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# **GriefShare Program** Offered to the Antigo **Area Community**

**SARAH STOEHR** 

PEACE LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

Community members who have experienced the death of a family member or friend are invited to the upcoming GriefShare program beginning Monday, February 17th to be held at Peace Lutheran Church, 300 Lincoln St, Antigo

This nondenominational program features Christ-centered, biblical teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The weekly video seminar features some of the nation's foremost experts on grief recovery topics. Each seminar is combined with a small group discussion time to allow group participants to talk about the content of the video and about how they are dealing with their loss. Seminar sessions cover topics such as "what's normal in grief", "how to handle difficult emotions", and "what to do with regrets, questions, and worries".

Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have returned to their daily life routines. Past participants have related how helpful the information and follow-up discussions were to

Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. You will find encouragement, comfort, and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member, or friend. No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are

You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and that you do not need to live in bondage as a slave to certain emotions. You will learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future.

The GriefShare Spring 13 Week Series will be meeting on Mondays February 17th to May 12th from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Park in the 8th Avenue lot and enter through Door #3 for the Fellowship

Facilitators for the program will be Sarah Stoehr, Lori Leider and Becky Frasch, For questions or more information, call the Peace Church office at 715.623.2200. No registration is required.

The program is free and community members are encouraged to attend.

# **AHS Highlighted Club Member**

Tom Schofield-AHS Club: Highlight/ Yearbook Recognizing: Kendyl Kressin Description: Kendyl has shown amazing growth this year! She has stepped up to help new members of our club with Walsworth, along with learning more and more about Walsworth

herself. She is more involved this year with the creative process, assigning herself to more pages, and showing more leadership qualities. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to Yearbook! Club Advisor: Michelle Knapkavage



# Langlade County Wide Snowmobile Ride-In 2025 was a Huge Success

**LINDA GRALL** LANGLADE COUNTY SNOWMOBILE COUNCIL SECRETARY

On Saturday, January 25, 2025, the Langlade County Snowmobile Council who sponsors this event held its 44th annual County Wide Snowmobile Ride-In at the Lily Sno-Bird's Clubhouse in Lily, WI. Even though there wasn't enough snow for the trails to open, hundreds of people drove from near and far to participate in this fun-filled

Our Snowmobile Council has been so fortunate to have the Lily Sno-Birds Snowmobile Club hosting this event for the past 44 years. For many years the Grave's Family had been instrumental in running the Lily Sno-Birds Club and Clubhouse which is owned by the members. It is the only clubhouse that is owned by the snowmobile club in the state of Wisconsin. Jim and Debbie Hoffman and their other Lily Sno-Birds members are continuing to be instrumental in helping to make this event the success it is. They get their clubhouse ready for the big event and help make sandwiches the day before and get the chili all set for Saturday, get their refreshments stocked in the bar area, and help serve the food and beverages throughout this event.

We are also very blessed to have some very generous businesses, including Mid-Wisconsin Beverage that has helped us tremendously by donating pizzas, soda, and water for our event and Walmart(Antigo) is another great business that helps us by donating their delicious meat and

We offer many cash/prize/basket raffles throughout Lily Sno-Birds Club Members.

this event and donations for these raffles come from our nine snowmobile clubs that we have in Langlade County, Langlade County Forestry Department, some of our generous business owners, and a few of our wonderful families that donate baskets and other items to raffle off.

event happen without the great volunteers that we have working during this event. Our longtime emcee, Bob Pregler, who has been announcing at this event for the past 30 + years, drove up from Madison

with his daughter Diane to be our emcee. Bob has had some medical issues and lost his wife Sandy this past year. His wife Sandy had been the Langlade County Council Snowmobile Secretary for 25+ plus years as well as worked at the event for numerous years. The County Wide Ride is just so important to Bob, and he did not want to miss the event. The participants gave Bob a round of applause and standing ovation to show their appreciation to him.

We also had four other awesome volunteers that are actively part of the (AWSC) Association of Wisconsin



Bob Pregler and his daughter Diane



Left to Right Maddie Roehl/ K.A.O.S. Youth Advisor, Jake Ward/

K.A.O.S. President, Judy Peterson/Lily Sno-Birds Member, Jay

Thompson/ K.A.O.S. Co Chair, Randy Murdock/AWSC Vice

President, Tim Grall/Langlade County Snowmobile Council

President & AWSC Director, and Linda Grall/Council Secretary.



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Marketing Consultant Igore@mmclocal.com Snowmobile Clubs that drove many miles to help us with our event. The AWSC Vice President/ Randy Murdock, K.A.O.S(Kids and Adults on Snow) Advisor/Jay Thompson, Maddie Roehl/K.A.O.S. Youth Advisor, and K.A.O.S. President/Jake Ward helped us by selling raffle tickets/running the raffles. Our other dedicated volunteers that helped tremendously with the raffles were Randy Siewert/Langlade County Snowmobile Council Treasurer, Dan Mishler/Council Vice President, Tim Grall/ Council

See RIDE-IN page 5



Some of our other volunteers that helped throughout the day.



Picture of all of the participants of this event.

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### **OBITUARY**

### **Marvin Baerenwald**



Marvin Charles Baerenwald, age 86, of Elcho, WI died on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at Circle of Life Hospice in Bentonville, AR. He was born on May 26, 1938 in Milwaukee, WI a son of Elmer and Burdella (Booth) Baerenwald.

He served in the United States

For many years he was a dairy farmer in Clintonville, WI After farming he used his skills as a truck driver and craftsman

to build and remodel homes throughout Wisconsin.

Marvin enjoyed deer hunting with his friend, Ordelle. He also enjoyed fishing and morning meetings with the men from Upper Room Family Church in Elcho.

Survivors include his wife, Carol Baerenwald of Elcho; a daughter, Dawn Loy of Sun Prairie, WI; a son, Scott Baerenwald (Belinda Smith) of Bella Vista, AR; three grandchildren, Mackenzie and Mason Loy and Preston Baerenwald; a brother Gerald Baerenwald of Three Lakes, WI; two stepchildren, David Albertson of Middleton, WI and Kimberly (Glenn) Hameister of Berlin, WI; three step-grandchildren Brianna (Tennie) Jacobson, Chelsea (Mike) Mangian and Gregory (fiancé Aracely Torres) Hameister; and a step-great grandson, Cameron Mangian. Additional extended family are a step-grandchild, Dan (Angie) Smith; and three stepgreat-grandchildren, Mara, Finley and Shay.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a sister, Joyce Neff.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, March 1 at 11 a.m. at the Upper Room Family Church in Elcho, WI. Visitation will take place at the church from 10 a.m. to the time of

Military Honors will take place at the church following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society or the Alzheimer's Association.

Bradley Funeral Home is assisting the family. Online condo lences at www.bradleyfh.com.

### Perry Duffek



Perry Duffek, of Antigo, died on Thursday, January 30, 2025 at Aspirus Wausau Hospital. He was 70 years old. He was born on February 20, 1954 in Antigo, a son of the late Paul and Jeannine (Van der Veren) Duffek. He married Juli Steger on February 13, 2019

He was a graduate of Antigo High School, class of 1972.

Perry co-owned Duffek Sand and Gravel, a company his fa ther founded.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing and playing cribbage.

Survivors include his wife, Juli; a daughter, Christinia Duffek; a son, Justin Duffek; three grandchildren, Monica, Jeremy and Sam; three sisters, Paula Krueger of Antigo, Candace (Dennis) Schmidt of Philips, and Tracey (Peter) Sippl

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Cal Krueger.

No service will be held. A private celebration of life will take place at Jeannine Lake this summer.

Bradley Funeral Home is assisting the family. Online condo lences at www.bradleyfh.com.

### Richard Waldvogel



Richard (Dick) R. Waldvogel, age 80 of Markesan, passed away peacefully at home with family by his side, while watching the sun rise over his fields on Monday, January 27 2025. He was affectionately known as The Poor Farmer Richard was born on July 15 1944, in Phlox, WI, the son of Lester and Imogene (Tatro) Waldvogel, and graduated from Antigo High School in

attended UW-Madison He completing the Farm & Industry Short Course before mov ing to Appleton and working as a welder for Fox Tractor Company. On August 10, 1968, he was united in marriage to his supportive and accepting wife Rose Marie Mattek at St. Wencel's Catholic Church in Deerbrook. He and Rose Marie moved to Markesan to establish the Roy Creek Dairy Farm in 1972. With the support of the Gordon Hull family, they built their own family farm.

A devoted Catholic, Richard's faith guided him throughout his life, although occasionally arriving late to Mass when the family car would run out of gas, or a child was left in the car. He would go by Dickster when he was pranking employees and friends, making sure they met the cow with the funny teat, and countless other stunts. Richard is survived by his children: Mark Waldvogel, Gina (Charles) Mittelstadt, David Waldvogel, Jolyn (Timothy) Rasmussen, Kathleen Waldvogel, and Sara (Ross) Miller; grandchildren, Jacob, Joshua Charlie, Ashley, Quintin, Samantha, Alyson, Lily, and Luna his brother, Phil (Debbie) Waldvogel, his special friend, Carolyn Mosher, and further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Rose Marie in February of 2024; sister, Mary (Jim) Smithers; and other relatives.

Visitation took place on Friday, January 31, 2025 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 125 Church St., Princeton from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. Burial took place at Grand Prairie Cemetery in the Town of Green Lake. The family would like to extend a special thank you to SSM Hospice for their outstanding care, farm employees for their contributions, and many suppliers for their support over the years.

A special acknowledgment for our sisters Kathleen and Sara for enabling him to enjoy his last days at home near his animals. The Poor Farmer took great joy in managing his farm. Cornerstone Funeral & Cremation Services in Markesan, is honored to be serving the family. Cornerstone Funeral & Cremation Services, 181 S. Main St., Markesan, is honored to be serving the family. You may send private online condolences or sign the family's guest book at www.cstonefs.com.

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### The Fragility of Life

Dear Reader,

The other day, I had a close call that left me reflecting

deeply on how fragile life truly is. I was a passenger in a car, riding along on a snowy day. The roads were slick, and we were descending a steep hill when we encountered a stationary car in the middle of the road. To avoid a collision, our driver veered into a snowbank and a rock instead.



Shaken but unharmed, we got out to assess the damage. As I stood there, I saw other vehicles attempting to navigate the hill, at speeds too reckless for the conditions. I waved to warn them to stop and turn back, knowing the danger they faced. Thankfully, our car was still operational, and we managed to drive away carefully. Later that day, I learned that a massive pileup had occurred in that very spot. Numerous vehicles were involved, and I couldn't help but feel fortunate to have avoided the catastrophe.

This experience got me thinking. Life is unpredictable. You wake up in the morning with plans, but everything can change in an instant, with no warning whatsoever. Those 15 seconds as we swerved away from the stalled vehicle could have been our last moments. But it wasn't. For others, tragically, it was.

Life is so fragile. There are no guarantees, no flashing signals warning us when our time is up. One moment we're here, and the next, we're not. This realization isn't meant to instill fear but to inspire gratitude. Each day we're given is a gift—precious, fleeting, and worth cherishing.

Let's not take it for granted. Let's love fully, live purposefully, and appreciate the time we have. Because in the blink of an eye, everything can change. We can't control when or how the end comes, but we can make the moments we still have truly count.

### PATRICK J. WOOD

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### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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Elcho Area Community Food Pantry Mondays 2:30-4:30pm. Wednesdays 4-6pm, 11224 Antigo St., Elcho. Food will be distributed based on availability and # of family members. Note that the pantry is not open on holidays, or on days when the schools are closed because of snow. 715-275-5010. In accordance with federal civil rights laws and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), religious creed, disability, age, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

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Senior Cribbage Group Mondays 1pm. Summit Lake Town Hall N 9575, County Rd B, Summit Lake. CURRENTLY ON HOLD DUE TO LOW PARTICIPATION-PLZ CALL IF INTERESTED: Judy Beecher 715-219-

Group Dance Class & Social Tuesdays 6pm. Northstar Lanes 400 Prosser Pl., Antigo. learn to dance in a fun, social setting! Each week the lesson rotates to another style of Latin or Ballroom dance (Salsa, Bachata, Cha Cha, Waltz, Rumba, Foxtrot, Swing, etc.) NO PARTNER (OR EXPERIENCE) REQUIRED! Doors open by 5:45pm. The 45-minute class begins at 6pm and afterwards we'll play a variety of

music so everyone can dance and have fun!

Line Dancing Feb. 3rd 1-2:30pm. Senior Center of Langlade County 623 Edison St., Antigo. Line Dancing- Instructions and handouts are provided for every dance. No prior knowledge of line dance is necessary. The goal of the class is to have fun while getting to know others and learning steps to dance.

**StrongBodies Program** (Virtual) Feb. 11th & Feb. 13th 9-10:15am. This will be a virtual program via Zoom that you can follow along with at home. Sign up online at https://go.wisc.edu/j9468d

Cardio and Strength Training Feb. 12th 4:30-5:30pm. Senior Center of Langlade County, 623 Edison St., Antigo. Cardio and strength training at the senior center with Dawn. This is designed for all levels of fitness. There is no charge.

**Food with Friends** Feb 12th 4:30-6pm. Calvary Lutheran Church 310 S. Superior St., Antigo. Come enjoy a free meal! Food served includes chicken tetrazzini, rolls, salad, and homemade desserts.

Galentine's Cookie Decoration with Evey Lane Cookies Feb. 12th 6-8pm. Harper's Mercantile 824 5th Ave., Antigo. You'll learn the ins and outs of decorating with royal icing while hanging out with your best girlfriends! Tickets are \$40 each and include drinks and snacks as well as an in-store coupon.

February Business Networking Event -Leveraging Local Marketing Channels Feb. 13th 8-9am. Langlade County Economic Development Corporation 312 Forrest Ave., Antigo. Join the Langlade County Economic Development Corporation for an hour of networking and coffee with fellow business owners in Langlade County! The Business Network of Langlade County's February meet-up will focus on "Leveraging Local Marketing Channels"— Community Calendar and more. Discussions and networking time will follow a short 15-minute presentation with the LCEDC about leveraging the community calendar. Come meet with local professionals at our Coffee & Networking event! Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. This event

Antigo Pride Family Night Feb 13th 4-6:30pm. Antigo Middle School 815 Seventh Ave., Antigo. Food, door prizes & silent auction.

Post Lake Ice Fishing Jamboree Feb 15th 6am - 5pm. PLIA Building (corner of Hwy K and Post Lake Drive in Post Lake) W8684 County Road K, Elcho. Fishing on Upper & Lower Post Lake begins at dawn. No preregistration is required. Register fish by

4:00 pm at the PLIA Building on the corner of County Rd K & Post Lake Drive. Prizes for the largest fish in selected categories. Fish categories winners will receive cash for adults and prizes for children under 12. All children will receive an attendance prize.

Hill Valley Acres Frosty Fields Event Feb. 15th 10am-3pm. Hill Valley Acres N3942 Hill Rd., Antigo. A day of winter fun for the whole family! Take a scenic walk around the farm, enjoy tasty hot drinks, gather around the campfire, roast marshmallows, check out unique items from local vendors, see beautiful Texas longhorns in person, and more!

**Sno-Devils Open House** Feb 15th 11am-3pm. Sno-Devils Building N11301 Riordan St., Elcho. Join them for food and beverages while discussing winter recreation and club developments.

Gleason Area Lions Club Valentines Dinner Feb. 15th 5-7pm. Gleason Area Lions Club 5179 Bradley St,. Gleason. The menu includes: Lasagna, Chicken Alfredo, Garlic Bread, Salad Bar, and Dessert. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under; both include 1 beverage.

### **MEETINGS**

Parks, Cemetery and Recreation Commission - Regular Meeting Feb. 10th 5:30pm. City Hall, 700 Edison St., Antigo.

Common Council - Regular Session Feb 12th 6pm. City Hall, 700 Edison St., Antigo.

### **GROUPS**

AA Support Group (Open) Wednesdays 7pm. 1005 Fifth Ave., Antigo.

**AA Meetings** Tuesdays at 7pm at the Elcho UCC Church N11291 Dorr St., Elcho.

**AA Meetings** Sundays 10am. White Lake Community Center 615 School St., White Lake. Any questions call 715-219-0305

Alanon/Nornon Group Mondays 1:30pm. Antigo Community Church School (old St. Mary's), 723 Deleglise St., Antigo. Enter in the back please. For more information including other meeting times and locations call (715-623-4904).

Alzheimer's Support Group Second Monday of the month 5-6pm. Rolalia Gardens Door #3 519 Flight Rd., Antigo. 715-610-6681

Alzheimer's Association Virtual Support Groups Coffee for Family Caregivers, 2nd Monday of the month 5:30pm-6:30pm. For Persons Living with Mild Cognitive Impairment, 2nd Wednesday of the month 10-11:30am.

Family Caregivers for a loved one with Frontotemporal Degeneration 3rd Wednesday of the month 6-7:30pm. Family Caregivers for a loved one with Dementia in the early stages 4th Tuesday of the month 10-11:30am. Family Caregivers for a loved one with dementia living at a facility every other Friday 10-11:30am. Phone In Caregiver Support Group the last Tuesday of every month 10-11:30am. To register for any of the support groups contact the 24/7 helpline. 800.272.3900

AVAIL Support Group Meetings on Mondays, 5:30pm-7pm, Wednesdays 10:30am-12pm, Thursdays, 10:30am-12pm and again at 5:30pm-7pm, Fridays 3-6pm. AVAIL Inc. 1410 N. Superior St., Antigo.

Baby & Me Support Group Wednesdays from 1-2pm in the Langlade Birthing Center 112 E 5th Ave, Antigo, second floor. Facilitator: RN/International Board Certified Lactation Consultant. For more information please call 715-623-9280. No fee.

**Broken Arrow Christian Recovery Meeting** Thursdays 7pm. 1005 Fifth Avenue, Antigo.

Community Recovery Bible Study Fridays 6pm. Aspirus Langlade Hospital 112 E. Fifth Ave., Antigo- in the large conference room.

GriefShare Community Grief Recovery Seminar and Support Group: Feb. 17th through May 12th 5-6:30pm. Peace Lutheran Church 300 Lincoln St., Antigo. Each weekly session is on a different grief topic. Park in the 8th Avenue lot and enter Door #3 for the Fellowship Hall. Sessions are FREE and no pre-registration is necessary.

Life Recovery Group & Christian Recovery Meetings Wednesdays 8:30am. Church of the Nazarine 230 Elm St., Antigo. This group is for anyone struggling with addiction, anxiety, food, depression, relationships, etc. There will also be Christian Recovery meetings at the same place and time.

**Narcotics Anonymous** Mondays 8am ,Tuesdays, Fridays & Saturdays 7pm. 1005 Fifth Ave., Antigo.

**Overeaters Anonymous** Mondays 7-8pm. SS. Mary & Hyacinth Parish Center, 819 3rd Ave., Antigo. Room #4 Contact: Rose Marie, 715-623-2128.

**Stroke & Neurological Support Group** (2nd Friday of the Month) Langlade Co. Senior Center 623 Edison St., Antigo.

If you have an upcoming event or ongoing group activity that you would like to include, please email the information to nwinkler@mmclocal.com

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President, Linda Grall/ Council Secretary, Michele Stroncek/Elcho Sno-Devils, Jane Noskowiak, Lori Vollmer, and Drew Grall (all three from Antigo Sno-Drifters).

Our County Wide Ride wouldn't have been as successful as it was without all of the many generous people that came out to support our event. So many of the participants are from our nine area snowmobile clubs and many of the people drive numerous miles to come for the fun and camaraderie during this annual event!

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and hoping and praying for more. Our snowmobile clubs are finally starting to be able to get their groomers out on the trails and do some much-needed packing and preparing for hopefully a great snowmobile season if the weather cooperates. We thank all of our active and dedicated volunteers in our snowmobile clubs in our Snowmobile Friendly Community of Langlade County that help donate their time to make some of the best trails in the state of Wisconsin! Langlade County is the County of Trails, and we are very proud of our trails! We also thank our generous landowners that allow snowmobilers the opportunity to travel on their private land. Think Snow!!!





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# Mappy Valentine's Day! Of Valentine's Day traditions

Valentine's Day is a day of love nestled in the middle of February



Sweethearts use Valentine's Day as an opportunity to show the people they care about just how deep those feelings run. A 2023 survey from the National Retail Federation found consumers expected to spend \$25.9 billion on Valentine's Day, up from \$23.9 billion in 2022. Forecasters suspect spending is likely to increase this vear as well.

Valentine's Day is awash in many different customs. Here's a deep look at some of those enduring traditions and others that some may feel should be brought back into favor or adopted entirely.

### **Handwritten cards**

It's a common scene each year in card retailers and pharmacies: people three-deep in the aisle trying to pick out Valentine's Day cards in the eleventh hour. People can save themselves the hassle of fighting the crowds if they make their own handmade cards. In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, sweethearts created unique cards from scratch, according to Country Living. And prior to products produced by Hallmark and other greeting card companies, people used to send one another cards customized with personalized messages.

### **Pampering gentlemen**

It is common in North America for Valentine's Day celebrations to lean significantly toward favoring women, who are often on the receiving end of flowers and chocolates. However, in South Korea and Japan, it is the men who are pampered with such gifts. Women purchase chocolates for their male partners, family members and coworkers as tokens of appreciation and affection. Never fear, a month later on White Day (March 14) men reciprocate with candy, cake and flowers.

### **Bouquets**

These days a dozen long-stemmed red roses might be the norm for

Valentine's Day gifting. However, roses weren't always the preferred flower for the holiday. History.com reports that, in the nineteenth century, bouquets might contain all sorts of flowers, each chosen to convey certain messages. Individuals can research the meanings behind certain flowers and put together a Valentine's Day gift this year that expresses exactly what they are feeling.

### **Puzzie purses**

Sweethearts in Victorian England created "puzzle purses," which were a series of love letters that could be read separately, but also fit together to create a design and message. These intricately folded sheets of paper had parts of messages or verses written on different corners and were meant to be read in a specific order.

### **Heart-shaped chocolate boxes**

British chocolatier Richard Cadbury is credited with creating the first heart-shaped box for Valentine's Day. The boxes were intended to be so beautiful they would be kept to hold trinkets or love letters. Ornate chocolate boxes are not quite as common today, although the gifting of chocolate for the holiday is still strong.

### **Celebrating in June?**

Many Brazilians skip Valentine's Day in February and choose to celebrate Saint Anthony, the patron saint of marriage and matchmaking, on June 12. Celebrating both is fine for those who prefer to shower affection on loved ones multiple times a year.

Valentine's Day traditions are still strong and can add a little something extra to celebrations this February.











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# **Antigo Music Association: The String Showdown**

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The Antigo Music Association will welcome The String Showdown to the Volm Theater stage featuring the musical stylings of electric cello and guitar on Tuesday, February 11 at 7 p.m.

The String Showdown is a thrilling dueling string act led by Greg Byers and Mike Lauer. Join them on a melodic journey spanning multiple decades and genres. From the groovy tunes of the '60s to today's chart-toppers, The String Showdown's versatile repertoire guarantees an unforgettable experience for every audience. Greg's mastery of the cello and Mike's enchanting guitar work create a solid foundation for their effortless vocal harmonies. But The String Showdown is more than just a performance; it's an interactive, family-friendly,



humor-infused spectacle that ensures audiences of all ages remain thoroughly engaged

and amused Admission if by season membership only and tickets need to be presented at the door.

### Antigo Elk Teen of the Month Recognition



One male and one female will be selected each month September through April and will then be eligible for the award of Teenager of the Year along with a monetary scholarship which will be awarded at the annual recognition banquet in May at the Antigo Elks Lodge. All recipients will

Tristin Arlen was chosen to be recognized as Elk Teen of the Month for December 2024 & is now eligible for Teenager of the Year. She attended All Saints Catholic School before attending Antigo High School. In High School she has participated in Student Council, DECA, Jr. Optimists Club & Fellowship of Christian Athletes

be recognized at the annual dinner

banquet.



letter of recommendation "she leads by example... plays

a crucial role on athletic teams...and excels academically". A second letter of recommendation states "Her maturity is beyond her years." Her hobbies include volleyball, softball, water sports, shopping & spending time with family.



Tyler Boots was chosen to be recognized as Elk Teen of the Month for December 2024 & is now eligible for Teenager of the Year. He attended West Elementary School before attending Antigo High School. He has been in Drama Club all four years of HS, DECA, National Honor Society, Track & Field, Cross Country, Choir & Canto Voce; he also is a Certified Solidworks Associate. His class rank as reported in Nov. 2024, was 14 out of 176, with a cumulative GPA (weighted) 4.107.

His letter of recommendation states, "Tyler is a young man who has grown into an outstanding performer, a leader who steps up to every challenge, and a serious student. His desire to make his world a better place is exactly what we, as teachers, hope to see from today's young men and women." His hobbies include singing, running, crocheting, watching musicals, playing board games and card games, video games and other social activities.



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# HOME IMPROVEMENT



# Tips to make a living room a more comfortable





A kitchen is widely recognized as the most popular room in a home. Though it might be true that the hustle and bustle of home life runs through the kitchen, many memories are made in the living room as well.

Living rooms tend to be go-to spaces for family nights, movie game watches with fellow fans and places to gather during holiday celebrations. That's a lot of quality time spent in the living room, and those moments can be more enjoyable if the space is as comfortable as possible. With that in mind, people can consider various ways to make living rooms more comfortable.

- Prioritize comfort over aesthetics. In an era of Instagram, it's easy to fall head over heels with images when designing a living room. Aesthetic appeal certainly has its place in a living room, but it's important to remember how much living will be done in these rooms when designing them. Comfortable couches and furnishings like ottomans can make it easier to relax in the living room whether you're watching a movie, cheering on your favorite team or reading a book.
- · Ensure there's ample seating. It can be hard to feel comfortable in cramped quarters whether you're welcoming friends and family into your home or simply lounging around on Sunday mornings. If comfort is your top priority, arrange the room so there's ample seating throughout and people don't feel like they're sitting on top of one another when spending time in the room.
- Consider neutral paint colors. Furnishings are not the only things that can affect how comfortable people feel in a living room.

The home improvement experts at The Spruce note that neutral paint colors with warm undertones help to establish a cozy feel in a living room. Various shades of white, beige, tan, or even gray can help to establish a warm, comfortable vibe in a living room.

· Incorporate the outdoors into the room. The great outdoors can have a calming effect on anyone, so it makes sense that incorporating the outdoors into a living room can make the space feel more

comfortable. Furnish the room with plants and look for items with earth-toned furnishings to create a calm and comfortable vibe in the space. In addition, new windows that allow for more natural light and offer views into a yard can help lift spirits and make the room feel more comfortable.

A comfortable living room is a space where people will want to spend their time. A few simple strategies can help create an inviting and comfortable

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# Easy Living

# What adults should know about alcohol consumption after 50

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**Patients** asked are several routine questions during annual wellness Among those exams. queries are a subsection of questions regarding alcohol consumption. Doctors ask these questions to identify how much alcohol their patients consume and how often they drink. It's important that patients of all ages answer such questions honestly, and that includes men and women over 50.

Binge drinking may not be a behavior people associate with individuals over 50, but this behavior is on the rise among aging men and women. The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) defines binge drinking as a pattern of alcohol consumption that elevates individual's blood alcohol concentration (BAC) to 0.08 percent or higher. The NIAAA notes that such levels correspond to consuming five or more drinks (male) or four or more drinks (female) in a roughly two-hour period. Data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health indicates that one in five adults between the ages of 60 and 64 and 12 percent of individuals age 65 and over report current binge drinking.

Binge drinking trends among individuals 60 and

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details. Still feeling unsure? Here are some of the most important

reasons why planning ahead may be the best option.

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over alarm public health officials. The NIAAA notes that older adults are vulnerable to various problems when drinking alcohol, which can lead to bad interactions among people taking medications and increase risk for various health ailments. Such a reality makes it worth aging adults' time to learn some of the basics of alcohol consumption after

· Alcohol can exacerbate problems.

disorders.

 Alcohol can interact with various medications. Prescription medications with come a lengthy rundown of warnings and instructions, which is enough to compel many people to avoid alcohol when taking such medicines. However, people may not be as careful with overthe-counter medications, even though the NIAAA warns that mixing alcohol with OTC medicines can be dangerous and even deadly. OTC medications such as aspirin. acetaminophen, allergy medicines, and sleeping pills can interact badly with alcohol.

· Alcohol consumption

should be limited to two drinks or less. As noted, a significant percentage of adults over 60 qualify as binge drinkers. That may alarm some older adults who do not feel as though they have a problem with alcohol but still meet the qualifications for binge drinking. Refraining from alcohol is arguably the safest option, but individuals over 50 who still like to enjoy a drink every now and then are urged to keep their consumption to two drinks or less in a day for men and one drink or less in a day for women. It's important that individuals recognize they cannot save up drinking for one night of the week. So those who abstain six days a week cannot then consume between seven and 14 drinks on the day they drink. Such an approach is unhealthy, unsafe and potentially deadly.

Adults over 50 are urged to learn about the wavs alcohol affects aging bodies. More information is available at niaga nib gov

various medical conditions. Age is a notable risk factor for various medical conditions. For example, the National Institute on Aging notes that changes in the heart and blood vessels that occur naturally with age may increase a person's risk of heart disease and related health NIAAA notes that adding alcohol to the mix as you age can worsen problems such as high blood pressure and congestive heart failure. Additional conditions that can be exacerbated by heavy drinking include diabetes, liver problems, osteoporosis, and mood

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# AHS Wrestling

### Antigo Quad (1/30/2025) Antigo Wrestling Dominates at Home Quad Meet

The Antigo wrestling team delivered a dominant performance at the Sheldon Field House on Thursday, January 30, securing three convincing dual meet victories against Florence (60-12), Oconto (48-28), and Elcho (66-12). The night also served as a celebration of youth wrestlers and the parents of Antigo's high school

### **Dual Meet 1: Antigo Overwhelms** Florence 60-12

Florence, with only four wrestlers available, was unable to contest many matches, resulting in several forfeits in Antigo's favor. The first competitive match saw Seth Medo take on Ely Marefke at 138 pounds. After a back-and-forth battle. Marefke secured the pinfall victory at 5:44.

At 150 pounds, Jayson Arrowood faced Cole Chitko, countering a shot attempt in the first period before executing a whipover in the second period to pin Chitko at 2:30.

Eli Cornelius met Mason Butterfield at 157 pounds, but Butterfield quickly countered a shot attempt and earned a pin at 1:28.

The final contested match saw Joseph Stimac at 165 pounds against Zeke Fritsch. Stimac wasted no time, securing a takedown with a sweep single before locking in an armbar for a pinfall win in just 34 seconds.

### **Dual Meet 2: Antigo Defeats** Oconto 48-28

The most competitive match of the night came against Oconto. Mason Walrath and Zander Zilles earned forfeits, starting Antigo with an early lead.

At 132 pounds, Jack Sundermeyer took on #14-ranked Tyler Beekman. Though Sundermeyer had some strong moments, Beekman controlled the match and secured a technical fall victory.

Seth Medo battled #6-ranked Ethan Wusterbarth at 144 pounds, holding off a pinfall but ultimately losing by technical fall in the second period.

Antigo then took control by winning the next five matches. Olivia Hofrichter (150 pounds) countered a shot attempt from Gavin Runnerstrom and used an armbar to earn a pinfall at 1:26.

Jayson Arrowood (157 pounds) followed up with a dominant performance over Kaleb Zahn, securing multiple nearfall points before sealing the match with a pin

Joseph Stimac (165 pounds) wasted no time against Miguel Vargas, securing a takedown and using a barbed wire for nearfall points before winning by pin at

At 175 pounds, #8-ranked Nolan Kielcheski faced Shelton Shultz. Kielcheski quickly used an armspin to transition to a cradle, securing a pin in just 39 seconds.

Caleb Vandenlangenberg (190 pounds) battled Braidon Roberts in a competitive match. After trading takedowns and escapes, Vandenlangenberg took control in the third period with an armbar, pinning Roberts at 5:08

Jordy Pregler (215 pounds) fought hard against Seth Miller but was ultimately pinned at 4:14.

Heavyweight Johanan Taylor closed out the dual by countering a headlock attempt from Logan Christensen and pinning him

### **Dual Meet 3: Antigo Cruises Past Elcho 66-12**

Elcho entered the dual meet with only three wrestlers, leading to a series of forfeits in Antigo's favor.

Seth Medo faced Russell Multhauf at 144 pounds. After falling behind early. Medo rallied with a single-leg takedown and muscled over a whipover for a pinfall victory at 3:44.

At heavyweight, Johanan Taylor took on Josh Eighmy. Eighmy secured the initial takedown before running a half nelson to pin Taylor at 1:02.

### Pulaski Invite (2-1-25) **Antigo Wrestlers Deliver Strong** Performances at Pulaski Invitational

The Antigo wrestling team faced elite competition at the Pulaski Invitational, a tournament featuring more than 60 stateranked wrestlers and six state-ranked teams across Wisconsin's three divisions. Despite the high level of competition, three Antigo wrestlers—Jayson Arrowood (150

pounds), Nolan Kielcheski (165 pounds), and Joseph Stimac (157 pounds)—secured top-five finishes, with Arrowood and Kielcheski both placing third.

### **Arrowood Battles to** Third Place at 150 Pounds

Jayson Arrowood put together a dominant performance at 150 pounds, securing multiple victories over stateranked opponents. He began the tournament with a first-period technical fall over Owen Taylor of Elkhart Lake. In the quarterfinals, Arrowood faced #14-ranked Mason Bunnell from Seymour. Despite surrendering an early takedown, Arrowood controlled the remainder of the match, winning 9-3.

His run to the finals was halted in the semifinals by #4-ranked Division 1 wrestler Peyton Lee of Kaukauna, who secured a pinfall victory. Arrowood rebounded quickly in the consolation bracket, pinning Mason Boulanger of Luxemburg-Casco in just 41 seconds.

The third-place match pitted Arrowood against #11-ranked Division 1 wrestler Cole Bartlein of Bay Port. Arrowood took control with a late first-period takedown, holding Bartlein on his back for a 7-0 lead. He maintained his advantage throughout the match, wrestling smart and securing a 7-1 decision to claim third place.

### **Kielcheski Secures Third with Wins Over Ranked Opponents**

Senior Nolan Kielcheski continued his impressive season with a third-place finish at 165 pounds, defeating three state-ranked wrestlers in the process. He opened with a quick pin against Aidan Garry of Elkhart Lake before facing #9-ranked Division 1 wrestler Tucker Athey of Bay Port in the quarterfinals. Athey defended well and won 9-0, sending Kielcheski to the consolation bracket.

Determined to battle back, Kielcheski faced #16-ranked Logan Ellwanger of Luxemburg-Casco. After giving up an early takedown, he responded with two fourpoint nearfall moves in the second period, building an 8-3 lead. The final period was a high-scoring affair, with both wrestlers exchanging reversals, but Kielcheski held on for a 17-10 victory.

In the consolation semifinals, Kielcheski avenged an earlier-season loss to #14-ranked Mason Taylor of Pulaski. This time, he dominated with a 15-0 technical fall, using a series of cradles and a threepoint throw to end the match in the second

The third-place match saw Kielcheski face #10-ranked Division 2 wrestler Isaiah Nowak of Coleman. After a scoreless first period, Kielcheski executed a cradle for four nearfall points in the second. Nowak fought back with a reversal, but Kielcheski maintained control, ultimately winning 4-3 to secure his third-place finish.

### **Stimac Impresses in 157-Pound Debut, Takes Fifth**

Freshman Joseph Stimac, competing at 157 pounds for the first time this season, proved he could hold his own against top competition. He received a first-round bye before facing Hortonville's Kyle Agnew in a high-scoring battle. The match went into overtime tied 9-9, but Agnew secured a takedown to win 12-9, sending Stimac into the consolation bracket.

Determined to fight back, Stimac dominated Dominic Swetlik of Denmark, winning 17-6 with multiple takedowns and nearfall points. However, he fell in the consolation semifinals to #3-ranked Division 2 wrestler Murphy Beyer of Freedom, who secured a second-period pinfall.

The fifth-place match was a rematch against Agnew. This time, Stimac controlled the match, building a 9-1 lead after two periods with takedowns and a four-point nearfall using the "big jerk." Agnew attempted a late rally, but Stimac held firm, winning 14-8 to take fifth place.

### **Other Notable Performances**

- Levi Binversie (175 pounds)\*\* earned an 8-3 victory over Charlie Gilbertson of Seymour but was eliminated in the next round by Brock Schmidt of Hortonville.

- Jack Sundermeyer (132 pounds), Seth Medo (144 pounds), Caleb Vandenlangenberg (190 pounds), and Johanan Taylor (285 pounds)\*\* competed but were unable to advance past the consolation rounds.



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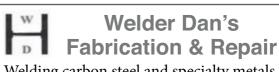
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