "As a long-time history teacher, he's come up as a leader when we study the post-Vietnam era. Of course, he remained in the public eye with a prolific post-presidency — Nobel Peace Prize winner, Habitat for Humanity promoter, author, and activist."

While Carter's official state funeral occurred Jan. 9 in Washington, DC, and he will be buried in his home state of Georgia, his legacy is alive and well in the Northwoods.



Students learn trade skills while building a home for a family in need.



The class works daily to build a house on Coolidge Avenue, next to the high school.

Northwoods Children's Museum to hold Dinosaur Dig

FOR STAR JOURNAL

The Northwoods Children's Museum will host an immersive Dinosaur Dig Adventure Experience Sunday, Jan. 26, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. and 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Children will learn about dinosaurs, paleontology, and fossils and receive a hat, bag, and snack.

All ages are welcome, but the experience is designed for ages five to 10.

The museum said children should eat lunch before the session and must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets are \$20 per child.

To reserve a spot, call 715-479-4623.

The children's museum is at 346 W. Division St. in Eagle River.



Love Nails

The Rhinelander Area Ambassadors welcome Kathy Nguyen at her new salon, Love Nails, at 2185 Lincoln St. Nguyen has been doing nails for 22 years in Rhinelander and also owns Fashion Nails. Pictured are Tiki Krueger-Boehm, Tarsie Goes, Tom Peterson, Diane Sowinski, Nguyen, Tony Mustacci, Nicole Raduechel, Bobbie Keso-Mode, Cora Eckrick, and Linda Krebsbach.

Submitted photo

Health department offers radon test kits

FOR STAR JOURNAL

During National Radon Action Month, the Oneida County Health Department (OCHD) urges homeowners, schools, and property owners to test for radon, the second leading cause of lung cancer after cigarette smoking, according to the OCHD.

Throughout January, the OCHD will offer discounted radon test kits for \$13, including postage for mailing the kit for results.

The Wisconsin Department of Health (DHS) explained radon as a colorless, odorless gas that can seep into homes through the foundation and be deadly at high levels. However, radon is easy to test, and leaks can be fixed.

In Wisconsin, 1 in 10 homes has elevated levels.

"Protect your family, test your home for radon," OCHD officer Linda Conlon said.

"Indoor radon levels tend to increase during the colder months, so now is the perfect time to test your home

or building for radon if you haven't before," added DHS State Health Officer Paula Tran.

OCHD said that while radon can affect anyone, children are especially vulnerable because of their faster breathing and smaller lungs. Since March 2023, licensed childcare providers in Wisconsin have had to test for radon and install mitigation systems if levels are high. The DHS recommends that schools test for radon every five years or after significant renovations.

Regardless of the age of the structure, any house or building, including apartments and commercial buildings, can be at risk for high radon levels.

The test kits are easy to use and available at 100 W. Keenan St. in Rhinelander, Mondays to Fridays, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The public can visit the office during open hours and ask for a radon test kit. No appointment is necessary.

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| OBITUARIES |



Amy Lee Zdroik, age 48, of Rhinelander, passed away on Monday, December 30th, 2024, at home surrounded by love. She was born on August 25th, 1976, in Rhinelander, the daughter of Howard and Tonkom Zdroik. She married Michael Trefz on August 6th, 2011.

Amy graduated Magna Cum Laude from UW-Whitewater, in 2006 with a BBA in Accounting. After working for international and regional public accounting firms, she discovered that she preferred helping small, family-owned businesses, and rock bands.

Prior to her accounting career, Amy worked as a CNA at group homes and at Friendly Village, working primarily with special needs individuals.

She loved live music and graduated from Madison Media Institute in 2003 with an AA in music production. One of her favorite activities was watching live bands, especially the Black Crowes.

She graduated from Rhinelander High School in 1994.

Amy was Town Clerk for the Town of Stella, WI from 2016-2019 until her health forced her retirement.

Her greatest accomplishment was being an incredible mother to her son, Preston.

Amy is survived by her husband, Michael Trefz; son, Preston Trefz; her father, Howard Zdroik; her brother, Eric Zdroik; her aunt, Julie Zdroik; uncle, Rudy Zdroik; cousins and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Tonkom, uncle Tony and aunt Dee.

The visitation for Amy took place on Saturday, January 11th, 2025, at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church, located at 125 E. King Street, Rhinelander from 9:30am until the 11:30am Mass of Christian Burial. Fr. Chris Kemp will officiate. The luncheon was held in the Nativity of Our Lord Catholic School Gymnasium.

A private burial ceremony will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers donations to Variety Club of Wisconsin or the Autism Society of Central Wisconsin would be appreciated.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Hildebrand Funeral Home & Cremation Specialists, 24 E. Davenport Street, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, 54501, 715-365-4343. Everyone is invited to leave an online condolence at www.hildebrandfuneralhome.com

| DEATH NOTICES |

Scott Randall Betts, 61 of Rhinelander, died Dec. 24, 2024. Carlson Funeral Home.

Steven C. Snider, 38 of Rhinelander, died Dec. 28, 2024. Hildebrand Funeral Home.

Matthew William Slesicki, 90 of Crescent, died Jan. 4, 2025. Hildebrand Funeral Home.

| VIEWPOINTS |

Honoring Jimmy Carter and the truth about hospice care

EDITOR,

The passing of President Jimmy Carter marks the end of an admirable life dedicated to service, compassion, and humanity. While we mourn his loss, we can also reflect on the impact he made, even in his final chapter, by helping to shift the conversation around hospice care.

When President Carter entered hospice in February 2023, many assumed his time would be measured in days or weeks, a common misconception about what hospice means. In reality, hospice is not about giving up. Instead, it's about living the remaining months of life with dignity and as much comfort as possible.

Hospice offers support for both patients and families, addressing physical, emotional, and spiritual needs during one of life's most challenging times, free from the stress of unnecessary hospital visits or procedures. As a caregiver at Compassus, I have seen the impact our guidance and support have on patients and their families. It's a compassionate option that should be embraced much earlier to improve quality of life.

As we honor Jimmy Carter's legacy, let's also remember the lesson his final journey taught us: that hospice is not about ending life but about helping people live it fully, even at the end.

Sincerely,

Amy Nowak, hospice administrator

Compassus Hospice, Arbor Vitae and Rhinelander

Carter ahead of his time with solar panels

EDITOR,

I can't help but wonder if we'd be in the same mess we are in now if we had followed Jimmy Carter's lead. He put solar panels on the White House roof in 1979, and the smart folks laughed at him. We've now had two almost snowless winters in a row—ruining the winter sports/business that many of us depend on to put food on the table and keep a roof over our heads. In 1986, President Ronnie had the panels removed. Well, the good news now is that we are way too smart to do something that dumb.

Jim Leschke, Rhinelander

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| PUBLISHER LETTER |

We Are One

Dear Reader,

I am not just one; I am a unit of many—my ancestors who paved the way, the stages of my life shaped by community and friends, and the family of God's creation to which we all belong.

Whatever I do is not just me; it is many. We are all in this together. No one deserves all the credit, and no one should bear all the blame. Our successes and failures are collective, reflecting the journey we share.

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LSR Vintage Ride set Feb. 1 FOR STAR JOURNAL

Three Lakes-Brule River Trails will host its 23rd annual LSR Vintage Ride Saturday, Feb. 1, in Three Lakes.

To be eligible for a \$100 cash drawing, register a vintage sled (1987 or older) at 10 a.m. at SpiritView Lakeside before departing on the ride.

The ride will start at Spiritview Lakeside at 11:30 a.m. and head to Lindy's Hideaway, Pine Isle, The Legion, 32 South, and Tavern on the Loop, where there will be raffles and free food.

The fee to enter is \$10 per vintage sled.

A bar card is available for a \$20 donation at most local establishments; have it stamped at at least six places listed to be entered in a 50/50 drawing.

The drawing will be at Tavern on the Loop at 7 p.m.

If Mother Nature doesn't cooperate, the event will continue, and the public is invited to support local bars and restaurants by participating by car, truck, or ATV/UTV.

Half of the proceeds go to Three Lakes Trails.

Follow Three Lakes - Brule River Trails on Facebook for up-to-date event details.

YMCA to host teen awards

FOR STAR JOURNAL

The YMCA of the Northwoods will host its annual Teen Character Awards Sunday, April 6, to honor teens who have made positive changes in their lives and communities.

The Rhinelander Rotary Club is returning as the presenting sponsor.

"The awards recognize teens that demonstrate the Y's core values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility, aligning with Rhinelander Rotary's dedication to service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Jan. 15, Wildlife Wednesdays, Porcupines: 4-5 p.m., Treehaven, W2540 Pickerel Creek Road, Tomahawk. Through an indoor presentation with specimens, explore the life of a porcupine. All ages welcome. 715-453-4106.

Jan. 15, Beaded suncatcher class: 3:30-5 p.m., Rhinelander District Library. Make a beaded suncatcher. Ages 18 and older. Registration is required and limited to 11 participants. 715-365-1070 or rhinelanderlibrary.org.

Jan. 15, Line Dancing: 6-8 p.m., The Haven, Rhinelander. Every Wednesday. For more information, call Diane at 715-282-5226.

Jan. 15, Rhinelander Area Food Pantry: 4-6 p.m., distribution. Donation drop-off hours 8 a.m.-noon Mondays through Fridays. 627 Coon St. Rhinelanderareafodpantry.org.

Jan. 16, Support Group: 6 p.m., Community Room No. 102, first floor of the Curran building, Rhinelander. Peer-led mental health support group. Safe and confidential space open to anyone 18 or older. The topic is "Enjoying Your Own Company." Visit supportingeachother.online or call Dan at 715-360-5796.

Jan. 16, Bug Tussel University, Online Tax Filing: 10 a.m.-noon, Rhinelander District Library. Learn about the types of online tax filing services. Moderate tech experience expected. Registration recommended. 715-365-1070 or rhinelanderlibrary.org.

Jan. 16-19, World Championship Snowmobile Derby: World Championship Derby Complex, Eagle River. Hosting oval, snocross and vintage racing. Derbycomplex.com.

Jan. 16, Intro to Fly Tying Class: 5-6 p.m., Mel's Trading Post, Rhinelander. A kid and beginner friendly class to teach the art of fly tying. Free to attend, but class size is limited. Email emily.p.melstp@gmail.com to sign up.

Jan. 16, Thursday Night Trivia: 7-10 p.m., Backwaters Bar and Grill, Rhinelander. Join teams of up to six to compete in a live hosted trivia game of 50 questions. Weekly on Thursdays through May 15. 715-369-5645.

Jan. 16, Builder's Club: 1-5 p.m., Rhinelander District Library, 106 N. Stevens St. Legos, Magna-Tiles, and more available in the children's department. 715-365-1073.

Jan. 16, Simplify Your Work with AI: Noon, online via Zoom. Join the Vilas County Economic Development Corporation for a Lunch and Learn practical session designed to help small businesses and nonprofits save time by automating everyday tasks. Register at vilascountyedc.org/events.

Jan. 16, Enchanted Doll Club of the Northwoods: 1 p.m., Kalmar Senior Center, 1011 N. Railroad St., Eagle River. Monthly meeting. Contact Judy Wainwright, 715-482-9804.

Jan. 17, AA meeting: 7 p.m., Immanuel Lutheran Church, 21 W. Timber Dr., Rhinelander. 715-362-5910.

Jan. 18, WXPR Concert Series, Joseph Huber: 7:30-9 p.m., Nicolet College Theatre, Rhinelander. Ticket cost is \$24. 715-362-6000.

Jan. 18, Free Fallin, The Tom Petty Tribute Experience: 7 p.m., Lake of the Torches, 10 Old Abe Rd, Lac Du Flambeau. Journey through the hits of rock legend Tom Petty. Lakeofthetorches.com.

Jan. 18, Manito Art League Open Studio: 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Manitowish Waters Town Hall. Bring an art project you're

working on and supplies. You don't need to be a member to join. Manitoartleague.org.

Jan. 18, Rhinelander Area Food Pantry: 9-11:30 a.m., distribution. Donation drop-off hours 8 a.m.-noon Mondays through Fridays. 627 Coon St. Rhinelanderareafodpantry.org.

Jan. 18, Indoor Farmers Market: Saturdays from 9 a.m.-noon throughout the fall and winter at the YMCA of the Northwoods, 2003 E. Winnebago St., Rhinelander. 715-362-9622 x 118.

Jan.19-Feb. 2, Learn to Curl: Sundays, 6-8 p.m., Rhinelander Ice Arena. Registration deadline: Jan. 16. Visit the community section at rhinelander.k12.wi.us. Contact: Mike Cheslock, 715-365-9745 or cheslmik@rhinelander.k12.wi.us. Also available Mondays, 9-11 a.m., Jan. 20-Feb.3.

Jan. 19, Community Open Swim: 9 a.m.-noon, Sundays through May 19, Heck Family Community Pool, Rhinelander High School. Visit the community section at rhinelander.k12.wi.us. Contact: Mike Cheslock, 715-365-9745 or cheslmik@rhinelander.k12.wi.us.

Jan. 20-Feb. 12, Pickleball Lessons: Level one, Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:15-1:15 p.m. or 6-7 p.m., level two, 1:15-2:15 p.m. or 2:15-3:15 p.m., Hodag Dome. Registration deadline: Jan. 16. Visit the community section at rhinelander.k12.wi.us. Contact: Mike Cheslock, 715-365-9745 or cheslmik@rhinelander.k12.wi.us. Also available: Level three, Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m.

Jan. 20, No School Special Board Game Day: 9 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.; Rhinelander District Library. Board games will be available in the children's department. 715-365-1070 or rhinelanderlibrary.org.

Jan. 20, AA and AI-Anon meeting: 7 p.m., Immanuel Lutheran Church, 21 W. Timber Dr., Rhinelander. 715-362-5910.

Jan. 20, Overeaters Anonymous: 1 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 235 N. Stevens St., Rhinelander. 715-362-4258.

Jan. 20, Bridge Games: noon, American Legion Hall, 121 W. Front St., Minocqua. \$4. Call Lee at 715-356-4243.

Jan. 20, Rhinelander Area Food Pantry: 3-5 p.m., distribution. Donation drop-off hours 8 a.m.-noon Mondays through Fridays. 627 Coon St. Rhinelanderareafodpantry.org.

Jan 20, Tiny Tot Time: 10 a.m., Rhinelander District Library. Caregivers can connect with each other and their little ones as they play and learn. 715-365-1070 or rhinelanderlibrary.org.

Jan. 21, Alzheimer's Association Workshop: 1-2:30 p.m., ADRC of Oneida County, 100 Keenan St., Rhinelander. "Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body: Tips from the Latest Research" program. Contact: Julie St. Pierre, jstierre@alz.org, 715-352-4091.

Jan. 21, Learning Fun for Preschoolers: 10 a.m., Rhinelander District Library. January's theme is construction. This program takes the place of regular storytime. 715-365-1070 or rhinelanderlibrary.org.

Jan. 21, Teen Art Experience: 4-5:30 p.m., ArtStart, 68 S. Stevens St., Rhinelander. Youths ages 13-plus are invited for open studio time with local artists. Participants can

expect a casual art-making experience with different materials and projects. Free, but registration is required. 715-362-4328.

Jan. 21, Ruby's Pantry: 4:30-6 p.m., National Guard Armory, Rhinelander. Pop-up food pantry. For a \$25 cash donation, receive an abundance of grocery items, no income requirements. Bring two boxes that can be exchanged when picking up the food, which is delivered to your vehicle. 715-362-4792 or explorecalvary.com/rubys-pantry.

Jan. 21-March 14, Walking for General Conditioning: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 7:15-8:15 a.m., Hodag Dome, Rhinelander High School. Registration deadline: Jan. 17. Visit the community section at rhinelander.k12.wi.us. Contact: Mike Cheslock, 715-365-9745 or cheslmik@rhinelander.k12.wi.us.

Jan. 21-March 13, Tai Chi for Health: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:15-9:15 a.m., Hodag Dome, Rhinelander High School. Registration deadline: Jan. 17. Visit the community section at rhinelander.k12.wi.us. Contact: Mike Cheslock, 715-365-9745 or cheslmik@rhinelander.k12.wi.us.

Jan. 21-March 13, Balance and Strength, No Falls Approach: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10-11 a.m., Hodag Dome, Rhinelander High School. Registration deadline: Jan. 17. Visit the community section at rhinelander.k12.wi.us. Contact: Mike Cheslock, 715-365-9745 or cheslmik@rhinelander.k12.wi.us.

Jan. 22, Bingo: 10-11:30 a.m., ADRC, 100 W. Keenan St., Rhinelander. Free. 715-369-6170.

Jan. 22, Rhinelander Area Food Pantry: 4-6 p.m., distribution. Donation drop-off hours 8 a.m.-noon Mondays through Fridays. 627 Coon St. Rhinelanderareafodpantry.org.

Jan. 22, Watercolor Painting: 5:30-7:30 p.m., Rhinelander High School, room 134 (art room). Registration deadline: Jan. 20. Visit the community section at rhinelander.k12.wi.us. Contact: Mike Cheslock, 715-365-9745 or cheslmik@rhinelander.k12.wi.us.

Jan. 22-March 5, Zumba with Val: Wednesdays, 5:30-6:15 p.m., James Williams Middle School Gymnasium. Registration deadline: Jan. 20. Visit the community section at rhinelander.k12.wi.us. Contact: Mike Cheslock, 715-365-9745 or cheslmik@rhinelander.k12.wi.us.

TEEN AWARDS from page 4

leadership," said YMCA's Tammy Zellmer.

Nominations can be submitted via mail, fax, email, or at ymcaofthenorthwoods.org until Feb. 12.

Nominees must be between 12 and 18 years old, attend middle school, high school, or homeschool, and reside in Oneida, Vilas, Forest, Langlade, Price, or Lincoln counties.

The Y is also accepting sponsorships for the awards.

For more information, contact Zellmer at tzellmer@ymcanw.org or 715-362-9622 ext. 102.

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ONEIDA COUNTY COURT REPORT

JAN. 2-JAN. 8

Tammy L. Groner, 53, Rhinelander, maintain drug trafficking place with second and subsequent offense modifier, \$5,000 signature bond, AIA Feb. 3.

Scott Allan La Plante, 39, Arbor Vitae, bail jumping-felony, \$2,000 signature bond, AIA Jan. 14.

Katelyn Ann Brand, 36, Eagle River, bail jumping-felony, \$1,000 cash bond, AIA Jan. 16.

Elizabeth Anne Mattock, 44, Merrill, retail theft-intentionally take (<=\$500) with repeater modifier, possess drug paraphernalia, \$250 cash bond, PTC Feb. 6.

Amanda Nicole Hanson, 39, Merrill, retail theft-intentionally take (<=\$500), bail jumping-misdemeanor, bail jumping-felony, \$500 cash bond, AIA Jan. 24.

Jeremiah R. Snyder, 25, Rhinelander, OWI (second), \$2,500 signature bond, AIA, Feb. 3.

Clairessa Selina Rae Nelis, 32, Minocqua, lewd, lascivious behavior-in public, resisting or obstructing an officer, disorderly conduct, \$500 signature bond, AIA Feb. 3.

Leon Leng Vue, 25, Rhinelander, bail jumping-misdemeanor, \$2,500 signature bond, AIA Feb. 7.

Jeremy L. Waterman, 35, Lac du Flambeau, possess drug parapherna-

lia, possession of THC, OWI (second), operating w/ PAC (second), \$2,000 signature bond, AIA Feb. 3.

Allyn D. Larson, 59, Arbor Vitae, knowingly violate a domestic abuse order-temporary restraining order, battery with domestic abuse modifier, \$2,000 signature bond, AIA Feb. 5.

Eric James Hinterleitner, 52, Tomahawk, expose child to harmful material, use a computer to facilitate a child sex crime, \$20,000 cash bond, PH Jan. 10.

Richard A. June, 38, Minocqua, bail jumping-felony, ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order, operating while revoked (rev due to alc/contr subst/refusal), \$1,500 cash bond, AIA Jan. 29.

Kathryn Noelle Specht, 36, Rhinelander, bail jumping-misdemeanor, disorderly conduct, \$1,500 signature bond, AIA Jan. 14.

Ryan Elias Culver, 39, possess w/ intent-amphetamine/methamphetamine/etc. (>3-10g), \$10,000 cash bond, AIA Feb. 25.

Ryan L. Meyer, 42, Minocqua, Lewd, lascivious behavior-in public, disorderly conduct, resisting or obstructing an officer, \$1,000 signature bond, AIA Feb. 3.

Thomas James Murphy, 37,

Rhinelander, OWI (fifth or sixth), possess drug paraphernalia, \$1,000 cash bond, AIA Jan. 28.

Kimberly E. Cox, 51, Harshaw, OWI (fifth or sixth), bail jumping-felony, possess drug paraphernalia, \$10,000 cash bond, AIA Feb. 10.

Tisha M. Mickelson, 43, Rhinelander, possession of methamphetamine with PTAC modifier, possess drug paraphernalia, \$2,500 signature bond, AIA Feb. 3.

Tammy L. Groner, 53, Rhinelander, possession of methamphetamine with repeater and PTAC modifiers, \$5,000 cash bond, AIA Feb. 3.

ABBREVIATION KEY:

DPA - Deferred Prosecution Agreement

DEJ - Deferred Entry of Judgment

WSP - Wisconsin State Prison

ES - Extended Supervision

PAC - Prohibited Alcohol Concentration

IID - Ignition Interlock Device

DL - Driver's license

AIA - Adjourned initial appearance

PTAC - Party to a crime

WHS/POP - Withhold sentence/period of probation

DRI - Dismissed but read in

PTC - Pre-trial conference

PH - Preliminary Hearing

ONEIDA COUNTY WARRANTS OF THE WEEK

The Oneida County Sheriff's Office is asking for your assistance in locating these individuals.

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Larry Mess, 38, Rhinelander. Fail to pay. BODY ONLY



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Juwan Washington, 28, Wausau. Fail to pay. BOND: \$1,527.25



Melissa Frysinger, 49, Greenwood. Fail to pay. BOND: \$1,050



Lynn Chapman, 43, Lac du Flambeau. Fail to pay. BOND: \$766.50

Snowshoe hike slated Feb. 1

FOR STAR JOURNAL

The Northwoods Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance will host a guided snowshoe hike in the Underdown area of the Lincoln County Forest Saturday, Feb. 1, starting at 10 a.m.

According to the trail alliance, the trail is well-marked, packed, and described as "moderately difficult." Depending on ability, experience, and endurance, hikers can choose between one- to four-hour distances.

Participants should bring snowshoes,

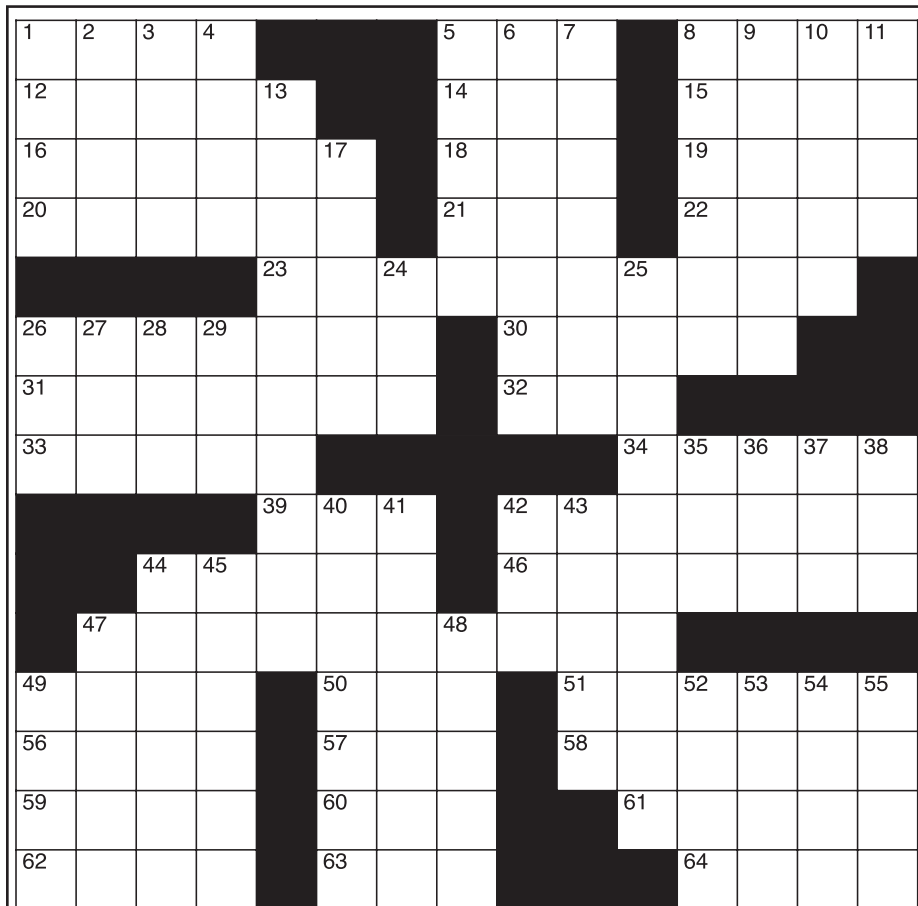
water, and weather-appropriate clothing. If there's not enough snow, it will be a regular hike.

After the hike, hot cider, hot chocolate, cookies, and a fire will be available.

The event is free, but any donations to the chapter will be accepted.

Participants should plan to meet at the Underdown Recreation Area parking lot on Copper Lake Road in Gleason.

For more information, contact Ruby Jaecks at 715-551-1118 or brjaecks@outlook.com.



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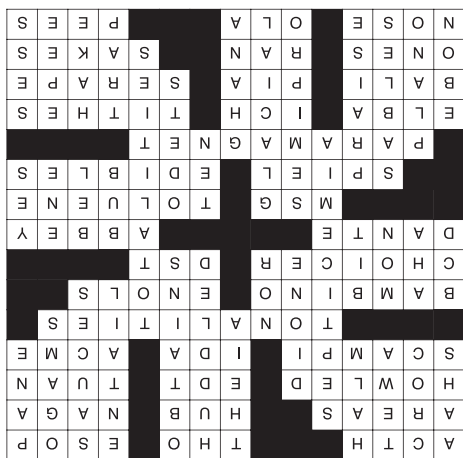
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- Groups in organic chemistry
- More pleasant-tasting
- Spring forward
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- Building occupied by monks

- The world's most famous arena
- Colorless liquid hydrocarbon
- Long or fast speech
- Things you can eat
- Substance in which magnetic moments are not aligned
- Actor Idris
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- Taxes
- Indonesian island
- Nuisance (slang)
- Shawl
- Digits

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- Partner to "oohs"
- Scaly water dweller
- Pueblo people of New Mexico
- Music producer Teo
- Greek mythological goddess
- Got together to discuss
- Acquires
- Involve
- Some are tomato-based
- Old Irish alphabets
- A sheet of glass in a window or door
- Blood poisoning
- A moon of Saturn
- Neither

- Sums
- They follow "A"
- Satisfaction
- People of southeastern Burma
- Small amount
- Guy (slang)
- Sound unit
- Midway between northeast and east
- Affirmative
- Almost at the top
- Extremely slow
- Pearl Jam's debut album
- Influential mid-century playwright
- Martens
- Approval
- Dallas-adjacent Texas city
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ADRC to host chronic conditions workshop

FOR STAR JOURNAL

A Living Well with Chronic Conditions Workshop will be held on Thursdays from Feb. 6 to March 13 at Ascension Lutheran Church in Minocqua.

The workshop is presented by the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Oneida County and the Wisconsin Institute of Healthy Aging.

According to the ADRC, living with a chronic condition such as arthritis, cancer, heart disease, or another ongoing health problem can be physically, emotionally, and financially draining.

The workshop will give participants strategies to manage chronic disease, including techniques for coping with fatigue, pain, and isolation, communicating with family, friends, and health professionals, practicing good nutrition, evaluating new treatment options, and goal setting and problem-solving.

Workshop participants are asked for a suggested donation of \$20.

For questions or to register, contact the ADRC of Oneida County at 715-369-6170 or email jsackett@oneidacountywi.gov.

Ascension Lutheran Church is located at 7937 Hwy 51 South in Minocqua.

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Hodag Highlights

GIRLS BASKETBALL

On Tuesday, Jan. 7, the girls basketball team made the short trip to Three Lakes to play the Bluejays.

The Hodags started slow and didn't score for almost the first five minutes. Fortunately for the Hodags, Three Lakes scored only seven points then.

The Hodags got into a rhythm and led 25-11 at the half. The second half started with the defensive pressure getting to Three Lakes as the Hodags outscored the Bluejays and didn't allow a three-point basket. The final score was 64-37.

Aubryn Clark led all scorers with 26 points, followed by Vivian Lamers with 20.



Vivian Lamers makes a layup after a Three Lakes turnover.



Aubryn Clark makes the open shot under the basket.

BASEBALL CLINIC

At the Hodag Dome, two former Milwaukee Brewers, Jim Gantner and Ron Nedset, led a youth baseball clinic on Saturday, Jan. 11. Gantner played college baseball at UW-Oshkosh and played 17 years for the Brewers, and Nedset was a bullpen catcher. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., campers were divided into three groups covering different aspects of baseball, including hitting, pitching, fielding, and base running. Gantner signed autographs at the end of the camp and gave away several Brewers items to the players.



Former Milwaukee Brewers player Jim Gantner works with a group of youth running the bases.



Gantner signs autographs at the end of the camp.

BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL DOUBLEHEADER

Friday, Jan. 10, was doubleheader night at the high school gym as the Lakeland Thunderbird girls and boys played the Hodags. Both games were lopsided victories as the girls lost the first game 62-28, and in the second game, the Hodag boys won 70-30 for a split of the games.

The rematch will be Feb. 14 in Minocqua for both teams.

The girls played first and could not get on track as Lakeland held an early 26-4 lead. The Hodags came back to be down 29-15 at halftime. After the break, Lakeland went on a run that the Hodags could not overcome and lost 62-28. Offensively, the Hodags

could not get on a run as Vivian Lamers was the leading scorer with nine points, and Rhinelander's leading scorer, Aubryn Clark, was held to a season-low seven points. Kristina Ouimette led Lakeland with 27 points.

The Hodag boys played the second game of the night and, with their defensive pressure, forced turnovers for easy baskets as three players scored in double digits, led by Jatyn Barkus with 14, followed by Truman Lamers and Seth Nofftz, each with 12. The Hodags scored 35 in each half while limiting Lakeland to 14 in the first half and 16 in the second half for the 70-30 win.



Ella Miljevich attempted a shot near the basket but was blocked by the taller Saylor Timmerman. Timmerman blocked several Hodag shot attempts and affected other shot attempts.



Guard Vivian Lamers is fouled, bringing the ball upcourt by Lakeland's Kristina Ouimette.



Sophomore Lexi Beran got a shot off without being blocked and scored on the play.



Senior Kelsey Winter is fouled by Saylor Timmerman on a shot attempt.



Hodag's high scorer for the night, Jatyn Barkus, made this shot early in the game. Barkus scored 14 for the Hodags.



Seth Nofftz shot this floater in the lane and scored 12 points in the game.



Evan Shoeder blocked this shot by Lakeland in the first half.



Truman Lamers with his second dunk of the night on his way to 12 points.

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