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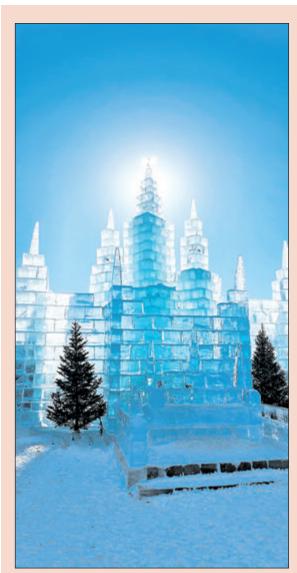
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**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025** 



ICY SUN - Still standing after being up for nearly a month, the Eagle River ice castle was alight with early afternoon rays last Thursday. At night, multi-colored lights illuminate the castle for passerby, visitors and locals to enjoy.

—Photo By Tim Schreiber

## Vilas board OKs ATV/UTV traffic on county roads

**BY JOSEPHINE** HINDERMAN **NEWS EDITOR** 

In a nail-biting 10-9 vote, the Vilas County Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance amendment that will allow all-terrain and utility task vehicles (ATVs/ UTVs) year-round access on all county roads, except Lac du Flambeau.

amendment, brought to the board by the Vilas County Highway Committee, was passed before a packed meeting room on the morning of Tuesday, Jan. 28.

During the time for public comments, County Chairman Jerry Burkett had those in attendance get into two groups comprised of those in favor and those who were opposed to the amendment, ordinance and had them elect a representative to speak on the group's behalf during 15-minute intervals.

The first side to present their points were those who favored ATV/UTVs using county roads, as was decided by a coin toss.

board was Lisa Penner, secretary for the Vilas County ATV/UTV Alliance, as well as the St. Germain ATV Club.

Penner said she was speaking on behalf of the Alliance's members, representing about 953 general members and 332 business members. Her points primarily reflected the economic benefits of the sport, the benefits law enforcement and tourists could get from standardized rules, and increased growth in the sport.

combated She also concerns that have been raised over the potential dangers ATV/UTVs may pose to local environments and nature trails, saying that the damage that does happen on these trails occurs due to trails "not being properly designed or maintained."

"The clubs in Vilas County work very hard with the DNR and the county to make sure these impacts do not occur," Penner explained.

Those in attendance

The first to speak to the who voiced opposition to the ordinance amendment brought up a perceived loss of control from town boards, especially in towns whose constituents were repeatedly opposed to ATV/ UTV traffic on their roads.

"Don't take control from local town governments," said Boulder Junction Town Chairman Dennie Ruess. "We know our people, we work there, we live there, we know what people are expecting. I'm asking you (the board) to let towns govern towns."

Ruess was one of three town chairmen — alongside John Hanson of Manitowish Waters and Joseph Discianno of Winchester — to speak against the ordinance amendment based on opposition voiced by their constituents.

This sentiment also shared among board supervisors, including Supervisor Richard Hanson.

"What I really think I need to address is local control," he said. "We had promised these towns that we would not open county

roads within their towns, without a request from the town. And we now are being asked to go back on that promise. I'm not ready to give up my credibility with the towns.'

Burkett concluded the discussion with his own opposition to the amendment, saying, "I believe in local control... It's called respect. We all represent the area that we live in — it's called respect."

The 10-9 vote was passed after over two hours of public comment and board discussion.

According to Vilas County Highway Commissioner, Troy Schalinske, changes won't go into effect until signage is installed on all county trunk highways. A press release will follow upon the project's completion. There is no timeline available for

the project. Those who may be interested in viewing the ordinance can do so by contacting the Vilas County Clerk's office at 715-479-

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## Pond hockey returning to Eagle River this weekend

BY NEWS-REVIEW STAFF

The 2025 National Pond Hockey Championships will be returning to Eagle River this weekend Feb. 7 - 9 on Dollar Lake after unseasonably warm temperatures in 2024 led to its cancellation for the year.

Across 24 specially marked rinks created by the Eagle River Fire Department, spectators can come and watch teams compete for the championship title in over 180 scheduled games.

First started in 2006, over 300 teams from across the country have come to compete on the ice of Dollar Lake in a familiar, "low-tech" four-on-four style of hockey. Games will be played in two 15-minute halves.

For more information, visit the USA Hockey website at https://www. usahockey.com/pondhockey.

#### **Spectator information**

Spectators are welcome, and are encouraged to check schedules at the USA Hockey website for game times.

The Chanticleer Inn will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Concessions on the lake will be presented by the Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club, and will be open to

both players and fans. Spectators are asked to keep parking in mind, as parking at the inn and along Dollar Lake Road will be limited, and there will be no parking available

at or on Dollar Lake. Parking is also available at the Eagle River Ice Arena. Buses will be running from the arena to the Chanticleer Inn from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. on Friday, and 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday. There will be no buses available on Sunday.



Hockey teams from across the country will be battling for the title of pond hockey champions at the Pond Hockey National Championships on Dollar Lake Feb. 7 - 9. –STAFF PHOTO

## Lions clubs partner with FORK to "Stick it to Hunger"

The Phelps-Land O' Lakes Lions Club will be partnering with Feed Our Rural Kids (FORK) in an effort to combat food insecurity in the North Woods as a part of their "Stick It to Hunger" campaign.

Part of providing aid to local families experiencing food insecurity involves spreading information on services the program offers, which can be an expensive and time-consuming endeavor for the volunteer organization. This is where partnering with local organizations, stepping up to offer their services to FORK, comes in.

In 2022, FORK collaborated with the Vilas and Oneida County Departments of Human Services to create FORK's Family Food Helpline — a toll-free, confidential source of information related to free and reduced-cost food support programming in the area.



WINTRY FLUFF - A whitetail deer wanders through the woods, its shape softened by its dense, seasonal winter coat. Whitetail deer typically maintain a winter coat before shedding them during spring and growing in their sleeker summer coats.

—Photo By Kurt Krueger

### Social emotional learning modules show early signs of support at Pines

**BY BILL ZUELKE** CORRESPONDENT

Staff and parent feedback about a new social emotional learning (SEL) program in the Northland Pines School District shows early signs of support based on survey results shared by district officials at the regular monthly board meeting held last week in Eagle River.

Emily Rhode, Director of Special Education & Pupil Services, led a team of presenters offering a first glimpse of the acceptance of Character Strong and Purposeful People learning modules which focus on student engagement in instruction and developing character traits beyond lessons in the classroom such as respect, empathy, responsibility, gratitude and honesty.

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The average daily high at this time last year for the next seven days was 39, while the average overnight low was					

24. The average precipitation amounts were 0.

#### Comparison

Days of precipitation recorded since Oct. 1, 2024, 78 days; 2024, 76 days. Average high of past 30 days, 2025, 20; 2024, 26. Average low of past 30 days, 2025,

#### **SNOW DEPTH**

Snow measured around 2" in depth at noon on Monday,

Most bodies of water in the area have between 18 to 24"

#### **5-DAY OUTLOOK**

Wednesday: Mix of sun and clouds.	Hi:24	Lo:18
Thursday: More clouds than sun.	Hi:23	Lo:-3
Friday: Partly cloudy.	Hi:20	Lo:9
Saturday: Snow likely.	Hi:21	Lo:9
Sunday: A mix of sun and clouds. Hi:19,	Hi:19	Lo:-3

## **ADRC** brain health discussion set Feb. 11

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Vilas County will be holding a brain health discussion at the Walter E. Olson Memorial Library on Tuesday, Feb. 11, from 1 - 2:30 p.m.

The discussion will include ways to keep the brain sharp by looking at socialization, mental stimulation, physical activity, spirituality and nutrition.

To RSVP, call the ADRC at 715-479-3625 or email lebaug@vilascountywi.gov.

## **DMV** offers information on obtaining an **ID** for voting

Motor Vehicles (DMV) reminds citizens how to obtain identification, free of charge, that is valid for voting.

Valid identification for voting purposes includes a driver license, identification card, military or student ID card, etc. There is no separate "voter ID." A federally compliant REAL ID card is not required for voting purposes. Anyone unsure if their identification meets the requirements should visit the Wisconsin Elections https://bringit.wi.gov/ to check.

Begin online to see a list of the required documents that are needed to present at a DMV Customer Service

Ahead of the Wisconsin Center in order to obtain Spring Primary Election identification to show at on Tuesday, Feb. 18, the the polls at wisconsindmv. Wisconsin Department gov/idcards. A process is Transportation available to U.S. citizens, (WisDOT) Division of free of charge, to obtain a receipt valid to take to the polls for voting if the ID card is not available in

> Anyone with guestions related to obtaining an ID that can be used to vote should call DMV's toll-free hotline at (844) 588-1069. Questions regarding voter eligibility, poll locations, voter registration information, or other election information can be directed to the Wisconsin Elections Commission at elections. wi.gov.

Start the application Commission website at now at wisconsindmv. gov or at a local DMV Customer Service Center.

> To find a DMV, or to check hours, services and wait times, visit wisconsindmv.gov/

## **NEWS**



Despite being an ATV owner himself and having a personal love for the sport, Supervisor Marv Anderson (left) also voiced his opposition to the amendment in favor more control being given to town governments. Staff Photos By JOSEPHINE HINDERMAN

## **Traffic**

3600 or by visiting www. vilascountywi.gov.

#### **Broadband**

Following the discussion on the ATV/UTV ordinance, the board unanimously decided to endorse Charter, Norvado and Brightspeed in applying for the Broadband, Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Grant.

Funds from this grant will be used to further expand broadband access in Vilas County.

"The Vilas County Development Economic Corporation (VCEDC) has been pleased to lead broadband expansion on behalf of Vilas County since the spring of 2020 with our 'Vilas First' strategy," said VCEDC Executive Director Kathy Schmitz. "At that time, only 5% of

Vilas County was covered by high-speed broadband. Today, 86% of Vilas County has or will soon have highspeed broadband as a result of previously funded projects that we have played a major role in achieving."

Schmitz added that the BEAD program goal for Vilas County is to bring high-speed broadband to the remaining 14% of county residents and businesses.

Visit https://www. vilascountyedc.org/ broadband/ for more information about the VCEDC's broadband efforts.

#### **Lemonades 4 Helo**

Vilas County Sheriff Joe Fath and Chief Deputy Patrick Schmidt were in attendance to recognize the fundraising efforts of 11-year-old Jackson Favorite, who raised over \$1,000 for K-9 deputy, Zach Stern, and his canine, Helo, in his Lemonades 4 Helo

Boulder Junction resident Steve Halverson was one of the few community members to have spoken in opposition to the ATV/ UTV ordinance amendment.

campaign over the summer. Favorite, who would like to become a K-9 officer when he grows up, was presented with a special plaque in appreciation from

Deputy Stern and Helo. He also received a Citizen Commendation award from Sheriff Fath and Chief Deputy Schmidt.

## Support FROM PAGE 1

Survey results included responses by teachers indicating high levels of support as reflected in majority approval ratings in categories ranging from personal comfort in presenting the new curriculum to the fact that the programs offer regular opportunities for student reflection and feedback. From the perspective of parents, nearly 75% of the survey responses indicated a belief that the programs will help children succeed in school and beyond.

There were also some elements that were identified as needing improvement.

For many teachers, survey feedback indicated that the program is so new that additional time is needed to fully understand the features, and there was concern expressed about not having enough time for meaningful classroom discussions. In addition, the survey indicated that many

the program or the specific activities included.

According to Rhode. these concerns will be addressed in the months ahead as the district adjusts to the new programs.

"We will be looking at wavs where we can modify content or instructional strategies." she said. "While taking a step back to look at the overall district implementation and make sure we make appropriate revisions when needed, it is also important that we look at family engagement to bring the best communication and information that is useful for parents and students."

The SEL program was approved by the board of education last year to be implemented into the standard course of study for all district students in a three-year commitment period beginning with the current school year. Rhode said that the ultimate success of the program will be measured through academic growth, college and career readiness, and overall life satisfaction.

#### Phone policy

In other agenda items addressed in the monthly meeting, the board acknowledged recent feedback it received related to current restrictions on student cell phone use, and the restricted use of select electronic devices during school hours.

Several students in a late December board meeting asked for reconsideration about the restrictions, especially for students in the higher grade levels, and shared a petition signed by fellow students throughout the district.

The board addressed this topic at the January policy committee meeting where members stated that they were impressed with the student presentation, but that since the cell phone restrictions have only been in place for a few months, it is too soon to fairly evaluate the policy for change.

As part of the review process. District Administrator Scott Foster looked at the academic achievement of students during the first trimester of the new policy and shared results at the policy meeting, indicating a 27% reduction in the number of failing grades compared to the same period last year.

"The academic improvement is a solid indicator," he said, "but we need to look at this entire policy for at least a full school year before it would be appropriate to consider changes."

School board president Jennifer Payne agreed and said the recent student feedback impressed her.

"I really appreciated hearing from these students as they shared sincere comments and concerns," she said. "Their voices were respectfully heard by this board and it was nice to see their participation in the governing process."

Similar comments were expressed by other committee members.

#### Referendum update Before

the regular meeting adjourned, Foster gave a brief update on activity related to the operational upcoming referendum vote scheduled on Tuesday, Feb. 18, when the district will ask property taxpayers for funds to maintain and support operations of the Northland Pines School District.

Foster completed the last session early this week in a series of community informational meetings and says he is happy with the public engagement on this topic.

Referendum details. including a copy of the presentation used the public information meetings, can be found www.npsd.k12.wi.us at through links on the district's home website page.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 24, at 6 p.m.



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## **NEWS**

## **Eagle River teen one of four cadets** representing Civil Air Patrol in nation's capitol

This month, four cadets from the Wisconsin Wing of the Civil Air Patrol will travel to Washington D.C. to meet with government officials and elected representatives, including one cadet from Eagle River.

Legislative "National Day is important for Civil Air Patrol to reinforce the understanding of our mission to nonmembers through representatives," Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Kaeden Saunders. "At the same time, it allows the selected (cadet) representatives a unique opportunity to experience how our government really works."

Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is a Congressionally chartered nonprofit organization that functions as the auxiliary of the Air Force. CAP performs a variety of emergency and operational missions on demand for the federal government. Additionally, CAP offers programs and provides support to schools and students in thousands of communities.

Wing The Wisconsin has more than 600 adult members and 400 youth The youth members. chosen to represent the state are Cadet Second Lieutenant Brisha



Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Kristiana Clay of the Eagle River Composite Squadron, WI Wing, is pictured during the Air Force Academy Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs, Colo.

-Contributed Photo

Briseno, Cadet Lieutenant The team will be led Colonel Kristiana Clay, by Lieutenant Colonel Cadet Second Lieutenant Todd Mandel, the Wing Hayden Elwood, and Deputy Commander, and Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Lieutenant Colonel Geoff Kaeden Saunders. These Biedermann, the Wisconsin Relations cadets represent La Crosse, Government Officer. Eagle River, Stevens Point intent is to and the Milwaukee area, "The respectively.

highlight some of the great

accomplishments of CAP's operations and impact on our communities and state, and to discuss our annual budget request," says Lieutenant Colonel "It Biedermann. serves as an opportunity to give some of our best and brightest cadets the opportunity to speak to their elected leaders."

Cadet perspective is a unique highlight for government officials — an opportunity to hear firsthand the impact Civil Air Patrol has in the lives of their constituents, and how those involved are giving back.

Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Kristiana Clay of Eagle River has been in Civil Air Patrol for five vears, and has applied to both the U.S. Air Force Academy and the U.S. Naval Academy. She says CAP has provided "experiences to grow myself and my leadership capabilities," and wants to share what CAP is doing in Wisconsin. Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Saunders, who also hopes to attend a service academy, says the cadet program "provides the figurative laboratory" for practicing and learning leadership

## St. Germain seeks town clerk candidates

The Town of St. Germain is seeking writein candidates for town clerk for the upcoming spring general election to be held on Tuesday, April 1. Candidate paperwork was turned in for expiring terms for other open positions of chairman, two supervisor positions, and town treasurer.

A town clerk plays role a crucial government local by maintaining official overseeing records. elections, and supporting town functions.

Dedicated and detailoriented individuals are encouraged to submit their names. Other include qualifications being a qualified elector of St. Germain, having the ability to work with

the public, having the knowledge government procedures. along with experience in public administration or a similar role.

The key responsibilities of the town clerk will include, but are not limited to, being the official keeper of town records and documents, overseeing elections and managing voter registration, maintaining the town budget, issuing various licenses and permits, recording minutes for town board meetings, and assisting residents on town services and other information.

For more information, contact the St. Germain Town Clerk at 715-542-8024 and select option 1.

#### **FORK** FROM PAGE 1

The goal, both then and now, is to help Vilas and Oneida County residents struggling with food insecurity find the nutritional support they need.

"The greatest challenge for the helpline will always be finding creative and cost-effective ways to keep 888-479-FORK (3675) 'top-of-mind' with area residents," explained FORK President Perry Pokrandt. "To date, FORK has funded television, radio, newspaper, and Facebook ads to do just that, and it's working! But the cost of this type of advertising over the long run is overwhelming, despite our media generous inpartners' kind support."

It was from FORK's long-range focus on message efficiency that "Stick It to Hunger" was created.

"Cost-effective communication essential," explained Vilas County Human Services Director Valorie Wielhouwer. "Our hope is that we can create a network of local partners across both counties, who will help us to place Family Food Helpline stickers on bathroom mirrors in area businesses, schools, government buildings, and

other public buildings." The idea is to place the sticker onto thousands of bathrooms across the two counties that, in the years to come, will have reached all area residents before they may need help.

"We are excited to announce one of those

local partnerships is in place, with the Phelps-Land O' Lakes Lions Club already offering their support," said Stick It to Hunger Chairperson Lynn Kenning. "Community groups, like the Lions, are the heart of our communities and this partnership with groups like the Phelps-Land O' Lakes Lions will be the key to this effort's success in the future."

Helpline stickers will begin being placed in Phelps and Land O' Lakes starting in February.

"No one really knows which of our friends, family members, neighbors is experiencing food insecurity," said Lions representative Brian Blank. "By placing these informational stickers around our community, we will be providing necessary information to those in need. Help is just a call away."

FORK is inviting local businesses in the area to be part of the Stick It to Hunger initiative. Any businesses located in Vilas or Oneida County can call project Chairperson Lynn Kenning at 312-543-1801

FORK coordinating the regional effort of community partners to ensure an organized and efficient effort, Pokrandt added.

"If you represent an organization in Vilas or Oneida County and are interested in learning more, or helping out, please reach out to Stick It at info@feedourruralkids. org.," he said.

"We cannot do this alone." concluded Kenning. "Join us in this effort to 'Stick It to Hunger" in 2025."

## **Howard Young Medical Center** named 'Top Recommended Hospital'

Howard Young Medical Center has been named 'Top Recommended Hospital' Becker's Hospital Review, recognized for its high level of patient satisfaction on patients' likelihood to recommend the facility to others.

Becker's compiled this list of hospitals across the nation, utilizing data from Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) survey, which is managed by The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The survey measures various aspects high standards of care we President,

of the patient experience, strive to provide to our including the question, "Would vou recommend this hospital to your friends and family?'

"This achievement reflects the compassionate care and dedication of our entire team," said Lori Knitt, VP - Patient Care and Chief Nursing Officer, Aspirus WI North Division. "Every day, our staff, nurses and providers work tirelessly to ensure patients feel heard, supported and valued. Being named a top recommended hospital is a proud moment for our team and reinforces the Review," said Teri Theiler,

community."

The HCAHPS star rating system, which uses patient feedback from surveys completed in 2023, takes into account responses from hospitals with at least 100 completed surveys in a fourth-quarter period. The ranking is based on patients' satisfaction with the care they received their likelihood of recommending the hospital to others.

"We are incredibly proud of the recognition Becker's Hospital from

North Division. "Our team is committed to delivering outstanding care to every patient, and this honor is a testament to their efforts to ensure that each patient's experience is positive and supportive."

The HCAHPS survey, developed by CMS and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), is a standardized instrument used to assess patient experiences in hospitals nationwide.

For more information about Howard Young Medical Center visit aspirus.org.

## Local rotary clubs promote ethics and civility to 9th graders

communities throughout northeast Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula are sponsoring local Rotary Four Way Test Speaking contests, with students able to win up to \$1,500.

The Rotary Four Way Test was developed more than one hundred years ago to teach ethics to Rotary members and the business community.

It states, "In all the things we think, say and do, is it the truth, is it fair to all concerned, will it build goodwill and better friendship, and will it be beneficial to all concerned." Ninth grade students are

in invited to write a five minute speech on how to apply the Four Way test to social media and how people are treated. Detailed information about contest rules and how to enter is available at

redistricting6220org. Local winners will be awarded a cash prize of \$500 and will then enter the competition on the Rotary district level, where first place will be \$1,000. Second and third place prizes will also be awarded locally and by the district.

District 6220 Rotary comprises 41 clubs Wisconsin throughout Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

one of the world's largest service clubs with more than 1,400,000 members in more than 200 countries.

Rotary District Governor Roger Utnehmer, a member of the Rotary Club of Wausau, invites parents, grandparents, teachers, friends and relatives to encourage ninth grade students to participate

"The next pandemic in America may very well be teen mental health. A speaking contest that encourages students to think about their social media activity, and how they treat others, may be one way to deal with the

Rotary International is rising problem of teen anxiety and depression," Utnehmer said.

The thoughts shared by students in these five minute speeches can be very helpful in assisting adults to relate more effectively to young people, according to Utnehmer.

The deadline for local competitions is Tuesday, April 1, with the district competition scheduled for Saturday, April 12.

Local competitions may be online or in person. District competition will be online only.

All details on how to enter is available at ridistrict6220.



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## **OBITUARIES**

#### Bill Kirby



William P. Kirby, 89, of Three Lakes, passed away on Jan. 13, 2025. He was born in Chicago, IL on Dec. 24, 1935, to Ernest and Lorraine (nee Lubinski).

Bill lived in Chicago and Crestwood, IL until he retired permanently to Three Lakes in 1999. Bill was a proud member of Sheet Metal Workers Local #73

(Chicago), Three Lakes Lions Club and Fishing Has No Boundaries (Eagle River). Bill enjoyed a lifetime of fishing and hunting along with the Three Lakes NASCAR, Horseshoe and Wednesday Night Muskie leagues.

Though he retired to the Wisconsin Northwoods, Bill's passion for the Chicago Bears and Chicago Cubs never wavered.

Bill is survived by his four children, Bill Jr. (Debbie), Sue (Paul Lazar), Jeff (Lori) and Colleen (Phil) Dorner; and stepdaughters, Gail (the late Todd) Rudie and Terry Dembraski; his 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren and sister, Mary Rose (Glen Swenson); along with many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his two wives Judy (nee Antelek) and June (nee Gerner) and four brothers, Ernest, Raymond, Ronald and Michael.

Bill will be remembered by many for his storytelling, quick wit and booming voice. He was also known for cooking a great fish fry. And if that fish fry meant that his family and friends were visiting the Northwoods, all the better. The deer, fish and local slot machines will no longer live in fear.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held on Saturday, May 3, at The Reiter Center in Three Lakes, 11

The family would appreciate memorials in Bill's name to the Three Lakes Lions Club or the Eagle River Fishing Has No Boundaries.

PAID OBITUARY

#### In the midst of calamity, anxiety, or fear Jesus alone is the source of peace.

"You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You."

Isaiah 26:3



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#### Phoebe McElroy



Phoebe McElroy, age 93, passed away peacefully at her home in Phelps, WI, on Jan. 19, 2025. Born on Dec. 30, 1931, in Racine, WI, she was the beloved daughter of Reverend Oliver C. Chapin and Frida Regina Axt.

Phoebe was preceded in death by her husband, William G. McElroy; her brother, Oliver Paul

Chapin; her sister, Faith Hogan; and her daughter, Michal Susan Snook.

She is survived by her children, Stephanie Snell of Bethel, ME, Hilary (Lori) Snook of Merrimack, MA, and Colin (Renee) Snook of Phelps, WI. She also leaves behind seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Phoebe graduated as a Registered Nurse from St. Luke's School in Racine and went to work at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago.

In 1963, she moved to Phelps where she dedicated her life to caring for others. She began her Northwoods career at the Lillian Kerr Nursing Home in Phelps, then worked with Dr. E.C. Eickhoff in Land O' Lakes and retired at the age of 65 from Aspirus in Phelps.

She loved to tell stories of her early nursing days when they resharpened and reused needles and washed used bandages. She loved the people of Northern Wisconsin and told stories how during smelt season the men of Phelps would drop off buckets of them. The entire staff would clean them and then staff and patients all had a huge fish fry.

Phoebe had a vibrant spirit and a profound love for her family, cooking, and the Northwoods, where she felt deeply connected to nature. Anyone that knew her will smile and remember her fondness for

After being diagnosed with lung cancer, she held a heartfelt celebration of life party to spend cherished moments with family and friends. She wanted to express her gratitude to all who celebrated her life with her during that special gathering.

Phoebe will be dearly missed by those who knew and loved her. Her legacy of compassion, strength, and joy will continue to live on in the hearts of her family and friends.

Private services will be held by the family. Arrangements by Gaffney-Busha Funeral Home, Eagle River. Online condolences may be expressed PAID OBITUARY at gaffney-busha.com

#### Mark Menting

Mark Menting of Eagle River, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, Jan. 16, 2025, at the age of

Mark was a hard worker who loved the outdoors. He enjoyed spending time with Eric swinging on the swings teasing each other.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two

Mark is survived by his partner, Pam; her son, Eric; brothers, Gary, Tom, Patrick; sisters, Debra, Barb, Karen, Kristie, Janet, Paula, and Michelle; two nieces and two nephews.

Celebration of life will be on a future date.

PAID OBITUARY

## **NEWS**

## In-person absentee voting for Spring Primary now open

Key deadlines are rapidly ballot by mail should act approaching for eligible Wisconsin voters seeking to cast an absentee ballot before the Tues, Feb. 18 Spring Primary, according to the Wisconsin Elections Commission.

Starting on Tuesday, Feb. 4 — two weeks before Election Day — clerks can begin to issue in-person absentee ballots at the clerk's office or another designated location.

The in-person absentee voting (IPAV) process, sometimes called "early voting," involves a voter both requesting a ballot and completing that ballot on the same trip to the clerk's office  $\,$ or designated location.

When a voter requests an absentee ballot in their municipal clerk's office, or another designated location, they will complete their ballot immediately, seal the ballot in the proper envelope, and return it to a member of the clerk's staff. No IPAV ballots may be taken out of the voting site.

Voters need to show an acceptable photo ID when voting by in-person absentee ballot. More information about acceptable photo IDs can be found at https:// elections.wi.gov/photoid.

According to state law, clerks can make in-person absentee voting available through Sunday, Feb. 16. Municipalities are not required to offer IPAV through Feb. 16, but they cannot offer it beyond that date. Voters should check with their municipal clerk to learn the dates and times for IPAV opportunities in their community.

Meanwhile, Thursday, Feb. 13, is the last day for most voters to request an absentee ballot by mail, online, email or fax for the Feb. 18 Spring Primary. In practical terms, though, that results in an unrealistic timeframe for the voter to receive the ballot, complete it, and return it to their clerk by election day.

Voters who still need to request an absentee at 715-479-3600.

immediately, said Megan Wolfe, administrator of the WEC and the state's chief election official. Registered voters can make their requests online at https:// myvote.wi.gov.

"Your ballot must be returned to your clerk by 8 p.m. on Election Day to be counted, and the U.S. Postal Service says it can take up to seven days for a letter to arrive," said Wolfe. "If you're planning to mail your ballot back, you should do so as soon as possible."

As noted above, voters faced with tight deadlines for absentee voting by mail have the option of using the IPAV process between Feb. 4 and Feb. 16 in their clerk's office or another designated voting location. Again, IPAV timing within that window may vary from community to community, so voters should check with their local clerk to confirm their IPAV opportunities.

"We want citizens to choose the option for voting that works best for them, but time is running out for those who wish to vote before Election Day," Wolfe said. "For voters who choose to vote absentee by mail, we want to be sure they have the information they need to navigate that process in a timely fashion. And, of course, every voter who is eligible to vote in the state can also vote via IPAV or in person on Election Day."

There are about 40 including municipalities, Milwaukee and Green Bay, that count absentee ballots at a central location. Voters in those cities, villages and towns should check with their municipal clerk about where to return their ballots on Election Day. A list of central count municipalities is available at https:// elections.wi.gov/centralcount-absentee-ballotmunicipalities.

For more information about absentee voting in Vilas County, contact the Vilas County Clerk's office

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The family of Don Eliason would like to express our deepest gratitude to the remarkable people that recently provided us with care and support. We are especially grateful to caregivers John from Cornerstone Caregivers and Guy from Nicolet Staffing for their kindness and dedication. Their compassionate care meant so much to Don and our family.

We are also especially thankful to Dr. Bettag of Marshfield Clinic Minocqua Center for his dedicated care and support during the last few years. Jennifer Jordan, NP, and the compassionate staff at Aspirus Eagle River Hospital went above and beyond to ensure Donnie was treated with kindness, offering not only expert medical care but also heartfelt comfort to our family. Meaghan Harvey at Seasons of Life Hospice House also provided unwavering compassion and attentiveness, creating a peaceful and supportive environment during Don's final days. Their care brought us immeasurable comfort.

We also wish to acknowledge Gaffney-Busha Funeral Home for their guidance and professionalism in helping us honor and celebrate Don's life with grace and respect. Finally, a special thanks to Eddie B's White Spruce for providing a warm and welcoming space for our family to come together and share cherished memories.

The kindness and care of each of these remarkable businesses and individuals have touched our hearts and will never be forgotten.

~The Family of Donald R. Eliason

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## REAL ESTATE

Personal

Jan. 23, 2025

Kennedy Lake LLC to William M. Bantz and Tracy E. Bantz, gov lot 1 in 7-43-6,

Shane Robert Jenkins to David M. Stahl and Stephanie L. Stahl, NE NW in 11-39-10, \$660.

Scott R. Woodward to Scott R. Woodward and Evette Danielak, NW SW and SW SW in 12-39-10, \$283.50.

Bailey A. Croker to E&O Properties LLC, lots 3-4 of plat CSM5888, gov lot 4 in 28-40-10 and lot 2 of plat CSM5625, \$135.

Hollen E. Valkenaar Revocable Trust Trustee Holly B. Evans to Gary Valkenaar, gov lot 3 in 10-39-10, \$645.30.

Daniel J. Sr. and Mary Jo Murphy and Trustee Daniel J. Murphy Jr. to Alejandro Sanchez and Mary E. Sanchez, gov lot 1 in 30-40-5,

#### Jan. 24, 2025

Seeley Homestead LLC to Michael J. Davis and Corina G. Davis, lot 4 of plat 791 in Pine Field Estates, \$105.

Kent Martin and Anne Martin to Secluded Land Company LLC, SW NE in 33-41-9. \$267.

Estate of Timothy P. McFadden, Estate Timothy P. Mc Fadden and McFadden, Maeve M. Mc Fadden and Keenan Witmer, unit 8 of plat 119 in Goode's Bay Shore Condo, \$899.70. Jan. 27, 2025

Kelly Jo Zsa to Maeve M.

Representative

Paul D Votaw and Marcia A. Votaw to Yugandhar Chaparala and Sruthi Muppalaneni, unit 112 of plat 851 in Wild Eagle Lodge Condominium, \$1,152.

Laura A. Koranda to Raymond A. Protich, Teresa M. Protich, Nicholas R. Protich and Hannah E. Protich, unit 8-9 of plat 853 in Eagle Waters Resort Condo, \$180.

Maple Ridge Investments INC to Gail Schwenn and Gary Schwenn, gov lot 9 in 17-40-10, \$558.30.

Peter G. Janicki and Barbara L. Janicki to Ronald G. Ritzer, gov lot 3 in 20-40-10, \$53.70.

Robert Govek Abundant Life Outreach Center INC, gov lot 4 in 27-40-10, \$660,

Mary Kokes to Francis J. Kokes and Anthony Kokes, NE NW in 11-42-9, \$60.

#### Jan. 29, 2025

Robert J. Grabowski Trust Revocable Trustee Susan A. Gnat to Thomas R. Howard and Marcie A. Howard, unit 114 of plat 716 in Bradford Point Condominium, \$45.

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alarm, two lost properties,

## **NEWS**



GOOFY FUNDS - The "MLB Boys" as they're affectionately known were part of the fundraiser events hosted by Timbers Bar & Restaurant in St. Germain. The Goofy Olympics helped raise over \$3,000 for Feed Our Rural Kids (FORK) as well as other North Woods charities. From left, Mike Vacik, owner Bobbie Hams, Bob Palm and Lou Perna enjoy some warmth after competing in events. -Photo By Doug Etten

#### Vilas County court report

## Ashland woman receives probation for multiple drug charges

Ashland woman pleaded guilty to two felony drug charges last week in Vilas County Circuit Court, which included one felony narcotic drug possession charge and one felony methamphetamine possession charge.

Eva Plucinski, 20, had her sentence stayed by Branch 1 Judge Martha Milanowski for four years of probation with conditions. Both counts are concurrent with one another and consecutive with any other case. If there is a violation, Plucinski will serve 18 months of confinement and two years of extended supervision.

Jaeden Tucker, 19, of Woodruff, was given two years of probation at a plea/ sentencing hearing on one felony charge of business setting theft. Conditions of probation include \$7,750.40 restitution, court costs, any other programs deemed appropriate by the agent, and to write an apology letter to Kwik Trip. Expungement will be granted at the end of probation. Tucker will get nine months in Vilas Jail in the case of revocation.

Justin Taddey, 39, of Eagle River, did not appear

for an adjourned initial appearance on one felony charge of theft by contractor (>\$10,000-\$100,000). Judge Milanowski ordered a bodyonly bench warrant for the non-appearance.

Jameson Thoms-Bent, 23, of Lac du Flambeau, had his cash bond amended down to \$200 with conditions, from \$350 cash with conditions, and to have no contact with specific people and residences.

Thoms-Bent adjourned initial appearance hearing Feb. 3.

Destiny Deverney, 19, of

Lac du Flambeau, had her bond modified to a \$1,500 signature bond after the court granted the motion on three felony charges of driving or operating a vehicle without consent, methamphetamine possession, jumping.

Conditions signature bond include proof providing is enrolled at Nicolet Technical College and not having contact with specific individuals.

An adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for Feb. 6, at 3:30 p.m.

#### **Aspirus Health provides tips** for finding light in winter months Schaefer also suggests experiences suicidal

Health Aspirus is providing tips for those who may suffer from Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), a form of depression common during the year's darker months, as seasonal changes continue to blow through the area.

"SAD can deplete our nergy and affect our mood leading to a cycle where we engage less in activities we enjoy, skip routines, and withdraw socially," says Jessica Schaefer, a licensed clinical therapist with Aspirus Health. "This can

make winter feel even more difficult to navigate."

To combat the effects of SAD, Schaefer recommends small, intentional changes that can make a big Examples difference. more steps during the day, meeting a friend for a simple outing, or trying a new activity. These small actions can boost energy, increase feel-good chemicals in the brain, and help individuals reconnect with positive emotions.

creating moments to look forward to, such as planning a weekly movie night or experimenting with new

"Even small, manageable include setting achievable steps can help us find goals, such as taking moments of joy and connection," she notes.

For those experiencing persistent feelings hopelessness. Schaefer advises seeking professional help.

"If these feelings last for more than a couple of weeks, or if someone

thoughts, reaching out to a health care provider is critical," she explains. "A primary care provider can guide individuals to the resources they need."

Health Aspirus anvone encourages struggling with Seasonal Affective Disorder take the first step toward brighter days by reaching out for support.

To find a primary care provider, visit www.aspirus. org/find-a-provider.

#### New IRS Direct File program now available to taxpayers

Wisconsin Department of Revenue announced that Direct File, the new free option for filing federal taxes, is available for Wisconsin taxpayers.

The individual income tax filing season began on Monday, Jan. 27.

Direct File is a free IRS program that offers a safe and secure way for eligible Wisconsin taxpayers to file their federal income tax returns electronically. Direct File integrates seamlessly with WisTax, DOR's free online tax preparation software for filing Wisconsin state taxes. Both platforms are and mobile-friendly. Direct File automatically imports the verified information from your federal return to WisTax, eliminating the need to complete W-2s, 1099s and additional forms twice.

Direct File is available to many taxpayers but it's important to check eligibility and register first. Visit the IRS's Direct File page at https://www. irs.gov/filing/irs-directfile-for-free for detailed information, including eligibility requirements, filing instructions, and helpful resources.

Taxpayers can learn more about WisTax

fast, secure, easy to use by visiting DOR's website https://www.revenue. wi.gov/Pages/WisTax/ home.aspx or contacting DOR Customer Service for assistance.

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## **POLICE** REPORT

#### **Vilas County Sheriff**

Vilas County Sheriff's Office reported a total of 331 incidents last week, which included 18 911 hang-ups, five car versus deer accidents, one hit-and-run accident, two personal injuries, five traffic accidents, 10 property damages, three agency assists, 13 burglary alarms, two fire alarms, one fake ID, 33 ambulance requests, one ambulance staging request, one dog bite, eight animal problems, two attempts to locate, ATVcomplaints, two bond conditions violation, two batteries, one prisoner battery, four conditions of bond, one cancellation, one child neglect report, 11 citizen assists, one citizen problem, one civil process execution, one communications problem, two criminal property damages, one custodial interference, one death investigation, one deer in roadway, six disturbances, two domestic violence complaints, five drug problems, one emergency detention, 13 sick leaves, one vehicle fire, three found properties, two frauds, two internet frauds, five drive-offs, one natural gas leak, four harassments, six warrant confirmations, dumping, 27 information reports, one restraining

one DOC offender release, one drug overdose, one OWI, one parking problem, protection order, one one parole violation, four vacation checks, eight officer requests, one highway and road conditions report, runaway juvenile, search warrant, one lewd and lacivious report, one sexual assault report, five snowmobile accidents, one snowmobile violation, three subject removals, two suicide attempts, 11 suspicious circumstances, three property thefts, one theft from vehicle, one theft of medication, one automobile theft, two threats, four hazards, traffic violations, 11 one road rage, three prisoner transports, two court transports, iuvenile transport, three tresspasses, one arrest warrant, one weapon offense and 14 welfare checks A total of 29 people

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

#### **Eagle River Police**

The Eagle River Police Department failed to submit a report before the press deadline for this week's publication.

#### **Three Lakes Police**

The Three Lakes Police Department failed to submit a report before the press deadline for this week's publication.

## Registration opens for Oneida Sheriff's hunter safety course

The School District of and Rhinelander Community Education Program and the Oneida County Sheriff's Office are cosponsoring a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR)-certified Hunter Safety Course 11 and 13 from 4 to 7 p.m.

violation, one employee

injury, five jail medical

incidents, 12 juveline

All classes will be held at the Oneida County Law Enforcement Center at 2000 E. Winnebago St. in Rhinelander.

Course objectives include: Reducing the potential for accidents, injuries and fatalities; reducing the potential between conflict for participants, landowners and other resource users:

responsible and ethical use of the environment and natural resources.

predominately designed for ages 12 and older, but all ages are welcome.

The instructor will be running March 3, 4, 6, 10, Michael Baran from the Oneida County Sheriff's Office The fee for the class is \$10 per person and should be paid with cash or check at the first class.

Students are required to obtain a DNR customer ID number for this class. If the student does not already have one, contact the DNR at 1-888-936-7463 to obtain this number prior

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- Training on state and federal financial reporting requirement oficiency in Microsoft Office suite, Google Suite, Skyward, and
- Experience (preferred but not required): Knowledge of state and federal reporting requirements, particularly W-2's, 1099's, WT-7, ACA, and WRS.
- Using tact and diplomacy in dealing with people.
  Compiling, organizing, preparing and maintaining an assortment of records, reports and information in an effective and efficient manner.
- Performing work with a high degree of accuracy and promptness. Designing and implementing office practices and procedures. Experience at a school district or CESA using the WUFAR accounting
- Experience using Skyward software.

Application deadline is February 14, 2025. Please apply on WECAN at <a href="https://wecan.education.wisc.edu/#/">https://wecan.education.wisc.edu/#/</a> (I.D. #226132)

For questions about this position, please contact:
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## **PUBLIC NOTICES**

#### **LAND O LAKES**

(One week 2/5/25) STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES)

PERMIT No.WI- 0029386-11-0 Permittee: Land O' Lakes Sanitary District #1 , P O Box 246 , Land O' Lakes , WI , 54540 Facility Where Discharge Occurs:

Land O Lakes Sanitary District #1 6388 Chippewa Drive, Land O' Lakes,

Receiving Water And Location:
Groundwater of Upper Wisconsin
River via Seepage Cells in Tamarack
Pioneer River of Wisconsin River (upper) in Vilas County

Brief Facility Description and Sum-mary of Proposed Changes: The Land O'Lakes Sanitary District owns and operates a domestic wastewater treatment system. The plant designed to treat 85,000 gallons per day cur-rently treats an average of 37,000 gal-

lons per day.

The treatment system consists of a 3-cell settling/septic tank with 2 par-allel channels where solids can settle. The wastewater flows to a dosing/recirculating pump station where it mixes with some recirculated wastewater. It is then evenly distributed over one of four filter beds constructed of layers of fine sand and gravel. Naturally occurring microor-ganisms living on the filter media metabolize and reduce organic solids. The water from the filters may be re-circulated back to the dosing/recircu-lating pump station and filtered again or discharged to one of three seep-age cells. The permeable soil in the cells removes additional organic waste and suspended solids. The treated wastewater soaks into the groundwater. There are seven moni-toring wells located around the seepage cells to assess any groundwater impacts of the discharge. The solids from the septic tanks are pumped regularly to prevent the discharge of accumulated solids to the seepage cells. These solids are considered septage and are regulated under NR 113, Wisconsin Administrative Code, for septage disposal.

It is the Department's intention to renew the permit for another term. The proposed new permit expiration date will be March 31, 2030. Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit. Changes from previous permit include: [1] Based on groundwater background the preventative action limits based on nitrite+nitrate, pH, organic nitrogen and total dissolved solids have been adjusted. [2] The parameter al-kalinity no longer needs to be monitoring in the groundwater monitor-ing wells. [3] Schedules include an updated land treatment management plan; operation and maintenance im-provements to optimize reduction of total nitrogen; and a groundwater monitoring well survey and map sub-

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Sheri A. Snowbank, DNR, 810 W Maple St, Spooner, WI, 54801, (715) 635-4131, She Snowbank@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Michelle BalkLudwig, DNR, 810 W Maple St, Spooner, WI, 54801, (715) 939-9034 Michelle. Balkludwig@Wisconsin.gov

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, or to request a public hearing, may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the above-named per-mit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the permit is issued. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objecto submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination. If no comments are received on the proposed permit from anyone, including U.S. EPA, the permit will be included a proposed. issued as proposed.

The Department may schedule a

informational hearing if requested by any person and shall schedule a public informational hear-ing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from 5 or more persons or if response to this notice indicates significant public interest pursuant to Wis. Stats. Requests for informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the reasons for the request; and the issues proposed to quest; and the issues proposed to be considered at the hearing. Information on file for this permit ac-

tion, including the draft permit, fact sheet and permit application, may be inspected and copied at either the above-named permit drafter's office or the above named basin engineer's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter or basin engineer for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (715) 635-4131 or by writing to the Department. Rea-sonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public no-tice, permit and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the inhttp://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ wastewater/PublicNotices.html. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative for-

will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

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Date Notice Issued: Wednesday, February 5, 2025

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#### **VILAS COUNTY**

(Two weeks 2/5-2/12/25)
NOTICE OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Vilas County Treasurer, Paulette M. Sar-nicki, pursuant to Section 59.66(2) Wis. Stat., published a class 1 notice January 29, under ch. 985, which contained a listing of the names and last-known addresses of the owners of unclaimed money or security in the possession of the Vilas County Treasurer and is following that ad with a class 2 notice, under ch. 985, stating that the full listing that was noticed in the class 1 notice may be viewed at: www.vilascountywi.gov o www.wisconsinpublicnotices.org or at the Office of the Vilas County Trea-

surer, Vilas County Courthouse, 330 The statute further provides that unless the owners request and prove ownership of such money or security within 6 months from the time of the completed publication on February 12, 2025, the County Treasurer will take possession or control of such

money or security.

To claim these funds, the owner must appear in person, with valid photo identification, at the Office of the County Treasurer, Vilas County the County Treasurer, Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, Wisconsin, M-F, 8AM-4:00PM.

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Minutes

NORTHLAND PINES SCHOOL DISTRICT

(<u>One week 2/5/25)</u>
Regular Board Meeting Minutes of
Monday, December 16, 2024
Opening of Meeting at 6:00 pm Call to Order: The Regular Board

Meeting of the Northland Pines Board of Education was called to order by Jennifer Payne, Board President, on Monday, December 16, 2024, at six o'clock p.m. (6:00 p.m.) in the North-land Pines Middle and High School Large Group Instruction Room, Eagle River, Wisconsin. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Note: This meet-ing was streamed live via the dis-trict's YouTube site.

Roll Call, Establish a Quorum Attending:
1. Erica Lane, Board Clerk
2. Becky Nordine, Board Treasurer

3. Jennifer Payne, Board President 4. Chris Petreikis, Board Vice Presi-

5. Nick Seeger, Board Member

 Kelly Roach, Board Member
 Chelsea Romaker, Board Deputy Also present were the following:

1. Scott Foster, District Administra-

2. Emily Rhode, Director of Special **Education & Pupil Services** 3 Gretchen Smart-Hall, Principal,

River Elementary School Brooke Johnson, Assistant Principal, Eagle River Elementary 5. Sue McKay, Director of Teaching &

6. Dan Marien. Principal. Middle &

7. Tony Duffek, Principal, St. Germain Elementary & Northland Pines Montessori Learning

8. Carie Nordine, Principal, Land O'Lakes Elementary & SOAR Middle

9 Harlan Leusink Principal SOAR gh School & Technology Director 10. Ashley Heid, Social Media &

**Public Relations Specialist** Susie Block, Executive Assist to the District Administrator &

**Board of Education** There were fifteen (15) citizens in

Open Meeting Verification: Jennifer Payne announced the meeting had been duly called. Meeting notices were sent to the following locations: Northland Pines Middle School & High School in Eagle River; Northland Pines Elementary Schools in Eagle River, Land O'Lakes and St. Germain; Vilas County Courthouse -Eagle River; Eagle River City Hall; Vilas County News

Review-Eagle River; WERL/WRJO Radio Station-Eagle River. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Erica

Lane to approve the agenda as presented and leave the order to the discretion of the Chair. Second Becky Nordine. Voice vote Motion carried.

Public Participation Section of the

1. Shirley Kufeldt read a letter to the Board, noting that Margo Sherren had already shared with DA Foster and Board, regarding opposition to 2024 Title IX proposed changes by the Federal Department of Educa-

 Cody Vojta and Owen Frenz spoke in opposition of the current policy on phones, ear buds and smart watches and in support of a petition they had started which requested that the District go back to allowing students to have and use these items during the school day.

Presentations:

1. Northland Pines High School students shared an update on their recent participation in the Great Northern Conference Sportsmanship Summit held at Northland Pines and led by Activities Director Zavia and

our local student group SALT (Student Athlete Leadership Team). 2. Northland Pines teachers presented their reflections on the District Continuous Improvement Team and process. Board Member Kelly and process. Board Member Kelly Roach arrived at 6:08 p.m. and joined

the meeting. Board Committee minutes - no

1. DA Foster introduced School Resource Officer (SRO) Chad Chrishim to the District in this role. SRO Christensen replaced SRO Matt Wilson; Wilson was promoted to Lieutenant but still coordinates the SRO's, so that also helps with continuity of the great service they provide to us.

2. DA Foster reported that our So-cial Studies/ELA teachers are starting a new collaborative event which will be a 7th Grade Presentation on Tuesday, April 15 from 1-3 p.m, and they have asked if any board members would like to volunteer to help with this event. The event will be similar to the Senior Capstone presentations. Any board member who wishes to volunteer can let us know or contact the Social Studies/ELA teachers to let

Board Member Chris Petreikis. who is also now the President of the CESA Board of Control, recognized DA Foster for his volunteer efforts noting that he often hears at his CESA meetings about how much DA Foster volunteers for various community events and/or to host meet-

ngs here at Pines.

4. Board Member Chris Petreikis requested that the Policy, Curriculum, Education & Activities Committee put on their next meeting agenda to re-view the policy [Policy 5518] which the students referred to in their petition request; President Payne (who is also Chair of the Policy Committee) indicated we will add it to the next policy agenda for discussion.

5. Board Member Kelly Roach announced that she will not be seeking re-election in April when her term expires; she is giving Susie Block her "Notification of Non-candidacy" tonight. Board Member Roach thanked the Board for their service and expressed her appreciation in working with all of them for the past three years. [Kelly Roach holds board seat Member At Large #2.]

6. Board Member Nick Seeger announced that he has filed his Declaration of Candidacy and Campaign Finance Statement and is seeking to be elected in April to his board seat of Area D: Town of Plum Lake, [Nick Seeger was appointed by the Board on February 26, 2024, to fulfill the term of a board member who resigned and did not complete the

term.]
7. Written minutes of board committee meetings were shared in Board-Docs for the public to view.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Chris Pe-

treikis to approve all items contained in the consent agenda. Following is a list of the items contained in the con-

1. To dispense with the reading of the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2024, and approve the meeting minutes as presented. To approve the payment of all

district wide checks pursuant to the summary check register of 11/16/24 - 12/15/24 in the amount of \$1,477,592.01, as presented. 3. To deny the Open Enrollment IN

alternative applications for students #13 & #14; and further, to approve Student #27 Open Enrollment OUT application, all to be effective for the

2024-2025 school year.

4. To approve the new course titled "Drama as Literature" for the Middle and High School beginning with the 2025-2026 school year

To approve the Memorandums of Understanding as presented for the following Providers: "Stamper Counand "Phoenix Counseling and to direct and authorize the Dis-trict Administrator to finalize and sign the MOU's.

Minutes 7725 Second by Erica Lane. Voice vote 6-

0. Motion carried. Discussion & Action items:

State School Report Cards – no action was taken: Director of Teaching

& Learning Sue McKay updated the Board and Community on the recent release of the State Report Cards, which were also shared in Board Docs for the public to view.

Local School Report Cards – no action was taken: Director of Teaching & Learning Sue McKay updated the Board and Community on the recent release of the Local Report Cards, which were also shared in Board-Docs for the public to view. School Calendar: Motion by Jennifer

Payne to approve the 2025-2026 School Calendar, as presented. Second by Chris Petreikis. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried.

Referendum Update: DA Foster updated the Board on the District's process of how we get information out to our residents through public informational meetings, staff presentations, bulk mailer to all residents, publishing notices in the Vilas County News Review [which is the District's official newspaper], and DA Foster does radio and TV interviews as well. DA Foster noted that staff presentations will

occur in December and the public presentations will be held in January and early February. The Referendum vote will occur at the Primary Election on February 18, 2025. Written Reports – no action was

Administrative reports were shared

in BoardDocs in public view.

• School Resource Officers reports were shared in BoardDocs in public

District Administrator's report – no action was taken: DA Foster reported on the following topics: Inclement Weather Guidelines for 2024-2025

Feed Our Rural Kids (FORK) Speak Up Speak Out (SUŚO) An-

nual Report Closed Session: Motion by Jennifer Payne to convene in Closed Session pursuant to: 1. Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(c) to consider the renewal of Administrator Contracts; 2. Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(c) to discuss the contracts of two certified staff members; 3. Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(c) to discuss resignations of certified staff members and any potential liquidated damages; 4. Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(d) to discuss the District's Safety Plan and drill logs, noting that the Board may take action in closed session. Second by Kelly Roach. Roll call vote: Erica Lane, yes; Becky Nordine, yes; Jennifer Payne, yes; Kelly Roach, yes; Chris Petreikis, yes; Nick Seeger, yes. Mo-

Reconvene to open session: Motion by Erica Lane to reconvene to open session to take such action as is deemed appropriate following consideration given in closed session. Second by Nick Seeger. Voice vote 6-

Actions taken after reconvening Resignations:

tion carried.

 Motion by Chris Petreikis to approve accepting the resignation of Nicole Stern effective December 20, 2024, and to assess liquidated damages in the amount of \$3,075.00 pursuant to her contract, as presented. Second by Jennifer Payne. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried.

 Motion by Chris Petreikis to approve accepting the resignation of Nikki Garrison, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. Second by Erica Lane. Voice vote 6- 0. Motion Issue of a contract:

· Motion by Jennifer Payne to approve the issue of a certified staff contract to Alena Holman for the po-sition of First Grade teacher, prorated accordingly utilizing a start date of January 2, 2025, as presented. Sec-ond by Erica Lane. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried. Adjournment: Motion by Erica Lane

to adjourn. Second by Nick Seeger. Voice vote 6-0. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m. Respectfully Submitted, Susie Block

Executive Assistant to the District Administrator & Board of Education **WNAXLP** 

#### **VILAS COUNTY**

(One week 2/5/25) VILAS COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS **JANUARY 28, 2025** 

The January 28, 2025, Regular Meeting of the Vilas County Board of Supervisors was held pursuant to Wis. Stat. §59.11(1)(c) in the Vilas County Court Street, Eagle River, WI 54521. **CALL TO ORDER** 

Vilas County Board Chair Jerry Bur-kett called the assembly to order at 9:00 A.M. He instructed the County Clerk, Kim Olkowski to read aloud and insert into the minutes the following notification: Public meeting notice requirements were fulfilled by posting a notice of this meeting on bulletin boards located in the Vilas County Courthouse, Olson Memorial Library and Eagle River City Hall. Notice of this meeting was posted to the Vilas County Government website, All media outlets and members of the public requesting notification of this meeting were notified on January 24, 2025, more than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting. The public was also notified that discussion and action may occur regarding all items posted on this agenda. The Clerk requested that all present silence their cell phones for the duration of the

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Chair Burkett asked all in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call found the following members in attendance: Marvin Anderson, Gerald Burkett, Lake Edwards, Robert Hanson, Ann Konopacky, Daniel Kramer, Arthur Kunde, Richard Logan, Michael MacKenzie, Joseph Muehlbach, Thomas Petrusky, Jacob Postuchow, Carolyn Ritter, Daniel Swiecichowski, Holly Tomlanovich, Leah Trojan, Patrick Weber, and Joseph Wildcat, Sr. Arleen Harsvick and Thomas Maulson were absent. There is one vacancy in District #18. The Clerk reported 18 Supervisors in attendance at the beginning of the meeting, constituting a quorum of the

County Board. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 12, 2024, ANNUAL Motion by M. Anderson, seconded by

H. Tomlanovich to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2024, annual meeting as presented. All voted aye. Carried. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

ITEMS - None
CITIZEN COMMENDATION AWARD

Sheriff Joe Fath and Chief Deputy Patrick Schmidt introduced 11-year-Michelle Favorite. Michelle stated that Jackson told her his plans for a Jackson told her his plans for a fundraiser, and they worked to make it happen. Jackson wanted to do a fundraiser for K-9 Deputy Helo, handled by Deputy Zach Stern. Jackson raised well over \$1,000.00 at Vilas County Sheriff's Department for K-9 Deputy Helo. Jackson would like to become a K-9 Officer when he grows up. He was presented with a special plaque in appreciation from Deputy Stern and Deputy Helo. He received the Citizen Commendation award from Sheriff Fath and Chief Deputy Schmidt. There was a standing ovation for Jackson's contribution and selflessness,

putting others first.
Chair Burkett asked all in attendance to take a moment to pray for Chris

LIFESAVING AWARDS & TEAM-WORK AWARDS Joe Fath

Administrator Bill Weiss stated that

Administrator Bill Weiss stated that they had an incident on September 25, 2024, with a female in the Vilas County Jail. Jail staff responded immediately. The awards are to recognize and thank those that recognize and thank those that helped save this person's life. The Lifesaving Awards were awarded to: Alisha Wagner, Scott McFarland, Austin Bender, David Glendinning, Laura Roof, Jacob Mayo, Dana Spurgeon, Shannon Lehmann, and Walters. The Teamwork Recognition Awards were awarded to Recreational Officer Jason Molle, Deputy Ben Gauger, Detective Eric Santefort, Detective Nick Seeger Chief Deputy Patrick Schmidt Chief Deputy Patrick Schmidt, Captain Gerard Ritter, Sheriff Joe Fath, and Jail Administrator Bill Weiss. Chair Burkett commended the Sheriff's Department. There was a round of applause for their service. Supervisor Arleen Harsvick arrived at 9:13 A.M.

THERE ARE NOW 19 SUPERVISORS IN ATTENDANCE.
INTRODUCE HUMAN SERVICES
BOARD DIRECTOR

Supervisor M. Anderson introduced Valarie Wielhouwer as the new Human Services Director. V. Wielhouwer was born and raised in Eagle River. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin Madison and served in the United States Air Force. served in the United States Air Force. Throughout her career, she has always been involved in social work. Previously, she worked for Oneida County, Dane County, the U.S. Air Force, Forest County, and back to her home, Vilas County Human Services for A years and is looking forward to her 4 years and is looking forward to her new role in the Human Services Department. There was a round of ap-plause for her service. Chair Burkett welcomed her, and asked for a round of applause for Kate Gardner, the previous Social Services Director who retired after 17 years of service. INTRODUCE LAND & WATER CON-

SERVATIONIST Supervisor H. Tomlanovich intro-Alan Wirt as the new Land & Water Conservationist. Alan said that he grew up in Central Wisconsin and vacationed in Vilas County all of his life. He is happy to be in Vilas County in his new role. There was a round of applause. Chair Burkett welcomed him, and asked for a round of ap-plause for Carolyn Scholl, the previ-ous Land & Water Conservationist who retired after 22 years of service.
RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES TABLED OR POSTPONED TO A DAY CERTAIN - None
ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDI-

NANCES, IN THEIR ENTIRETY, ARE ON FILE IN THE COUNTY CLERK'S

Resolutions and Ordinances posted in the order in which they were acted upon.
INTRODUCE AND ACT UPON ALL POSTED ORDINANCES AND RESO-LUTIONS

ORD. 2025-01 Amend Chapter 26 – Vilas County Motorized Recreational

Trails & Routes Motion by H. Tomlanovich, seconded by A. Kunde to adopt. Chair Burkett asked both sides of the topic, for and against, to choose a representative to speak for 15 minutes. This amend-ment came from the ATV-UTV Alliance to the Highway Committee. The Highway Committee voted to bring the amendment to the County Board, for the full board to vote on. The side in favor went first, and their key points were presented. The side against went second, and their key points were presented. There was one word that stood out, which was "compromise." The Supervisors were each given a chance to speak and they went around the table. Discussion. Chair Burkett asked the Town Board Chairs from Boulder Junction Manitowish Waters, and Wincheste to come up to the podium. He asked them if they were willing to postpone this amendment to May 1, 2026. Each of the Town Board Chairs spoke and said no, not without the town's ap-proval. Chair Burkett stated that it's about respect and the County should respect the Town's decision. He polled the residents from the three towns in attendance. There were 6 votes in favor and 13 votes against the amendment. The emails that were sent to the County Clerk were 49 in favor and 169 against the amend-ment Discussion Roll call vote results found 10 aye votes and 9 nay votes: M. Anderson, R. Hanson, A. Harsvick, R. Logan, M. MacKenzie, C. Ritter, P. Weber, J. Wildcat, Sr., G.

Burkett. Carried.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Vilas County Board of Supervisors enacted Ordinance 2025-01 on January 28, 2025, at a duly noticed Vilas C Board meeting. A summary of this

enactment is as follows: Ordinance No. 2025-01, Amending Chapter 26 – Vilas County Motorized Recreational Trails & Routes Or-

2. SUMMARY OF THE SUBJECT MATTER AND MAIN POINTS OF THE ORDINANCE: Chapter 26 is amended specifically under 26.08 C i) Year specifically under 25.08 C I) Year Round Approved County Trunk Highway ATV/UTV Routes, to allow for year around use of the paved portions of the ATV/UTV routes located on county trunk highways A, B, C, E, G, H, J, K, M, N, O, P, S, and W by ATV's and UTV's.

3. DATE OF ENACTMENT: January

28, 2025 The full text of this ordinance may be obtained at the Vilas County Clerk's office located at 330 Court Street. Eagle River, WI 54521, (715) 479-3600 during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The full text of the ordinance may also be accessed through Vilas County's official website, www.vilascountywi.gov CHAIR BURKETT CALLED FOR A BRIEF RECESS AT 11:00 A.M. BACK IN SESSION AT 11:10 A.M.

ORD. 2025-02 Amend Chapter 11 – Health and

Welfare – Community Mental Health, Mental Retardation, Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Services Motion by M. Anderson, seconded by D. Kramer to adopt. The necessary changes were explained by Corpora tion Counsel Chad Lynch. Discus

sion. All voted aye. Carried.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Vilas County Board of Supervisors enacted Ordinance 2025-02 on January 28, 2025, at a duly noticed Vilas County Board meeting. A summary of this enactment is as follows:

1. Ordinance No. 2025-02, Amending Chapter 11 - Health and Welfare -Community Mental Health, Mental Retardation, Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Services
2. SUMMARY OF THE SUBJECT

MATTER AND MAIN POINTS OF THE ORDINANCE: Chapter 11 is amended specifically under 11.01, 11.02, 11.03, and 11.04 of the Health and Welfare Table of Contents in the General Code of Ordinances of Vilas County 3. DATE OF ENACTMENT: January

The full text of this ordinance may be obtained at the Vilas County Clerk's office located at 330 Court Street, Eagle River, WI 54521, (715) 479-3600, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The full text of the ordinance may also be ac-cessed through Vilas County's official website, <u>www.vilascountywi.gov</u> RES. 2025-01

County Aid Culvert on Birchwood Drive - Town of Cloverland Motion by D. Kramer, seconded by P. Weber to adopt. Highway Commis-sioner Troy Schalinske presented the information. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried. RFS. 2025-02

Amendment of Standing Rules and Committee Duties for Vilas County ~2/3 Maiority Vote Necessary~ Motion by L. Edwards, seconded by M. MacKenzie to adopt. Corporation

Counsel Chad Lynch presented the information and stated that at the

January 8, 2025, Executive & Legislative Committee approved that citizen members of the Human Services Board may vote on all items except fiscal matters.
Discussion. Motion by M. Anderson, seconded by M. MacKenzie to amend 1.04 Per Diem Paid for Attendance (4) to read: "Citizen Members from Human Services Board, ADRC, and Public Health Board shall also receive per diem and mileage for attendance in accordance with the rules for County Board Supervisors."
All voted aye on the amendment.
Discussion. All voted aye on the amended resolution as presented.

RES. 2025-03 County-Tribal Law Enforcement Assistance 2025 Motion by J. Burkett, seconded by H. Tomlanovich to adopt. Discussion. All

voted aye. Carried. RFS 2025-04 2025-2034 Land and Water Resource Management (LWRM) Plan Management (LWRW) Frain
Motion by H. Tomlanovich, seconded
by D. Kramer to adopt. H. Tomlanovich presented the information.
Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.
RES. 2025-05

Brightspeed Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Grant Application Endorsement Motion by C. Ritter, seconded by H. Tomlanovich to adopt. Discussion. All

voted aye. Carried. RES. 2025-06 Charter Communications Broadband. Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Grant Application Endorsement

Motion by C. Ritter, seconded by H. Tomlanovich to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

RES. 2025-07 Norvado Broadband. Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Grant Application Endorsement

Motion by C. Ritter, seconded by D. Kramer to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried. RES. 2025-08 Budget Amendment -Aging and Disability Resource Center of Vilas County tion by D. Swiecichowski, sec-Motion

onded by R. Hanson to adopt. D. Swiecichowski presented the information. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Vilas County Board of Supervisors amended their 2024 budget accord-ing to Resolution No. 2025-08 Budget Amendment - GWAAR on Januar 3, 2025 pursuant to Wis. Stat. 65.90(5), to include the following in-

creases and/or decreases to the expenditure and revenue line items: Revenue or Line Item Number

Expense Description Amount
Revenue 260.51.43540 AGING-TITLE III-B (FED) +\$ 1.121.00 III-B (FED) +\$ 1,121.00 Expense 260.51.54610.0948 TRAVEL-III-B +\$ 250.00 Expense 260.51.54610.0958 SUP-PORTIVE HOME CARE-III-B +\$ 871.00

Revenue 260.51.43541 AGING-TITLE III C-1 (FED) -\$24,917.00 Expense 260.51.54612.0910 NUT SITE MGR SALARY-C1 -\$21,000.00 Expense 260.51.54612.0902 TITLE III C-1 -\$ 3,917.00 C-1 -\$ 3,917.00 Revenue 260.51.43542 AGING-TITLE III C-2 (FED) +\$25.087.00 +\$25,087.00 Expense 260.51.54615.0903 TITLE III C-2 +\$25,087.00 Revenue 260.51.43554 ALZHEIM.FAM. CARE.SUPP. +\$ 494.00 260.51.54622.0915 Expense 260.51.54622.0915 ALZ-HEIMERS FAMILY CARE +\$ 494.00 Revenue 260.51.47361 ADRC REVENUE +\$33,355.00

Expense 260.51.54605.0390 OUR REACH/MARKETING +\$33,355.00 RES. 2025-09

Board of Health
Motion by C. Ritter, seconded by L.
Edwards to adopt. C. Ritter presented the information. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Vilas County Board of Supervisors amended their 2025 budget according to Resolution No. 2025-09 Budget Amendment — Board of Health on January 28, 2025 pursuant to Wis. Stat. §65.90(5), to include the following increases and/or decreases to the expenditure and revenue line

Revenue or Line Item Number 
 Expense
 Description Amount

 Revenue
 255.28.49100
 Applied

 Funds
 +\$ 44,882.00

 Expense
 255.28.54101.0409
 Contraction

Revenue 100.28.43656 WIC Grant +\$ 7,625.00 Expense 100.28.54100.0703 WIC Grant +\$ 7,625.00

Revenue 100.28.43653 Immunization Grant +\$ 600.00 Expense 100.28.54100.0933 Immunization Grant +\$ 600 Revenue 100.28.43650 MCH Grant +\$ 600.00 +\$ 2,560.00 Expense 100.28.54100.0996 MCH Grant

APPROVE 2025 DNR FIRE WARDEN LIST: Town of Boulder Junction: Krista Maurer - Knitt's Hardware Hank, P.O. Box 327, Boulder Junction

 <u>City of Eagle River</u>:
 Kim Olkowski – Vilas County Clerk, 330 Court Street, Eagle River

• Timothy Sauter – U.S. Forest Service, 1247 E. Wall Street, Eagle River

Town of St. Germain:

• Kent Knitt – Knitt's Hardware Hank, 246 Highway 70, St. Germain Motion by M. Anderson, seconded by P. Weber to approve the Fire Warden List. Discussion

All voted aye. Carried.
CHAIRMAN'S APPOINTMENTS Human Services Board - Citizen Appointees:

• Janice Faulkner – Citizen Member

Term Ending January 2027

• Gloria Cobb – Citizen Member Term Ending January 2028 Motion by J. Burkett, seconded by M. Anderson to appoint. Discussion. Ms. Cobb was present and introduced herself. All voted ave. Carried. ADRC Nutrition Advisory Council -

Katherine Kolb – Eagle River Representative lotion by H. Tomlanovich, seconded by P. Weber to appoint. Discussion. All voted ave. Carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Appointee:

Chair Burkett stated that "All is well." Social Services has changed to Human Services. We try to always be fair and live with the results. We are improving Vilas County.
COMMITTEE REPORTS Human Services Board: M. Ander-

son reported that they have a whole new environment in the Human Services Department. Veteran Services Commission: M. Anderson reported that they are working with the Maintenance Department and Public Property Com-

mittee regarding the beautification of the Veterans Memorial in the court-Land & Water Committee: H. Tomlanovich reported that Alan Wirt is settling into the department. Forestry, Recreation & Land Com-

mittee: H. Tomlanovich reported that Jim Jefferson is retiring.

Highway Committee: P. Weber

couple trucks that were ordered last Public Health: C. Ritter stated that Public Health, Tourism, and Zoning departments met to collaborate regarding Tourist Rooming Houses (TRH) and sharing information. She said that norovirus and Covid are on

the rise. Zoning & Planning Committee: R. Logan thanked the group working on the TRH collaboration. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Burkett stated that he will not receive commission on the sale of the Vilas County property on the river, across from the Vilas County Fairgrounds, A real estate office will

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not be involved, the property will be sold on the auction site

**NEXT MEETING DATE** The next Regular Meeting of the County Board is scheduled for 9:00 A.M, Tuesday, March 25, 2025, in the County Board Conference rooms. MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

Motion by M. Anderson, seconded by D. Swiecichowski to pay mileage and per diem for this meeting. All voted aye. Carried. Please contact the County Clerk's office for mileage and per diem payment information.
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by D. Kramer, seconded by L Edwards to adjourn, Discussion, All voted ave. Carried. Chair Burkett adjourned the meeting

Prepared and submitted by: Kimberly A. Olkowski, Vilas County

Minutes reflect the recorder's notations and are subject to future revision and approval by the Vilas County Board.

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Name Change

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**VILAS COUNTY** 

(Three weeks 2/5-2/19/25) STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, VILAS COUNTY Case No. 25CV7 IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF Amanda Marie Thompson

Notice and Order for

Name Change Hearing By (Petitioner) Amanda Marie Thompson NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed

From: Amanda Marie Thompson To: Amanda Marie Walker Birth Certificate: Amanda Marie Walker

IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Vilas County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name: Martha J. Milanowski

Place: Vilas County Courthouse, Courtroom 1 330 Court Street Eagle River, WI 54521 Date: February 27, 2025 Time: 11:30 am 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. /s/ Martha J. Milanowski Circuit Court Judge/ Court Commission

January 14, 2025 **WNAXLP** 2731

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#### **Notice To Creditors**

**VILAS COUNTY** 

(Three weeks 1/29-2/12/25) STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, VILAS COUNTY -PROBATE--PROBALE-Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims (Informal Administration)

Case No. 25 PR02
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Jacquelyn G. Jossart PLEASÉ TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal admin 2. The decedent, with date of birth January 9, 1950 and date of death March 24, 2024 was domiciled in Vilas County, State of Wisconsin, with a

mailing address of 1705 Buckhorn Road, Arbor Vitae, WI 54568. 3. The application will be heard at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office, before Dawn Halverson,

Probate Registrar, on February 19, 2025 at 9:00. You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection. 4. The deadline for filing a claim

against the decedent's estate is April 5. A claim may be filed at the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, 54521, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office.

This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address are unknown. If you require reasonable accommo dations due to a disability to partici-pate in the court process, please call 715-479-3642 prior to the scheduled

court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation. /s/ Dawn Halverson Probate Registrar January 17, 2025 Thomas E. Lawrence II Lawrence & Tyler, S.C. 8617 Hwy. 51 North,

Minocqua, WI 54548 715-356-9403 Bar Number 1002941

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**VILAS COUNTY** 

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(Three weeks 2/5-2/19/25) STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, VILAS COUNTY -PROBATE

(Informal Administration) Case No. 25 PR 01 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE 1. An application for informal admin-

istration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth September 1, 1950 and date of death September 23, 2019, was domiciled in Vilas County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 6230 Knuth Lane, Eagle River. WI 54521

3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 5. A claim may be filed at the Vilas

County Courthouse, 330 Court Street,

River 54521, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office.
/s/ Dawn Halverson Probate Registrar January 23, 2025 Thomas E. Lawrence II Lawrence & Tyler, S.C. 8617 Hwv. 51 North. Minocqua, WI 54548 715-356-9403

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## **NEWS**

## **Little Rice Fire Department** hosts ice rescue training

The Little Rice Fire Department, in partnership with Nicolet College, held an intensive Cold Water/ Ice Rescue training class on Saturday, Jan. 25.

The training provided education and handsexperience for 25 participants from the Little Rice, Pine Lake, Minocqua Fence (Florence County) fire departments.

The day began with a three-hour classroom session at the Little Rice Fire Department, where participants learned the principles of ice rescue, practiced knottying techniques, and familiarized themselves with specialized rescue equipment. Following this, the group headed on to the ice at Lake Killarney to put their training into action, conducting realistic ice rescue drills.

"This training is crucial for our firefighters and rescue personnel. With so many lakes and streams in our coverage area, ice/ water rescues are a real possibility every year," said Fire Chief Larry Mathein. "It's important to stay prepared, both for our safety and for the safety of our community."

Statistics underscore the importance of ice rescue training. According to recent reports, Wisconsin experienced seven ice rescues just this past weekend, highlighting the dangers of unpredictable



The training session at Lake Killarney highlight the dedication and teamwork of the participants as they worked together in cold and challenging conditions to master ice rescue techniques. Contributed Photo

ice conditions.

Little Fire Rice Department's jurisdiction covers approximately 150 square miles of the townships of Little Rice and Lynne, including numerous lakes and streams. Last year, the department successfully assisted in the rescue of a father and son who fell through the ice while fishing on the Willow Reservoir. That rescue was made possible thanks to training, specialized equipment, including ice rescue suits and the department's rescue sled, which can traverse both ice and open water.

Participants training were enthusiastic about the hands-on nature of the exercises. One attendee remarked, opportunity to practice in real conditions is invaluable. Knowing we have the skills and the tools to make a difference gives us the confidence to respond effectively."

Another participant added, "It's great to train alongside

departments. Teamwork is critical during these types of emergencies."

The Little Rice Fire Department is a volunteer organization comprised of 30 members.

Fire Chief Larry Mathein emphasized the importance of ongoing training. "Our goal is to be as prepared as possible for any scenario, and this class is a big part of that continuing preparation," he said.

#### Nicolet College accepting **Board of Trustees applications** Nicolet College be interviewed. The hearing edu/about/board-trustees/

District Board Appointment Committee is accepting applications for positions on the Nicolet College Board of Trustees.

Three of the successful candidates will serve a three-year term, ending June 2028, and the interim employer vacancy until June 2027.

The positions open include one member who is an employer, one member who is an employee, one additional member and one to fill an interim employer vacancy.

Per state guidelines, all candidates must meet a number of requirements in order to be eligible for Wisconsin Technical College System district board membership. Candidates must be residents of the technical the March 25 hearing, the district, college must submit an application/ affidavit with a completed questionnaire and at least two written references, and must attend a district board appointment committee public hearing in person to

is scheduled for 3 p.m., Tuesday, March 25 at Nicolet College in Rhinelander. A second hearing is scheduled for 3 p.m. Thursday, March 27, at Nicolet College in Rhinelander. If all candidates are able to attend Thursday, March 27 hearing will be canceled.

Additional information about the appointment process, applicant requirements, and online applications are available www.nicoletcollege.

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appointment-process. Applications are due to Kris Peeters, Nicolet College, PO Box 518, Rhinelander, WI 54501, by 4 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 24. Any questions call Kris at 715-365-4416.

College Nicolet governed by a nine-member District Board appointed by the Iron, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida and Vilas County Board Chairs.

## Three Lakes Fire Department names Firefighter of the Year

The Three Lakes Fire recently Department presented the Firefighter of the Year Award to Travis

nomination Wood's was the result of his hard work and dedication to both the fire department and his fellow firefighters, according to Assistant Fire

"Travis has shown qualities and leadership inspires those that are around him," he said. "He has gone through and exceeded all training required for the department, plus is a first responder for the fire department. He also shows great all-around

firefighting skills, that come from his hard work and commitment to training to be a better firefighter."

The fire department will also begin the process of voting for a new Fire Chief this week.

#### CITY OF EAGLE RIVER NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the official public test of the automatic tabulating equipment to be used at the **FEBRUARY 18, 2025 SPRING PRIMARY** in the City of Eagle River will be conducted at City Hall,

525 E. Maple Street, Eagle River WI Monday, February 10, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

Becky J Bolte Clerk - City of Eagle River

## **PUBLIC NOTICES**

**Ordinances** 

7740 **SAINT GERMAIN** 

(Two weeks 2/5-2/12/25)

NOTICE TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN
BOARD OF APPEALS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Appeals of the Town of St Germain will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the St Germain Commu-nity Center Room #4, pursuant to Section 1.608 (c) of Chapter 1- Zoning, Town of St Germain Code of Oring, fown of St Germain Code of Ordinances, to consider the variance application submitted by Robert McDermott with regard to the denial of issuance of St Germain building permit due to setback requirements, Section 1.308 (E(3) and H) of Chapter 1 – Zoning, Town of St Germain Code of Ordinances for:

Robert McDermott Vilas County land parcel 24-149 8109 Lost Lake Drive N St Germain, WI 54558 The Board of Appeals will review

Call this paper

of Ordinances for:

Ordinances

and discuss the variance application

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Sec. 5.84, the Public Test of the voting equipment, to be used at the Spring Primary Election to be held on February 18, 2025, in the Town of Plum Lake will be conducted in the Town Hall, 8755 Lake Street, Sayner, WI, at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Jane Rosewicz Town of Plum Lake Interim Clerk

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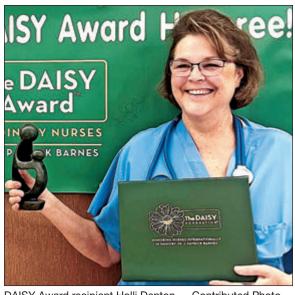
**VACANCY - VILAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** District #18 - City of Eagle River Wards, 4 & 5 and Town of Lincoln, Ward 5

The Vilas County Board Chairman is accepting applications for an individual to be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Vilas County Supervisor, District #18, comprised of the City of Eagle River Wards, 4 & 5 and Town of Lincoln, Ward 5. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §59.10(3)(e) applicants for this appointment must be a qualified elector and a resident of District #18 for at least 28 days to be eligible to fill this vacancy. Applicants for this position should send a letter expressing interest in the position and a resume to:

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Vilas County Clerk



DAISY Award recipient Holli Denton. - Contributed Photo

## Rhinelander nurse earns **DAISY Award**

Hospital recently honored Holli Denton, RN, with the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses in recognition of her commitment and patientcentered approach to care.

The award is part of the Disease Attacking the Immune System (DAISY) Foundation's program to recognize the efforts nurses perform every day.

Aspirus Rhinelander Hospital DAISY Award recipients are nurses recognized for going above and beyond patient expectations by providing service with respect, compassion and integrity. Denton works in the

Aspirus Rhinelander Hospital Post-Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU) and was nominated for the DAISY Award by a patient.

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Denton and her coworkers were treated to cinnamon rolls, which honor the memory of the late Patrick Barnes, who once ate his father's he was in the hospital without an appetite for food. Additionally, Denton received an honoree pin. certificate, a bouquet of daisies donated by Nature's Riches, and a sculpture called A Healer's Touch, handcarved by artists of the Shona Tribe in Africa.

Established in 1999, the family of J. Patrick Barnes created the DAISY Award to honor his memory with a tribute to the skillful and compassionate care he received from his nurses during his hospitalization. Nurses may be nominated patients, families, visitors and colleagues, and they are chosen by a multi-disciplinary team to receive the DAISY Award.

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#### **TOWN OF CLOVERLAND**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, the official public test of the automatic tabulating equipment to be used in the February 18, 2025, Spring Primary Election for the Town of Cloverland will be conducted at the Cloverland Town Hall, 5860 Perch Lake Rd. Eagle River, WI 54521 at 10:00 AM on Thursday, February 13, 2025.

Town Clerk/Treasurer: Tracy Schilling

#### **NOTICE** TOWN OF WASHINGTON

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Troy Schalinske, Commissioner **Vilas County Highway Department** P.O. Box 1568, 2104 N. Railroad St. Eagle River, WI. 54521

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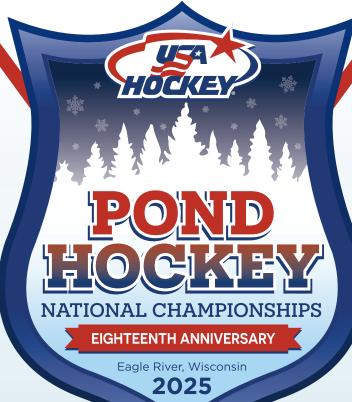


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# Sports





Lurvey

## Area athletes sit on 3-point shootout leaderboard

#### Pines' Klemett leads eligible D3 players

BY JACOB HEID SPORTS EDITOR

Northland Pines senior Vienna Klemett and Three Lakes freshman Easton Lurvey have landed on the WIAA-sponsored 3-point shootout, which is an endof-season 3-point contest at the respective State Tournaments in Green Bay and Madison.

Klemett leads all eligible D3 girl players in 3-point percentage this season with a 38.9% 3-point percentage as of Jan. 27. Lurvey, who was in seventh in the Jan. 20 update, would have been fifth, but the stats deadline passed for the weekly update Jan. 27.

To be considered, a player must make the minimum amount of attempts (100) throughout the regular season and shooting stats need to be available from every game of the season. The deadline for the girls

is Monday of the week of regional games (Feb. 24) and March 3 for the boys. The top four players by the deadline will be notified, but only the top two players in each division will participate.

Klemett is shooting at a 39.6% clip on 96 attempts as of Jan. 27.

She said it was just recently that she began to notice that she was the leader in Division 3 athletes.

"It started to be on my radar on Jan. 6 because that's when I realized I was one of the top people. I am proud of myself for leading this category in Division 3, but it's not done yet and hope to end the season at the top," said Klemett. "Coach Halsey allows for my confidence and fire to keep going up, and being the top person in my division reflects this."

The 3-point shot has always seemed to be in her arsenal, but Klemett said that her growth and basketball IQ have helped her gain more confidence from a distance.

"This year it has shown, from my confidence and hard work, that I can shoot the ball and have a deep range. I can read my shot and I know how to fix it if I can't make a couple of shots at the beginning (of a game)," explained Klemett. "This is the biggest weapon I have in my bag."

With Klemett being a senior, she said making it as one of the top two players would be a great experience to end her high school career.

"I'm really hoping that I can finish as one of the top two players; it would be such a great experience, especially my senior year," she stated. "Just being able to compete at the Resch Center on the UW-GB court would be a dream."

For Lurvey, the 3-point shot didn't come to him until a few years ago before he started to get a feel for it. Since then, time and effort have become a huge key to shooting nearly 40% from distance on the varsity level his freshman year.

"I didn't start shooting 3's until seventh grade, when I

could shoot at that distance and maintain proper form, but since then it has come with that of reps and time in the gym," he said.

Being just a freshman, Lurvey sits near the top of eligible players in 3-point percentage, something he says feels like a compliment to how he is performing.

"It feels really good; it's a great compliment to have an impact at the state level. I am honored to be up in the ranks," he explained.

As only two players are selected per division, Lurvey has some work left to do to claim a top-two spot, but was in the top spot when the leaderboard first came out.

"I would be honored to represent my team and my school in this event. it would be such a great experience to be able to compete with some of the best 3-point shooters in the state," he said about the potential opportunity.

Both players have around a month or under left before the numbers are finalized and the players are selected.



## Sideline Scoop

**BY JACOB HEID** 

# Matching physicality with Tomahawk is key

When facing the Tomahawk boys hockey team, the top-ranked D2 team in the state, matching the Hatchets' physicality is key to keeping pace with them.

Last week, Northland Pines hosted Tomahawk in a Great Northern Conference showdown inside the Dome in Eagle River. As Tomahawk sat undefeated in the GNC, and only held three losses before the matchup, the Eagles were in for a tough game.

As I sat in the far corner during the first period, early energy by the Eagles helped them skate with Tomahawk throughout the opening 17 minutes. Despite being outshot 17-8 in the opening frame, Pines had quality looks at the net in a physical start.

As the two teams took the ice for the second period, Tomahawk started to show why they were and are the team to beat in Division 2 hockey. They were tight defensively and had snipers always looking for a shot, which includes Jonah Dickens, who now has 37 goals on the year after a hat trick against the Eagles. Pines defenseman Josh Graves took many pucks on the rush, and got caught up by the Tomahawk defense after the Hatchets seemed to always have two sticks at the puck at all times. The hitting started to change the complexion of the game as Pines couldn't keep up on the boards as the game moved along.

Tomahawk netted three in the second period, with the third coming off an easy turnover, and Dickens went forehand-backhand and flipped one into an open net

The goals kept piling on in the third as the Hatchets buried three more goals to put the game to rest.

All in all, it seemed that a team must match Tomahawk's physicality for all three periods, along with also being able to get past a disciplined defense to put some points on the board.

## Slow start doesn't deter Jays in NLC road win

BY JACOB HEID SPORTS EDITOR

The Three Lakes boys basketball team had two shots at road wins this past week, and the Jays opened the week with a 63-48 Northern Lakes Conference road win at Goodman-Pembine Jan. 28 despite a slow start.

A late-week nonconference game for Three Lakes at Rib Lake ended in a 52-42 loss for the Jays as well.

"We started extremely slow in this contest, mostly due to effort and focus. The kids were not zoned in for this game in the first nine minutes, but they ended up straightening things out and getting a win," said head coach George Lurvey after the Goodman- Pembine win. "We are a team that takes a lot of pride in defense, and in this game our defense was just atrocious at the start, with a lack of communication leading to the breakdowns defensively."

The Jays fought through a slow start with the help of senior forward Peyton Pitlik, whose efficient shooting night of 9-for-11 from the floor ended in 22 points. He also cleaned up the glass for the Jays and finished with 17 rebounds.

Three Lakes battled back to lead by a slight three-point margin at halftime and used the opening minutes of the second half to break the game open.

"At the start of the second half we pulled to a 14-18 point lead and held the entire time," Lurvey said about the second-half effort.

Freshman Easton
Lurvey followed Pitlik's
performance with 14
points, and senior Eli
Erickson tallied nine.
Four other players scored
for the Blueiays in the win.

The Bluejays split the week 1-1 with the Rib Lake loss Friday. Lurvey said that the team hung around and led for much of the game, but offensive rebounding hurt them.

"We lost by 10, but we were actually leading a lot in this game, and it was much closer than 10 the entire game, but we hit an 8-minute scoring drought in the second half that we couldn't recover from," he said. "I think the biggest flaw in our team right now is our lack of offensive rebounding. We are "one and done" on offense; we are really struggling."

Three Lakes has a huge week coming up in conference play. They faced off against Crandon on the road this past Tuesday and will host Laona-Wabeno this Friday, Feb. 7, at 7:15 p.m.

The Cardinals lead the NLC, while the Rebels are half a game behind them. Three Lakes is in third place, 1.5 games behind Laona-Wabeno and two behind Crandon.

"We need to sharpen things up to compete in the games ahead of us, but the good thing is the kids are aware that we need to improve and are willing to put in the work," stated Lurvey.

Three Lakes has a chance to even the season series with both teams as it fell to Crandon 72-69 and Laona-Wabeno 62-52 earlier in the season.

## Eagle River figure skating team shines at Badger State Games

The Eagle River Figure Skating Competition team made its debut at the recent Badger State Games, showcasing the incredible

talent of its young athletes. With a total of 12 girls participating, the team displayed a range of skills, from basic moves to advanced jumps and spins, in front of supporters and judges. Even with tough competition, the Eagle River team did stand out, bringing home a total of 21 medals: nine gold, seven silver, and five bronze. The achievement reflects the hard work and determination of the skaters, as well as the coaching staff who guided them throughout their training.

The highlight of the event was the qualification for the State Games of America, which will be held in Pennsylvania in July 2026. Skaters who secured a spot on the podium, earning first, second, or third place, have now qualified for this prestigious event, marking a significant milestone in their skating journeys.

The Eagle River Figure Skating team said it was proud of the accomplishments and looks forward to representing their community at the State Games of America.



The Eagle River Figure Skating Competition team includes from left to right, Front Row: Coach Heather Pattison Harsla, Olivia Trajonovich, Vienna Bornberg and Coach Kari Jo Bornberg. Second Row: Coach Montana Grabowski, Addyson Harlsa, Aubrey Lathrop, Carmen Kranz, Sophie Hoffman and Coach Trina Kazmarek. Back Row: Charlotte Frenz, Brianna Smith, Vayda Barger, Valarie Paquet, Karista Kaminski and Bristol Parling.

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## **SPORTS**



**PRESENTS** 

## Senior Spotlight

## Peyton Pitlik, Three Lakes basketball

BY JACOB HEID SPORTS EDITOR

The Senior Spotlight series will highlight the senior athletes in the area around the communities of Eagle River, Three Lakes, and Phelps. This week, Three Lakes senior Peyton Pitlik is in the spotlight. Pitlik also plays soccer in the spring as a dual-sport athlete. He will continue his education at UW-Stevens Point upon graduation. Here is more on the Three Lakes senior:

#### What makes this year's boys team fun to be a part of?

'This year's team has been very fun so far. It has definitely been my favorite year. All these boys on the team are my best friends and my family. We have a fun time wherever we go, whether we have a two-hour ride to Marshfield or a home game, it's always a great time! I am super close with everyone on the team and we all do everything together; that's what makes this team so special."

#### Do you have a nickname that your friends or family call you?

"I have two main nicknames. Most people just call me Peyton, but most of my family calls me Peyto, and most of my friends on the team just call me P. My family calls me Peyto because back in fifth grade my aunt forgot to put the 'n' in my name."

#### Do you play other sports besides basketball? What do you play?

"The only other sport I play is soccer. I enjoy soccer a lot, but nothing compares to basketball. I'd wanted to try football, but I was too scared I was going to get hurt; I'll admit to that!"

#### Would you rather live forever in a bigger city or a small town like Three Lakes?

I would much rather live the rest of my life in a small town like Three Lakes than a big city. To me, everything in our little town means a lot more. What I mean is everyone around here knows each other, and everyone values the town a lot since it's so small. I'll admit when it snows around here a lot it does suck sometimes. When it snows enough though it's a great time because we can snowmobile, go sledding, go skiing, ice fishing, and so much more. If we make it through the winter, we then get to enjoy



an amazing summer. The weather is usually very nice in the summer. Almost every weekend I get to spend one of the days on a boat. I just feel that we value where we live a lot more when we live in a small town."

#### If you had one superpower, what would it be?

"If I had one superpower it would definitely be to fly! I feel like being able to fly whenever you want would be so cool. You could get to places a lot quicker. You could see everything. I think it would just help you out a lot with certain things, too."

#### Who is your biggest sports role model?

"My biggest sports role model is definitely Kobe Bryant. He is one of my favorite players to ever touch a basketball. I listen to everything he used to say, like his mamba podcasts and quotes that he said. Kobe worked every day and never took a day off. He trained to be the best and was always the first one in the gym working. Kobe has inspired so many people to help reach their full potential."

#### Any plans for after high school?

College? "After high school, I plan on attending college at the University of Stevens Point, where I will pursue a degree in physical therapy. I also am hoping to continue my basketball athletic career there, too! It is going to be very sad graduating high school, but I am also super excited to start living my own life and starting my career at UW Stevens

Three Lakes junior Kailyn Fogerty drives to the hoop and throws up a layup during the 70-60 nonconference win versus Wakefield-Marenisco, Mich. last Friday night in Three Lakes.

## Lady Jays split week with 1-1 record

**BY JACOB HEID** SPORTS EDITOR

The Three Lakes-Phelps girls basketball team got back into the win column late in the week last week with a 70-60 win over Wakefield-Marenisco Three Lakes Jan. 31, but not before falling in a Northern Lakes Conference game Jan. 27 against Laona-

Wabeno, 49-32. TLP moved to 5-10 (0-4) on the season with the nonconference win Friday night.

Three Lakes- Phelps got out to a good start offensively to open the week and led Laona-Wabeno by two, 13-11, in the game's early stages.

The lead reached three before fouls became a factor, and the home Rebels shot in the double bonus for the final six minutes of the

The Lady Jays then went cold offensively, and scored only one field goal in roughly the last eight minutes, while Laona-Wabeno went on a 19-3 run to end the half and led by 13 at the break, 30-17.

The Rebels continued to press the issue early in the second by opening on a 6-0 run in the opening 1:30. That pushed the lead to 19, 36-17.

The first points from TLP came from Kylee Wilson at the free-throw line about 3:30 into the second half.

Later in the half, Haylee Barnekow got a friendly roll on a 3-pointer after a cross-court pass from her teammate to cut the lead down to 20 with 12:44 to go. Both teams went on a scoring drought for four minutes as the Lady Jays couldn't chip into the deficit. The lead increased to 21 after a free throw made by the Rebels with eight minutes left.

TLP got it as close as 15 after Kaylee Cornelius hit a left-wing 3-pointer to make it a 45-30 game late.

The team bounced back Friday with its best offensive performance with 70 points in the win. The Lady Jays held the lead in the first half by getting out on the fast break as the game started with a quick

"They're a fast break team and we probably got more points off the fast break than they did," said head coach Rich Javenkoski. "For the most part, it was a good win."

Barnekow beat the firsthalf buzzer with a 3-pointer in a foul-heavy first half as TLP led 38-29 at the break.

The quick pace bled into the second half as chances at the rim led to aggressive drives that led to trips to the free-throw line. A run by Wakefield-

Marenisco deep in the second half put TLP in a tight spot but responded with some quality baskets late.

Offensively, junior Kailyn Fogerty led the team with 17 points as she found her spots on the floor throughout the game. Barnekow also had 17 points in the win.

TLP returned to the court this past Monday as it hosted Sturgeon Bay in a makeup game, before the Jays look for their NLC win in a game at home against Florence this Thursday, Feb. 6, at 7:15 p.m.

## Lady Eagles dropped two contests last week

The Northland Pines girls basketball team (4-14, 1-7) couldn't close the deal in either of their games last week on the road at Crandon Jan. 28 and Rhinelander at home Jan. 31.

The Eagles fell at Crandon, 64-29, in a nonconference game, before battling with Great Northern Conference foe

Rhinelander last Friday, but ultimately fell 40-34 in the contest.

Pines was back in action early this week with a home game versus Watersmeet, Mich., before traveling to Lakeland High School Friday in Minocqua, Feb. 7, for a 7:15 p.m. tip.



TIE-BREAKER — Michael Andrews of Eagle River won a three-way tiebreaker to take home the final \$200 cash prize for the 2024-25 News-Review Football Contest. Michael is shown receiving his winnings from News-Review Marketing Consultant, Bri Rivest.

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## Pines ski teams finish second; home meet up next this week

Pines

**BY JACOB HEID** SPORTS EDITOR

It was another wellperformance rounded Rhinelander/ for the Northland Pines alpine skiing and snowboarding team last week at Mount Ashwabay in Bayfield as both the boys and girls teams took second place at the meet. The team will host its

last Northern Conference meet this year at Ski Brule in Iron River, Mich., this Saturday, Feb. 8. It was the fourth

consecutive runner-up finish for the girls, who finished behind a talented Wausau-D.C. Everest team.

For the boys, it was

the second time in the

four meets that they took

second place. Northland

freshman athlete Jessica Linn led the girls team once again with a sixth-overall finish out of 26 racers. She ranked sixth in the slalom race at 39.39 seconds, seventh in the giant slalom (30.29), and eighth in the super giant (26.55)

Senior Pines teammate Eliana Conrad grabbed a top-15 finish on the day in 13th overall. She ranked 13th in two of her three runs, while she also took the 14th-best time in the giant slalom.

On the boys side, the team had three top-10 finishers out of over 30 competitors. Rhinelander's Ben Olson led the way with a second-place finish. Pines

athletes Wyler Koput and Jason Linn grabbed sixth and 10th, respectively.

Koput had a mishap in the slalom race and took 15th overall, but backed that up with a 26.70 time in the giant slalom (sixthbest), and ran his best race in the super giant with a tied runner-up time of 24.30. That was .8 seconds behind the eventual best

Linn ran his best time in the slalom race as he took sixth overall with a time of 35.79. He ranked just outside of the top 15 in the giant slalom and 14th in the supergiant.

The team will round out the conference competition this Saturday in the fifth meet of the season.

## **SPORTS**

## Pines boys blanked by top-ranked Hatchets

BY JACOB HEID SPORTS EDITOR

It was a tough night the scoreboard for Northland Pines boys hockey team after Tomahawk, the top-ranked team in D2, shut out the Eagles 6-0 in Eagle River last Tuesday night.

In a physical battle, the game went a period and a half before Tomahawk unleashed its offense in the final two periods.

In the first period, Tomahawk visiting outshot Pines 17-8, but the Eagles kept up physically. Senior netminder Evrett Leslie made 17 strong saves to keep the game scoreless after one.

Leslie finished the night with 39 saves on 45 shots faced.

"Evrett kept us in it early with great goaltending. We need to help him out and find a way to capitalize on every opportunity to bury the puck, especially against a team like Tomahawk," said Pines head coach Zach Otto.

Through multiple chances, powerplay including a 5-on-3, the Eagles had high-quality looks throughout the opening 17 minutes, but couldn't solve senior goaltender Trevor Seliskar.

'Tomahawk is a very good team. We did play a good first period and the first half of the second. We felt good about the game plan going in, but couldn't hang in there after we had a key player leave the game in the second period," Otto explained. "I believe that was one of the big difference makers in whether we would be able to be in the game or not."

That missing player stemmed from two game disqualifications being given out after a fight broke due to the Hatchets colliding with Leslie behind his own net.

Junior defender Josh Graves had the best opportunity of the first period after a puck got flipped over the Hatchets' defense, leading to a breakaway chance that Seliskar denied.

Tomahawk then controlled much of the final 34 minutes with its physicality.

It was a similar start to the second before Tomahawk finally broke through and put one past Leslie midway through the middle period.

Austin Lamer made it a 1-0 game at 7:08 of the second before Tomahawk leading scorer Jonah Dickens (37 goals) scored twice at 14:04 and 16:26 to make it a 3-0 game after two periods.

Dickens collected the hat trick early in the third before the Hatchets added two more near the midway point of the third.

The Eagles were 0-for-4 on the power play in the

"I believe our team can



Pines freshman forward Cooper Saari races to a puck along the near boards during the second period.

compete with anyone; we just need to be consistent in all three periods," said Otto. "We were starting to play some of our best hockey and I'm confident we will continue that moving forward."

Tomahawk clinched Northern Great Conference title for the second consecutive season with the win.

The Eagles played a road game versus Antigo Tuesday this week before traveling to Medford Thursday, Feb. 6, for a 7 p.m. puck drop.



Northland Pines junior Josh Graves attacks a Tomahawk defender on offense as he tries to make a move towards the net in a 6-0 loss Jan. 28 to the top-ranked Hatchets in Eagle River.

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300 GAME — Eagle River bowler Donald Tess bowled his second career 300 game and the 13th in Eagle Lanes history. He threw 12 strikes in a row in his third game on lanes one and two. He bowled games of 197-269-300 to finish with 766 for the series.

## Pinski returns to coach Pines girls soccer team

School District recently announced that Mark Pinski will be the new head coach of the girls' soccer program. Pinski previously served as the boys' head coach for six seasons before stepping down in 2021.

Pinski, current а physical education teacher in the District, led the Eagles to two Great Northern Conference titles in six years and a WIAA state soccer tournament appearance in 2019.

"I'm looking forward to this opportunity and am very excited to get back

make a positive impact on the already strong Pines Soccer program and tradition," said Pinski.

He has spent the last years coaching youth soccer within the Headwaters Youth Soccer Association.

Northland Pines Athletic Director, A.J. Zayia, said that Pinski is a wellrespected coach and is glad that he is back on the sidelines for the Eagles.

"Mark is an excellent soccer coach. He has a great understanding of the game and brings multiple

The Northland Pines into coaching. I hope to years of head coaching experience to the table," he said. "He does a great job of balancing the importance of winning soccer games, but also the development of high character teams. Mark is very well respected as both a high school and youth soccer coach."

The WIAA girls soccer season will start with practice beginning March 24 with the earliest game being held April 1. Pines kicks the season off Friday, April 4, with a game at Crandon.

## Falcons pick up fourth win in a row

It was another victory for the Eagle River Falcons as the team picked up its fourth win in a row, to move to 7-1 on the season and 6-0 at home, as the team won a 5-3 game against the visiting Dane County Dairy Kings last Saturday.

Todd Koritzinsky kept his great offensive season going as he scored three of the five goals for the Falcons, which moved his season goal total to 12.

Alex Racino and Jacob Robinson picked up the other two tallies of the night for Eagle River.

Seven players, which includes Racino and Robinson, picked up assists in the game.

Goaltender Richard Yeshe picked up the victory by making 13 saves on the 16 shots he faced.

Eagle River is back on home ice this weekend for their pond hockey weekend as the Fox Cities Ice Dogs head to the Dome Friday, Feb. 7, for an 8:30 p.m. puck drop. The Portage Lake Pioneers head to Eagle River on Saturday, Feb. 8, for a game that will start at 8 p.m.

## **STANDINGS**

#### **Sportsman Bowling League- Eagle Lanes**

**Results of 1/30/25** Northwoods Knuckleheads 0; J&Z Overhead Door 5, AKAR Cornerstone Custom Builders 0: Nicolet Shores 7, Eagle Lanes 0; Club DeNoyer 7, Timmy's Division St. Pizza Co 0

Individual high game: Steve Janssen 259; Dennis Franciskovich 257; Billy Barnes Individual high series: Billy

Barnes 696; David Phelps 662; Glenn Lasowski 658 **Standings** Rick's Pro Shop AKAR Disposal **Nicolet Shores** J&Z Overhead Door Undiagnosed

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Timmy's Division St. Pizza 15 Company **Eagle Lanes** Northwoods Knucklehead

**Cornerstone Custom Builders** Club DeNoyer **EAGLE RIVER DARTBALL** 

Results of 1/29/25 Team results: Club 45 3, Mud Creek I 0; Shotskis 3, Mud Creek II 0; Sweetwater II 3, Sweetwater I 0; Eagle Lanes 2, Club Denoyer 1; Thunderbird 2, Veterans Center 1

Top women shooters: Jenni Hanson 5/21, Billie Jo Ernst 4/21, Jane Meyer 3/13, Cheri Winquist 3/17, Sarah Winter

Top men shooters: John Ariola 10/16, Aaron Jones 9/20, Rob Govek 8/18, Mark Krupka 9/24, Brian Handeland 8/19, Bill Ernst

Erickson 5/16, Dan Haggard 5/21. Don Scharf 4/12. Derric Home runs: Cheri Winquist (2), Kelly Resch. Beth Radowicz. Don

Standings Eagle Lanes Club 45

Sweetwater II Sweetwater I 19 19 Thunderbird Club Denoyer Mud creek II

Veterans Center Mud Creek I **Three Lakes Dartball** 

**Results of 1/29/25** Team Results: Village People 2. Wildcats 1; Oneida Village II 2, Legion Newbies 1 Top women shooters: Bev Beyer 3/12, Sue Schultz 2/12, Missy Zingzanger 3/10, Jan Leiderhause 2/10 Top men shooters: Paul Kaiser

5/12, Steve Schultz 5/12, Ronald Swanson 3/9, Reg Videgar 4/11 Home Runs: None **Standings** Wildcats

15 Village People 14 13 Legion Newbies 16 Oneida Village II **Eagle River** 

**Three Lakes Pool League Results of 1/29/25** Results: Rendezvous 13. Black Forest 3: Racks and Rods 13.

Hideaway 3; Eagles 12, Pine Isle

I 4; Tavern on the Loop II 12, Tavern on the Loop I 4; Legion OV 12, Spiritview I 4; Spiritview II 8,

Eight Ball Runs: Justin Pollack, Brian Hoff, Scott McCain, Gary Bollmann, Brian Johnson, Luke

Eight Ball Breaks: John Kuglitsch Standings 160 Rendezvous Racks and Rods 131 126 93 98 Pine Isle II Spiritview II Legion OV Spiritview Eagles 113 111 Black Forest Spiritview I 107 117 102 122 TOL I

#### **EAGLE RIVER POOL LEAGUE**

Hideaway

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**Results of 1/30/25** Results: Uncle Kent's I 10, Club 45 III 6; Denoyer's I 10, Club 45 I 6: Brew's Pub 12, Log Cabin 4; Northern Exposure 11, Uncle Kent's II 5: Club 45 II 9. Denover's II 7: Lumpy's 9. Eagle Lanes 7 Eight Ball Runs: Richard Wilson,

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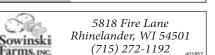


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## **SPORTS**

## Rebel Jays enjoy 5-0 week of dual dominance

BY WILLIAM ZUELKE CORRESPONDENT

The Wabeno-Laona-Three Lakes varsity wrestling team closed out the regular season last week with a perfect 5-0 record in duals against Tomahawk, Crivitz, Rosholt, Iron Mountain and Rhinelander during two events held at Laona High School Tuesday and at Three Lakes High School Thursday.

"This was certainly a great week for our team," head coach Seth Senter commented after the recent success in Three Lakes. "It gives us nice momentum as we head to the conference duals and then on to regional and sectional competition. Colin (Schubert) and I will be working hard with each of the kids in practice as we fine-tune specific drills to have the team reach peak performance during this important time of the

For top wrestlers such as Reagan Roy, Max Clark, and Ryker Schingeck, fine-tuning may seem

redundant following a week when the trio went 12-0 and when season records have reached impressive levels. Roy, at 106 pounds, has a match record of 43-2 going into the conference championship meet which takes place this Friday at Elcho High School. Clark (113 lbs.) and Schingeck (120 lbs.) have 35-10 and 37-5 match records, leaving the three wrestlers in the lightest weight brackets carrying a heavy load of 115 collective wins against only 17 losses.

Other Rebel Jays wrestlers with top performances last week included Hayden Demerath, competing at 144 and 150 pounds, who had a nice 5-0 week with three pin victories. Demerath was joined with a 5-0 performance by freshman Cameron Tilton who also chalked up three pins along the way. Brody Hoffman and Jayse Demerath each had great weeks on the mat with 24-1 match records, while Naaman Stanley, Sawyer Jameson, and Levi Shepard picked up pin victories, with Shepard earning two pins in his four matches for the week.

For the first time this season, the Rebel Jays had a complete roster with wrestlers in every weight class, and everybody on the team walked away with a win, while the team as a whole defeated Tomahawk by a score of 41-38, and then easily defeated Crivitz and Rosholt at Laona High School with scores of 69-12 and 54-18. Then, as the team competed at Three Lakes High School last Thursday, the domination continued as the Rebel Javs beat Iron Mountain 51-14 before closing out the week with a 46-29 win over Rhinelander.

The event at Three Lakes High School was a special night for the wrestlers as they competed under a spotlight donated two years ago by the family of Travis Larson following his passing in 2020. Larson was a former Bluejays wrestler who was a two-time conference champion with deep connections to the community and the



Michael Milligan of the Rebel Jays squares up to make a move against Connor Jones of Tomahawk last week at Laona High School.

-Photo By William Zuelke

sport. Each year since the donation, local crowds and wrestlers are treated to a unique experience and coach Senter says the spotlight forces the wrestlers to better focus on the mat. He also acknowledged the effort of assistant coach John Fink, who worked with the Larson family to bring the special lighting to the team.

It was also senior night as the team honored Three Lakes senior Noah Kincaid and Wabeno seniors Hayden Demerath and Michael Milligan, along with team manager Elise Harris.

The team now moves to the conference championship meet this Friday, February 7, and hopes to see similar success to what they saw last week.

"We have kids who know
how to perform under
pressure and, as a team, we
practice hard and prepare
smart, so I expect to see

success on the mat in the

coming weeks."

The action begins at 6 p.m. at Elcho High School as the Rebel Jays will face wrestlers from Elcho, Crandon, and Florence.

# Steel breaks Windigo's five-game win streak in a weekend split

**BY JACOB HEID**SPORTS EDITOR

A road trip with the Chippewa Steel to end January was on tap for the Wisconsin Windigo of the North American Hockey League, as the home Steel stole a 3-2 Friday win to break the Windigo's fivegame win streak before Wisconsin bounced back Saturday in a 5-2 game.

The team remains in first place in the Midwest Division with 59 points.

"To say it was a roller coaster weekend would be an understatement. Our effort on Friday fell short of our standards. We had sequences where we played well, but passed up on some shots that I would have liked to see us take," said Windigo head coach John Mitchell about Friday night. "I was pleased to see how the guvs responded on Saturday night. We came out of the gate flying. The effort we displayed in the first two periods on Saturday is what we are looking for."

#### Windigo 2, Steel 3

Wisconsin got down in the game quickly as Chippewa got the game's first tally just minutes into the contest. Felix Haibock tied the game near the end of the first period at 17:20. John Halverson scooped up the puck behind the net and threw it towards the crease. Haibock then tucked it away for his third goal of the year.

Chippewa regained their lead 2:07 into the second period on a 5-on-3 powerplay

"We showed a lack of discipline as well. We can't



in Chippewa Falls this past weekend.

—Contributed Photo

have multiple players sitting in the box serving 10-minute misconduct penalties," said Mitchell. "They took advantage of some of our guys watching the play, rather than picking up their defensive assignments."

The Windigo's special teams retaliated in the same period, with leading goal scorer Braydon Beahm tallying the goal on the man advantage at 14:47. The game remained tied through the second intermission and

for most of the third period.

The Steel buried a puck at 11:54 of the third to go ahead for good.

Lucas Szyszka took the loss in net, making 23 saves. Devin Shakar made 28 saves to earn the victory for Chippewa.

#### Windigo 5, Steel 2

Saturday was a different story for Wisconsin offensively, netting four of its five goals in the opening two periods.

Ronnie Hill wasted little time as he scored 1:06 into the game to deplete the home crowd.

Seven minutes later, the Windigo executed a textbook breakout that led to Halverson netting a goal for a 2-0 lead.

The 2-0 score bled into the second period before Logan Nickolaus put the Windigo up by three early in the middle frame.

Alexios Georgaklis took advantage of another power play opportunity and made it a 4-0 lead at 11:38 before the Steel finally scored two unanswered in the third to cut the lead in half. An empty net goal by the Windigo, with less than 30 seconds left, put the game to rest. Szyszka recorded 25 saves on his way to his 20th win of the season.

Wisconsin is back inside the Eagle River Dome this weekend for two early starts against the Janesville Jets Friday and Saturday, Feb. 7-8, with games starting at 6 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., respectively.

## Eagles stick with Hodags for half, but lose to conference rival 56-38

BY GARY RIDDERBUSCH CORRESPONDENT

Northland Pines battled Rhinelander for one half, but the Eagles lost to the Hodags 56-38 in a Great Northern Conference (GNC) boys basketball game in Rhinelander last Friday night.

The Eagles got off to a good start against one of the top teams in the GNC, taking a 17-9 lead with just over eight (8) minutes remaining in the half. The Hodags then got hot on the offensive end and hit some shots to take a slim 24-23 lead at the half.

"We battled and played Pines basketball in the first half," said Pines coach Terry Klemett. "We defended well, rebounded well, and made some nice plays offensively."

plays offensively."
Rhinelander outscored
Northland Pines 16-4
during the first nine (9)
minutes of the second
half to take a 40-27 lead.
The Hodags held that
advantage the rest of the
way to get the 28-point
victory. The Eagles had
18 turnovers in the game,
many of them in the
second half.

"In the second half we started to run out of gas and it showed by how careless we got with the ball," said Klemett. "You can't turn the ball over and expect to beat a good team like

Rhinelander, especially at their place. It was a playoff atmosphere and a great game to play. This game will only help us down the stretch during the tournament. I was proud of our efforts and how well we defended most of the game."

Pines was led by Mylo Albrecht with 13 points and seven rebounds, followed by Cody Vojta with 11 points and three rebounds. Jack Albrecht had three assists.

The Eagles also played Wittenberg-Birnamwood in a nonconference game last Monday, losing 69-48.

The game was tied at 17-17 at the 7:30 mark of the first half when Wittenberg-Birnamwood went on a 19-8 run to take an 11-point halftime lead.

"This was a battle of a game," said Klemett. "It was back and forth until we lost vision defensively late in the first half and they buried a few threes to give them a nice cushion."

The second half saw Pines play hard, but the Eagles couldn't get any closer than seven points a couple of times, including 60-53 with 3:48 to play. The Eagles had 21 turnovers in the game.

"We had many opportunities, but came up short," said Klemett. "Wittenberg is a very good basketball team and it's hard to play at their place. Overall, I was happy that we competed hard."

Mylo Albrecht led Pines with 19 points, followed by Vojta with 14, and Jonathan Miller and A.J. Muench with 10 apiece. Albrecht also had six rebounds and Muench had six assists.

Pines, 10-8 overall and 4-4 in the GNC, will host Lakeland this Friday, Feb. 7, in a GNC battle starting at 7:15 p.m. The Eagles will then travel to Mosinee next Tuesday, Feb. 11, for another GNC game at 7:15 p.m.

# Pines girls co-op skates back into win column

BY JACOB HEID SPORTS EDITOR

It was a brutal stretch of seven straight losses and 10 full periods without a goal for the Northland Pines girls co-op hockey team, but that changed Jan. 27 when the Eagles skated to a 4-2 victory over Houghton-Hancock, Mich. inside the Eagle River Dome.

A trio of goals in the second period helped push past a physical team from the U.P.

"We got a much-needed win against a physical team from the Upper Peninsula. As I said before, we have been struggling to put the puck in the net this season. Tonight, we found it four

times to get a solid win," said Pines head coach Jeff Stebbeds.

Freshman Lucy Nowak came out of the gates strong between the pipes for the Eagles as Houghton-Hancock fired 12 shots on goal in the first and she swallowed all 12 up.

The two sides skated to a scoreless first period as Pines registered five shots on net.

The second period saw the Eagles trail 10-8 in shots, but lit the lamp on three of them.

Junior Bella Nowak got the scoring started early in the second, as she tallied her third goal of the year to make it a 1-0 game, just 47 seconds into the second. Pines sophomore Lilly Beitler doubled the lead a handful of minutes later at 4:22 of the period. Both goals were unassisted.

"This young team works hard for us, so it was nice to see them get a big win. We moved the puck very well and got some good scoring opportunities tonight," stated Stebbeds.

The Eagles maintained that lead until the late portion of the middle frame before Houghton-Hancock cut the lead in half at 14:32 of the second. A quick answer by Pines about 30 seconds later gave the home team a two-goal advantage as the game neared a close.

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Special teams came up big for both sides in the

third, as Houghton scored shorthanded at 2:19 to make the game interesting, 3-2.

As the two teams were separated by just one goal after that, a two-minute unsportsmanlike conduct penalty by the visitors, with less than 90 seconds to go, played a crucial role.

On the man advantage, Beitler buried her second of the night 25 seconds into the power play, to make it a 4-2 game with a minute to go.

go.
The Eagles were back on the road Jan. 31 at Black River Falls, where they fell in a 6-0 contest. They were also back home to host the Fox Cities Stars Monday of this week.



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GOOFY CHAMPION — Matt Bykowski was the winner of the 1st Inaugural Timbers Goofy Olympics hosted by Timbers Bar & Restaurant in St. Germain. Competitors battled in a number of events, compiling points throughout the day. In the end Bykowski scored the most and was awarded a basket of prizes including merchandise and gift certificates from area sponsors.

-Photo By Doug Etten

## Media inclusion deadline Feb. 5 for exhibitors in upcoming biz expo

Businesses or nonprofit groups looking to exhibit and take advantage of the media inclusion package must sign up by the end of today, Feb. 5, for the Up North Community Expo.

North Community Expo, scheduled for Thursday, March 6, at the Hodag Dome in Rhinelander, is the premier multi-community expo in the North Woods, featuring a diverse lineup of businesses and organizations. It includes businesses and nonprofit groups from seven northern counties, including Vilas and Oneida.

an unmatched opportunity for exhibitors to showcase their products and services, with extensive marketing benefits and direct connections to potential clients and community members," said Rachel Boehlen, director of events

Chamber of Commerce. "Attendees can expect to meet businesses and nonprofits, network, apply for prize opportunities, and more. Whether you're a business looking to grow, or a community member seeking connections, this is the place to be."

The expo is open to any business or organization that is part of a North Woods chamber of commerce. Participating groups and businesses that sign up by the deadline will have their name mentioned in print advertising, radio ads, social media, television ads,

and the event guide map. "You will also have the opportunity to partake in all the activities at the expo including networking with many exhibitors and attendees, prizes and awards will be given for best

for the Rhinelander Area booth, 'Now Hiring' advertising, access to the exhibitor lounge, and includes tickets to the Expo After Hours event," Boehlen said.

#### **Expo After Hours**

Due to the sensitive nature of the track and turf inside the dome, food or drink is not allowed at the event. Therefore, an alter nate option for food and beverage vendors will take place directly after the expo ends across town at the Rouman Cinema.

This Expo After Hours event aims to provide a relaxing atmosphere where exhibitors and community members can gather, sample foods and beverages, and get a taste of the North Woods.

"We want to give vendors exposure at this event and provide an inviting space

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## Youngsters explore paleontology at children's museum dino dig

Children and families explored the world of paleontology held at the Northwoods Children's Museum's Dino Adventure on Sunday, Jan. 26.

The Dino Dig Adventure began with dinosaur activities and an erupting volcano in the Discovery Toy Store. This was followed by an educational lesson in "paleontology school," a trip to the lab to examine fossils, and a stop at the oasis to have a snack before the trip to the desert dig site. Finally, the adventure concluded with a dig site exploration to uncover fossils and bones. Families participated in a fun craft after the dig. Each child took home a dino dig bag, a hat and a snack.

"This event would not have been possible without the help volunteers from Nicolet National Bank, Ripco Credit Union and



Children and their adults at the Northwoods Children's Museum dig site to uncover fossils and bones. Contributed Photo

Incredible Bank," said **Executive Director Danielle** Larsen. "A big 'thank you'

to the staff, volunteers and attendees who all helped support the Power of Play!"

## Northland Pines to present 'Something Rotten'

Music and drama students at Northland Pines High School will perform the comedic musical "Something Rotten" three upcoming performances.

Show times are Friday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 16 at 2 p.m. Performances will be held in the NPHS Auditorium.

contempo-This rary musical is set in 1596, when William Shakespeare was the rock star of the Renaissance. brothers, Nick and Nigel Bottom, who aim to write something as good as Shakespeare. With the help of a fortune teller, they end up creating the world's first musical instead.

Over 50 NPHS students are involved in the cast, crew and pit orchestra for the musical.

Students playing major roles are: Owen Grassl as Nick Bottom, Davis Beyer as Nigel Bottom, Riley Moore as Shakespeare, Owen Libby

as Nostradamus, Malia Remme as Bea Bottom, Addisan Skarda as Portia, Ike McClelland as Brother Jeremiah, Madi Brock as the Minstrel, Stevie Brown as Lady Clapham and Wyatt Stebbeds as Shylock. The Bottom Brother's acting troupe is composed of Timmy Stoltman, Tyler Price, Dylan Kleffman. Nathan Miller and Calvin Margelofsky. Many other students will perform as tap dancers and Renaissance townspeople.

Many additional students The story follows two are involved as tech crew including Miles Kirschbaum as Sound Designer, Grace Indermuehle as Lighting Designer, Izabella Bresher and Benjamin Braunel running Spotlights, Kira Sandberg as Stage Manager, and Aubrey Burns as Prop Manager, along with a student group of stage crew members.

The live pit orchestra, under the direction of Jennifer Anderson, includes NPHS students Chloe Tabbert, Matt Milanowski, Hudson Warner, Andrea Wiler, Eliza Brunton, and

Jackson Lane. The pit orchestra also includes adult players Rachel Strong, Bethany Puffer, Norma Yaeger, Linda Bender, Cindy Nelson, Sam Puffer, Laura Plank and Peter Aerts.

The NPHS Musical is directed by Kate Janssen, with assistant directing and choreography by Ann Perry, pit orchestra direction by Jennifer Anderson, acting/ coaching by Jeffrey Libby, costuming by Judy Clure, hair and make-up design by Amy Price, technical direction by Jeff Janssen, set construction by Gary Schwenn of Shiloh Construction, set painting by Toni Swendson and Lou Deditz, and prop construction by Haack and Cathy Palmer. Advertising, social media and graphic design were provided by Ashley Heid, Samantha Thompson, Laurie Edwards, Kristi Martin and Liquid Screen Design.

"The directing team was lucky enough to see Something Rotten in its original Broadway run in

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### Not that you asked, but ...

BY ERIC JOHNSON

## The big 6-0

"It's paradoxical that the idea of living a long life appeals to everyone, but the idea of getting old doesn't appeal to anyone." — American television writer Andy Rooney (1919-2011)

The 20th of this month marks a significant milestone — my 60th orbit around the sun. As they say, time flies.

Back when I was a kid, I remember famously sharing my birthday with such famous big names of the era as actresses Sandy Duncan and Cindy Crawford, 11-time NBA All-Star Charles Barkley, and the nowlate 3-time Indianapolis 500 champion race car driver

I Googled my birthday and, illustrative of the passing decades since my youth, I looked at the top hits and scratched my head, wondering who the %@#! are all these people?

As a child, individual candles denoting each year's milestone dotted my birthday cake. Now, my cake sports large-print numeral candles as a concession to local fire codes and common sense. Still seared in my memory was my Grandma Johnson famously putting some 80-odd candles on my Great-Grandpa Langbecker's party-sized birthday Schaum Torte, the heat of the candles liquifying the meringue, which cast off the bowlines and set sail off the torte, onto the dining room table, and from there onto the floor in a massive, fast-moving fireball.

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## Northwoods Blizzard Blast set Feb. 15 Funds to support local fire/EMS departments

The annual Northwoods Blizzard Blast, a celebration of winter, will be held Saturday, Feb. 15 at the Conover Community Park.

For children's activities, there will be Chilly Charlie's Carnival, face painting and pony rides. Giant ski races, recliner races, ice bowling and slapshot hockey are just a few of the events for those of all ages. Horse-drawn

sleigh rides are a family favorite, along with open

sledding and ice skating. Held in the adjacent Community Center, the Artisan Bazaar will feature handcrafted items, jewelry and accessories, as well as tasty cheeses, dips and candy. The bazaar will be open from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The organization was formed in 2013 with the

promotion of tourism in mind. A secondary goal emerged and it was decided that the funds raised at the events would go back to support the surrounding

Event organizer Kelly Kraetsch stated, "Since the first event in 2014, the Northwoods Blizzard Blast has awarded over \$270,000 to North Woods area Fire and

communities.

EMS Departments. Funds go toward helping these departments secure equipment not otherwise available to small town departments.'

Conover's Fire Chief, Rob Martinson, spoke about the many things his department has been able to secure, thanks to the funding provided.

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Mike Lydon, Conover Lions Club President (middle) shown awarding \$1000 to the Northwoods Blizzard Blast organization. Receiving the donation are Fire & EMS representatives from the six departments that will receive proceeds from the upcoming event to be held at the Conover Community Park on Saturday Feb. 15. Pictured with Lydon, left to right, are Norm Mesun, Phelps Volunteer Fire Department Retired Chief; Rob Martinson, Conover Fire & Rescue Chief; Sig Baake, Land O' Lakes Ambulance Service Supervisor; Carol Selin, Phelps Area Emergency Medical Services Supervisor; Brad Knaack, Land O' Lakes Fire Department Asst. Fire Chief; Kendra Lederer, Conover Ambulance Service Chief.

## **LIFESTYLE**

## Northwoods gardening club to host seed class Feb. 13

The Roots and Shoots Gardening Northwoods Club will be hosting a free presentation on Seed Starting on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 1 p.m. at the Olson Library in Eagle River.

The class will be presented by master gardener, Kitty Sookochoff, following a club meeting. The presentation will focus on how to start seeds, what seeds are best to start, what growing mediums are best to use, and how to transplant

Anyone interested in gardening is welcome to attend. There will be a seed swap after the class.

The Roots and Shoots Northwoods Garden Club meets once a month all year round. The mission is to provide educational, social, and civic forums related to horticulture to the public of Vilas County. For additional information, contact Lori Miller at 715-617-1031

## Children's museum accepting enchanted tea party reservations

Northwoods Children's Museum is now taking reservations for the Enchanted Tea Party to be held on Saturday, Feb. 22.

This event has three 30-minute sessions which include tea and treats with princesses.

Session times begin at 11 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. Attendees can come dressed as their favorite prince or princess. Cost is \$20 per person.

Children will need to be accompanied by an

adult. Reservations are

required. Crafts are also

available for purchase at

\$5 each: coloring a canvas

tote, creating a sparkly

picture frame, or paint-

ing a canvas. To make a reservation, call 715-479-4623.

The museum will be closed to the public on the day of the event.

Call the museum if interested in being a volunteer or sponsor for the

## Registration opens for Trees' maple syrup classes

Trees for Tomorrow (TFT) will be offering a class on the art of making maple syrup, taught by environmental educator and syrup aficionado Todd Starling on Saturday, March 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the TFT campus in Eagle River.

This course is part of TFT's Sustainable Living Institute (SLI) that offers programs designed empower individuals and families with practical skills that promote sustainable living and a deeper connection to the natural world.

The following are some class highlights:

- · Sign-In and Welcome Arrive at 9:30 a.m. in the Forest Room of the Education Hall to sign in and get ready for the day.
- · History and Science Begin with an introduction to the history and science behind maple syrup production.
- · Hands-On Learning -Practice assembling sap sack holders and learn about the tools and techniques used in syrup making.
- Step-by-Step Process -Experience the entire sugaring process - from identifying and tapping maple trees, collecting sap, to boiling and bottling the final product.

The cost to participate is \$55 per individual (includes one "Sap Kit") and \$70 per



Learning to tap trees for maple syrup is a sweet skill to master — just make sure the hammer stays on target. Join Trees For Tomorrow's Maple Syruping class and get hands-on experience turning sap into syrup. Contributed Photo

couple (includes one "Sap Kit").

Each Sap Kit contains three of each of these items: taps, sap sacks, zip ties, PVC sap sack holders with assembly instructions, and a beginner's guide to maple syrup making.

Participants should dress for the weather and wear warm clothing, as most of the class will be outdoors.

Refreshments will be provided toward the end of the class, but participants can bring snacks from home.

Preregistration

required and can be done online at https://treesfortomorrow.com/Current-Activities/. Spots fill up fast.

questions, tact Autumn Meade, SLI Coordinator, at Autumn@ treesfortomorrow.com (715) 479-6456.

## **LOLA Arts introduces** art journaling group

LOLA Arts welcomes those interested to join their new, free art journaling group, led by Artistree Gallery artist Ruth Wegehaupt.

This class will provide a creative space for participants to explore thoughts and emotions through art without judgment or pressure. Whether they're processing something deep, or simply enjoying a moment of creativity, art journaling can offer a safe environment for participants to

express whatever is on their minds. Art journaling is open to all — no experience is necessary.

Come for one session or come for all - every Wednesday through Feb. 26. All participants need is a blank journal with sturdy pages. LOLA will also have some supplies on hand to use.

For more information, contact LOLA Arts at lolaartswi.com@gmail. com or call 715-547-3950.

## Open Mic Lab set Friday at Warehouse Arts Center

As a part Warehouse's LIVE Inspiration Bar events, husband and wife duo Lori and Dan Wally will host Open Mic Lab on Friday, Feb. 7, from 7 - 9 p.m.

This event is free to attend and family-friendly.

as an evening of artistic sharing. It is more than just

At the start of the new

calendar year, the Nicolet

College Foundation is gear-

ing up to accept scholar-

ship applications for the

2025-26 academic year, and

encourages those planning

to attend Nicolet College to

Scholarship applications

will be accepted online

Saturday, Feb. 1 - Friday,

Feb. 28, and awarded schol-

arships will be available for

use in the fall, spring and

summer terms during the 2025-26 academic year.

range from \$250 to \$10,000

and funding can help pay

for tuition and books. Any

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College student who is

enrolled, or will be enrolled

in at least three credits per

term and has a cumulative

grade point average of a 2.0

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Scholarship

St. Germain Community Center

Northland Pines High School

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apply.

edy, film, music, poetry, storytelling and theater. It's a great place to try out a new song or any creative pursuits that need an audience.

Performing is not mandatory, and just audience members are welcome. To

LIVE!@ Inspiration Bar occurs almost every Friday at the Warehouse Community Arts Center, located at 107 S. Railroad St. in downtown Eagle River. No tickets or reservations needed. Stop in and enjoy live, authentic performances in a friendly atmosphere while having a drink.

Inspiration Bar is the main funding source of the Warehouse's Friday Night Music Series. This event is also live-streamed from the Warehouse Facebook page https://www.facebook. com/WarehouseArtCenter.

#### **Badger Bridge details winners**

1st place – Bob Busakowski and Joel DeAngelo. 2nd place – Bob Dow and Jerry Baerenwald. 3rd place - Larry O' Brien and JoAnn O' Brien. 4th place - Ed Stoever and Marge Klesczewski.

### **CORRECTION**

There was a misprint of a name for one of the winners of the Olson Library cookie bake-off fundraiser in the Jan. 22 edition of the News-Review. The correct name for the first-place winner is 6th grader Ryleigh Wied.

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#### music; it is dedicated to the reserve a performance spot, experimental performance register on the Warehouse of all things creative includwebsite at https://eagleriving, but not limited to, comerart.com/.

Nicolet College Foundation accepting

and

Open Mic Lab is designed

scholarship applications in February or higher, is eligible to apply. High school seniors who plan to attend Nicolet College in the fall are also encouraged to apply for

> scholarships. "Scholarships made available through the Nicolet College Foundation have supported countless students over the years," said Heather Schallock, Nicolet College Vice President of

> Community Engagement

of the Nicolet College Foundation. "Our goal is to continue providing opportunities for current and future students to achieve their academic and personal dreams."

Executive Director

Prior scholarship recipients expressed gratitude for the support.

"It really means a lot, and the fact that people are just willing to help other people succeed and contribute to their society is just really inspiring, and I hope to be able to do it someday," said Makayla Mahler, a nursing program student.

Early childhood education student Madilyn Baumann also echoed the desire to repay the support that has helped her succeed.

"I am determined to make To SCHOLARSHIP, Pg. 3

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Here's what else you need to know about current Library happenings:

- February is Your Library Month", and there's a lot to love! Tell us your library love story for a chance to win a \$50 VISA gift card! Submit your story at the Library or online at tinyurl.com/3b5hjmt9.
- Monday, Feb. 10, 5:30 p.m.: Birding Bonanza with ReWild. Northwoods winters can be long, so let's enjoy it with our fun, feathery friends! Learn about winter birds, tips for winter birdwatching, and meet one of ReWild's "feathered educators!"
- Thursday, Feb. 13, 9:30 a.m.: Growing Together, a free monthly program for children and their grownups from Vilas Public Health. Each month we'll do a craft/activity, learn about area resources, and

build connections within between families. **RSVP** at surveymonkey. com/r/5TSYKXK so we have

enough supplies!

• Thursday, Feb. 13, 2 p.m.: Seed Starting and Seed Swap. Learn how to successfully germinate seeds and establish healthy seedlings. Bring any extra seeds that you have to share and swap with other gardeners. This program will immediately follow the 1 p.m. Roots and Shoots Northwoods Gardening Club meeting all are welcome!

Back by popular demand! Saturday, Feb. 15, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.: Intro to Sourdough with Tom Dunphy. Learn the basics, plus some tricks and enjoy a taste of Tom's baking. Bring your own two-cup container if you would like to take home some starter! Remember, you can check out the Library's sourdough baking kit with the equipment you need to get started.

#### Weekly offerings

- Mondays & Wednesdays 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.: Nicolet Academic Success Center. Get help with GED and college prep, computer skills, academic support and more.
- Mondays, 2 3:30 p.m. -Hone your skills at Ukulele Practice. Don't play? Bring another instrument — or
- your voice and join us! · Tuesdays, 10 a.m. - Story

Time with Ms. Tori. Bring your grown-up for stories, songs and fun!

- Tuesdays 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.: Seated Yoga. Come as you are! Chairs will be provided.
- Thursdays, 9 11 a.m. -Aunt Gracie's Sewing Circle.
- $\bullet$  Thursdays, 4:30 6 p.m. Silent Book Club. Bring your current read (or find one here), then take some time for yourself.
- Fridays, 10 11 a.m. -Wiggle, Giggle & Shake music and movement program for children ages 0-5.

#### Monthly offerings

- Compassus Support Group Thursdays, 1 - 2 p.m.) - Feb. 6 (March 6)
- · Memory Café (2nd Mondays, 10 - 11:30 a.m.) -Feb. 10 (March 10)
- Together Growing Family Support Group (2nd Thursdays, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.) - Feb. 13 (March 13)
- Free Mending Day (1st Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.) - March 1 (April 5)
- Eagle River Genealogical Society (1st Mondays, 4:30 -6:30 p.m.) - March 3 (April 7) Find books, puzzles, mov-

ies and more! A reminder that the Walter Olson Library Friends (W.O.L.F.) has ongoing book sales in the Library lobby. For more information, or to join W.O.L.F., contact the Library.



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## **LIFESTYLE**



PURPOSEFUL CITIZENS — St. Germain Elementary School and Northland Pines Montessori Learning Center build strong character and citizenship skills in students by implementing a program called PureposeFull People. Students learn about a variety of character traits and how to be a good citizen. Each month a group of students is selected as the PureposeFull People Citizens of the month. Students' families are invited in for a breakfast in which they celebrate the students and award them for using their character traits. Pictured here are January reward recipients.

## **Boulder Junction Library** celebrates Love Your Library Month

February is Love Your Library Month and the Boulder Junction Public Library invites the public to share why they love their library for a chance to win a

The library wants to know: How has the library made your life better?

This can be done by stopping in the library to fill out an "I love my library because..." heart by Friday, Feb. 28. Each person who fills out a heart gets a free chocolate kiss, but two lucky patrons will win a \$25 Boulder Bucks gift certificate. All Library Lover's hearts will be on display throughout the month.

Those who enter will be entered into a prize drawing for a \$50 Visa gift card. Submissions can also be done electronically by Feb. 28 at https://forms.gle/ yhNRrsmEHK3KC1Ya6.

And for more Love Your Library Month fun, the library will also be debuting "Blind Date with a Book." Stop in the library to choose a gift-wrapped adult or children's book based on the

review. Take the mystery book home to unwrap and read. Then use the enclosed bookmark to "rate the date." When returning the book, give the library the ratings bookmark and be entered into a prize drawing.

For more information about Library Lover's Month at the Boulder Junction Public Library, call the library at 715-385-2050, visit the website at https:// www.boulderjunctionlibrary.org/ or email info@ boulderiunction.wislib.org.

## **Boulder Junction Library hosts** Teresa Dorn for February art exhibit

The Boulder Junction Public Library welcomes the public to view their February Art in the Library exhibit featuring local artist, Teresa Dorn.

Dorn is a long-time resident of Land O' Lakes and a lifelong resident of Wisconsin. She is a 1984 graduate of Northland Pines High School in Eagle River, and a 1989 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a degree in Art through the

School of Education. Dorn's February exh is a reflection of her love for exhibit. Free bookmarks Northern Wisconsin lakes and forests, also known as "God's Country." Her works include bright landscapes in watercolors and acrylics on paper, as well as oil on canvas. Her recent paintings include a glitter finish that calls out the reflective nature of the surreal sunsets, and moonrises of the local area.

All artwork on display is for sale and a portion of the proceeds will be donated back to the library in appreciation of hosting the

will also be available, while supplies last, during the month-long exhibit to anyone who wants a token reminder of their visit to the library in support of local artists. Dorn's work can be found for sale at The Tacklebox and Donna's Crafts in Land O' Lakes.

For questions about the Art in the Library exhibits, the application process, or the Artwork policy, email the library at info@boulderjunction.wislib.org or call the library at 715-385-2050

## **YMCA** of the Northwoods **launches Parkinson's Support Group**

The YMCA of the Northwoods is launching a new Parkinson's Support Group.

This group, provided in partnership with the Parkinson Wisconsin Association (WPA), intends provide community, resources, and encouragement for individuals living

with Parkinson's disease, as well as their caregivers and family members.

The group will meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 3 p.m. at the YMCA of the Northwoods, with the first meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 11. in the Dale and Gale Willcox Gathering Room.

Participants are encouraged to bring questions and concerns to the group, where they can connect with others facing similar challenges.

For more information, contact Marilyn Duschl at mduschl@ymcanw.org or at 715-362-9622 Ext. 118.

## Area students recognized on dean lists

Several area students have been recognized on the dean lists for the 2024 fall semester at several schools across the country.

Aiden Brendemihl of Eagle River was named to the Milwaukee School of Engineering's Dean's List with high honors. Brendemihl is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering.

Madeline Ahlborn of Eagle River was named to the University of Alabama Dean's List.

Jacob Thomas Aiello, Finance, majoring in and Matthew Roswell Szafranksi, majoring in Mechanical Engineering, were named to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Dean's List.

Victoria Haling of Arbor

Vitae was named to the Ripon College's Fall 2024 Dean's List. Haling is majoring in Elementary Education and minoring in

Psychology. Nicholas Breezer Woodruff was named to the Dean's List at the University of Maryland Global Campus.

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#### Scholarship FROM PAGE 2

the most of your generosity and give back to the community that has supported me," said Baumann.

applying for scholarships can visit nicoletcollege.edu/ foundation to apply online.

For more information about applying for scholarships, and/or donating to the

Students interested in Nicolet College Foundation to support student scholarships, contact Scholarship Relations Coordinator Olivia Jopek at oejopek@nicoletcollege. edu or (715) 365-4557.

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## **Nicolet College announces** Fall 2024 Dean's List

have been recognized on the Nicolet College Dean's List for the fall 2024 semester.

The Dean's List recognizes students who earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, based on a 4.0 scale. Nicolet College students are listed by the community in which they live.

Students from the following communities have been recognized: **Boulder Junction:** 

Kristin Kumpula, Hilary McNew and Makayla Pichler. Conover: Dan Finke,

Aidan Hilliard and Molly

Eagle River: Jessi Boldebuck,

Several area students Bolte, CJ Falcetta, Luke Greenman, Nate Hopkins, Kristie Johns, Mandy Kersten, Suha Khan, Addy Lindbom, Mikaela Luedtke, Brandi Luttrell, Mayo, Madi Meisenburg, Laurie Modjewski, Josh Rainer, Luke Rhode, Isaiah Samuelson, Sherry Schmidt, Jesse Schoonover and Kayla Wilson.

du Flambeau: Lac Hannah Bridgwater, Asher Bruguier, Ethan Grado, Brussat, Mario Deb LeSieur, Carl Martin, Quintanilla, Naomi Raymond Rentmeester, Sky Rising Sun and Shania St. Germaine.

Land O' Lakes: Chris Hoessel.

Manitowish Waters: Jody Shepherd and Bill Shope.

Minocqua: Amber Eaton, Amber Paczkowski, Ila Rux, Becky Visser Breezer and Nate Warbalow.

Phelps: Megan Volkmann.

Presque Isle: August Callender.

St. Germaine: Paige Kecker and Jack Lewan.

Lake: Megan Star Franke. Three Lakes: Ivy

Camphausen and Cole Fairfield. Woodruff: Abby

Anderson, Ana Cote, Madison Czlapinski, Christian Duncan. Brittany Fisher, Aaron Halligan, Caleb Hunt, Josie Magdziak, Haley Pacala, Alexandria Seep, Tyler Smith and Isabelle Wright.

## **Senior Citizen Menus**

#### Eagle River

More Than a Meal Café at the **Rock Mission Center** Serving at noon.

Lighter substitute available in place of main entrée: Grilled chicken salad. Reservations or cancellations must be made 24 hours in advance. Call Jennie Johnson (715) 891-1221 to reserve or cancel a meal.

Monday, February 10 Lasagna, whole kernel corn, green beans, garlic breadstick and fruit gelatin dessert.

Tuesday, February 11 Chili with macaroni, crackers, string cheese, dark greens salad with dressing, and apple cranberry yogurt salad.

Wednesday, February 12 Lemon and pepper fish, tartar sauce, baked potato, sour cream, dill carrots, rye bread, banana. Valentine's Celebration.

Thursday, February 13 Ham and scalloped potatoes, peas, pineapple, multi-grain bread, and chocolate pudding.

Friday, February 14 Meatloaf, mashed potatoes. gravy, seasoned stewed tomatoes, whole wheat bread, and applesauce.

#### St. Germain

St. Germain Community Center

Serving at 10:30 a.m. Home-delivered meals only. Home-delivered meals are available based on eligibility. For reservations or cancellations, please call Pam Cira at (715) 891-5453 (must call 24 hours in advance). Lighter substitute available in place of main entrée: Grilled chicken salad (or healthy

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Thursday, February 13 Ham and scalloped potatoes, peas, pineapple, multi-grain bread, and chocolate pudding

Friday, February 14 Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, seasoned stewed tomatoes, whole wheat bread, and applesauce.

#### **Phelps** Northern Exposure Restaurant

Serving at noon Lighter substitute av place of main entrée: Healthy salad. All meals are served with fat-free milk, whole grain rolls/bread with margarine. Meals are served Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon. Reservations or cancellations must be made 24 hours in advance, Call Judi Heikkinen at 715-545-3697 to reserve or

cancel a meal. Monday, February 10 Potato round casserole with ground beef and mixed vegetables, whole wheat bread,

and peaches. Wednesday, February 12 Biscuits and gravy with sausage, fried potatoes with onions and peppers, and a banana.

Friday, February 14 Baked fish, baked fries, coleslaw, whole wheat bread, and strudel.

#### Land O' Lakes

Love of Life Café **Gateway Lodge** Serving at 11:30 a.m. Butter and margarine offered. Coffee and fat-free milk served with each meal. Lighter substitute in place of main entrée: Grilled chicken salad. Place reservations and choice with Anna Moore (715) 547-6076 at least 24 hours in advance.

Tuesday, February 11 Beef stew, whole wheat bread. ½ orange, and a sweet potato

Wednesday, February 12 Lemon pepper cod, spinach salad, garlic roasted asparagus, rye bread, and pumpkin

#### **North Lakeland Elementary School (NLES)**

Manners Café

Serving at 11:15 a.m. Butter and margarine offered. Coffee and fat-free milk served with each meal. For reservations, contact Mary Ellen Duranso at (715) 904-0065 at least 24 hours in advance.

Tuesday, February 11 Chicken fajitas with peppers, fiesta beans, and mandarin oranges

Wednesday, February 12 Hot turkey over mashed potatoes, seasoned carrots. whole grain dinner roll, and mixed fruit.

Thursday, February 13 Grilled cheese on whole grain bread, tomato parmesan soup, mixed greens salad, and pears.

#### **Three Lakes**

The Reiter Center Serving at 11:30 a.m. Contact 715-499-3738 at least one day in advance to make or cancel a reservation.

Monday, February 10 Lasagna, whole kernel corn, green beans, garlic breadstick, and fruit gelatin dessert.

Tuesday, February 11 Chili with macaroni, crackers, string cheese, dark greens salad with dressing, and apple

cranberry yogurt salad. Wednesday, February 12 Lemon and pepper fish, tartar sauce, baked potato, sour cream, dill carrots, rye bread, banana.

Thursday, February 13 Ham and scalloped potatoes, peas, pineapple, multi-grain bread, chocolate pudding,

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STATE BOUND — Sugar Camper Sutton Pitlik is headed to the state conservation speech contest after competing at the North Central Area competition in Stevens Point where she brought home the first-place trophy. That honor means she earns a spot at the state competition on March 5.

## Maple Lake Frozen Ice Challenge set this weekend

The first Maple Lake Frozen Ice Challenge fishing tournament, featuring \$2,000 in cash prizes, is set for this weekend in Three Lakes on Saturday, Feb. 8.

tournament is being held by the Three Lakes Fish & Wildlife Improvement Association, with help from the Three Lakes Visitors Bureau.

Prizes will include \$750 for the longest game fish caught by an adult and \$500 for the longest panfish. The top game fish for kids will pay out \$250, with payments also for second and third place. The top panfish for kids will pay out \$100, with payments for second and

Registration fees will be \$50 for a fishing family of up to five people, including two adults and three children under age 16. The fee will be \$25 for any individual angler who is 16 or older.

Registration can be done through the Fish Donkey where contestants must sign up and pay fees before 8 a.m. on the day of the event. The app will also be used to take photos, as this will be a catch-photorelease event. The app can be downloaded from Google Play for Androids and the App Store for iPhones.

Hole cutting will only be allowed from 8 - 9 a.m., and tournament fishing hours

will be from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Anyone caught cutting holes after 9 a.m. will be disqualified, a provision that prevents contestants from moving to other locations and possibly crowding others who have located fish.

Prizes will be awarded at the association's Pete Lawonn Pavilion near the boat landing at 2 p.m.

## Library hosting **Ice Fishing Series with Scottie**

The Demmer Library will be hosting a three-day Ice Fishing Series with Scottie from Scottie's Bait and Tackle.

The series will be held Feb. 4 - 6 at 5 p.m. in the Demmer Maple Room.

Scott Brandenburg owns Scottie's Bait and Tackle which is a full-service live bait and tackle store

featuring minnows, worms downs, tip-ups and so much free and open to the public. and lures right on Superior Street in Three Lakes. Scott will share an introduction to ice fishing, what equipment is needed, jig poles, tip

more. Each session will have a different topic and all ages are welcome.

Registration is required, and the series is

For more information on this and other library programs, call the library at 715-546-3391 or visit www. demmerlibrary.org.

hours" in the local his-

tory room of the library

where you can drop in

and ask your questions

## Gun and meat raffle set this weekend

The Three Lakes-Brule River Trails will be hosting a Gun and Meat Raffle on Saturday, Feb. 8, from 5 - 8 p.m. at SpiritView Lakeside.

Raffle tickets are available at most establishments around the Three Lakes area and will be available to purchase at the event. There will be food available, along with a cash bar. There will also be clothing for sale, and various meat raffles throughout the event. All

proceeds support Three

Lakes-Brule River Trails for grooming and trail maintenance.

Follow the Lakes Trails Facebook page for up-to-date event details.

## Junker sled races set Feb. 22 in Three Lakes

The junker sled races event at Don Burnside Park in Three Lakes is set for Saturday, Feb. 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be eight different racing classes, including the main A and B features being the main race of the event. There is a \$5 spectator fee to enter the grounds.

The spectator entrance to the event will be just outside of town off of County Highway A. Food, beverages, and clothing will be available for purchase throughout the day. Anyone interested in more information can follow the Junker Sled or Three Lakes Trails Facebook pages for up-to-date details.

For information on the event, different classes and fees for participants, www.junkersled. visit com. Any questions can be sent to John Kendall at 715-493-7911 or at junkersledreg@gmail.com.



Three Lakes, Wis. (715) 546-3391

Do you write poetry, short stories, novels or children's stories? Join fellow writers on Thursday, Feb. 6th, at 1 p.m. in the Demmer Maple Room. This extra session of the Writer's Group will focus on what it takes to get published. No previous writing experience is necessary.

Are you a Lego master? Stop into the Demmer Library on Monday, Feb. 10. from 3:30 - 5 p.m. for Lego Club. All ages are encouraged to attend and can participate in a Lego challenge, free build, or play creationary.

Feb. 11, at 2:30 p.m. in the Demmer Libratory. Registration is required as supplies may be limited. Contact the library for more information.

The library is offering

Crafternoon on Tuesday.

#### **Weekly Offerings**

· Story Hour is a free program for young children and their caregivers. Join us on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Demmer Maple Room. Children will listen to stories, engage in music and movement, explore different art mediums, and

· Have you started looking at your family tree and don't know where to go next? Let the Three Lakes Genealogical Society help you. The group loves to assist new, novice and expert family sleuths find more records and more answers to questions. They Calling all crafters! are offering active "office on Thursdays, 2 - 4 p.m. Call the library for more details. **Monthly Offerings** 

· In-Person and Virtual D&D (1st & 3rd Sundays)

· Harry Potter Club (1st Monday) Lego Club (2nd

Monday) Crafternoon (2nd

Tuesday) · Drop-in Scrabble (2nd & 4th Thursdays)

Service Open Office Hours (3rd Wednesday) • Writers Group (3rd

•Oneida County Veterans

Thursday)

• Teen Hosted Book Club (4th Monday)

· Books: The Other Channel (4th Tuesday)

For more information, call the library at 715-546-3391.

## Johnson

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Birthdays being on my mind of late, I read with interest a story I ran across online that reported that an analysis of supercentenarians suggests not only that statistical records indicate that old-age records could reach at least 130 by century's end and eventually possibly exceed 180, but also that some data sets "put no limit on the human lifespan.'

Great, now my retirement age to collect Social Security will be pushed from 67 to 110 and I'll still be filing income taxes. Of course, I'll probably still be working at 110 to save for my retirement, but could I actually afford to retire is the big question. At this rate, a dozen eggs will

discount day at the store if and beyond "

But at least I might live to see the Brewers return to the World Series — maybe.

I think it's great that we keep adding all these years to our lives, but if the scientific community wants to do something really useful, they can stop adding them at the wrong end of the lifespan. I don't know about you, but I could sure use 30 more years as a kid and into my 20's and 30's than now, the so-called "golden years," where my new pastime is wracking my brain for hours, trying to figure out where I left my glasses.

Living to 130 and seeing the year 2095 would be great, but only in sound mind and

be about \$250. And can you a 25-year-old body. The warimagine the lines for senior ranty already ran out on my appendix last September. Of everyone is living to Buzz course, maybe by the time Lightyear's "to infinity — I turn 100 I'll have a cyborg I can't pronounce. Small hody like Steve Majors, the "Six Million Dollar Man" the \$42,649,324.32 Man today, adjusted for inflation.

> But given that the oldest person on record died at 122 and her record hasn't been surpassed in 24 years, and the closest recent runners-up passed away at 119, methinks 130 much less 180 or forever might be a wee bit premature to crow about just yet, especially since my generation was raised on

processed faux foods with zero nutritional value and a laundry list of more than 2,000 chemical additives that wonder my appendix blew at 59-1/2.

Perhaps only now reaching the new middle age as I head toward my 60th birthday on the way to 130 and beyond, I can't help but think of the words of American composer Eubie Blake — "If I'd known I was going to live this long, I'd have taken better care of myself."

Eric Johnson can be reached at eric@fyinorthwoods.com.

## Expo

for networking. Awards for daytime booth displays will be given out at this event as well, which will be a draw for people to attend," Boehlen said.

Expo After Hours is open to the general public as well for \$10 per ticket. Food and beverage vendors are invited to join the event with their own table, sample foods or beverages of their choice, and network with

a variety of individuals from seven different counties. Tables and tablecloths will be provided by the Rhinelander chamber.

Up North Community Expo is open March 6 from 11 a.m. to noon to exhibitors only. Doors open to the public from noon to 5 p.m., followed by the Expo After Dark beginning at 5:30 p.m.

To sign up as an exhibitor and take advantage of the media package, or to join the Expo After Hours, contact Boehlen at rachel@ rhinelanderchamber.com or call 715-365-7464.

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From left to right are Kirk McBrayner on Cello, Andrew McInnes on Violin and Neil Paynter on



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## **Hope Lutheran Church** bids farewell to Pastor Albert

Hope Lutheran Church hosted a farewell celebration for Pastor Gary and Jolene Albert Jan. 26 at a 9:30 a.m. Worship Service.

Pastor Albert has served Hope, on either a full or part-time basis, for the past 20 years and is now retiring after over 45 years in Ministry.

Members and friends of Hope contributed to a scholarship fund named the Albert Lutheran Education Assistance Program (A LEAP) which will be awarded to students who intend to attend a Lutheran college or seminary to pursue careers in church work.

Jim Holbrook, Chairman of the Congregation, presented an engraved plaque to the Alberts to recognize Pastor and Jolene's ongoing commitment to Lutheran Ministry throughout their careers.

As an additional surprise to Pastor and Jolene, the choir sang two anthems dedicated to them.

After the service, Pastor and Jolene personally greeted over 75 people who came to wish them well.

A catered luncheon held in the church's Fellowship Hall followed the service complete with a decorated cake that read "Retirement...A LEAP of Faith."

Hope Lutheran will be installing Pastor Jeffery Mueller on Saturday, Feb. 8. Pastor Mueller and his wife Robin are relocating from Milwaukee and will live in the church parsonage on the property.



The Alberts bid a fond farewell to parishioners.



Gary Albert and Jolene received a plaque from Congregation Chairman Jim Holbrook —Photos By Bob Hughes

BELOW: The Choir surprised the Alberts at the end of the service with a special performance.





Land O' Lakes Public Library P.O. Box 450 715-547-6006

It's almost time for the 2nd Annual Community Soup and Bread Gathering! Join your neighbors at the library for an evening of soup, bread, and conversation. This event will be held on Thursday, Feb. 6, at 4:30 p.m. There is no charge for this gathering and all are welcome to attend.

If you are willing to make a soup to share, please contact the library prior to the

Celebrate Valentine's Day with Chocolate Cinema at the library. Indulge in delicious chocolate treats and homemade hot chocolate while watching the classic film "Like Water for Chocolate." Chocolate Cinema will be held on February Wednesday, 12, at 1 p.m. and again on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 6:30

p.m.

The Land O' Lakes Library is looking for Scrabble players who might be interested in an afternoon of playing Scrabble. Interested parties may contact the library. Once enough players have signed up, a date and time that works for the majority will be set. Call 715-547-6006, text 715-891-4706, or email kwmendham@lol.wislib.

org if you'd like to be added to the player list.

Stop into the library to see a Corpse Flower! These rare and endangered plants grow up to 6 inches per day and may reach heights of 12 feet. Native to Indonesia, the corpse flower gets its name from the rotten stench that is released once the plant blooms. During its flower stage, the plant requires no water and will flourish with nothing but sunlight. This plant was donated to the library by Dick Mendham of Sunrise Lodge, who has been cultivating corpse flowers for many years at Sunrise Lodge. The corpse flower is available for viewing in the library's fireplace

The Land O' Lakes Library will once again host Evan Friss, "The Third the Bar Cookie Crawl baking contest in March. This is a bar cookie baking competition open to all. Start get-

ting your recipes perfected! Qigong and Balance classes, taught by Dottie Reeder, are offered on Fridays from 9 to 10 a.m. Qigong is free of charge and all are welcome.

Mahjong games are held Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in the downstairs community room. Beginning and experienced players are invited

to play.

Storytime Read n' Play is held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 10:30 a.m. All children and their caregivers are

welcome. Lego Club is held on the first and third Wednesdays of month from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Kids may be dropped off or take the bus to the library. A release form must be signed before children participate. Call the library with any questions.

New nonfiction books on the shelves: "Sisters In Science: How Four Women **Physicists** Escaped Nazi Germany and Made Scientific History" by Olivia Campbell, "Cher: Part One: The Memoir" by Cher, "Half Baked Harvest Quick & Cozy: A Cookbook" by Tieghan Gerard, "The Bookshop: A History of the American Bookstore" by Gilmore Girl: A Memoir? by Kelly Bishop, "Planta Sapiens: The New Science of Plant Intelligence" by Paco Calvo, and "Never Saw Me Coming: How I Outsmarted the FBI and the Entire Banking System — and Pocketed \$40 Million" by Tanya

Smith. Library Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturdays

from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call the library at 715-547-6006, visit landolakeslibrary.org or find the library on Facebook and Instagram.



Careful aim was needed to get the ball on the way to the pins.

## Candlelight bowling benefits Frosty Snowmobile Club

Alley Lanes and Tavern, together with the Frosty Snowmobile Club, invited the public to another one of their Candlelight Bowling Nights on Saturday, Jan. 25, which raised a total of \$5,365 for the Frosty Snowmobile Club.

Raffle basket items and prizes were donated by local businesses, and rewards for bowling were raised by the 50/50 raffles.

Bowling began at 7 p.m., starting with a more serious game, before introducing a more fun game filled with 10 frames of unique bowling styles:

Frame One - Partner stands at the foul line, facing their partner, and rolls the ball through their legs.

Frame Two - Bowl with

the opposite hand. Frame Three - Bowl "granny style" by setting the ball on the floor and

pushing it down the lane. Frame Four - Stand at the foul line and throw the ball like normal.

Frame Five – The bowler sits on the floor and bowls by pushing the ball forward using their feet.

Frame Six – Spin around three times before throwing the ball down the lane.

Frame Seven - Bowl in slow motion.

Frame Eight - Roll the ball with two hands without using finger holes.

Frame Nine - Bowler bowls backward by backing up to the pins and throwing the ball between their legs, like throwing a football.

Frame Ten - Bowling and seeing how much talent is left.



Candlelight Bowling Nights allowed for some wacky ways to bowl, that was after a more serious game of bowling to kick off the night.



Even if your bowling is bad, you have a go with your feet

At the end of this wacky laughter, although there session of bowling, there was evidence of tears of

were also some scores.



Kotarba with Tommi was introduced to everyone by Library Director Shelly Knaack. -Photo By Bob Hughes

### Library hosts Birds of Prey presentation Forty-one people visited in Minocqua.

the Land O' Lakes Library to learn about birds through their Birds of Prey presentation on Tuesday, Jan. 28.

Library Director Shelly Knaack introduced the program, which was led by renowned wildlife educator Bart Kotarba from the Northwoods Wildlife Center

Kotarba had visited the library on several occasions to present Birds of Prey at the kids' summer garden who has helped with program; this program was for adults.

He covered a vast amount of knowledge on birds such as eagles, hawks and owls. After a

question-and-answer session, Kotarba presented a well-behaved red-tailed hawk named Tommi, presentations in front of crowds before.

Those who attended the presentation said they found it enjoyable and informative.

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## **PHELPS**



BACKPACK DONATION -The Phelps-Land O Lakes Lions Club recently donated \$500 to the Backpack Program. Lion Brian Blank said, "Our children in our area are so very precious. The club volunteers wherever we can for our kids — the Lions Vision screening at the Phelps School and serving food at the school Halloween party." Proceeds were raised at the Music on the Lake, Scarecrow Fest and Vilas County Fair parking. For information on the club, call Alger at 715-545-2711. Pictured, from left to right, in the back are Lion Steve Chandler, Lion Rollie Alger, Lion Pete Schindelholz, Lion Brett Miller and Lion Brain Blank. In front, left to right, are Lion John Huza, Lion Bill Reckling, Lion Gretchen Vespo, Mike Bishop, a representative from the backpack

-Photo By Sharon Gifford

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**ELEANOR ELLIS** PUBLIC \_IBRARY PHELPS, WI 54554

Story Time with Mrs. Laura will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 11. Join the Library to read a few books with their favorite storyteller! Everyone is welcome!

New Releases in Adult Fiction this month: "Knife Skills for Beginners" by Orlando Murrin, "The Stolen Queen" by Fiona Davis, and the latest Alex Cross thriller: "The House of Cross" by James New Young Adult Fiction: "After Life" by Gayle Forman.

Writer's February's Workshop is slated for Feb. 12 at 12:30 p.m. This free group meets monthly and is open to adults at any stage of writing. The meetings offer structured support, encouragement, feedback and responses, as well as help with goal setting and more. Call the library for more information.

Next Chapter Book Club will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 10 a.m. The book choice this month is "Tailspin" by John Armbruster.

Book copies for meetings are available for pickup at the library or call to reserve. For more information about the current book, upcoming book choices, and meeting

dates and times, visit the Library website under the Adult Programming tab at https://phelpspubliclibrary.org/adult-programs/. Call the library for more information on how to join this group.

Don't have time to stop by during operating hours? Call and ask about the Library's outside lockers so you can pick up books and other items at your convenience!

Free puzzle and magazine exchange is in the Library entryway. New materials are added often. The Phelps-Land O' Lakes Lions Club's used glasses receptacle is located in the entryway as well. Donations of used glasses and hearing aids are greatly appreciated.

Library hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Wednesday 2 - 6 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. -1 p.m. WiFi and digital services are available 24/7 and can be accessed either inside during business hours or anywhere in the parking lot.

Find the Library online at phelpspubliclibrary.org or on Facebook at Eleanor Ellis Public Library. Contact them by phone at 715-545-2887 or email director@phelps. wislib.org



STUDENT RECOGNITION — Phelps Elementary students celebrated the end of the second quarter by recognizing a student from each classroom who had shown leadership, honesty and integrity within the school. Each student was awarded a \$20 gift certificate to Grandma's Toy Box in Eagle River. Pictured, from left to right, are the winning students Claire Smith, Josie Spink, Gunner Marak and Scarlett Smith. Photo By Sharon Gifford

SPOTLIGHT KNIGHTS Pictured are the Phelps school spotlight knights of January: 9th grader Ayden Ekdahl (left) and 8th grader Cody Anders (right). Mrs. Smith said, "Ayden is a hard-working student who consistently completes quality work. He is kind to teachers and peers and is a valuable member of the Phelps Knights JV basketball team." Mr. Crownhart added, "Cody listens and pays attention to the details of my lessons, understands what needs to be done for assignments, and uses class time to complete as much as possible of assigned work. I appreciate his positive attitude and curiosity."

-Photo By Sharon Gifford



## ST. GERMAIN/SAYNER

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## Candlelight walk set for Feb. 15

The Awassa Trails by currently well-packed. Candlelight returns on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 6 - 8 p.m., starting at the trailhead behind the St. Germain Elementary School.

Hundreds of ice luminaries will line the 1.4 mile loop as it winds through the snow covered forest. The trail is groomed for snowshoeing, fat biking, and classic crosscountry skiing. The trail is

Participants can warm up by the bonfire with hot chocolate and cookies. This free, family-friendly event is sponsored by the St. Germain Non-Motorized Trail Committee. For more information, contact Anne at 715-614-3711 or go to the Awassa Trails Facebook page.

## Call 715-479-4421 TODAY! NEWS-REVIEW

#### **TOWN OF ST GERMAIN NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the public test of the ImageCast Evolution (ICE) voting machine to be used at the February 18, 2025 General Election will be held on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 9:00 am in room 5 of the St Germain Community Center, 545 Hwy 155, St Germain WI 54558.

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## **Backward Glances**

One Year Ago - 2024

Amidst cancellations of big events, snowmobile trails remaining closed and poor ice conditions on area lakes, this winter has proven to be a challenge for many local businesses that are reporting 75% to 80% year-over-year losses in the first few months of season...Businesses and lodging properties rely on the snow to bring snowmobilers and other silent sports enthusiasts to the area, who in turn support the communities by staying in hotels and resorts, dine in local restaurants and bars, and make purchases from area stores and gas stations.

#### 10 Years Ago - 2015

The Eagle River City Council will hold a public hearing next Tuesday, Feb. 10, on a proposed allterrain vehicle (ATV) ordinance that would allow the machines on some city streets. According to the ordinance, nearly all municipal roads, alleyways and transportation corridors within the city of Eagle River would be designated as ATV and UTV trails/routes. The city of Eagle River would reserve the right to close or modify routes and trails at any time...It was agreed that the ATV route should avoid the bicycle trail south of Dairy Queen by using Sundstein and Look Lake roads to reach Tamarack Street and use Tamarack to get to the signal lights at Railroad Street. The proposed route would then go north on

Railroad Street from the

intersection of highways

45 and 70. It would connect with the current snowmobile trail north of Division Street and cross highway 45. The snowmobile trail going north along Riverview Park would be used to cross the river on the 12-foot recreational

#### 20 Years Ago - 2005

lane of the bridge.

A Monico woman charged with causing the death of a one-week-old baby Dec. 1 pleaded not guilty and asked for a trial within 90 days when she appeared recently in Oneida County Circuit Milwaukee Court...A County medical examiner testified at the Dec. 15 hearing that the child died of a traumatic head injury, consistent with shaken baby syndrome.

#### **30 Years Ago - 1995**

An Eagle River man died early Friday when his vehicle overturned onto a highway in northern Oconto County and was struck by a car, authorities said...The deaths of (Donald Klokow) and five other people in snowmobile accidents this past weekend brought the total this season to 22, one more than the number killed in such incidents all last winter...Authorities say poor trail and lake conditions, in some cases, may have attributed to the increase in snowmobile accidents this year.

#### 40 Years Ago - 1985

Although some snowmobile officials are still skeptical that all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) will benefit the tourism industry,

in this area there are signs



SLED DOGS, 1995 — Typical of the sled dog racing scheduled for Land O' Lakes this Saturday and Sunday is this scene of a musher and his team intense on the finish line ahead. The Land O' Lakes winter festibal will also feature sled dog seminars, skijoring and mutt races. Contributed Photo

that the red carpet may be rolled out to accommodate the residents and vacationers who want to use "threewheelers"...Changes in the works include a proposal to license the machines and establish a program similar to what snowmobilers have. There's also talk of special events this summer involving ATVs, including races in Eagle River.

#### 50 Years Ago - 1975

Home building in Vilas county last year dropped for the first time since 1969 according to a report by the zoning office, which showed 283 new single family dwellings built during 1974...The drop in permits granted was 29% from a high of 400 in 1973. This is the first year that home building has decreased since 1969 and the lowest total since 1971.

60 Years Ago - 1965

afternoon

pleasant outdoor activity is slated for the sixth annual Conover-Phelps Winter Frolic, planned for this Sunday at Pioneer Lake, just south of Conover. Not only will Frolic-goers find the program interesting, but all profits go to the Lions club summer camp for blind children in Rosholt, Wisconsin.

Compiled by Josephine Hinderman

#### 70 Years Ago - 1955

The resolution concerning the proposed county jail quotes a letter from R.A. Messmer and Brother. The letter advised the board members that the original two-story jail will not materialize to a reality, but was praised as a model by many competent advisors in this field endeavor...Messmer stated that their firm would prepare plans and specifications for a onestory jail building, agreeing to waive any balance

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# Outdoors

## Time for Tiffany's wolf bill to become law

Wisconsin last year led to the death of 25

hunting dogs, four pet dogs, at least 26 calves, 10 cows and steers, eight miniature horses, two quarter horses, three mustang horses, and more whitetail deer than the state can track — though they care little about the latter.

That's according to the Department of Natural Resources wolf depredation report for 2024, a comprehensive list of confirmed wolf "hits" that also includes confirmed wolf harassment and dozens of unconfirmed wolf depredation complaints.

Most of the livestock losses occurred in Bayfield, Douglas and Ashland counties, but hunters lost dogs in those three and many others.

In the

**Outdoors** 

BY KURT KRUEGER

You might remember that one of the pet losses occurred in a residential setting in Oneida County, near Woodruff, as the owner of a chihuahua watched the unthinkable in her yard — a wolf snatching and killing her dog just a few feet away.

The department received two human health and safety complaints involving wolves last year, in Washburn and Price counties, occurring in April and May

The DNR has yet to post on its website how much money was paid out for wolf depredation claims in 2024, but it does indicate that since 1985, they have paid out \$3.38 million in claims for livestock, hunting dogs and pets.

That's a big deal but the larger issue isn't about money, not when state residents are being forced to live in fear of losing well-trained hunting dogs, treasured pets, horses and whatever living things might be next — hopefully not a child playing in the

You can scoff at that possibility all you want, but keep in mind that the only comfort the DNR could give to Denise Coron of Woodruff after her dog was killed in front

 $\textbf{INEFFECTIVE} \hspace{0.2cm} \hspace{0.2cm} \text{wolf} \hspace{0.2cm} \hspace{0.2cm} \text{management} \hspace{0.2cm} \text{in} \hspace{0.2cm} \hspace{0.2cm} \text{of her, in her yard, was that she was "in the} \\$ wrong place at the wrong time."

Everything the DNR is doing today in the name of "adaptive wolf management" is reactive, meaning they have no system in place to keep wolf numbers in check as a proactive way to reduce such incidents.

That's in sharp contrast to what we had under the previous management plan, when the state was managing for a specific population size to ensure there would be fewer conflicts with

property owners, farmers, pet owners and hunters.

Wolf advocates believe the solution to lost hunting dogs is a ban on running hounds, as most of the depredation incidents involve trailing dogs that are chasing bear, bobcats and coyotes. But the running of hounds is a sport that's older than this country, and in Wisconsin, it's an integral part of our hunting heritage. So their suggestion is no solution at all.

Likewise, the advocates keep spewing about all the great things wolves do to keep the deer herd in check, reducing over browsing in the forests and vehicle collisions on our roadways. But again, that's a wrench in the cog of a well-tuned deer management system that once put northern Wisconsin on the national map as a major destination for trophy whitetails on millions of acres of public forestlands.

Deer management in the North Woods now shares the limelight with bears, bobcats and wolves, because we've got nearrecord numbers of all three major predators. So much for the significance of our deer hunting traditions.

On the subject of hunting dogs, it pains me to read the 2019 story out of Ashland County where a grouse hunter lost his 10-year-old Brittany spaniel to a wolf attack.

Ted Koeler was simply checking out some deer stands in early November, with



Wolf depredation on hunting dogs, pets, deer and livestock are a major reason why hunters and farmers want Congress to end federal court interference with the right of Wisconsin and other states to manage these big predators. Contributed Photo

dog and shotgun in tow, when gray wolves killed his companion some 80 vards away.

The shocking part is that Koeler shot a double on a grouse just minutes before the wolves killed his dog, and those shots did nothing to deter them from the attack.

The big issue with this incident, and the one in Woodruff last year, is that it appears wolves are becoming too acclimated to human contact. And that lack of fear is a bad sign for future encounters with

I was going to wait to see what President Trump and the Republican-controlled Congress might do in the months ahead before writing this column, as U.S. Rep. Tom Tiffany (R-Wis.) has introduced a bill to remove wolves from the Endangered Species Act in the lower 48 states. But knowing Republicans had the same advantage in 2016, and didn't get the job done, prompted me to start getting the word out on the dire nature of the current wolf overpopulation in Wisconsin.

Our state currently has no authority to hunt wolves or use any lethal population controls, even on problem wolves, because of the 2022 federal court ruling that put wolves back on the endangered species list.

That was the fifth time that liberal federal courts intervened in national wolf management done by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, stripping states like Wisconsin of their right to manage the well-recovered wolf population here.

We need the Tiffany bill, or something like it, in order to end the interference from federal courts that refuse to acknowledge that wolves are more than recovered here.

## 24th annual Plum Lake fishing contest set Feb. 15

Sayner-Star Lake Lions' Traders in Sayner, and the random and will include all fishing confined to Plum 24th annual Plum Lake ice Sayner Mobil Express. portable shelters, ice drills, Lake. Fish registration will fishing contest is set for The entry fee is \$30 for and much more. Most, if not be at the Plum Lake Public Saturday, Feb. 15.

family-friendly event is competitive with prizes awarded for the largest fish in five species categories.

Tickets for the tourney are available from Savner-Star Lake Lions members, as well as at Last Cast Sport Shop in St. Germain,

The ice is thick, and the The Sayner Pub, Up North adults will be drawn at from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., with

adults and \$10 for youths 12 and under. All children 12 and under will receive a prize, while adult fishermen will fish for \$700 in cash prizes, with the five longest northern pike and walleye, and the three longest perch, bluegill and crappies earning cash.

Major door prizes for

all, adults will receive other door prizes.

Over \$4,000 in merchandise will be given away to raffle winners at the awards ceremony.

Raffles will include a four-gun raffle, a freezer filled with food, as well as other sporting goods.

Fishing hours will be

Pier on the south side of the lake. The awards ceremony and prize drawings will be held at the Sayner Rec Building beginning at 3 p.m.

For more information. contact Lion Will Maines at (715) 542-3501 or Lion Tom Reed at 715-617-3994.

## Two wolf harassment reports confirmed in Vilas County



Following recent reports of wolves harassing dogs in Vilas County, pet owners are reminded to stay vigilant when letting pets outside, especially at night. -Contributed Photo

BY NEWS-REVIEW STAFF

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reported two incidents of wolves harassing dogs in Vilas County last week.

The first was the confirmed harassment of a golden retriever in Conover on Saturday, Jan. 25. The dog was not injured.

The second was the verification that wolves posed a threat to pet dogs following an attack at a St. Germain residence in St. Germain on Tuesday, Jan. 28.

Local pet owners have been encouraged to be extra vigilant when letting their animals outside.

The DNR partners with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services department investigate reported conflicts with wolves. Interactive maps,

reports, and damage pavment information is available on the DNR's website at https://dnr.wisconsin. gov/topic/WildlifeHabitat/ wolf/maps.

For livestock and pet owners dealing with a potential wolf-involved conflict, swift reporting to USDA-Wildlife Services remains critical for the collection of evidence and the timely implementation of conflict resolution options. In northern Wisconsin, 1-800-228-1368 state) or 715-369-5221. In southern Wisconsin, call 1-800-433-0663 (in state) or 920-324-4514.

More information for livestock, pet owners, and hunters is available on the wolf conflict guidance page https://dnr.wisconsin. gov/topic/WildlifeHabitat/ wolf/guidance.html.

#### Glances FROM PAGE 6

fee due in connection with

the two-story plans.

come to the sheriff's office

**80 Years Ago - 1945** Several complaints have

during the last few weeks regarding summer homes which have been broken into and entered, and, in some cases, where articles have been reported Peter missing...Sheriff Anderson is inclined to believe that the breaking and entering of the cottages

is the work of youngsters, because in practically every case the damage had been malicious and wanton. Screens have been cut and mattresses have been cut; windows have been broken and furniture was generally thrown around. In most cases, nothing has been

taken, but senseless and useless wreckage has been reported.

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 if the quality of the books allows.



Fishing with the guides

BY **GEORGE LANGLEY** 

## Enjoy fishing while you still can

We've got 18-24" of ice on most bodies of water now, and people are driving their vehicles out on many lakes. We seem to have a fairly normal winter pattern coming this week, but as has been the case all year, things can change quickly. It sure feels good out there on the days when the sun is shining — bring your sunscreen! That, along with the noticeably longer daylight, can make for a really nice day on the ice. With the little bit of snow we got last week, it sure is beautiful in the woods and on the lakes right now.

Walleye fishing has been decent, aside from the ups and downs that come with the extreme changes in temperature we've had for the last few weeks. We've had some good late afternoon runs on the Chain, and on some of the bigger lakes. The early morning and after-dark bites are the strongest. We're seeing these fish in or near the holes, and most action coming from tip-ups with medium-sized shiners. On some of the deeper lakes, anglers have been getting some good action jigging with minnow heads in deeper water, basically as deep as you can go. Deep, green weed edges are a great place to set up.

Northern have been the most consistent game fish for the last several weeks. Both jigging over deeper weeds and tip-up action has been good, and the best thing about this fish is that it's a daytime feeder. Try setting some tip-ups with large shiners in or near weeds mid-day, and do some pan fishing at the same time, in the same areas.

Panfishing slowed down a lot during the last cold front, though things seem to have recovered. We're seeing a lot more green weeds than normal for this time of the year, with the lack of snow cover — and those weeds are what you're looking for. We have heard of some decent crappie action in the holes on the Chain, as schools of crappie are roaming through those holes at different depths. Both tip-downs rigged with minnows, and jigging with waxies on vertical jigs about 5' off the bottom, have been productive. We'll see a lot more of this action as things move toward pring. The bluegill have been hitting on waxies or red spikes in the weeds. Perch are on the mud flats. Look for them to be near the bottom in softer areas where they'll hang out for the rest of the winter.

It looks like we've got a little more snow coming this week. We'll take it! The little bits we've had have made for just "ok" skiing and snowmobiling. No need for snowshoes yet this year — but there's still time. We've got a lot to look forward to as far as the fishing goes. This is one of those hardwater years that you'll remember for decades to come, with fantastic ice conditions and NO SLUSH! Get out there and enjoy it while you can.

Good luck and good fishin'!

## Our View

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## Eager to see future of ATV/UTV sport in the North Woods

This week, the Vilas County Board passed an ordinance amendment that will allow all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility task vehicles (UTVs) on all county roads, bringing in what may be a hopeful era for some, a disruptive era for others, in the North Woods. The vote was close, the topic contentious, and we're eager to see what kind of future the sport will bring to North Woods communities.

While the concerns voiced against ATVs and UTVS are valid — whether they be about the disruption of nature, noise pollution, the potential transferring of invasive species, or safety — there is no denying the economic boost these machines have been able to provide, on both a state and local level. Maybe as the sport continues to grow, so will its economic benefits — and, we hope, the North Woods will feel those benefits.

Until the project is completed and county trunk highways are marked, and the ATV/UTV season starts back up, all we can really do is speculate and wonder what the future of the ATV/UTV sport will look like in the North Woods.

We remain optimistic that, much like snowmobiles in the days of yesteryear, they will continue to provide much-needed, and much-appreciated, boosts to local economies and bring people up north to enjoy the beauty the North Woods has to offer.

#### Behind the editorial 'we'

Members of the Vilas County News-Review editorial board include News Editor Josephine Hinderman, Assistant Editor Audrey Lehman and Sports Editor Jacob Heid.





#### Savvy Senior

YOU ASK THE SENIOR QUESTION -WE FIND THE SAVVY ANSWER. SYNDICATED COLUMN

## Driving with dementia and knowing when to stop

DEAR SAVVY SENIOR,

When should someone with dementia stop driving? My 83-year-old father has some dementia issues, but still drives himself around town pretty well.

-Concerned Daughter

#### **DEAR CONCERNED,**

Most doctors agree that people with moderate to severe dementia should never get behind the wheel, but in the early stages of Alzheimer's or other types of dementia, driving performance should be the determining factor of when to stop driving, not the disease itself.

With that said, it's also important to realize that as your dad's driving skills deteriorate over time from the disease, he might not recognize he has a problem. So, it's very important that you work closely with his doctor to monitor his driving and help him stop when it is no longer safe for him to drive. Here are some additional tips that can help you.

#### **Watch for Warning Signs**

The best way to keep tabs on your dad's driving abilities is to take frequent rides with him and watch out for warning signs. For example: Does he have trouble remembering routes to familiar places? Does he drive at inappropriate speeds, tailgate, drift between lanes, or fail to observe traffic signs? Does he react slowly or make poor driving decisions? Also, has your dad had any fender benders or tickets lately, or have you noticed any dents or scrapes on his vehicle? All of these are red flags.

If you need some assessment help, hire a driver rehabilitation specialist who's trained to evaluate older drivers. See Myaota.aota.org/driver\_search or Aded.net to locate one in your area.

#### **Transition Tips**

Through your assessments, if you believe it's still safe for your dad to drive, you should start recommending some simple adjustments to ensure his safety, like driving only in daylight and on familiar routes, and avoiding busy roads and bad weather. Also, get him to sign a dementia "driving contract" that designates someone to tell him when it's no longer safe to drive. Go to Alz.org/driving and click on the "Download" button to print one.

You may also want to consider getting a GPS car tracking device (like Bouncie.com or MotoSafety. com) to help you monitor him. These devices will let you track where he's driving and allow you to set up zones and speed limits that will send you alerts to your smartphone when he exits an area, or if he's driving too fast or braking harshly.

#### Time to Quit

When your dad's driving gets to the point that he can no longer drive safely, you'll need to talk to him. It's best to start having these conversations in the

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## **EDITORIAL**





JUDGED WISCONSIN'S WEEKLY NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR



THIRD PLACE, 2018

SECOND PLACE, 2020 FIRST PLACE, 2022

## Cross-country is the way to go

BY WILL MAINES

not come into existence for me until 1979.

It was during that winter that Wes Doak, one of the earliest advocates and teachers of cross-country skiing, introduced me to the sport. Wes, who passed away just a short time ago, became a good friend and teacher of the sport to me.

A year or so later Dan Clausen, another pioneer of the sport locally who still operates a ski shop and school at Minocqua Winter Park, furthered the fire of cross-country in me.

In 1984 Dan set me up with a pair of skis that were well superior to the ones I owned at the time, skis that would carry me to the finish of my first American Birkebeiner 55k race.

The fire was stoked in me by those two experts especially, aided along the way by others who have been and still are strong participants and advocates of the

When it comes to the Winter Olympics, since 1976 no other sport has held my attention at those games anywhere near as much as Nordic competition. I was stunned and wowed like all other American crosscountry fans in 1976, a time when I had yet to experience the sport myself, when Bill Koch won the

Olympics.

It was the only medal in the sport for the U.S. until 2018 when Jessie Diggins and Kikkan Randall took gold in the sprint. team Diggins went on to win gold in the individual sprint and silver in the 30k skate technique race at the 2022 Olympics.

Enough of Olympic glory. My closest brush with ski race glory was a 2nd place finish in my age group for a 7k race at Phillips, Wis., back in the 80s. I hate to admit it, but there were only three of us in that event as all the "real" racers were skiing in the longer companion race.

I can, however, and always am happy to point to a hard-earned 7th-place finish out of 51 men in my 50-54 age class in the Birkebeiner's Korteloppet companion race one year. I hesitate to mention the winner in my class was over 20 minutes faster. Hey, glory is as glory does, or something like that.

Enough about racing. What is really important is how much cross-country

a silver — in the 1976 me over the past 45 years.

I have skied all over midand northern Wisconsin and have enjoyed every trail I've been on. I've skied

wonderful trails in central Wisconsin at Wausau and Stevens Point, among others. I've tested my skills on other

trails south and west of here, either in races or just for the joy of skiing them.

After finishing my 20th Birkie at the age of 70 I decided that from then on, my skiing would be strictly for the joy of being on snow. Every outing is joyful. Here in our neck of

the woods and for, say, an hour or a little more in any direction from here, we are blessed to have some of the best ski trails in the Midwest.

I'm partial to Razorback Ridges in Sayner, of course, as I founded the trails and have been skiing and grooming them from the beginning. By the same token, I

would be grossly remiss if I didn't mention all the other great local trails we When Razorback have.

Cross-country skiing did first American medal ever skiing has come to mean to Ridges came into being the only other local trails were Minocqua Winter Park, the DNR's trails on the Northern Highland State Forest, and out in the Nicolet National Forest, a trail system that an Eagle River couple, revered for their dedication to crosscountry skiing in the area, operated.

> Now we have trails all over the area, each with their own special characteristics, all of which provide excellent grooming for skiing.

> The Eagle River/Three Lakes trail is well maintained, and I believe the trails at the golf course in Eagle River are also still in operation. Mercer has its excellent Mecca trails, and off highway 182 heading to Park Falls there is an out of the way national forest gem that I have skied several times, though I can't remember the name it goes

> The list goes on. The latest addition to my ski trail wandering came last week when I ventured to Winchester to ski the WinMan trails. Like Razorback Ridges there is no fee to ski there, although donations are welcomed and needed to maintain the

> The WinMan trails are a delight to ski, a mix of easy to moderate terrain, with some tougher climbs and descents found toward the end of the 7k and 10k loops.

The grooming on the day I skied was excellent, aided by the additional snow Winchester has received compared to what central and southern Vilas County has gotten.

To sum it up, cross-country skiing has been, is and will continue to be, as long as I can keep standing on my own two hind legs, a wonderful sport that combines great winter scenery. good physical fitness levels, and joy in just being a part of our great outdoors.



## Let's not ignore the unique needs of infants, toddlers and preschoolers

and

mental health crisis in ing members of our society. epidemic proand portions, youngest children are at significant risk. The first 1,000 days of a child's life hold incredpotential and are marked by unparalleled brain development. It is also a time of greatest

vulnerability. Young children rely on nurturing relationships with their parents, early care educators, and other professionals who support them to develop the capacity to manage emotions, build healthy social skills, and explore their environments. Our children often deal with life stressors and challenge us by acting out, which, when left unaddressed, can continue into middle and high school. Oftentimes children who are managing these challenges are labeled as defiant, "naughty" or overly clingy, when in reality they are using behaviors to let us know that they need our help, and that it is up to us to recognize these early

warning signs. Young chil-

dren, ages 0-5, need sensi-

tive and responsive caregiv-

ers to reach their potential

Wisconsin is facing a and develop into contribut- Childhood Mental Health Rescue Plan Act (ARPA),

To highlight

the current land-

scape, a recent

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Equity Project

(May 2023) indi-

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What **Others** BY KRIS

**BARNEKOW** WISCONSIN ALLIANCE FOR INFANT MENTAL HEALTH

ing behaviors. The report do better!

education (ECE) professionals reported observing increases in young children's externalizing and internalizalso found that 45% of ECE professionals reported experiencing depression. Data released by the Wisconsin Office of Children's Mental Health at the annual brief-

the resources they need to

help. Incorporating proven

frameworks and interven-

tions (i.e., the Pyramid

Model and Infant and Early

ing in January of 2025 indicated that 49% of children with mental conditions, age three and up, didn't receive treatment. Wisconsin can Equipping our babies, toddlers and preschoolers to become caring and tion are about half as likely productive adults requires to report expelling a preinvestment in supporting schooler as teachers withtheir caregivers. However, out much support. caregivers — child care providers, teachers, foster parents — might not have

Children's Equity Project reports that, on average, only 2 - 5% of ECE professionals are in contact with a mental health consultant on a regular basis. And vet, access to mental health consultation is connected to a number of positive outcomes for children and adults who take care of them. Specifically, access to mental health consultants is linked to an increased sense of self-efficacy in ECE. Additionally, teachers who have access to ongoing mental health consulta-

Consultation) that focus

on social and emotional

skill building in early care

improves outcomes for all

young children. Providing

professional development

and credentialing for fam-

ily-serving professionals

through Mental Health

Endorsements enhances

their ability to serve young

children and families.

Unfortunately,

education settings

In January 2023, the Wisconsin Alliance for Infant Mental Health was awarded funding from Wisconsin's Department of Children and Families through a one-time subaward from the American

a part of the Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG), with the goals to develop and administer a statewide Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation System (IECMHC) and Wisconsin's state-wide mental health consultation program. Healthy Minds Healthy Children, was born. IECMHC is a preventionbased approach that pairs a mental health consultant with other adults who provide care and support for infants and young children. The funding for the program ended on July 1, 2024. During this short period of time, Healthy Minds Healthy Children impacted over 2,000 children in early care and education settings, and ECE providers reported feeling supported, experiencing less stress and increased ability to handle challenging situations.

Continuing to support Healthy Minds Healthy Children, the Pyramid Model and Mental Health Endorsements would allow child and family service professionals to connect with experienced mental health specialists and credentialed infant mental health professionals. These resources empower

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## **OPINION/COMMENTARY**



MILD START — A young whitetail walks a trail in the hardwoods as the afternoon sun warms the landscape. With light snow on the ground and only a couple blasts of arctic cold, the winter has started relatively mild for deer survival. -Photo By Kurt Krueger

#### **PAID LETTER**

## Upcoming referendums are no surprise

To the Editor;

Charter schools and all religious and private schools siphoning off our tax dollars from the state education budget is made possible because of the Republican-dominated legislature's guarantee to do so. This same legislature continues to fund only 29%, or about \$14,000 per student, of the special education cost for our public school students while covering 100%, or up to \$23,000, of the charter, private and religious school students. Then our legislators added an additional guarantee to cover 90% of anything over the \$23,000! Result? More

school spring ballots.

Northland Pines' February referendum and the Three Lakes and Rhinelander April referendums are no surprise. This unfair, preferential treatment of more tax dollars going to charter, religious and private schools will ultimately destroy our public education system.

In her budget our DPI Superintendent, Jill Underly, asked the state to cover 90% of mandated special education costs for any public school student instead of its measly 29%. To my knowledge, the other two DPI candidates, one

referendums on a charter school proponent, have remained silent on this issue.

Unless we elect legislators and DPI Superintendents willing to fight for your and my tax dollars going to our public school students, rather than significantly more going to charter and private school students, you and I as property owners will once again tax ourselves so our children can get an education that allows them to compete in today's world.

Kay Hoff Minocqua

## Others

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professionals to more readily and confidently identify and intervene in instances when children's behaviors become a challenge for adults. By providing our child and family service professionals, across all disciplines, with the tools and resources they need to support the effective social and emotional growth of Wisconsin's children, we can help our youngest children feel safe, supported, and better prepared to

ful situations as they grow.

The Wisconsin Alliance for Infant Mental Health is thrilled and hopeful that Governor Evers named 2025 "The Year of the Kid" and promised significant allocations to child care and school-based mental health. Let's not ignore the unique needs of infants, toddlers and preschoolers. It is time to ensure that our foundation is strong and secure by prioritizing funding for our infants, young children and those who support them. Mental health begins at birth. An investment of \$6.2

successfully handle stress- million annually would make it possible to support multiple programs aimed at ensuring a strong foundation of lifelong mental health.

Without this commitment, we may set our most vulnerable children on a painful path in life, costing far more in the long run. We ask and encourage all adults to speak up for babies, as they can't do so for themselves.

For more information, please visit https:// wiaimh.org/speak-forwisconsin-babies.

## Blast

FROM PAGE 1 "We have purchased a

Jaws of Life cutter, as well as used funds toward cold water rescue gear, our new ladder truck, and a Cascade system used for filling air tanks," he said.

The department's share of the 2025 proceeds will go toward gear for their successful Junior Firefighter program, and aid in the purchase of a new four-wheel drive ambulance needed to quickly and safely access patients in difficult access situations.

Conover Fire and Rescue Department volunteers will build the ice rink and snow bar, maintain the sanitation services, manage the warming bonfires, and staff the outdoor cook shack for the event. Their 100' ladder truck will also experience an unusual twist when mascots Chilly Charlie and Blizzard Belle are hoisted in the air for the popular Candy Flurry event, tossing treats down to the crowd of eager children.

Sig Baake, Land O' Lakes Ambulance Department Director, stated they have used funds towards their cardiac monitor and their

UTV rescue vehicle. Their goal for this year's proceeds is to fund the purchase of a

new ambulance. Members of the Land O' Lakes departments will be helping with Friday's set up of tents before returning on Saturday to assist as food servers and cashiers, and provide community education through the

Firefighters Exp. Phelps Fire and EMS Departments were able to secure two Mustang Ice Commander cold water rescue suits to aid in winter lifesaving measures. Chief Norm Mesun said that funds received in the past also helped to fund the acquisition of an off-road utility vehicle.

Carole Selin, head of Phelps Area Emergency Medical Services added, "Funds received from the 2025 event will go toward much-needed defibrillator."

Phelps Volunteer Fire and EMS volunteers, along with Phelps Auxiliary members, will oversee the many parking areas and also help to staff the food service area.

Kraetsch stated that tremendous community support for the event is garnered through sponsorships and donations from businesses and individuals.

Held the Saturday of President's Day weekend each February, the challenges of hosting an outdoor event are tackled by a Planning Committee of over 30 community volunteers and over 100 on the day of the event.

Activities on the park grounds kick off at 10 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. There is no admission fee to the park and parking is free. All events are free for spectators to enjoy. Single-event tickets will be available for purchase for those who want to get in on the action. Food and beverages are available, along with warming fires and heated restrooms on site.

The Conover Community Park is located ¼ mile east of Highway 45 on Highway K. Visitors are reminded that pets are not allowed in the park during events per the Town of Conover ordinance.

For more event information, visit northwoodsblizzardblast.com Northwoods Blizzard Blast on Facebook.

#### **PUBLISHER'S LETTER**

## **Current Spaces and Empty Chair Echoes**

Dear Reader, the sun shone brightly—a fitting reflection

of the emotions in my heart. As I walked into the memory care unit of a Senior Living home I'd been visiting regularly to see my father-in-law Francis for the past two years, the familiar faces greeted me like old friends. They were scattered around the big room, watching yet another rerun of Mary Tyler Moore-or maybe it was The Dick Van Dyke

Show. Their smiles, warm and welcoming, made me feel that despite not living there, I still belonged.

Lark stood up the moment she saw me, her arms outstretched for a hug. "You just made my day!" she exclaimed. "Where have you been these past few weeks?" I laughed, feeling a rush of appreciation for her words. Jimmy, wearing the black fedora I'd finally given him after months of promises, tipped it with a grin. I was wearing one too. We traded stories about "the good old days," and he launched into a tale I'd heard before. I didn't mind. I never did.

But my visit was more subdued this time because not everyone was there anymore including Francis, whose presence had always been both tender and sharp. Nick and Jack were also gone; their chairs, once as familiar as their faces, sat empty around the tables. I had been there to say goodbye to Nick, holding his hand and asking him to watch over his family, who clung to one another in quiet grief around his bed. Those goodbyes leave a mark, even as they remind us of the beauty in connection.

Karen, seated near the corner, reached for my hand. She launched into a vivid story about her days as a nurse in the ER.

Her eyes sparkled with pride as she spoke. Yesterday afternoon was bitterly cold, yet Beside her, Mary Lou motioned for me to come closer to her wheel chair. When

I asked how she was doing, she lifted her hands like she was holding onto an invisible ledge. "Just hanging on," she said with a wry smile.

The aides began rounding everyone up for dinner so I made my last rounds, shaking hands, giving hugs, and sharing brief, meaningful

exchanges. Lark pulled me into one last embrace before I pushed the buttons at the exit door to let myself out.

As the door clicked shut behind me, I couldn't help but reflect on the inevitable. Someday, I'll be in a place like this. Everything will be taken care of-meals, medications, and all the needs of a frail body. But even with all the care in the world, the loneliness lingers. Most of the residents were waiting, one step away from the reunion that comes when the spirit departs a worn-out body. Still, there was beauty in that waiting. It wasn't despair but a quiet anticipation of something more—a peace I could almost feel as I walked to my

Driving away, I thought about the rest of my day and all my tomorrows. I made a promise to myself: I'll savor the moments, big and small; I'll hold tight to joy, squeezing every drop from the time I have left. And one day, when I find myself in a room like that, I hope someone will walk through the door to remind me then of the life I'm living now.

> PATRICK J. WOOD Publisher

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early stages of the disease, before he needs to quit driving, so he can prepare himself.

You also need to have a plan for alternative transportation (including a list of family, friends and local transportation options) that will help him get around after he stops driving.

For tips on how to talk to your dad, the Hartford Center for Mature Market Excellence offers a helpful guide called "At the Crossroads: Family Conversations About

Disease. Alzheimer's Dementia and Driving" that you can download TheHartford.com/ Publications-on-Aging.

#### **Refuses to Quit**

If your dad refuses to quit, you have several options. First, suggest a visit to his doctor who can give him a medical evaluation, and prescribe that he stops driving. Older people will often listen to their doctor before they will listen to their own family.

If he still refuses, contact your local Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to see if they can help. Some states will automatically revoke a license when a person is diagnosed with Alzheimer's or dementia, while many others require retaking a driving test.

If these fail, consider hiding his keys or you may need to take them away. You could also disable his vehicle by disconnecting the battery, park it in another location so he can't see it or have access to it, or sell it.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior. org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

## Muscial

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2015 as part of a New York City theater educator's conference. We laughed throughout the entire show, so ten years later, we are thrilled to be able to bring this hilarious show to our stage," says Janssen. "Audiences will love the many Shakespearean references along with nods to a number of famous musicals throughout the 20th century.

We have a wonderful group of Seniors who have been performing with us for four years and are excited for a fantastic production."

Tickets for the Feb.14, 15 and 16 performances are now on sale in the NPHS Main Office. Adult tickets are \$5, while Seniors (62+) and NPSD students are free. Seating is general admission. Remaining tickets will be sold at the door. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to each performance. Patrons are recommended

in advance as sell-outs are possible. production The

to purchase their tickets

Northland Pines will again host three reviewers from the Jerry Awards program through the Overture Center in Madison, who will review the show and provide students with feedback on many aspects of the production. If any students are recognized with nominations for outstanding work, they will be notified later this

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