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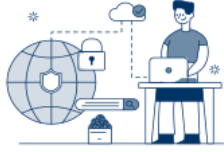
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## Unique history display recognizes RF adventurers

By Sarah Nigbor

RIVER FALLS – A new display in the lower level of the River Falls Public Library pays homage to “amazing individuals from River Falls who have embarked on remarkable adventures. These people dared to dream big, explore beyond our community borders, and overcome challenges.”

The exhibit, titled “Spirit of Adventure: Tales from River Falls,” is the brainchild of Historic Preservation Commission members Jayne Hoffman and Julie Huebel. They spent hundreds of hours researching and putting the display together on River Falls individuals who lived fascinating lives.

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River Falls native Terry Linehan is one of the adventurers featured in the River Falls Historic Preservation Commission’s “Spirit of Adventure: Tales from River Falls” display in the lower level of the River Falls Public Library. Photo courtesy of Julie Huebel

## St. Paul’s in Prescott celebrates 150 years

By Sarah Nigbor

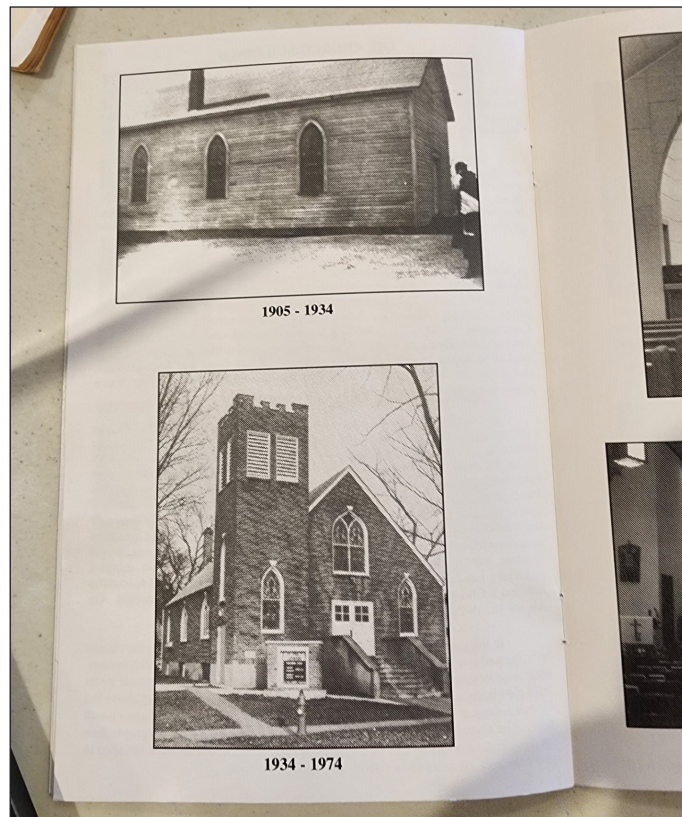
PRESCOTT – St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church in Prescott has a special celebration planned Sunday, Oct. 20 for its 150th anniversary.

Members past and present are invited to a meet and greet coffee hour at 9 a.m., music by the Branches Band at 10:15 a.m., a celebration service at 10:30 a.m., and a reservation only anniversary dinner at the Old Ptacek’s Event Center. Past pastor and circuit pastors will be in attendance.

Anniversary Committee members Debbie Chernohorsky, Kathy Spence, Morgan Schlossin and Carla Travis have been hard at work gathering church history and artifacts for a display and planning a special day to commemorate the church’s anniversary, which actually falls in December.

“I love history, so it’s been interesting to me to learn all this stuff that I didn’t know,” Chernohorsky said. “Kathy and Carla have been here since they were kids. Morgan and I are the newer of the group, so it’s been fun learning what they know from them.”

According to church records, Rev. Jacob Schadegg, who served the congregation from 1868-1915 and founded the St. Paul’s in 1874, was born at Annaisval, Canton Thurgau, Switzerland. The



St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church in Prescott will celebrate its 150th anniversary Sunday, Oct. 20. Pictured are the church’s second building and third building, which still stands today as a private home. Contributed photo

Pilzer-Mission Institute Saint Chrischonia at Basel sent him to North American in 1865 to serve as an assistant pastor in Chicago. In 1868, he and his new wife traveled to Oak Grove township in Pierce County to serve at Trinity Lutheran Church. He served at Trinity and also organized churches in Prescott (St. Paul’s) and Hastings (St. John’s), part of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran

Synod. When Pastor Schdagg moved to Prescott in 1874, he first held services in the Congregational Church. That fall, the congregation bought the old Methodist Church (near the present Malone Intermediate School) for \$400. This building was used until 1905, when members built a new church on the site. The

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Ryan Beierman and his son Owen Beierman. Courtesy of Ryan Beierman

## RF man saved by son in gruesome bear attack

By Andrew Harrington

Ryan Beierman and his 12-year-old son Owen of River Falls thought they would be embarking on a normal hunting and fishing trip to their cabin near Siren, but everything changed in a hurry when Ryan was pinned down by a black bear Sept. 7.

The two left for the hunt for a bear in the afternoon, and at approximately 6 p.m., Ryan briefly spotted a bear. After quickly escaping their vision, Owen eventually found the bear again. Ryan gave him the go ahead to take a shot at it.

“The bear started spinning in circles like every bear that I’ve seen shot does,” Ryan said. “He was biting [the wound], and where he was biting looked like a good shot.”

Ryan and Owen eventually began to track it, not finding much blood early on. Ryan said that is a fairly normal occurrence when bear hunting because the fur soaks up the blood well. The two followed their neighbor’s tracking dog for a long time through some thick brush and darkness. They arrived at a small opening and the dog became startled.

“I looked up and right at this oak tree was the bear,” Ryan said. “The bear was in like a cat ready to pounce type of position. I started

drawing my sidearm and I never got to pull the gun up and actually look down the sites. I was shooting from my hip with the 10mm pistol.”

The bear knocked Ryan to the ground and his pistol was empty. He hit the bear with the weapon as hard as he could a few times, but it felt like he was “punching a brick wall.” Switching his grip to hit the bear with the magazine well of the pistol in the bear’s ear was also unsuccessful. Nothing was working and the bear took its turn on the offensive.

“The bear was coming with claws and teeth, coming toward my face,” Ryan said. “Instinctively, I put my right arm up in front of my face to block my face, and I remember the first bite I heard a crunch.”

Ryan assumed he broke his arm at the time, which wound up not being the case, causing him to think of ways to fend off a bear without the use of an arm. Ryan had his cheek sliced open from what he believes was a bite. The world of pressure all fell into the hands of Owen to help his dad. Owen fired at the bear, ultimately allowing Ryan to break free.

“Everything seemed like it was super slow motion,” Ryan said. “I remember

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## Kennett brings home new perspective from FBI Academy program

By Andrew Harrington

RIVER FALLS — River Falls Police Department’s Deputy Chief Matt Kennett had the opportunity to learn from some of the best and most experienced, taking on a 10-week course at the FBI National Academy facility in Virginia, which only a small number of law enforcement

members have the opportunity to be a part of.

The FBI National Academy Associates put on the session and there has been 55,440 graduates since 1935. Kennett was one of four Wisconsin law enforcement members to graduate during this session.

Kennett took part in five academic courses and a

physical training course and is bringing back both knowledge and connections.

“It’s the pinnacle of a law enforcement career to be quite honest,” Kennett said. “Only about the top 1% of law enforcement actually gets to go.”

One of the most intriguing parts to Kennett was getting to talk law enforcement

with people from all over the world. Kennett emphasized the value of learning what other departments do differently and thinking about how it would impact River Falls.

“You kind of live in your own world within your own city or state or country, and you realize that there may be

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Matt Kennett

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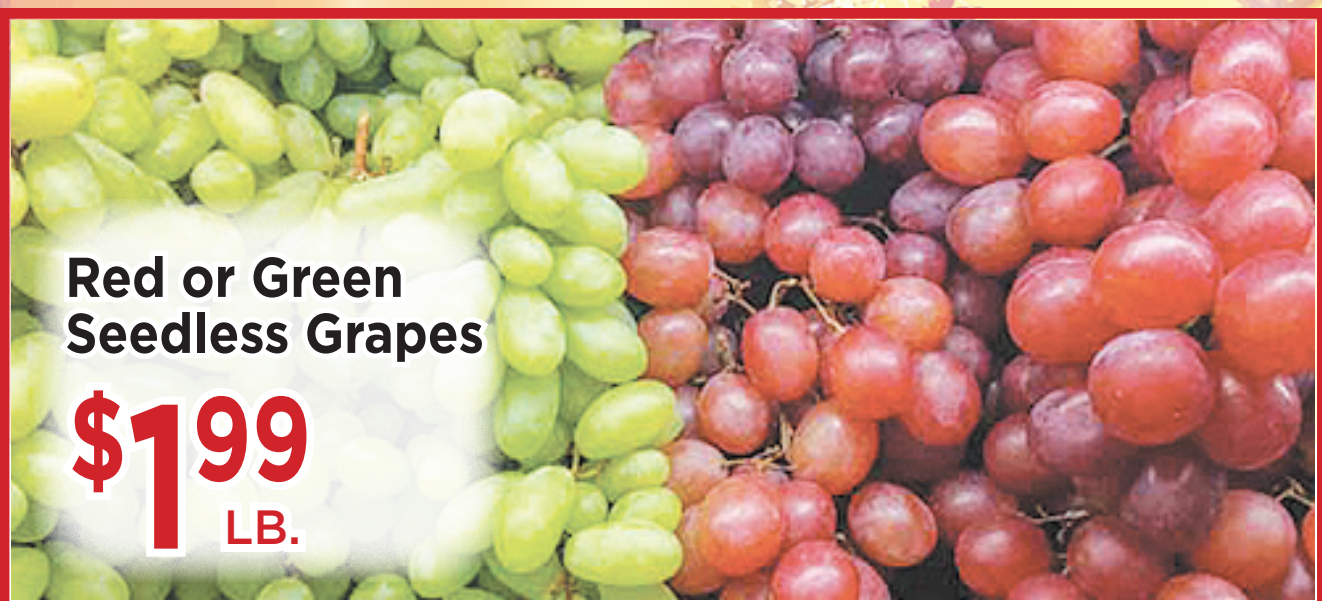
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AROUND *the county*

# County Panel approves 2025 levy, budget

By Jim DiPeso

The Pierce County Finance and Personnel Committee on Oct. 7 approved a property tax levy of \$21,366,313 for the 2025 county budget after agreeing to \$753,933 in cost reductions and revenue increases to comply with the state levy limit.

The committee's action advanced the levy and budget to the Board of Supervisors for final action at its Oct. 22 meeting. The proposed levy includes four components: \$17,256,364 for operations, \$3,215,188 for debt service, \$694,761 for county library and \$200,000 for county aid bridges. The proposed levy is 1.1 percent above the 2024

levy of \$21,117,419. For individual property owners, County Administrative Coordinator Jason Matthys said the proposed 2025 levy amounts to an estimated \$14 reduction per \$100,000 assessed valuation in the county's portion of property taxes.

In a memo to the committee, Matthys said proposed 2025 department budgets approved by standing committees exceeded the state operating levy limit of \$17,256,364 by \$753,933. Reasons he cited for the gap include a fall in new levy construction, increasing health insurance costs, addition of two new 911 dispatcher positions and closing of Health Sisters Health Sys-

tems hospitals in Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire earlier this year.

The hospital closures "did no favors" for the region because the county must now transport individuals needing emergency mental health services to Wisconsin facilities that are farther away, increasing costs, Matthys said.

"Additional costs to Human Services continue to increase with out-of-home placements also contributing toward the \$497,166 in additional tax levy needed," the memo said.

To bring the levy in line with the state limit, he proposed \$668,586 in cost cuts and \$85,347 in revenue increases. The committee approved his proposed changes,

with an amendment to substitute \$8,025 in savings from reducing the leave liability appropriation for a salary freeze Matthys proposed for county administration.

"Jason, you should not be taking this hit," Supervisor Michael Kahlow said in proposing the amendment.

Among Matthys' proposed cost reductions were reducing new positions from five to three, by eliminating openings for an assistant corporation counsel and maintenance technician for total savings of \$204,339.

Other cuts he proposed include a \$65,377 reduction in the county's contract with Securitas. Matthys said four companies have responded to the county's request for

proposals to replace and expand, under a 10-year maintenance contract, an integrated security system for county buildings, including replacement of surveillance cameras, door access controls and alarms with an integrated desktop alert system.

According to Matthys' Aug. 5 memo to the committee, the county's current security systems are "outdated and increasingly prone to malfunctions and vulnerabilities."

Revenue increases include \$32,347 in additional funds the state has distributed to local governments from the shared revenue program update that the Wisconsin Legislature approved in 2023.

In other action, the com-

mittee approved:

Establishing a separate capital project fund for equipment and improvements. Currently, capital projects are folded into department budgets. Matthys said establishing the fund would allow for improved forecasting and planning of capital needs.

Ending the emergency declaration for torrential rain and flooding. Emergency Management Director Christine McPherson said the onset of drier weather has made the declaration unnecessary. "We are quickly approaching a drought situation," she said.



## BACK Home

BY CHRIS HARDIE

### Last-minute summer projects

There's always a sense of urgency to get outdoor chores completed when the calendar turns to fall.

These are tasks that could have been done anytime earlier in the summer but since I am a natural procrastinator they get delayed. But when October stares you in the face and some of the chores are weather dependent, I go from loosening in the bullpen to trying to save the season.

The first task of sealing cracks and sealcoating a driveway was certainly weather dependent as warm and dry weather is necessary to finish the job. The driveway had not been done for years and part of it looked like the baked-out bottom of a dried up muddy lake. It was a case of now or never, because it could easily turn into chunks after another winter.

I purchased two gallons of crack sealing compound, which were gone in minutes. I realized that I would need to either invest in a pallet of the stuff or focus on the larger cracks. I ended up buying four more gallons and did the best with the crevices and not the cracks.

After letting that cure for a day, I checked the weather forecast to see if it would allow me enough drying time to apply the sealcoating. The forecast said it would be 80 degrees, with a chance of rain overnight.

That was enough of a win-

dow to take the chance, so I went to the store and bought six 4.5 gallon pails. It should be noted that even though I am a cheapskate, I opted for the best product instead of the mix that isn't as thick as my late grandma's percolator coffee.

The application went smoothly, but I underestimated how much the old asphalt would soak up and had to drive back to the store to buy another four pails, of which only two were required. But I was able to finish up by late morning and counted on the heat of the day to cure the coating.

As I was cleaning up, I thought of a story told by one of our bed and breakfast guests years ago. She said there was a bit of a kerfuffle at her church when one of the parishioners who pored over the annual report questioned why the church had to buy such an expensive seal coat for the pastor's wife. Turns out that expensive sealcoat was for the parking lot.

As predicted, my reliance on the forecast was about as effective as when I used it to determine when I could cut and dry hay. Two hours after I had finished, the heavens opened up and it poured. A few hours later, it rained just as much.

I waited until daylight to check the damage and was surprised to see that most of the coating held up, aside from a few places where it had

washed away. I waited a few days for some additional sunshine and warmth and applied the remaining two pails to the thin areas.

My other fall project was doing some erosion control. During heavy rains the water overflows the gutter on one of our buildings and sends it over and under the sidewalk. There was a cavern forming under the sidewalk and I was worried about it collapsing.

I've "fixed" this before with some rocks and sand, but the sand keeps washing away. I even put in a drainage container and hose and concreted that in, but the water just flowed around it.

I broke up the concrete around the drainage container. I discovered that the back lid of the container had blown out, sending the water flowing under the sidewalk.

Instead of the endless cycle of replacing sand with more sand, I ordered some gravel. It took about 25 trips with my wheelbarrow from the gravel pile to the sidewalk before I had the hole filled and packed. I replaced the drainage container and mixed up four bags of cement to hold it in.

I should mention that I did all of this after I tweaked my back. But a few more trips to the chiropractor, and I should be fixed up.

It remains to be seen if the projects or my back hold up.

So far it's 50/50 either way.

## CVTC hosts free care for veterans event

Services include dental care, haircuts, wellness screenings

EAU CLAIRE – Each year, Chippewa Valley Technical College offers free services to veterans during the Give Vets a Smile one-day event. This year, the College welcomes veterans to campus from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9, to receive these free services.

"This is our way of saying 'Thank you for serving our country,'" said Don Raymond, Respiratory Therapy instructor. "We have so many programs at CVTC that offer services, like respiratory therapy students and lung tests or dental hygiene students and dental exams. Offering these services free of charge to people who are or have given service to our country seems pretty small in comparison. We're happy to do it."

**WHAT:** Give Vets a Smile event

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**COST:** FREE

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Reserve a spot at this event by completing the short form at the link above or by calling the dental clinic at 715-833-6271. You must make an appointment to receive dental services for the event.

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Submitted by CVTC



Branson Country Christmas features the Ozark Jubilee. A special lunch show will be held Thursday, Nov. 7 at noon. Photo submitted

## Branson Country Christmas special show set for Nov. 7 at Treasure Island

Christmas is coming early to Treasure Island Resort & Casino.

The Branson Country Christmas show, with a special tribute to veterans, will have a special performance Thursday, November 7 at noon at Treasure Island. The price for show tickets is \$59. Call 877-461-4441 to purchase tickets.

Direct from Branson, the Ozark Jubilee features an all-star cast of top performers.

"This is an all new Christmas show with new music, new jokes, but the same world class talent you have come to expect," said Randy Newman of the Ozark Jubilee. "The entire second half of our show is a total variety of Christmas music, from traditional standards you'll remember and man more. We will share with you the true meaning of Christmas with music, comedy and message to provide entertainment that

will touch your heart."

The Jubilee features Branson's funniest comedian and world class fiddler Doofus Doolittle -portrayed by Newman - who will have spectators rolling in the aisles with his unique brand of humor combined with some of the best fiddle and world class violin music.

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# VIEWPOINTS



## MY View

BY JOHN MCLOONE

### A deadly blow

It's already winter, at least in my mind. It's cold, and I awoke to ice on my windshield. Not only that, but there was significant damage from this first frigid attack.

I strolled out of my home, eager to take on the day. Old Man Winter had other plans for me.

I should have known and taken better precautions. I was careless, but the season is to blame. This tragedy would not have happened in June or one of the other two months when our part of the world has a suitable climate to support life. My wife and I had our daily discussion about the weather. She asks me what the temperature is, and I offer her a full report on the present temperature and the outlook for the rest of the day. When I alerted her to the fact it was 33 degrees at 6:30 a.m., she commented about some of the plant life she tends to probably being victim of frost, perhaps the

worst of the "F words."

I don't get going as quickly in the morning as I once did. I need that extra dose of caffeine to give me the momentum to get out the door. So, I made another pot of coffee, filled up both my cup and a "to go" paper cup, grabbed my iPad and phone and headed to the door. At the door, I realized that my hands were too full to turn the knob, so I put everything down, turned the handle and exited. I repeated the process on the outside to close the door.

I headed to my car and realized the key was in my pocket. I'm not fancy enough to drive one of these modern vehicles where you just touch the door handle and everything unlocks. And even if I did, I still would have had my hands too full to open the door. Obviously, there's no handy table in the middle of the driveway for me to set my things down,



so I put my coffee cup on top of the car. Now, this isn't just any coffee cup. Yes, it's my favorite mug. It was returned to me just recently from a period of exile underneath the seat of the car. After a run through the dishwasher, we

were reunited this morning. I should have treated it with more respect than to put it on the top of a 33-degree car. What I didn't realize was that there was a layer of ice on the vehicle as well. I could only watch in

horror as my faithful friend slid toward me, dumping its contents along the way and crashing into pieces at my feet. I couldn't even attempt to save it, what with the other cup of coffee, the iPad, my phone and my keys occupy-

ing my hands. This to me is a harbinger of dark days and months ahead. Only halfway through October, and winter has already dealt a deadly blow.

## LETTERS to the Editor

### US debt: A strong reason to vote

To the editor,  
The U.S. national debt has surged past \$35 trillion and is pacing upward faster than ever before, and

yet, few seem willing to confront this existential threat. The rapid accumulation of debt is not just an abstract economic figure—it is a crisis of epic proportions that has the potential to erode our country from within.

Setting aside the political rhetoric from both sides, this single issue may have the greatest negative impact on our nation. It can be addressed at both the federal and state level and it really should be. We do not need more government spending. We are now borrowing generations ahead of ourselves. History teaches us that excessive debt weakens nations. We have seen it cripple economies like Greece and Spain, leading to austerity measures that deeply harmed their people. The U.S., once the world's largest creditor, is now the largest debtor. This compromises our ability to respond to economic downturns, fund future investments, and even maintain our global defense posture. Our debt becomes a weapon used against us by foreign adversaries who hold significant portions of it, like China. Being fiscally conservative is no longer a political ideology, it is a necessity. Without addressing this looming financial disaster, the other policy debates we engage in won't matter. Our global financial position is the foundation of our economic security, military strength, and the American dream for future generations. Our financial position is not just economic—it is the cornerstone of everything we hold dear. This is the biggest reason I will vote for conser-

vative Republican candidates this November.

Carrie Falkofski  
Prescott

### Pay it forward for Plum City

To the editor,  
Hello fellow citizens. I hope all of you have had an opportunity to attend or are planning to attend an informational meeting concerning the referendum for the Plum City school district. It appears that MANY school districts in Wisconsin are going to referendum to maintain their schools. Getting factual information from these meetings is critical in making an informed decision.

The American way has been one of paying it forward. I didn't pay for the church I attend, the schools, parks, roads, libraries, or other amenities that contribute to the public good. Someone before me thought that providing these things would benefit future generations. Many of these people were recent immigrants to this country from all over the globe. Their culture and languages were different, but most of them sensed they were being part of something that was bigger than any individual. They were willing to build and maintain public schools that brought everyone together and formed the cornerstone of every community.

Now we are being asked to pay it forward again. No one likes to pay taxes or hear that taxes are going to increase, but as one English philosopher once said, "Taxes are the price you pay for a civilized society."

Several years ago, when the Plum City Elementary was being rebuilt, I asked my mother, who was in her seventies, widowed, and living alone in a three-bedroom home on a fixed income in Plum City, how she was go-

ing to vote on the referendum. Her reply was, "Someone else paid to educate me." I pondered that statement for a long time. Mom was in a situation like many voters today, but she was willing to pay it forward for the next generations.

Kevin Coulson  
Plum City

### What Prescott School District is about

To the editor,  
I graduated with the class of 2024. I feel that high school was a very big step in my life that helped

to set me up for the rest. Every kid is going to hate homework and being at school just like I did... but now that I look back on it, I learned a lot. With the math classes teaching everything I know now that I use on the job sites, English so I can actually read, and business to help me with my finances.

The classes that I looked forward to going to every day were the Tech Ed classes. Every day was a new day and always a new thing learned. Some of the big things I learned were how to weld, how to work on small engines, and about how to run the different woodworking tools. The Tech Ed department taught me a lot of other good things like safety, how to work well with others to get problems and tasks solved while being productive, and that there is some fun to school. One of the best things that the Tech Ed department did that will help any kid from the time they step into the class till they move into their first home is that they know how to do things on their own and don't have to rely on a contractor that will over charge them for their work.

The PHS Tech Ed department helped teach me what

I know now and has helped me to start my own business doing woodworking that has grown tremendously over the past three years. I can't thank the Tech Ed teachers that I had for the four years I went to the school enough for everything I know.

Grahm Linderholm  
Prescott

### My vote is for Hovde

To the editor,  
Election coming up soon and these unwanted e-mails from a desperate woman named Baldwin unnerve me. Especially her harping on Eric Hovde's riches. Seems he earned those monies and is a proper steward of them too.

I mean look at those in politics that go in with seemingly good intentions and then with plenty of money push their ideology. Obama has four houses? Gov. Newsom of California a \$3 million mansion bought by the Chinese? Biden whose sarcasm and denial of wrongdoing of his son's bribetaking is unreal.

Well this brings us to can you vote in good people or will these same people turn bad or eventually compromise? Obvious no guarantee here but seems those that come into office with their own hard-earned money do not need government money and are trying to protect what rights we have left.

My vote is for Eric Hovde. Hope all votes are counted and not fabricated like last election.

I'm living in Costa Rica now where everything is taxed 13% and vehicles are taxed double the real price and wages are low.

Steve Gullixson  
Formerly of Baldwin

### Rid schools of lead pipes

To the editor,  
The EPA's new deadline for replacing lead pipes is

a significant step for public health. Lead service lines are the single largest source of lead in water in the homes that have them. However, there is one glaring omission in the new Lead and Copper Rule: it does little to ensure safe drinking water for our kids at school.

Lead is highly toxic to children even at low levels, with links to IQ point losses, learning disabilities such as ADHD, antisocial behaviors, and depression. Yet lead contaminated drinking water is widespread in Wisconsin schools. In Wisconsin, where children's blood lead levels are already more than double the national average, further lead exposure from school drinking water can be especially harmful.

We know how to solve this problem. We need to replace lead-bearing fountains with lead-filtering water stations, and put filters on all other taps used for cooking and drinking at school. Milwaukee schools have already taken this step, but water at most other Wisconsin schools is still at risk. Yet neither EPA nor current state law requires anything like that. That's why we gave Wisconsin an F in our national assessment of school water policies.

So kudos to EPA on heeding our call to replace lead pipes. Now we need Madison to get the lead out of water at school.

Nicholas Barber  
Clean Water Associate, Wisconsin Environment  
Milwaukee

### Grants for energy efficiency

To the editor,  
There is fantastic news to lower energy costs and increase comfort in our homes. Wisconsin's portion, \$150 million, of the HOMES for Home Efficiency Federal Program was announced by the US Secretary of Energy and Gov. Evers in August at Milwaukee Area Technical College. It is available to single and multi-family homes of all income levels.

Rebates for home upgrades include efficient heating, cooling, insulation and water heating as well as air sealing and upgrades to windows and doors and solar panels. Connected with this is the HEARS Program that gives rebates for Energy certified efficient appliances.

The HOMES Program is being run by Focus on Energy, Wisconsin's energy efficiency program which is a protection for applicants. In addition, protections pay for the energy audits and that work must be done by certified groups/persons.

To get started go to: focusonenergy.com/ira.homes  
It is predicted by the DOE/Inflation Reduction

Act will save US households \$1 billion/year and create 50,000 jobs nationwide. Think of it, jobs in our local communities.

Don't hold back, many of us have already done this when it was only a federal program and are already enjoying more comfort, energy and money savings.

In addition, the administration is supporting initiatives in rural communities such as Dairyland Cooperative's solar array in La Crosse County to lower costs and increase sustainability.

There is REAP providing \$1.3 million in USDA grants, powering affordable Clean Energy or PACE Program. Good to read about here in rural Wisconsin.

Don't forget the significant rebates for buying EV automobiles. They might be more expensive to buy but are significantly cheaper to run and care for.

The Stone Age Didn't cease for the lack of stones.

Wendy Dart  
Maiden Rock

### Zimmerman's results are clear, so is the vote

To the editor,  
As election season approaches, it's disheartening to see how campaigns have become riddled with misinformation. Fortunately, for those of us in the St. Croix Valley, we know better. Shannon Zimmerman is a name synonymous with results and dedication. We've seen firsthand how he has worked tirelessly with area businesses, hired locally, and supported our educational institutions with both his time and personal financial contributions. Shannon brings a sensible, results-oriented voice to Madison. Since his election, western Wisconsin has seen a notable increase in attention and support, particularly through his leadership on the Joint Committee on Finance, where he helps shape the state's budget. One need only look at the funding secured for the new Science and Technology building at UW-River Falls to see his impact. It's not a coincidence; it's proof of his commitment. While his opponent runs on misleading claims and lacks a clear platform, Shannon's record is undeniable. He's reduced taxes, eliminated the personal property tax, and consistently supported local businesses. He's also tackled critical issues like substance abuse, successfully pushing through multiple bills to improve our community. On Nov. 5, the choice is clear. We don't need another out-of-touch bureaucrat; we need someone who has consistently delivered for us. That person is Shannon Zimmerman.

Ray Lenzen  
River Falls

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# FROM THE Editor's Desk

BY SARAH NIGBOR

## A confession to make

As the saying goes, according to Sandy Ellis' letter to the editor this week, "inquiring minds want to know." She is speaking about the Journal being behind in publishing River Falls police reports.

I am all for transparency. It's a cornerstone of journalism: to shine a light on issues important to a community. So I need to be transparent with all of you, dear readers. Even though Sandy kindly says I am surely not to blame for the police reports being behind, that is not true. I am.

Why am I writing about this? Some may say who cares. Well, I care and others do too. I have fielded questions, so I felt it was worth explaining.

First off, River Falls Police Chief Gordon Young and his staff are amazing at getting me the incident report each week. Faithfully, without fail, it usually comes on Tuesday mornings, unless the chief is out of town. Then, it's my job to go through the list, determine which reports to request, send the list off to the capable and friendly Kim, Tricia or Ailene, who then send me a report for each incident requested. They too are excellent at their jobs and provide the information in a timely, organized manner.

This is different than how we receive reports from Prescott, Ellsworth and Pierce County Sheriff's Office. That is not saying it's bad, it's just a different system. Those reports come to me (or I go to PCSO to get them) in the form of a blotter, which lists more details about incidents

than just listing when and where they occurred. If an incident needs expanding upon, then I write a full story. For example, the high speed traffic stops in Ellsworth in last week's edition.

When I receive the reports from RFPD, they are anywhere from three to 20 pages long per incident, depending on how complicated it was. It's my job to muddle through the pages and condense it down to about a paragraph for the police reports in the paper. It takes some time to do, though I've gotten faster at it over the years. We receive more reports from River Falls than Prescott or Ellsworth, because the city is about four times the size of those municipalities.

Why did I fall behind? This is not a pity party, but an explanation.

I was diagnosed with acute iritis in August. This is the inflammation of the iris, or the colored part of your eye. It causes severe irritation, watering and decreased vision. I felt like someone was grinding sandpaper in my eye continuously. I could barely keep the lid open and when I could, it was a blur. I could hardly see. This was accompanied by fevers and the worst headaches I've ever experienced. I wanted to cry, but didn't dare because that irritated my eye more. Somehow I made it through getting the paper out that week after a trip to the ER. I've been on steroid drops for weeks (it started out at one per hour, all day long) and my vision is almost back to normal, two months later.

I was referred to an oph-

thalmologist, who was determined to get to the root cause of the iritis. After going through my medical history, she felt blood tests were in order. Inflammation markers came back high, along with some other results that indicate either severe infection, inflammation or a possible autoimmune disease. This could be the reason why I have had shingles multiple times (which is rare), why I've had inflammation in my knee, ankle and eye and often have swollen lymph nodes. I will be seeing a rheumatologist at Mayo in Rochester soon. I had to stop Googling what my test results could mean because I was not liking what I saw.

I feel like I sound like someone's great aunt Myrtle reciting my medical woes, but that's not my intent. I fell behind in police reports because there were some days I was so sick, I could barely get out of bed. Some days are good, others not so good. They've been better lately, but it depends on the day. At any moment pain and inflammation can flare up somewhere in my body and I feel like I've been hit by a truck. One day I slept for almost 21 hours, which is astounding to me.

I am getting caught up on the police reports and annoyed that I fell behind. I believe they should be published in a more timely manner and am working toward that again. As my grandpa told me when I fretted about things, "You can only do your best, and that's all anyone can ask for."

The Biden administration pursued economic stimulus programs including the child tax credit, bi-partisan infrastructure spending, the inflation reduction act and an aggressive CDC-led approach to anti-Covid policy and an expedited covid testing and vaccination policy. These policies impacted both national debt and inflation rates.

National Debt growth comparisons by administration; Sources Investopedia and the US Treasury:

There have been 21 presidential administrations in the past 100 years. National debt decreased twice as presented in raw numbers and percent of increase. Based on that, administrations are ranked from most to least in regard to created debt. Government spending programs do not always signal greater debt because some stimulus spending decreases unemployment. More workers means more tax revenue and less program use. Debt can also accrue from tax cuts that do not include reduced program spending. The most significant producer of debt, however, is war time spending.

President Trump presided over \$7.8 trillion of increased debt, a 33.1% increase over prior debt. This ranks his administration sixth highest among non-war-time presidents. It was driven largely by an "unfunded" tax cut and the emergency bi-partisan PPP due to the pandemic.

President Biden presently ranks 13th with an 8.8% increase and \$5.56 trillion increase driven by three large stimulus programs and emergency foreign aid to Ukraine. It is reduced somewhat by lower unemployment which increases tax revenue and is projected to decrease nearly \$200 billion by enhanced delinquent tax collection.

Hopefully, this data helps provide factual clarity to the campaign claims and counterclaims we are currently being exposed to.

John Welter  
Viroqua

## PAHS thanks event attendees

To the editor,  
Thanks to the nearly 100

people who came to the Prescott Area Historical Society's Celebrate Prescott Event, featuring the amazing Chris Faltiesek. A walk-through Prescott history was enjoyed by all. The Prescott Area Historical Society and our big brother, the Pierce County Historical Association, have worked diligently to research, preserve, and present our local history and we hope to continue to get better. A special thanks to Dr. Donald Schueller for his bagpipe performance. Our hosts were Joy Lutheran and their tech Lee Northouse who allowed us to use their beautiful facility. We hope to be able to give more of these presentations in the future. Our Schools of Prescott exhibits will be running until the end of November, so stop in for a tour. Be well and do good things.

Dallas Eggers  
President of PAHS

## A better world ahead?

To the editor,

For readers who point to Republican exaggerations and lies, here is the truth about Kamala Harris' and Tim Walz' records on abortion rights, or as they call it, women's reproductive health care.

According to Carol Tobias of the National Right to Life Committee, while serving as U.S. Senator from 2017-2021, Harris "had a zero percent pro-life voting record." She consistently "voted for abortion without limits, taxpayer funding of abortions, late-term abortions, and abortions in our military." These, of course, with government subsidies.

Tobias writes in *LifeNews.com* that on Feb. 25, 2020, Harris was asked to vote in favor of a provision that ensured infants born alive during attempted abortions be given medical care as other newborns are. She refused.

Tobias states that while Minnesota's Walz served in Congress, he "always cast pro-abortion votes. As Governor, he signed an abortion-untill-birth bill that strips all protections from the unborn and their mothers. He even killed the Positive Al-



# WOODWORKING Again

BY DAVE WOOD

## Legal eagles

Of all the fictional lawyers I've run across as a reader and movie goer, including Perry Mason, and interesting one-shot performances by actors like E.G. Marshall, Andy Griffith and fat lady Kathy Bates, my favorite turns out to be the drunken lawyer in Dickens' novel "A Tale of Two Cities," the drunken and totally dissolute Sidney Carton, who goes to the guillotine in place of his goody-goody pal Charles Darnay and says these immortal words just before laying his head on the chopping block: "It is a far, far better thing that I do than I have ever done; it is a far, far better rest that I go to than I have ever known."

Real life lawyer tales also abound in the folklore of our region. Attorney James Gaveny leads the pack of my hometown. The son of an Irish immigrant, he served as legal counsel to the railroad that ran through my hometown. According to Wisconsin law the railroad was responsible for any injuries that passersby suffered from a passing locomotive.

What resulted, Gaveny wryly told an historian, is that "Whenever a farmer's scrawny Guernsey heifer collided with Locomotive #1, the result usually turned out to be the farmer's claim that the heifer was really a purebred Hereford bull, unregistered, of course."

When Gaveny was a young lawyer, he was called to represent a scullery maid who claimed she was impregnated by her employer, a leader in the little Iowa community. His counsel sneered at the allegation pointing out that his client was a man of "good conscience," and wouldn't lower himself to impregnate a scullery maid, at which point Gaveny interrupted the pompous local lawyer with this highfalutin Latin phrase, *PENIS ERECTUS NON DIFFERANDUM*

alternatives programs that provided parenting classes for new moms and diapers and cribs for their babies."

Are these lies? Exaggerations? Hardly. Does pregnancy actually threaten the lives of a reported 1,000 plus women at Minnesota clinics monthly seeking termination? Check out these facts with Tobias, the NRLC Committee president who has served on its board of directors since 1987.

Harris and Walz would like nothing better than to leave constitutional states' rights in the dust of a federal abortion-on-demand law for all stages of gestation. Based on what? Women's emotional health? That subjective assessment means that: removing a *wanted* late-term baby from a womb by Caesarian section is "birthing"; removing an *unwanted* late-term baby from a womb and allowing it to die is a mental health procedure. Fewer than one third of Americans support this.

Finally, marketing abortion pills as ethical healthcare when they can put lives and reproductive futures at risk is the latest tragic lie that preys upon desperate and innocent adolescents and young women unprepared to deal with disastrous side effects alone.

The American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists has fought for two years to eliminate misinformation of the kind used by pro-abortion politicians to describe what killed Amber Thurman and Candi Miller in Georgia after taking abortion drugs. Self-management for them was deadly. Those drugs are not safer than Tylenol.

Every voter needs to ask if the Harris/Walz marvelous promised future of abortion-on-demand under their governance is the product of ignorance or deliberate deceit.

[delicate translation: male lust knows no conscience]. And the Iowa jury found Squire Hankypank guilty as charged.

Lots of lawyers in our neighborhood weren't as elegant or eloquent. I met attorney Willis Donnelly, a criminal attorney from Menomonie, on my first day as barboy in the Town Room of The Hotel Eau Claire. I served him a double scotch and he threw a dollar bill on the floor, saying "that's for you, kid." I bent over to pick it up and Donnelly Esq. kicked me in the butt and sent me sprawling. I picked myself up, readjusted my cummerbund and asked Jerry the head bartender what the hell was going on. "Ah," he replied. "That's just Willis. He's probably celebrating. Must've just won a case!"

That's not the last I heard of Donnelly Esq. Seems that one of his cases wasn't proceeding well before long-time D.A. Victor Tronsdal, so right in the trial Donnelly collapsed in front of the bench, whispering "Heart attack!" Sirens howled, the ambulance arrived with stretcher. A prone mouthpiece was slid into the ambulance and off it headed for Luther Hospital close by, at which Donnelly stuck a fresh cigar in his maw, tapped the driver on the back and asked "Gotta match?" Looks like he met his in that courtroom and knew when to take a powder.

Speaking of Menomonie, it's the town well-known for Bundy Hall, once the residence of a family of lawyers named Bundy, who made a fortune defending lumberjacks who suffered serious injuries laboring in the Stout pineries. One of their heirs was Mike Bundy who had a law office across from the aforementioned Town Room in Eau Claire. Mike was semi-retired and would leave his office for a few well-

timed libations served by Yours Truly. Mike was a raconteur of the highest water, especially on the subject of his mother-in-law who lived with the Bundy's in a fine manse in the third Ward.

Seems Mother-in-Law was a devout teetotaler, so Mike found solace in the Town Room, but Sundays were another matter when his office was closed. "Gotta go home," he'd say, "and make my special Jell-O for Sunday dinner. First, bananas from Kroger's. Then a bottle of Vodka from Tesanmeier's Liquors...."

"Vodka, Mike?"

"Yes, my friend, Mrs. Bundy's mom seems to like my version, she's been asking for second and third helpings since I started serving it!"

When Mike was still in his heyday he hired my cousin Elsie Wood for his firm. She was one of Wisconsin's first female lawyers, but he never let her try a case after she had done all the work on it "because I was a woman," said Elsie. So she resigned to practice in Madison, busied herself with women's rights, and became an officer in the National Woman's Party where she was a friend of its President Grace Paul. Elsie was also a staunch member of The Women's Christian Temperance Union, like her mother and grandmother before her. Her grandfather David Wood ran for senate on the Prohibitionist ticket and got two votes plus his own. When Grace Paul found out about W.C.T.U. she wrote and asked if Elsie could persuade the leadership to support equal rights. Elsie agreed to give it a shot. Guess what? The Women of W.C.T.U. turned her down flat. And guess what else? Elsie dropped her long-held membership with the teetotalers. I think her old boss at Bundy & Bundy would be proud.

If the Journal can deliver details from other communities so speedily, why are River Falls reports "old news?"

Since the Journal's editor is a skilled and effective reporter (and a graduate of UWRP's Journalism program), I am confident she is not at fault.

As the saying goes, "Inquiring minds want to know."

Sandy Ellis  
River Falls

## Please don't throw your vote away

To the editor,

It's unusual for someone in California to write to a paper in Wisconsin but my vote isn't going to count this November and yours will. So this year, you folks are making the decision for all of us.

While I won't try to tell you who to vote for, I will tell you how to vote: wisely and soberly. Imagine you are on a jury and you have been entrusted with the awesome responsibility of deciding whether someone lives or dies. Put aside your emotions, examine the facts and the evidence, and decide what's best for our country and our democracy.

And, please, vote. Don't leave your ballot blank or write in George Washington as your choice for president. As a conservative myself, I know that many of you will not be happy with either of your choices. But those are the choices we have and it's no exaggeration to say that the fate of the Republic is on your shoulders. So please don't throw your vote away. I know it's a lot of responsibility, but all the rest of us who don't live in swing states like Wisconsin are counting on you.

Chris Truax  
San Diego, Calif.

## Letters

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### Fact checking economic statistics

To the editor,

A contribution to the "Letters" column in the Oct. 10 issue presented several comparisons of the US economy's performance under recent administrations. The purpose here is to provide similar analysis using other economic measures to fact check various campaign claims.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) the following are the Gross National Product (GNP) and Gross Domestic Product (GDP) results:

US GNP growth:  
Under Trump:  
2017 +2.15%  
2018 +2.85%  
2019 +2.18%  
2020 -3.12%  
Under Biden:  
2021 +5.74%  
2022 +8.13%  
2023 +4.9%

2024 statistics are not yet available.

US GDP growth:  
2016 +3.08% Obama (included for perspective) because the Trump campaign makes reference to the "mess" they inherited and the that the "economy was humming", when he left office.

Under Trump the growth in GDP was

2017 +3.39%  
2018 +3.29%  
2019 +1.42%  
2020 -2.86%  
Under Biden the growth in GDP was:  
2021 +13.69%  
2022 +3.8%  
2023 +6.3%

2024 is projected to be above 4%

Both the Trump and Biden administrations were impacted by a year of severe pandemic impact on economic activity. The Trump administration enacted the bipartisan Payroll Protection Plan (PPP), advocated for tax cuts and a more passive approach to CDC anti-Covid policy while supporting accelerated Covid vaccine research.

# WEATHER Forecast

Thu 17	68°/49°		Sunny	0%
Fri 18	72°/50°		Mostly Sunny	0%
Sat 19	70°/48°		Mostly Cloudy	23%
Sun 20	71°/52°		Sunny	12%
Mon 21	70°/49°		Partly Cloudy	23%
Tue 22	62°/39°		Partly Cloudy	10%
Wed 23	54°/33°		Mostly Cloudy	24%

# ST. CROIX COUNTY Jail Log

**Monday, Oct. 7**  
**Bruce Allen Clark**, 55, River Falls, by SCCC, sentenced, serving 34 days.

**Dean Andrew Wallace**, 42, Menomonie, by SCCC, hold for St. Croix County courts.

**Tuesday, Oct. 8**  
**Robert Kyle Eskander**, 34, Hudson, by North Hudson police, false imprisonment, resisting or obstructing an officer, domestic disorderly conduct, domestic battery.

**Daniel Jordan McRae**, 31, New Richmond, by Probation & Parole, probation hold.

**Jason Warren Lear**, 51, Brooklyn Park, Minn., by SCSO, warrant.

**Scott William Simonson**, 44, New Richmond, by SCSO, warrant, operating with PAC of .02 ore more (fifth/sixth).

**George Herbert Adams**, 34, Hudson, by SCSO, sentenced, serving seven days.

**Heather Lynne Brody**, 49, Hudson, by SCSO, warrant.

**Ryan James Davey**, 38, Eau Claire, by SCSO, sentenced, serving 135 days.

**Chad Henry Moffat**, 38, Hudson, by SCCC, warrant.

**Clay Alan Chaves**, 24, River Falls, by SCCC, sentenced, serving 24 days.

**Kelvin Jose Mendoza Herrera**, 27, New Richmond, by SCSO, felony bail jumping (two counts), domestic disorderly conduct.

**Wednesday, Oct. 9**  
**Christopher Running Bear**, 53, Somerset, by NR police, probation hold.

**Sheryl Lynn Weitzel**, 71, Somerset, by SCSO, warrant.

**Malcom Ezekiel Eiland**, 34, Milwaukee Secure Detention Center, Milwaukee, by SCSO, hold for SCSO.

**Jesus Joe Figueroa**, 34, Round Lake, Ill., by Wisconsin State Patrol, resisting or obstructing an officer.

**Jeffrey Paul Kobs**, 42, Amery, by NR police, operating while revoked.

**Claudio Ivan Ulloa Gualan**, 27, Hudson, by SCSO, operating while revoked.

**Pedro Gabriel Sorendra Carrasquero**, 27, Brookfield, by Wisconsin State Patrol, operating while revoked.

**Ryan Charles Britton**, 45, Roberts, by Wisconsin State Patrol, ignition interlock device tampering, operating while revoked.

**Kassidi Jean Felderman**, 35, homeless, by NR police, ignition interlock device tampering, operating while revoked.

**Brookes Edward Norman**, 35, Newport, Minn., by SCSO, warrant.

**Timothy John Murphy**, 63, New Richmond, by NR police, warrant.

**Thursday, Oct. 10**  
**Breanna Renee Lee**, 34, Beloit, by Hudson police, warrant, possess drug paraphernalia, possession of narcotic drugs, possession of controlled substances near certain places.

**Wayne Allen Johnson**, 59, New Richmond, by NR police, burglary - room within building, theft - movable property, felony bail jumping, possession of THC, possess drug paraphernalia.

**Carl Nelson**, 60, address not listed, by Hudson police, Rusk County warrant.

**Blake Alexander Jacobson**, 33, New Richmond, by SCSO, disorderly conduct.

**Jessica May Jacobson**, 34, New Richmond, by SCSO, disorderly conduct.

**Matthew Ryan Herbert**, 39, Roberts, by SCSO, possession of methamphetamine, possess drug paraphernalia.

**Iurii Disnenko**, 28, Sunny Isles Beach, Fla., by Wisconsin State Patrol, operating commercial motor vehicle without valid CDL.

**Katie Lynn Speer**, 32, New Richmond, by NR police, possess drug paraphernalia, misdemeanor bail jumping (two counts), possession of narcotic drugs, possession of THC, petty theft.

**Melissa Anne Ostlund**, 47, Hudson, by SCSO, domestic disorderly conduct.

**Joseph Scott Mayer**, 47, Eau Claire, by SCSO, warrant.

**Thomas Edwin Lord**, 62, Spring Lake Park, Minn., by Probation & Parole, probation hold.

**Rebecca Dufresne**, 65, Somerset, by SCSO, warrant.

**Friday, Oct. 11**  
**Nathan A. Ryan**, 44, Shell Lake, by NR police, operating while revoked, resisting/fleeing to stop/fleeing, resisting or obstructing an officer, OWI-first, possession of methamphetamine.

**Luisa Margarita Bolades**, 62, New Richmond, by SCCC, warrant.

**Andrew James Hibbard**, 33, New Richmond,

by SCSO, hold for St. Croix County courts, sentenced, serving 60 days.

**John Lee Chelmo**, 31, Somerset, by SCSO, sentenced, serving 44 days.

**Vasily Storoshcuk**, 28, address not listed, by Wisconsin State Patrol, operating commercial motor vehicle without valid CDL.

**Krista Jolene Murray**, 38, Star Prairie, by Probation & Parole, probation hold.

**Antonio Munoz-Villegas**, 51, Downing, by SCSO, operate without valid license (second).

**Sumiyah Arlene McCarty**, 30, Menomonie, by SCSO, sentenced, serving 90 days.

**Autumn Rain Saarela**, 26, St. Paul, by Probation & Parole, probation hold.

**Saturday, Oct. 12**  
**Jordan Michael Probst**, 28, Hudson, by Hudson police, domestic disorderly conduct.

**Jeanie Louise Frandsen**, 32, Amery, by NR police, domestic disorderly conduct, reckless driving - endanger safety.

**Wylee James Schmit**, 34, Manhattan, Kan., by SCSO, warrant.

**Shane Melvin Cox**, 32, Hudson, by SCSO, domestic battery, domestic disorderly conduct.

**Sunday, Oct. 13**  
**Drew Lemoine Peterson**, 31, River Falls, by RF police, possession of THC (second+ offense), possess drug paraphernalia.

**Chong Yang**, 42, address not listed, by Somerset police, OWI, first.

**Montwuse Cornell Williams II**, 25, Roseville, Minn., by NR police, second-degree recklessly endangering safety, possession of THC, resisting or obstructing an officer, operate without valid license, vehicle operator flee/elude officer.

**Jose Sanchez Hernandez**, 25, Hudson, by Hudson police, misdemeanor bail jumping.

**Monday, Oct. 14**  
**Angel Fabian Sauca Macas**, 30, Hudson, by Hudson police, resist/obstruct officer with intent/mislead, warrants.

**Jhاندry Zhunaula Gualan**, 23, address not listed, by North Hudson police, warrant, OWI.

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# ELLSWORTH Police Department Reports

The following incidents were reported to Ellsworth Police Department Oct. 7-13.

**Monday, Oct. 7**  
**Jill Susanne Hutcheson**, 42, River Falls, was cited for speeding after a traffic stop at 7:32 a.m. at Maple and Ray streets.

An alarm went off at 9:35 a.m. at 463 E. Wall St. A subject was detained until it could be verified that he was doing work in the basement.

Officers assisted county deputies at 11:59 a.m. at N6403 County Road N, Beldenville.

Police responded to a juvenile complaint at 3:05 p.m. at a home in the 500 block of Mitchell Street. The juvenile was referred for disorderly conduct.

Officers conducted a welfare check at 7:37 p.m. on a man at 140 W. Humble Ave. A safety plan was put into place.

At 7:52 p.m., a woman at 195 W. Grove St. reported smoking marijuana that may have been laced with something else. Police spoke to the woman and her father about different drugs/narcotics and the subsequent effects.

**Tuesday, Oct. 8**  
At 12:08 p.m., police reported theft of a toolbox and taping equipment at Grant and Summit streets.

**James Darwin Henry Lange**, 28, Spring Valley, was arrested for a probation violation at 2:01 p.m. at 310 W. Main St.

**Rachel Elizabeth Hutcheson**, 25, Farmington, Minn., was arrested for a probation violation at 2:30 p.m. at 310 W. Main St.

Officers responded at 3:55 p.m. to a home in the 500 block of West Mitchell Street for an out-of-control juvenile who didn't want to go to a sports practice. They told police they made suicidal comments for attention. The issue was resolved when the juvenile was allowed to bring a toy to practice.

**Wednesday, Oct. 9**  
At 2:26 p.m., a man reported losing his glasses near the Pierce County Fairgrounds (364 N. Maple St.)

Police responded to a barking dog complaint at 6:52 p.m. at 429 W. Elm St. The owners returned from a walk and the dog stopped.

**Thursday, Oct. 10**  
Police assisted EMS with a subject feeling ill at 11:34 a.m. at 175 W. Grove St.

A sex assault that happened a month ago was reported at 12:03 p.m. in the 200 block of Broadway Street.

Officers assisted River Falls police with an inmate at 7:29 p.m. at the jail.

Police received a noise complaint at 8:21 p.m. at 174 Evergreen Estates St. Police heard nothing.

Officers assisted deputies in looking for a stolen vehicle at 11:46 p.m. at N6041 740<sup>th</sup> St., Ellsworth.

**Friday, Oct. 11**  
Officers assisted EMS at 5:32 a.m. at 805 W. Lucas Lane.

Police assisted deputies in securing a perimeter at 9:54 a.m. at County Road O near River Falls for a driver who fled from a stolen vehicle.

**Jessica Jean Rose Streech** reported at 3:09 p.m. that she had been in a minor crash the day prior in Nilssen's parking lot (157 E. Main St.) She said the other driver's husband was requesting money for the damage. She was advised to turn the incident into insurance if there was a question about who was at fault.

Police assisted EMS with a man who went into cardiac arrest at 6:42 p.m. at the Ellsworth High School (323 W. Hillcrest St.) chili feed. EMS transported him to the hospital.

At 8:37 p.m., a caller reported a cat injured after being struck by a vehicle at Maple and Kinne streets. The complainant took the cat to Pierce County Veterinarian and posted on Facebook trying to find the cat's owner.

**Saturday, Oct. 12**  
Police responded at 3:11 a.m. to 414 W. Overlook Drive for an unwanted subject. The complainant said she had invited a man over, but he didn't come when she expected he would, so she locked the front door. He jumped the fence and went in the unlocked back door and would not leave. He agreed to leave.

At 4:52 a.m., police observed a vehicle with its flashers on at 424 W. Industrial Road. The vehicle was secure and the flashers stopped.

At 9:32 a.m., officers assisted with performing CPR on a cyclist who went down in the roadway at W5878 Highway 35, Bay City.

Police conducted a welfare check at 5:35 p.m. at 385 S. Chestnut St. The woman said her ex has been stalking and harassing her.

Officers conducted a bar check at 9:23 p.m. at 252 N. Broadway St. The bar was shut down because the bartender didn't have a license from the village.

**Sunday, Oct. 13**  
At 1:24 p.m., a man reported he went to 101 Evergreen Estates St. to ask if the resident's daughter had found \$40 he lost near the residence Friday. The man said the resident opened the door with a handgun and pointed it at him. The resident said he had the gun out but didn't point it at anyone.

A tree fell on a cable or phone line at 1:38 p.m. at 333 W. Woodworth St. The tree was also obstructing the sidewalk.

**Nicholas William Foster**, 19, Ellsworth, was arrested for possession of THC and possess drug paraphernalia after a traffic stop for suspended registration at 8:18 p.m. at 372 W. Main St.

Police assisted Prescott police with the arrest of **Jeffrey James Baker**, 56, Ellsworth, for bail jumping and a restraining order violation at 740 Shane Park Circle, Prescott.

**Samuel Moon Hinh**, 30, Burnsville, Minn., disorderly conduct with motor vehicle, \$200.50.

**Nicholas Michael Alms**, 37, New Richmond, speeding, \$200.50.

**Oscar Alberto Andrade Castillo**, 27, Ellsworth, operate without valid license, \$200.50; operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50.

**Michael Brandon Baker**, 48, Hardwick, Minn., operate without valid license, \$200.50.

**Devin Capice Copley**, 18, Red Wing, Minn., speeding, license suspended 15 days, \$250.90.

**Juan David Diaz Hernandez**, 23, Hudson, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50.

**Alexis Emigdio Adame**, 29, Lakeville, Minn., operate without valid license, \$200.50; operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50.

**Damon Anthony Erickson-Olson**, 32, Ellsworth, operating left of center, \$213.10.

**Carlos Alberto Estrada Verduzco**, 50, St. Paul, operate without valid license, \$200.50; passing in a no passing zone, \$213.10.

**Analia Kaye Frandrup**, 40, Minneapolis, operate without valid license, \$200.50.

**Jose Miguel Guaman Gonzalez**, 33, Hudson, operate without valid license, \$200.50; operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50.

**Andrew Jose Gomez**, 19, Lino Lakes, Minn., speeding, suspended 15 days, \$295.

**Segundo Miguel Guasco Guasco**, 44, Minneapolis, speeding, license suspended 15 days, \$250.90.

**Austin Michael Gunter**, 25, Eagan, Minn., trespass on private land, \$263.50.

**Brittany Ann Gunter**, 26, Eagan, Minn., trespass on private land, \$263.50.

**Cassidy Rose Hanson**, 42, Emerald, speeding, \$200.50.

**Caroline Julie Hanssen**, 81, River Falls, speeding, \$175.30.

**Micha Allen Hartman-Booth**, 25, Elmwood, speeding, \$225.70.

**Teresa Hernandez Alvarez**, 54, Ellsworth, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50.

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# PIERCE COUNTY Sheriff's Office Reports

The following incidents were reported to Pierce County Sheriff's Office Oct. 7-14.

## Monday, Oct. 7

Loose cattle were reported at 10:26 a.m. near N4962 County Road CC, Elmwood. They were being put back in their fence when police arrived.

Officers assisted EMS at a medical call at 10:59 a.m. at N4826 Highway 63, Ellsworth. EMS transported the patient to the hospital.

Officers assisted EMS with a medical call at 11:52 a.m. at N6403 County Road N, Beldenville. EMS transported the patient to the hospital.

Deputies conducted a welfare check on a woman at 12:07 p.m. at N4247 640<sup>th</sup> Ave., Ellsworth. The woman said she wanted to go back to the tent city in St. Paul and didn't need help.

Police stood by and kept the peace at 2:02 p.m. at N4369 530<sup>th</sup> St., Ellsworth.

Cows were reported out in the roadway at 4:22 p.m. at N4962 County Road CC, Elmwood. The owner said a friend would round them up. They were cited for animals at large on a highway.

Deputies responded to a vehicle pursuit at 4:27 p.m. at Warren and Jefferson streets in Prescott. It was not located.

Officers responded at 7:42 p.m. to a home in the 200 block of Newman Avenue in Spring Valley for a disorderly juvenile. A disorderly conduct charge was forwarded.

Police were dispatched to a domestic at 9:39 p.m. at N8644 940<sup>th</sup> St., River Falls. A man was arrested for domestic disorderly conduct, strangulation and suffocation, criminal damage to property and intimidate victim/witness.

## Tuesday, Oct. 8

Officers noticed a light that is not normally on at 12:09 a.m. at N1298 530<sup>th</sup> St., Bay City. Everything was secure.

A loose cow near the roadway was reported at 9:55 a.m. at W7404 450<sup>th</sup> Ave., Ellsworth. The owner said they'd take care of it.

Deputies performed a welfare check at 1:15 p.m. at N8724 1020<sup>th</sup> St., River Falls. The complainant heard from the person and needed no help.

At 4:01 p.m., a resident at W8148 770<sup>th</sup> Ave., River Falls, reported that someone had stolen his identity and opened three credit cards in his name. He was not out any money. He was provided forms to fill out.

A caller reported a cow in the roadway at 8:06 p.m. at N5968 County Road CC, Elmwood. It was not located.

Missing dogs were reported at 8:40 p.m. at N7035 County Road J, Beldenville.

Police were called at 10:18 p.m. to W6390 Highway 35, Bay City, where a person would not exit a vehicle. The keys had been lost. The owner retrieved a spare key.

## Wednesday, Oct. 9

Officers responded to a medical call at 7:01 a.m. at W8051 Highway 35, Hager City. A man died at the scene.

A stop sign was reported knocked down at 7:31 a.m. at 750<sup>th</sup> Street and 290<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hager City. Police notified Trenton township.

Officers assisted Prescott police with an eviction at 9:54 a.m. at 1354 Ash St.

A caller reported a gas smell inside a residence at 12:48 p.m. at W6629 570<sup>th</sup> Ave., Ellsworth. No one was inside and the gas was turned off.

Officers stood by for a human services assessment at

1:26 p.m. at N8724 1020<sup>th</sup> St., River Falls.

At 2:13 p.m., police stood by while a man gathered some belongings at N8724 1020<sup>th</sup> St., River Falls.

Police responded to a disabled vehicle at 2:39 p.m. at E1035 Highway 29, Spring Valley. The driver was arrested for operating while revoked and multiple open felony bonds.

Officers assisted Probation & Parole with a home visit at 1:43 p.m. at W1666 Meadow Lane, Spring Valley.

A caller reported an abandoned boat at 2:53 p.m. at Highway 63 and 825<sup>th</sup> Street (south intersection), Hager City. Police located a log that looked like a flat bottom boat but nothing else.

Officers conducted a welfare check at 8:37 p.m. at N2001 690<sup>th</sup> St., Bay City. All was well.

Police assisted Prescott police at 10:42 p.m. at 319 Lake St.

## Thursday, Oct. 10

Police conducted a welfare check at 1:47 a.m. at 1354 Ash St., Prescott.

Officers responded to an alarm at 7:59 a.m. at W7965 390<sup>th</sup> Ave., Ellsworth. They came across a child who lives there and he said he accidentally set the alarm off and couldn't get ahold of his mother to contact the alarm company.

Deputies responded to a domestic at 8:49 a.m. at 1201 Bartosh Lane, River Falls. One party left to go to an address in the county. Officers collected statements.

Officers checked for cattle in the roadway at 8:59 a.m. at Highway 10 and 490<sup>th</sup> Street, Ellsworth. None were found.

Police talked to a man at 10:02 a.m. at 1007 W. Winter Ave., Elmwood, about his significant other taking their

dog. He was advised it's a civil matter.

Officers responded to a hit and run that caused damage to mailboxes at 12:06 p.m. at N5078 430<sup>th</sup> St., Ellsworth. Photos were taken.

A caller reported cattle in the roadway at 3:35 p.m. at N4962 County Road CC, Elmwood. They appeared to be inside a fenced area when officers arrived.

At 3:47 p.m., a caller reported a large fire at County Road CC and Highway 72, Elmwood. Police located a small campfire burning sticks. The homeowner agreed to call in any large controlled burns.

Police checked on a suspicious van at 3:49 p.m. at W7133 770<sup>th</sup> Ave., Beldenville. A woman was camping on state land with multiple dogs.

At 4:15 p.m., a Plum City School District employee reported students disturbing property of another at 907 Main St., Plum City.

Deputies conducted a welfare check at 5:06 p.m. at McKay Avenue and Third Street, Spring Valley. No one was located.

Police were called to a trespassing complaint at 6:52 p.m. at N1279 530<sup>th</sup> St., Bay City. The subjects were located and warned.

Deputies and Ellsworth police assisted River Falls police with an inmate at 7:29 p.m. being booked in the Pierce County Jail.

A missing Boston Terrier was reported at 8:51 p.m. at W6793 270<sup>th</sup> Ave., Ellsworth.

A stolen vehicle was reported at 11:31 p.m. at N6041 740<sup>th</sup> St., Ellsworth. The owner followed the vehicle out into the county, but it couldn't be located.

## Friday, Oct. 11

A loose cow was reported out of fence at 7:37 a.m. at Highway 65 and County Road

N, Beldenville. Officers put the cow back inside the fence.

At 8:18 a.m., police spoke to a man at N2507 850<sup>th</sup> St., Hager City, about loose dogs running on his property. The owner said her children may have let the dogs out without their collars on. She said she'd correct the issue.

Police located a stolen vehicle at 9:53 a.m. at 1238 N. Main St., River Falls. The driver was located and arrested for multiple charges.

A caller reported illegal dumping in a trash bin at 11:38 a.m. at W112 First St., Spring Valley. Deputies passed the information onto SV police.

An abandoned vehicle was located in the road at 11:43 a.m. at 650<sup>th</sup> Street and County Road N, Beldenville. The vehicle was towed.

Police were dispatched to suspicious activity at 9:12 p.m. at W9330 Highway 29, River Falls. A property owner was accessing their own property.

## Saturday, Oct. 12

Deputies stood by to assist Ellsworth police with an unwanted subject at 3:13 a.m. at 414 W. Overlook Drive, Ellsworth. They called a ride and left voluntarily.

At 8:23 a.m., possible theft of money out of a mailed card was reported at W6372 Main St., Bay City.

At 9:24 a.m., officers were called to W5631 Highway 35, Bay City, for a man in the roadway who unconscious but breathing. CPR was conducted but the man was pronounced dead.

Police responded to a vehicle or farm equipment vs. mailbox crash at 4:36 p.m. at N6663 County Road J, Beldenville. The vehicle left the scene.

Police were dispatched to a shooting complaint at 4:50 p.m. at W11382 754<sup>th</sup> Ave., Prescott. No shooting was

observed.

## Sunday, Oct. 13

Deputies and Wisconsin State Patrol responded to a verbal argument between drunk people at 2:46 p.m. at 133 S. Main St., Elmwood. The parties were separated and one person provided a courtesy ride home.

Officers found a domestic bunny loose at 11:54 a.m. at W6533 Carson St., Bay City.

Suspicious activity was reported at 1:02 p.m. at W7866 Highway 35, Hager City.

Deputies assisted Ellsworth police at 1:26 p.m. at 106 Evergreen Estates St.

Police were called at 2:25 p.m. to N6649 110<sup>th</sup> St., Elmwood, for a standby and keep the peace while items were removed from the house.

Officers assisted Spring Valley police at 2:31 p.m. at W303 Highway 29.

Suspicious activity was reported at 2:39 p.m. at N1523 County Road D, Bay City.

Police responded to a home alarm at 3 p.m. at N7480 County Road BB, Spring Valley. Everything appeared to be secure.

Two dogs were located at 3:24 p.m. at W7562 Highway 10, Ellsworth.

Deputies and Spring Valley police responded to an alarm at 5:47 p.m. at W4015 876<sup>th</sup> Ave., Spring Valley. All was well.

Deputies assisted Prescott police with a restraining order violation at 10:49 p.m. at 740 Shane Park Circle.

## Monday, Oct. 14

Officers responded to a verbal argument at 7:04 a.m. at W6510 Main St., Bay City. The parties were separated.

A caller reported smoke inside a business at 7:34 a.m. at N8143 Highway 63, Spring Valley. The fire department located nothing.

# PIERCE COUNTY Court Reports

## Initial appearances

**Roman John Devine**, 30, Plymouth, Minn., pleaded not guilty and posted a \$10,000 signature bond Oct. 7 on battery and disorderly conduct (as party to a crime) charges. He was also ordered to have no contact with Emma's Bar in River Falls. A status conference is slated for 1:15 p.m. Nov. 4.

**Juan David Diaz Hernandez**, 23, Hudson, pleaded not guilty and posted a \$500 signature bond Oct. 7 on ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order and operating while revoked (alcohol related) charges. A status conference is slated for 9 a.m. March 5.

**Dimitri Robert Elliott**, 25, Hammond, pleaded not guilty and posted a \$10,000 signature bond Oct. 7 on OWI-second, operating with PAC-second and misdemeanor bail jumping charges. A status conference is slated for 2:45 p.m. Nov. 12.

Three bench warrants were issued for the arrest of **Reggie Duane Gilbertson**, 49, Hudson, who missed Oct. 7 initial appearances on misdemeanor or bail jumping (three counts), resisting or obstructing an officer, two operating while revoked (alcohol related) and possession of controlled substance charges. A return on warrant hearing is scheduled for 3 p.m. Oct. 15.

**Teresa Hernandez Alvarez**, 54, Ellsworth, pleaded not guilty and posted a \$250 signature bond Oct. 9 on an operate without valid license (second within three years) charge. A plea/sentencing hearing was set for 9:30 a.m. March 5.

A bench warrant was issued for the arrest of **Cristal Joy Knuth**, 41, Bay City, who missed an Oct. 7 initial appearance on possess/illegally obtained prescription, possession of THC and operate without valid license (second within three years) charges.

**Nathen Matthew Larson**, 17, Elmwood, posted a \$10,000 signature bond Oct. 7 on felony strangulation and suffocation and disorderly conduct charges. A preliminary hearing is slated for 11 a.m. Nov. 5.

**Cristian Joel Macas Munoz**, 19, Hammond, pleaded not guilty and posted a \$500 signature bond Oct. 7 on an operate without valid license (third within three years) charge. A status conference is planned for 9:30 p.m. Nov. 20.

A bench warrant was issued for the arrest of **Shelly Kay Marklevits**, 57, Hager City, who missed an Oct. 7 initial appearance on an operating while revoked (alcohol related) charge.

**Juventino Mendez Manzanares**, 38, Ellsworth, missed an Oct. 7 initial appearance

on misdemeanor bail jumping and operate without valid license (second within three years) charges. A new initial appearance is set for 8:30 a.m. Oct. 31.

**Nathan Lee Oliver**, 21, Mondovi, pleaded not guilty and posted a \$250 signature bond Oct. 7 on an operate without valid license (second within three years) charge. A status conference is scheduled for 2:15 p.m. Nov. 4.

**Aaron Richard Place**, 36, Spring Valley, pleaded not guilty and posted a \$250 signature bond Oct. 7 on ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order and operating while revoked (alcohol related) charges. A status conference is set for 2:30 p.m. Nov. 4.

A bench warrant was issued for the arrest of **Rosa M. Quiahua Itehua**, 32, Baldwin, who missed an Oct. 7 initial appearance on an operate without valid license (third within three years charge). A \$1,300 cash bond was also forfeited. A new initial appearance/return on warrant is scheduled for 3 p.m. Oct. 15.

A bench warrant was issued for the arrest of **Damon Sentail Smith**, 30, Minneapolis, who missed an Oct. 8 initial appearance on felony battery or threat to judge, prosecutor or law enforcement officer (repeater), resisting or obstructing an officer (repeater),

disorderly conduct (repeater), disorderly conduct and two possess drug paraphernalia (repeater) charges.

**Jeremy Michael Vadner**, 32, New Richmond, posted a \$10,000 signature bond Oct. 2 on felony OWI-fourth, felony operating with PAC-fourth, misdemeanor bail jumping and operating while revoked (alcohol related) charges. A plea/sentencing hearing is scheduled for 3 p.m. Dec. 17.

## Deferred cases

**Kyle Kenneth Rew**, 48, River Falls, pleaded guilty to and entered into a deferred judgment of conviction agreement Oct. 2 on a disorderly conduct charge. The charge resulted from a June 5 incident in River Falls.

**Kimberly S. Torres**, 26, St. Paul, pleaded guilty to and entered into a deferred judgment of conviction agreement Oct. 4 on a felony possession of narcotic drugs charge. A felony possession of electric weapon charge was dismissed. The charges stemmed from a March 30, 2022 incident.

**Heidi Marie Weber**, 40, Plum City, pleaded guilty to and entered into a deferred judgment of conviction agreement Oct. 2 on a disorderly conduct (domestic abuse) charge. A battery (domestic abuse) charge was dismissed. The charges resulted from a

June 25 incident.

## Closed cases

**Donovan Mehki-Lee Brown**, 21, River Falls, was convicted of battery Oct. 2 and fined \$267. The charge stemmed from a Dec. 17, 2023 incident.

**Todd A. Johnson**, 45, River Falls, was convicted of criminal trespass to dwelling upon revocation of a deferred judgment of conviction agreement July 11. At an Oct. 2 sentencing hearing, he was sentenced to one year's probation, fined \$443 and ordered to pay \$427.19 in restitution. The charge resulted from an Aug. 5, 2023 incident in River Falls.

**Linda Michelle Lingerfelt**, 52, Amery, was convicted of operate without carrying a license and fined \$277.80 Oct. 2. The charge stemmed from a Jan. 22 incident.

**Clyde Michael Palmer**, 46, Hudson, was convicted of disorderly conduct (repeater), criminal damage to property (repeater), felony possession of THC (second+ offense, repeater), battery (repeater - domestic abuse), misdemeanor bail jumping (repeater), and disorderly conduct (repeater - domestic abuse) charges Oct. 2, sentenced to one year and one day in prison and 364 days of extended supervision, and fined \$2,933. A felony strangulation and suffocation (domestic abuse

- repeater) charge was read in but dismissed. The charges resulted from incidents July 1, 2023 and Sept. 5, 2023 in River Falls.

**Zachary E.W. Sanders**, 23, Red Wing, Minn., was convicted of possession of THC and possess drug paraphernalia and fined \$555.60 Oct. 3. The charges stemmed from a Feb. 19, 2022 incident.

**Dalton Robert Shaw**, 24, St. Paul, was convicted of operate without carrying a license and fined \$210.80 Oct. 2. The charge resulted from an April 12 incident.

Possess drug paraphernalia and possess amphetamine/LSD/psilocin charges against **Tavian L. Siglar**, 20, Ellsworth, were dismissed Oct. 3 upon completion of a deferred judgment of conviction agreement. The charges stemmed from incidents June 4, 2022 and June 8, 2022.

**Angel Vasquez Carrillo**, 50, Plum City, was convicted of operate without carrying a license and fined \$277.80 Oct. 7. The charge resulted from an Oct. 7 incident.

Misdemeanor bail jumping and operating while revoked (alcohol related) charges against **Heidi Marie Weber**, 40, Plum City, were dismissed Oct. 2. The charge stemmed from a June 28 incident.

# PIERCE COUNTY Jail Log

## Monday, Oct. 7

**Breydi Manuel Cango**, 24, River Falls, by PCSO, strangulation and suffocation, disorderly conduct, criminal damage to property, intimidate victim, dissuade reporting, released on \$1,000 cash bond.

**Juan David Diaz-Hernandez**, 23, Hudson, by PCSO, ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install, operating while revoked, released on \$500 signature bond.

**Anthony Charles Olson**, 37, Hudson, by River Falls police, possession of methamphetamine, released on \$2,500 signature bond.

## Tuesday, Oct. 8

**Joseph Lee Cook**, 31, Red Wing, Minn., by PCSO, possess drug paraphernalia, OWI, released.

**Zachary Matthew DeGross**, 30, Ellsworth, by RF police, probation violation.

**Riley Milton Flynn**, 35, Owatonna, Minn., by PCSO, failure to appear warrant, posts or publishes private representation without consent (two counts), stalking, misdemeanor bail jumping, knowingly violate a domestic abuse order.

**Rachel Elizabeth Hutcherson**, 25, Farmington, Minn., by Ellsworth police, probation violation.

**James Darwin Henry Lange**, 28, Spring Valley, by Ellsworth police, probation violation.

## Wednesday, Oct. 9

**Heather Lynn Escobio**, 40, homeless, by PCSO, operating while revoked, felony bail jumping (two counts).

**Daniel John Kukuk**, 37, River Falls, by RF police, OWI, released on \$10,000 signature bond.

**Jorge Jesse Tafolla**, 47, Phelan, Calif., by PCSO, forgery/uttering.

## Thursday, Oct. 10

**Quinten Ray Colson**, 46, Fridley, Minn., by Prescott police, possession of methamphetamine.

**Clint Rusty Dahl**, 34, Red Wing, Minn., by PCSO, failure to appear warrant.

**Shawn Billy Goulette**, 45, Hager City, by RF police, felony bail jumping, strangulation and suffocation, battery, computer message/threaten obscenity, disorderly conduct, released on \$10,000 signature bond.

**Jhonder Omar Puglia Medina**, 26, Baldwin, by RF police, resisting or obstructing an officer, possession of THC, operate without valid license, released on \$1,000 signature bond.

## Friday, Oct. 11

**Beisner Ariel Maza Tinizaray**, 25, River Falls, by RF police, failure to appear warrant, OWI, operate without valid license (two counts), resisting or obstructing an officer, possess drug paraphernalia (two counts), hit and run, possession of cocaine/coca, possession of THC, misdemeanor bail jumping.

**Joshua John Reeverts**, 28, Beldenville, by PCSO, vehicle operator flee/elude officer, take and drive vehicle without consent, operating while revoked.

**Michelle Marie Schlegel**, 56, homeless, by Prescott police, extradition.

**Mark Gerald Suing**, 59, Prescott, by Prescott police, possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC, possess drug paraphernalia, maintain drug trafficking place.

## Saturday, Oct. 12

**Sabrina Jean Cudd**, 27, River Falls, by RF police, felony bail jumping, disorderly conduct.

**Brian James Doughty**, 54, Prescott, by RF police, OWI, released.

## Sunday, Oct. 13

**Jeffrey James Baker**, 56, Ellsworth, by Prescott police, misdemeanor bail jumping, violate/harassment restraining order, released.

**Sara Ann Classen**, 38, Mendota Heights, Minn., by PCSO, OWI, released.

**Chad William Kessler**, 47, River Falls, by RF police, probation violation.

**Bradley Richard Oehrein**, 18, Ellsworth, by Ellsworth police, possess drug paraphernalia, possession of THC, released.

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## PRESCOTT Police Department Reports

The following incidents were reported to Prescott Police Department Sept. 30 through Oct. 13.

### Monday, Sept. 30

**Linda Marie Pechan**, 50, Prescott, was arrested for operating while revoked (alcohol related) and misdemeanor bail jumping after a traffic stop at 1:38 a.m. at South and Elm streets.

**Donna May Johnson**, 67, Red Wing, Minn., was issued a written warning for speeding after a traffic stop at 9:02 a.m. at 180 Broad St.

**Anthony Reed Andler**, 57, Stillwater, Minn., was issued a written warning for speeding after a traffic stop at 9:16 a.m. at 570<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Jefferson Street.

**David Lawrence Bahnmann**, 61, Brooklyn Park, Minn., was issued a written warning for speeding at 1:04 p.m. at Lawrence and Jefferson streets.

### Tuesday, Oct. 1

**Connor David Roe**, 33, Prescott, was issued a written warning for fail/properly maintain headlamps and fail/notify DMV of address/name change after a traffic stop at 6:43 a.m. at Cherry Street and Highway 10.

**Thomas Anthony Baumgartner II**, 61, La Crosse, was issued a written warning for speeding and inattentive driving at 10:49 a.m. at 570<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Jefferson Street.

**Kathryn Lee Thompson**, 62, Prescott, was issued a written warning for speeding after a traffic stop at 11:01 a.m. at Jefferson and Monroe streets.

**Geoffrey Richard Devers**, 30, St. Paul, was issued a written warning for speeding after a traffic stop at 11:13 a.m. at Wacota and Jefferson streets.

**Brandon David Fakler**, 47, Minneapolis, was issued a written warning for speeding after a traffic stop at 11:28 a.m. at Jefferson and Dexter streets.

At 12:25 p.m., a resident at 554 Pine Ridge was cited for an ordinance violation.

**Carly Lynn Raddant**, 24, Shawano, was issued a written warning for fail/display vehicle license plates and improperly attached license plates after a traffic stop at 12:49 p.m. at Campbell and Pine streets.

**Ronald Lee Thompson**, 80, Lake Mills, was issued a written warning for speeding after a traffic stop at 1:04 p.m. at Broad and Orange streets.

**Cynthia Renee Zimdars**, 61, Hager City, was issued a written warning for speeding and inattentive driving after a traffic stop at 2:32 p.m. at Wacota and Jefferson streets.

### Lucas Brian Shane Stutes-

**man**, 44, St. Paul, was cited for speeding, possession of THC and possess drug paraphernalia after a traffic stop at 6:02 p.m. at Kinnickinnic and Broad streets.

Officers responded to a vandalism complaint at 6:10 p.m. at Ash and Flora streets. Graffiti was found on a light pole.

### Wednesday, Oct. 2

**Geoffrey Michael Richie**, 40, River Falls, was cited for possession of THC and possess drug paraphernalia. The time and location were not made clear.

Police conducted a welfare check at noon at 302 Lake St. Officers performed a welfare check at 7:20 p.m. on a woman at 570 Hillside Drive. She said everything was fine.

### Thursday, Oct. 3

**Alex James Stephen Arntson**, 26, Hastings, was arrested for OWI and possession of cocaine/coca after a traffic stop at 1:42 a.m. at Vine and Orange streets. He was also cited for operate vehicle without registration lamps and possess open intoxicants in motor vehicle - driver.

At 5:26 a.m., police spoke to a resident at 636 Hilton St. about a civil matter involving property possession.

Officers checked on two suspicious vehicles at 9:25 a.m. at the Park & Ride at Pearl Street and Highway 10. Both were unoccupied.

At 4:13 p.m., an officer oversaw a civil matter between two parties at 170 Flora St.

### Friday, Oct. 4

**Fangliang Gao**, 38, Edina, Minn., was issued a written warning for speeding and fail/notify DMV of address/name change after a traffic stop at 10:32 a.m. at 570<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Jefferson Street.

**Stacey Ernestine Seaton**, 59, St. Paul Park, Minn., was issued a written warning for speeding after a traffic stop at 10:46 a.m. at Wacota and Jefferson streets.

**Graciela Susana Perez**, 62, Shoreview, Minn., was issued a written warning for speeding after a traffic stop at 10:59 a.m. at Jefferson and Monroe streets.

**Madeline Marie Schwartz**, 28, Minneapolis, was issued a written warning for speeding and fail/properly maintain stop lamps after a traffic stop at 11:11 a.m. at Wacota and Jefferson streets.

**Randall Dean Roen**, 60, Cottage Grove, Minn., was issued a written warning for speeding after a traffic stop at 1:01 p.m. at Campbell and St. Croix streets.

**Jack Thomas Jorgensen**, 55, Hudson, was issued a writ-

ten warning for speeding after a traffic stop at 3:22 p.m. at highways 10 and 29.

**Heidi Anne Rightman**, 39, Prescott, was cited for operating while suspended and operating motor vehicle without proof of insurance after a traffic stop at 9:20 p.m. at Orrin Road and Canton Street.

**Jenna Ann Schrankler**, 20, White Bear Lake, Minn., was cited for operate without valid license after a traffic stop at 10:30 p.m. at highways 10 and 29.

**Jesse Alan Koosmann**, 32, Prescott, was cited for non-registration of vehicle after a traffic stop at 10:53 p.m. at River Terrace and Canton streets.

### Saturday, Oct. 5

Officers responded to a noise complaint at 2:27 a.m. at 907 Pearl St. The officer told the resident to keep it down.

**Autumn Elaine Rivard**, 22, Turtle Lake, was issued a written warning for speeding and non-registration of vehicle after a traffic stop at 7:36 a.m. at Warren and Jefferson streets.

**Kelly Anne Rodriguez**, 35, St. Paul, was issued a written warning for speeding after a traffic stop at 7:48 a.m. at Jefferson and Monroe streets.

**Natalie Jane Peters**, 28, Carver, Minn., was issued a written warning for speeding after a traffic stop at 9:47 a.m. at Wacota and Jefferson streets.

**Timothy James Tauer**, 60, Lino Lakes, Minn., was issued a written warning for speeding and non-registration of vehicle after a traffic stop at 12:33 p.m. at Kinnickinnic and Broad streets.

**Andres Cuevas**, 29, Minneapolis, was issued a written warning for speeding after a traffic stop at 3:04 p.m. at Warren and Jefferson streets.

**Yera Magdeline Soria Nunez**, 33, Minneapolis, was issued a written warning for speeding after a traffic stop at 3:16 p.m. at Lawrence and Jefferson streets.

At 3:25 p.m., an anonymous caller reported being concerned about a fire due to high winds at Linn and Albert streets. The subject was warned.

**Anthony Ernest Madson**, 44, Chaska, Minn., was issued a written warning after a traffic stop at 4:01 p.m. at Wacota and Jefferson streets.

**William Michael Roberts Jr.**, 72, Prescott, was arrested for OWI and operating with PAC after a traffic stop at 6:31 p.m. at Broad Street and Highway 10.

### Sunday, Oct. 6

At 1:32 a.m., police spoke to a subject at 1813 Canton Road about a fire on a porch. The subject brought up a civil

matter involving a tenant.

At 5:37 a.m., an officer observed two dogs running loose at Cherry Street and Highway 10. The dogs ran away between houses.

At 7:36 a.m., a resident at 961 Jefferson St. said packages were being shipped to his address when he didn't order anything. He was advised to speak to the post office.

**Timothy Thomas Reker**, 68, Rochester, Minn., was issued a written warning for speeding after a traffic stop at 8:42 a.m. at Jefferson and Monroe streets.

**Williams Frago Tellez**, 29, Rosemount, Minn., was issued a written warning for speeding and operate motor vehicle by permittee without instructor after a traffic stop at 2:32 p.m. at Broad and Cherry streets.

At 5:24 p.m., a vehicle drove over a 6-inch concrete pillar at 236 Broad St. and got stuck. Their parents were on the way to assist.

Officers responded to a suspicious vehicle at 6:36 p.m. at 623 College St. The vehicle was gone upon arrival.

**Nam Thien Ta**, 27, Apple Valley, Minn., was cited for speeding after a traffic stop at 8:22 p.m. at Broad and Cherry streets.

**Bethany Marie Jackson**, 34, Columbus, Minn., was cited for speeding after a traffic stop at 9:04 p.m. at Broad and Orange streets.

### Monday, Oct. 7

**Melissa Carol Sukowatey**, 36, Hudson, was cited for operating motor vehicle without insurance after a traffic stop for speeding at 12:32 a.m. at Orrin Road and Campbell Street.

**Jennifer Marie Hutcheson**, 56, Prescott, was cited for animal at large at 9:22 a.m. at Borner and Robert streets.

At 3:08 p.m., police spoke with a parent whose child was playing on the side of the road at 961 Jefferson St. They were advised to pay attention to the child's whereabouts.

At 4:23 p.m., officers saw two motorcycles pass each other in the no passing zone at Warren and Jefferson streets. The pursuit was terminated for safety reasons as they took off south on Highway 35. Goodhue County was notified.

**Brett Thomas Kuscienco**, 59, St. Paul, was cited for speeding and warned for non-registration of vehicle after a traffic stop at 6:59 p.m. at 306 Lake St.

**Carlos Jasiel Hernandez Cruz**, 19, Minneapolis, was cited for speeding and operate without valid license after a traffic stop at 8:40 p.m. at Kinnickinnic and Broad streets.

Police checked on someone in the cemetery after dark at 9:42 p.m. at 1110 Monroe St. They were visiting a family member's grave.

### Tuesday, Oct. 8

**Sierra Brooke Erdman**, 45, Osceola, was cited for speeding after a traffic stop at 2:21 a.m. at Jefferson and Monroe streets.

An officer took possession of a fraudulent \$100 bill at 9:51 a.m. at 1151 Canton St.

Police took a report of a burglary that had occurred over the past three days at 2:49 p.m. at 1354 Ash St.

**Michael Dennis Berndt**, 54, Eden Prairie, Minn., was cited for operating motor vehicle with no proof of insurance and warned for speeding after a traffic stop at 9:55 p.m. at Kinnickinnic and Broad streets.

Officers spoke with an individual sleeping/resting at 10:56 p.m. at Freedom Park (200 Monroe St.) while traveling to South Dakota. Since the park was closed, they left to find a proper rest area.

### Wednesday, Oct. 9

**Quincy Jonathan Mason Jr.**, 23, River Falls, was cited for operating a motor vehicle without insurance and warned for fail/properly maintain headlamps and non-registration of vehicle after a traffic stop at 6:53 a.m. at 241 N. Broad St.

**Trent Joseph Monahan**, 45, Hudson, was issued a written warning for speeding after a traffic stop at 10:38 a.m. at Warren and Jefferson streets.

### Thursday, Oct. 10

Officers responded to a domestic at 1:27 a.m. at 1354 Ash St. The complainant said a woman was being held against her will by her boyfriend. Both parties said that was false and that they were okay.

**Ryan James Schmidt**, 23, Lino Lakes, Minn., was cited for speeding after a traffic stop at 5:53 a.m. at Warren and Jefferson streets.

**Miguel Santos Fuentes**, 25, St. Paul, was cited for operate without valid license and issued a written warning for speeding after a traffic stop at 8:09 a.m. at Wacota and Jefferson streets.

**Scott Lowe Nelson**, 76, River Falls, was issued written warnings for speeding, operate without carrying a license and inattentive driving after a traffic stop at 9:52 a.m. at Wacota and Jefferson streets.

**Kara Helen Loe**, 26, Prescott, was issued a written warning for non-registration of vehicle and operate without carrying license after a traffic stop at 10:49 a.m. at

Sea Wing Boulevard and 570<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Karen Gilles Larson**, 82, Prescott, was issued a written warning for improperly attached license plates after a traffic stop at 11:03 a.m. at 570<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Jefferson Street.

**Jeremy Trevino**, 51, Blaine, Minn., was cited for speeding after a traffic stop at 11:15 a.m. at Jefferson and Dexter streets.

**Elias Jonathon Rehmman**, 23, Winsted, Minn., was issued a written warning for speeding, non-registration of vehicle and fail/stop at stop sign after a traffic stop at 1:36 p.m. at Orange and Young streets.

### Friday, Oct. 11

**Michelle M. Schlegel**, 56, Prescott, was arrested on an extradition warrant at 8:22 a.m. at 911 Pearl St. A charge was also forwarded for possession of methamphetamine. Officers assisted River Falls police and Pierce County deputies with a K9 track at 10:26 a.m. at 1238 N. Main St.

At 8:50 p.m., officers saw people in the cemetery at 1110 Monroe St. who said they were looking for the northern lights. They were warned.

**Alexander Lowell Short**, 36, Hastings, Minn., was cited for an equipment violation after a traffic stop at 9:51 p.m. at Highway 10 and Lake Street.

### Saturday, Oct. 12

A vehicle repossession took place at 1:29 a.m. at 506 Oak St.

Suspicious activity was reported at 1:30 a.m. at Walnut and Flora streets.

At 8:24 a.m., an officer retrieved two dogs off Highway 10 at Pearl Street.

At 9:16 a.m., an officer returned two loose dogs to an owner from 236 Broad St. They were cited for four dogs at large.

**Justin Charles Miller**, 38, Golden Valley, Minn., was cited for speeding after a traffic stop at 6:01 p.m. at Kinnickinnic and Broad streets.

### Sunday, Oct. 13

Identity theft was reported at 9:32 a.m. at 460 S. Gibbs St.

A stolen vehicle was reported at 3:28 p.m. at 879 Helen St.

**Jeffrey James Baker**, 56, Ellsworth, was arrested for a restraining order violation at 9:09 p.m. at 740 Shane Park Circle.

**Maxwell Dylan Carolus**, 32, Anoka, Minn., was cited for speeding and warned for expired vehicle registration and operating motor vehicle without proof of insurance after a traffic stop at 10:25 p.m. at Broad and Kinnickinnic streets.

## PIERCE COUNTY Accident Reports

Officers responded at 2:03 p.m. Sept. 21 to a two-vehicle crash at Highway 65 and 750<sup>th</sup> Street in the town of Trimble between a 2002 Dodge Dakota, driven by **Michael Benjamin Jung**, 19, Hudson, and a John Deere 7720 Titan tractor, driven by **John Ronald Langer**, 45, Ellsworth. Jung was heading north on Highway 65 while Langer was heading north on 750<sup>th</sup>. Langer stopped at a stop sign, preparing to cross the road to get to a field. While Langer was crossing the highway, Jung struck him in the rear passenger side wheel. The Dakota, which was pulling a trailer, had minor damage while the tractor had none. Jung, his passenger **Brooklyn Caroline Krumenauer**, 19, Hudson, nor Langer reported injuries.

Deputies were dispatched at 12:02 p.m. Sept. 23 to a two-vehicle crash on 250<sup>th</sup> Avenue one-third mile east of County Road CC in the town of Union between a 2011 Peterbilt Motors P388, driven by **Robert Jay Richardson Jr.**, 55, Spring Valley, and a 2006 Kenworth Motors Construction, owned by **Jay William Bauer**, Ellsworth. Richardson was traveling eastbound while Bauer was heading westbound and struck Richardson. Richardson's truck had functional damage while Bauer's had to be towed due to disabling damage. No injuries were reported.

Police were notified of a hit and run crash at 2:15 a.m. Sept. 28 at the 830<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Highway 65/Cemetery Road roundabout in River Falls. On unknown vehicle traveling westbound on 830<sup>th</sup> Avenue struck the left curb, struck a yield sign and fled the scene. The sign and post had to be replaced.

Deputies responded at 2:17 p.m. Sept. 28 to a three-vehicle crash at highways 35 and 63 in the town of Trenton between a 2018 Ford Escape, driven by **Hallee Mariah Thoen**, 27, Mazzeppa, Minn.; a 2014 Chevy Silverado, driven by **Arian Dean Sloan**, 65, Woodbury, Minn.; and a 2015 Ford Edge, driven by **Annamarie Nicole Aue**, 19, Auburndale. Thoen was traveling south on Highway 63 and stopped at the stop sign. Sloan was heading north on Highway 35 and stopped at the stop sign. Aue was traveling south on Highway 35 and stopped at the stop sign. Both Thoen and Sloan said Thoen had the right of way, but she didn't proceed right away, so Sloan did. The vehicles collided and Sloan was pushed into the median stop sign for Highway 35. The stop sign broke off and struck the left rear door of Aue's vehicle, which had functional damage. The other two vehicles were towed due to disabling damage. Thoen, Aue and Aue's passenger **Marissa Jane Albright**, 19, Des Moines, Iowa,

reported no injuries. Sloan reported possible injuries but wasn't transported.

Officers were called at 3:45 p.m. Sept. 28 to a motorcycle crash on County Road J one-third mile south of 690<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the town of Martell. A 2007 Honda CB900, driven by **Brandin Scott Dicks**, 27, Colfax, was traveling south on County Road J approaching a right curve. He entered the curve at a high speed, crossed the center line, lost control and overturned. He slid across the roadway to the east ditch into the gravel area. The motorcycle was towed due to disabling damage. Dicks, who wore a helmet, reported suspected minor injuries but wasn't transported. He was cited for operate motor vehicle without insurance.

Police were dispatched at 6:48 p.m. Oct. 3 to a hit and run crash in the parking lot of W6396 Highway 35 in Bay City between an unknown vehicle and a legally parked 2013 Chevy Silverado, owned by **Lary Michael Lemler**, Hager City. An unknown vehicle collided with the Chevy; Lem-

ler didn't notice the damage until he had left the scene. No injury were reported.

Officers responded at 12:15 p.m. Oct. 5 to a three-vehicle crash on Highway 65 just west of 760<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the town of Trimble between a 2023 Hyundai Santa Fe, driven by **Curtis W. Folkestad**, 73, Wadena, Minn.; a 2018 Dodge Caravan, driven by **Amy Lynn Kasuboski**, 40, River Falls; and a 2015 Chevy Silverado, driven by **Raymundo Ignacio Diaz**, 73, River Falls. Folkestad and a line of other southbound vehicles were slowing down. Diaz didn't see the line of vehicles slowing and rear-ended Kasuboski, who rear-ended Folkestad. Kasuboski's vehicle was pushed into the ditch after striking Folkestad. The Santa Fe had minor damage. The Dodge and Chevy were both towed due to disabling damage. No injuries were reported. Diaz was cited for inattentive driv-

ing and failure to keep vehicle under control.

Police responded to a one-vehicle crash at 4:05 p.m. Oct. 5 on County Road N just east of Highway 63 in the town of Ellsworth. A 2013 Toyota 4Runner, driven by **Linden Amelia Cooper**, 16, Independence, Minn., turned onto County Road N. A bag of pretzels spilled on Cooper, who went into the ditch through a mowed lawn area, where she struck a fence and tree. The vehicle was towed due to disabling damage. No injuries were reported.

Officers were dispatched at 12:52 a.m. Oct. 6 to a one-vehicle crash on County Road OO one-quarter mile south of 970<sup>th</sup> Street in the town of Diamond Bluff. A 2006 Honda Pilot, driven by **Laura Emelia Woods**, 32, St. Paul, was traveling north on County Road OO, negotiated a left-hand turn and fell asleep. She struck the gravel

on the right, overcorrected, crossed the centerline and went off the road on the other side. The vehicle was towed due to disabling damage. Woods reported possible minor injuries but wasn't transported.

Deputies were called at 2:07 p.m. Oct. 6 to a two-vehicle crash at N8630 450<sup>th</sup> St. in the town of Gilman between a 2016 Ford F650, driven by **Kimberly Dawn Willard**, 51, Spring Valley, and a legally parked 2018 Chevy Colorado, owned by **Megan Lee Pittman**, Menomonie. The Ford was being returned to the U-Haul dealer when Willard struck a parked truck in the lot. She left the scene without reporting it to the dealer and later denied it. Law enforcement attempted to contact her multiple times without success. Both vehicles had minor damage.



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# RIVER FALLS Police Department Reports

The following incidents were reported to River Falls Police Department Aug 13-19.

## Wednesday, Aug. 13

Officers were dispatched at 12:07 p.m. to 1063 E. Cascade Ave. for a trespassing complaint. A woman said her boyfriend had walked into the apartment uninvited and unannounced and saw another man in her bedroom. She tried to get him to leave, but he shoved her twice hard enough that she almost fell over. After he left the building, a rock shattered her bedroom window and he was seen yelling through the window at the other man. He left the scene. Police arrested **Brody Parrish Culver**, 22, River Falls, near the Falcon Center on the UW-River Falls campus for criminal trespass to dwelling, disorderly conduct and criminal damage to property. He was transported to Pierce County Jail. The window was estimated to cost \$500 to replace.

Police were notified of a hit and run crash at 2:50 p.m. that had occurred at Main and Walnut streets. A 2018 Volvo XC90, driven by **Kristan Jean Klumb**, 43, Roberts, was stopped in traffic on North Main Street just north of Walnut Street when she was rear-ended twice by a 2012 Chevy Equinox, driven by **Esperanza Quezada Erraez**, 23, River Falls. Klumb's 14-year-old daughter, a passenger in the vehicle, took a photo of the other vehicle, which fled the scene. Police found Erraez at her home on Pearl Street. She said she left because she was scared and claimed she had fallen asleep behind the wheel. She was arrested and cited \$200 for operate without valid license (second within three years) and \$111.40 for inattentive driving. A misdemeanor bail jumping charge was also referred to the dis-

trict attorney's office. Both vehicles had minor damage. No injuries were reported.

Officers were notified of a hit and run crash at 3:12 p.m. on Highway 35 about 1,000 feet south of Quarry Road. Police found a sheered off traffic signpost in the roadway. The complainant who first saw it didn't know when the damage had occurred.

A dirt bike theft was reported at 4:52 p.m. at 509 Roosevelt Court. A red Cooler 70CC had been parked next to a shed. The last time the complainant remembered seeing it was June 27 and noticed it was missing at 1 p.m. Aug. 7. She said no one could have seen the dirtbike unless they pulled into their driveway. Neighbors reported juveniles in the area playing Ding Dong Ditch, seen on video footage, but no one could be identified.

**Karen Diane Spence**, 47, River Falls, was cited \$187 for retail theft - intentionally take and \$124 for operate without valid license after police were called at 11:24 p.m. to Kwik Trip (1238 N. Main St.) for a theft. Police pulled Spence over after she left the store near Main and Church streets. She told officers her husband and paid \$12 for gas and when they pumped it, it didn't move the needle on their car. They went to New Richmond and back, stopping for more gas in New Richmond (which moved the needle). When they came back to River Falls, she went to Kwik Trip demanding a reimbursement. She said employees were "hateful" and refused to reimburse her, so she took two cheeseburgers and cheese curds totaling about \$12 in retaliation. She was also trespassed from the store.

## Thursday, Aug. 14

At 5:51 p.m., police were dispatched to Meyer Middle School (230 N. Ninth St.) for

five to six juveniles on dirtbikes and four-wheelers using vulgar language and talking about sexually assaulting females. When police responded, they found no dirtbikes or juveniles, though one witness said a kid on a dirtbike had taken a spill in the parking lot. Police located the juveniles later at Dairy Queen and spoke to them about their behavior. They were told not to ride dirtbikes in town anymore.

## Friday, Aug. 15

Police responded to a one-vehicle crash at 8:50 a.m. at the northbound Highway 35 ramp exiting Main Street. A 2003 Ford Ranger, driven by **Kitty Olena Ostrue**, 57, River Falls, had just turned onto the on-ramp. Ostrue said the vehicle wasn't responding as she attempted to turn, so she lost control, spun around and struck a light pole. The vehicle was towed due to disabling damage. Ostrue reported no injuries.

## Saturday, Aug. 16

**Kollin Patrick Todd**, 21, River Falls, was arrested and cited \$986 for operating with PAC, \$986 for OWI-first and \$136.60 for operating left of center after a traffic stop for operating without headlights and left of center at 2:08 a.m. at Division and Fremont streets. Todd said he and his brother had been downtown drinking at Shooter's and Emma's. There were empty tall-boy White Claw cans in the center console as well. After performing field sobriety tests and registering a .196 BAC, Todd was arrested, booked and released to his mother. His brother, **Kaden Alexander Todd**, 22, River Falls, was cited \$187 for possess drug paraphernalia after police found a red bag containing multiple drug and THC items behind his seat.

Police responded at 7:30 p.m. to Positive Alternatives (2860 Williams Ave.) for a runaway juvenile. She had walked out the front door at 6:45 p.m., allegedly to meet someone she had met online. Employees called officers at 8:15 p.m. to report the 16-year-old had returned to the facility.

At 7:51 p.m., police were dispatched to a possible burglary at 1450 S. Wasson Lane #48. A caller told police five people were breaking into the residence using a wire cutter. Because police have responded to multiple incidents at the mobile home, including a search warrant for a firearm, a stabbing and controlled substances, multiple agencies responded. Police used a PA system to call the people inside the trailer out. Three people exited while police held them at gunpoint. The subjects cooperated with police and told them they had permission to be in the trailer from the owner because they were considering purchasing the home. The owner confirmed they had permission to be inside. Police performed a sweep of the home and two vehicles to make sure no one else was inside. The subjects were allowed to depart.

## Sunday, Aug. 17

**Charles James Lefebvre**, 20, River Falls, was cited \$98.80 for burning waste and refuse after police located a large bonfire at 12:44 a.m. at 200 Spring St. Lefebvre and others were burning a couch and futon in the yard.

**Jackson Duane Edelman**, 22, River Falls, was cited \$98.80 for driving against traffic (one way street) and arrested and cited \$986 for OWI after a traffic stop at 1:54 a.m. at Spring and Second streets for driving the wrong way on a one-way street and blowing through the intersection. Edelman denied drinking

but had bloodshot eyes and smelled of alcohol. He kept telling police he's lived here his whole life and didn't understand the reason for the traffic stop. He refused a PBT and to perform field sobriety tests, so police received a warrant for a blood draw. After booking, he was released to a sober adult.

## Monday, Aug. 18

**Matthew Brendon Neisius**, 42, River Falls, was arrested and cited \$850 for OWI-third after a traffic stop for speeding at 12:51 a.m. at Winter and Locust streets. Neisius denied speeding and said he was coming from his ex's parents' house. He smelled of alcohol and had glossy, bloodshot eyes. After performing field sobriety tests and registering a .103 BAC, officers arrested Neisius and booked him before releasing him to a sober friend. Officers found THC vapes in his possession; they forwarded possession of THC and possess drug paraphernalia charges to the district attorney's office.

At 2:45 p.m., a resident at 271 Vista Circle voluntarily relinquished a Walther PPQ 9mm semi automatic pistol, two magazines, two rear grips, one magazine loader, and five boxes of ammo to the police.

At 4:10 p.m., police responded to 330 Steelhead Drive for a vehicle damage complaint. The owner of a 2017 Honda Civic found his driver's side mirror broken off and hanging and the passenger side mirror bent forward. The damage occurred sometime between 4 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Police were dispatched at 7:40 p.m. to a home in the 200 block of West Johnson Street for an out-of-control juvenile throwing things at his father and pulling his hair when told he wasn't allowed

to use SnapChat. Police spoke with the juvenile about following the rule and he calmed down. Per the father's request, CPS was made aware of the situation.

At 10:44 p.m., officers were called to a home in the 2700 block of Hilltop Lane for a suicidal man locked in a bathroom with two kitchen knives. His wife said his depression medication had been switched and he seemed to be doing well, but he had had a couple beers that night when he shouldn't mix alcohol with his medication. Officers took eight children out of the bedrooms and moved them to safety in the basement before making contact with the man. He told police he felt unappreciated and like his eight children didn't like him. He decided to take a bunch of pills and fall asleep in a full bathtub. Police transported him to the hospital and he was transferred to a hospital in the Cities. The home was filled with animal feces and urine and trash. The children were dirty and covered in sweat due to no air conditioning.

## Tuesday, Aug. 19

**Demetrius Lamont Nolen**, 25, River Falls, was cited \$187 for violate trespass notice at 3:26 a.m. at Kwik Trip (1238 N. Main St.) Police apprehended him near Auto Value. He told officers he'd paid for his items; the clerk concurred, but said Nolen had been trespassed previously due to retail theft.

Officers were dispatched to a one-vehicle crash at 7:31 a.m. at Main and Union streets. A 2022 Promaster Ram, driven by **Kevin Christopher Paucar Jara**, 22, Minneapolis, was traveling southbound on Main Street when Jara fell asleep and struck a light pole. The vehicle was towed due to disabling damage. No injuries were reported. Jara was cited \$111.40 for inattentive driving.

# RFHPC

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"Jayne is the idea lady and the researcher, then I do the digital layout. I'm very happy with how it all turned out," Huebel said.

The display features artifacts and stories about Terry Linehan, Ray Pennington, Fred Currier (a gold miner), Carlotta Blaurock Phillipps (an artist who studied under James McNeill Whistler), Anna Dodge Hernandez (a silent film actress), Noval MacGregor, William Jackman and Joel Foster.

Linehan is the only one featured still alive. Some are obvious adventurers, while the others are a little less well known, Huebel said.

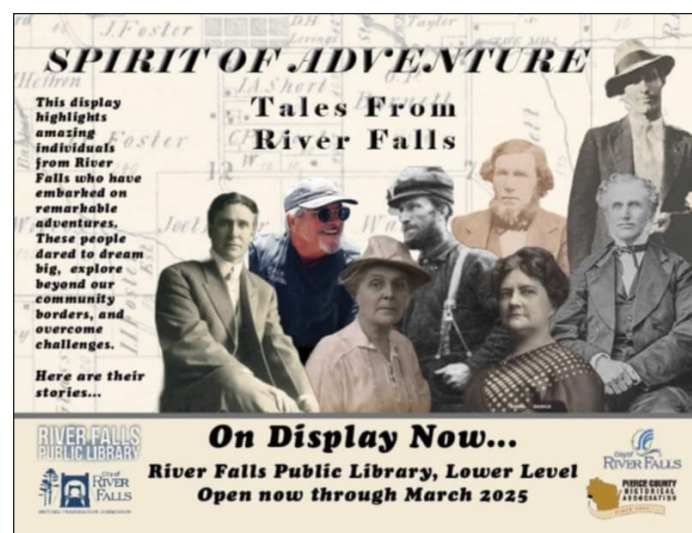
Hoffman marvels over the long list of silent films Dodge starred in and how she came back to River Falls for visits frequently.

"She was a character actress," Hoffman said. "The impact of how many films she starred in, you can see in the list. She stayed at the Opera Hotel here in town and we have the register."

Huebel likes exposing attendees to people who did things that were "a little bit extraordinary."

"It was risky," she said. "I don't know how to equate it to something today. Maybe climbing a mountain top somewhere. It's so fun to tell these stories."

Huebel is a visual person who loves to see photos and artifacts instead of reading about them solely in a book. Seeing a full-size man in the clothes of his time has a big impact, she said. Hoffman loves the words in the background of the displays, the subtlety in looking at an old plat map or a diary.



"Jayne did so much reaching out to the people's families," Huebel said. "You can tell history in who founded the town, but these fun stories and cool people are the best part. Usually, we're honoring people who have passed and we think about what would they think. With this we've seen that extra piece."

Hoffman said it took time to build relationships with people's families, most of whom don't live in River Falls. Persistence paid off and many families gave permission for artifacts to be used. One man brought artifacts from North Carolina; another woman mailed Pennington's actual journals.

The display also features a peek at many of the city's firsts: First automobile, first peanut pusher, first motorcycle, first hot air balloon.

"The first people with cars in town, that was in the paper every week," Huebel said. "For the time that was adventure."

Both women spoke highly of the collaboration between the library, the City of River Falls, the Pierce County Historical Association and the UW-River Falls Archives. The exhibit's theme ties in with

the library's theme this year, which is "Adventure."

"It's a great collaborative effort. It gives exposure to lots of things that might not be uncovered," Hoffman said.

With this display up and running (through March 2025), Huebel is turning her focus to compiling Pierce County military information and artifacts. She is working on moving the PCHA's military display to their Elmwood office in time for Veterans Day, plus digging into veterans from local legions who people want to know more about.

"It's great to see the reaction from the local legions in being thought of," Huebel said. "It's great history to get documented. There are legitimate war heroes with Pierce County ties. A lot of these guys who died young, they don't have descendants to share their stories and they can be lost."

The HPC is also working on a kiosk for the Glover Schoolhouse in DeSanctis Park, adding to the city's interpretive history signage and a display on bridges for Glen Park.

The River Falls Public Library's lower level gallery is open to the public during library hours, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

police department and staff," Kennett said. "Sending someone away from their job for 10 weeks is a huge undertaking, and I received nothing but support."

Kennett has been a part of the RFPD since 2006, and the department has been there for much of Kennett's law enforcement journey. Through this time, he has appreciated the willingness for the department to continue to educate its staff.

"As a whole within the city, we really pride ourselves on our training and our education, and this is just another example of that commitment," Kennett said.

were there.

"You have 254 new connections worldwide, including the partnership with the FBI itself," Kennett said.

When Kennett started his time in law enforcement, he was not even aware of the program, but after a pair of other members of the RFPD graduated from the program, Kennett became interested. Kennett applied about three years ago, and the process finally led to what he had been waiting for.

When Kennett learned the city was also supportive, he was certain this was something he wanted to take part in.

"Extremely grateful to city council, city leadership, the

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completely different ways to do something," Kennett said. "It was really eye-opening in a lot of ways."

For Kennett, it was not just the things learned in the classes that made the experience valuable, but learning them alongside people from all over the world.

"It's a once in a lifetime experience and it's an experience where you just can't replicate it," Kennett said. "Individuals from not only throughout the entire United States, but also the international students that

# Bear

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hearing the muzzle report, then I seen the muzzle flash, then I felt the bear moving from on top of me."

Ryan shoved the bear off of him and away from Owen and the two had come out of the battle alive.

"[Owen] did everything right. He started questioning himself at one point," Ryan said.

Before getting out of the woods, Ryan called his co-worker to say that he would not be at work the next day. He also called his wife who thought the bear attack was a joke at first because they had already texted saying they shot at a bear.

Ryan had some major wounds on his face and arm, and he was eventually taken to the hospital where he received stitches.

"[The police officer helping Ryan get medical attention] pulled out a pair of them industrial scissors that they cut clothing off with," Ryan said. "He said I'm going to cut your pants off. I looked down and I noticed I still had my hunting pants on and I said, 'The hell you're cutting these pants off, they're \$250.'"

Ryan did salvage his hunting pants, but the shirt had to go as they could not pull it over his open face wounds.

Ryan's perspective has changed a bit, as he is trying



Ryan Beierman's wounds after fending off a bear attack in Siren. Courtesy of Ryan Beierman

to be more relaxed with his family and get through it all.

"It was tragic for the whole family," Ryan said.

"I'm trying to be more laid back with the boys, help them get through it."

# St. Paul's

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new building was dedicated on Nov. 5, 1905.

In 1924, the church needed repairs and then 10 years later, the congregation decided to build a new brick church at the corner of Elm and Kinnickinnic streets across from the city park. The church, now a private home, was dedicated in July 1934. It cost \$4,000 to build and seated 125 people.

Church records state that as the congregation grew in size, they decided another new building was needed. The church purchased an 8.8-acre lot on the corner of Highway 10 and Campbell Street, the church's present location. The current building was dedicated on April 11, 1974 after being built for \$190,000.

The past 25 years have seen a number of additions added to the church, including a storage garage, bell tower, carillon system, central air, computers and more. In celebration of the 125th anniversary, new stained glass windows were installed.

But more important than the buildings that have housed the congregants is the time spent doing God's work, Chernohorsky said. She likes to think of that time broken down years, months, days, minutes and seconds.

"We've had God's Word for that many years, the number of pastors for that many months," she said. "What the Sunday School teachers and members have contributed to the church, the children they have reached and the seeds they've planted. We are all connected through God's love."

She offers the following Bible verses to illustrate her point: 1 John, 4:19; Philippians 4:7 and Matthew 16:25.

"Did you know the phrase 'Do not be afraid' is in the Bible 365 times? If that doesn't say something," she said.

While the church's annual anniversary is Dec. 1, placing the celebration in October was done for ease of time and availability. Members will be invited to put something in a time capsule, which will be sealed on Dec. 1 and opened on the next 25th anniversary.

Services are held each Sunday at 9:30 a.m., preceded by Sunday School at 8:45 p.m. Wednesday School and Confirmation take place at 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays and Bible studies are set for 7 p.m. Mondays. To learn more, visit [sprescott.org](http://sprescott.org).

# RIVER FALLS Area News

## City holds budget workshop as process continues

By Andrew Harrington

RIVER FALLS — Prior to the Oct. 8 River Falls City Council meeting, council members attended a workshop regarding the proposed 2025-26 budget.

During the workshop, there was a presentation that showcased some of the notable budget items for the coming two years. These include added police patrol personnel, \$100,000 added over the next two years for elections, added conservation and park personnel, 4% wage increases and 12% city healthcare renewal in the people category and \$250,000 per year for Emerald Ash Borer treatment and tree removal, \$10 million for a fire station remodel, \$4-7 million for a library project and \$3 million for Kinni Corridor.

City Administrator Scot Simpson said River Falls' growth has been beneficial, but the budget process is "anti-climactic" because increases to expenses keep the city to a handful of projects and ideas.

"Even with the great growth we have, we don't have a million dollars to just come up with ideas for things," Simpson said.

The budget's gross levy increase under the adopted fiscal plan is 5% for 2025 and 2026, with the proposed budget changing the numbers to 6% for 2025 and 5% for 2026. The net levy increase is 4% for 2025 and 2026 as the fiscal plan sets the cap at 4%.

The city is currently running at a deficit for electric, water and sewer utilities. Operating revenues are exceeding operating expenses in the three, but capital expenses have created the loss. Rates for electric, water and solid waste are seeing increases to reach the city's benchmark rate of return.

Fund/Category	Proposed Levy	Percent
General Fund	\$ 6,068,106	74%
Library Ops	925,000	11%
Debt Service	1,095,643	13%
Capital	182,350*	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,271,099</b>	<b>100%</b>

Fund/Category	Fiscal Plan Levy	Percent
General Fund	\$ 5,873,000	72%
Library Ops	925,000	11%
Debt Service	1,095,643	13%
Capital	290,350*	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,183,993</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*Locust Street design and inspections software

RF Proposed Budget

The first reading of the budget will take place Oct. 22.

### Other business

During the regular council meeting after the budget discussions, a Purchase Agreement with Kristin D. Nelson for 0.26 acres at East Division Street and Second Street

was approved for Capital Improvement Projects.

There was a brief public comment portion that featured Alderperson Nick Carow discussing the city council and competition for seats.

"When you look across this table, we have an average tenure of about 8.6 years," Carow said. "When we look in the longer pattern, we see that we oftentimes are struggling to fill people to serve and commit on local boards and for some of the other positions that we need throughout the city."

Carow said the city is in need of new voices and new ideas to keep up with the changes it is constantly undergoing.

"We need this table to have rotating voices," Carow said. "It is not to impugn the motives or the work that my colleagues do. They do really good work and I'm proud

to be a part of this group, but we need different voices to come out and run for office. We need people who want to participate in this thing in a different capacity."

Carow said some of the "healthiest boards" put term limits in place, and people who attend the meetings frequently or have an interest should run for a seat.

Rebecca Ferguson of the library board spoke on the governor's appearance at the library for the \$4 million grant they received. Ferguson said people at the library thought River Falls was the only library Gov. Tony Evers attended because they got the biggest grant, but it was actually due to the investment the city made into the 35,000 square foot library decades ago.

"Could we do with a smaller building? It would be easier, but it wouldn't be as effective," Ferguson said.

## RF comes alive with RFFD Open House, Run With the Cops



River Falls Officer Ryan Miller holds the torch at the Oct. 1 Run With the Cops event at UW-River Falls. The celebrations raises money for Special Olympics Wisconsin and feature a 5K and 1-mile run/walk, kids obstacle courses and games, a donut eating contest and more. Photo courtesy of Tyler Mason, City of River Falls



The River Falls Fire Department was a busy place Monday, Sept. 30 with its annual open house in honor of Fire Prevention Week. Photo courtesy of Tyler Mason, City of River Falls



Officer Ryan Miller, an investigator with the River Falls Police Department, is one of the main organizers of the annual Run With the Cops event held at UW-River Falls. Photo courtesy of Tyler Mason, City of River Falls



(From left): River Falls firefighters Adam Gierl, Ben Blanchard and Kevin Lubich at the RFFD's annual Open House, held Monday, Sept. 30. Photo courtesy of Tyler Mason, City of River Falls



This year's Empty Bowls benefiting Our Neighbors' Place will be held Thursday, Oct. 24 at St. Bridget Catholic Church in River Falls. Contributed photo



This River Falls firefighter and child were on hand to greet guests at the River Falls Fire Department's Open House, held Monday, Sept. 30. Photo courtesy of Tyler Mason, City of River Falls

### Empty Bowls fundraiser set for Oct. 24

RIVER FALLS — Soup season is here; join Our Neighbors' Place from 4:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct 24 for Empty Bowls - an event to raise money and awareness for food insecurity in River Falls.

The event, held at St. Bridget Catholic Church (211 E. Division St., River Falls), will feature soup from nine area restaurants/chefs, as well as bread and desserts. Vote for your favorite soup and adult

ticket holders can choose a handcrafted bowl to take home as a tangible reminder to continue helping with hunger relief efforts locally.

Tickets are available by credit card through our website <https://www.ourneighborsplace.org> or in person with cash or check at the Day Center (122 W. Johnson St. in River Falls, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday). Tickets are \$25 and up for adults, \$10 (ages 13-17),

kids 12 and under are free. Tickets are available at the door (while supplies last).

Funds raised will support the Our Neighbors' Place Backpack Program (food for families in the River Falls School District) and the Our Neighbors' Place Day Center (drop in facility with direct resources including food).

Participating soup donors include Junior's Restaurant, Westwind Supper Club, Kilkarney Hills, The Table on Main, Kinni Cafe, Mei Mei's Cookies & Creamery, WE Market Co-op, Tamation Tavern, and The Sycamore of River Falls. Desserts donated by GaGa's Kitchen and Best Maid Cookies/Rise Baking.

For more information, find the event on Facebook.

Submitted by Our Neighbors' Place Executive Director Shelly Smith

## 'A Harvest of Poems' at River Falls Public Library

The River Falls Public Library will host two acclaimed regional poets, Freya Manfred and Thomas R. Smith, at "A Harvest of Poems" from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24.

The reading will showcase new work by both featured poets followed by an open mic inviting community members to contribute a favorite poem, original or otherwise.

Manfred, who grew up in southwestern Minnesota and now lives in Stillwater,

has recently published her 10th poetry collection, *When I Was Young and Old*. Fellow poet Jim Moore writes, "Grief and joy, humor and mystery; all belong together in this full embrace of a book."

Smith will read new work as well as poems from his recent collection *Medicine Year*. He lives in River Falls and has written extensively about life near the Kinnickinnic River. Poet Margaret Hasse says, "Smith's words offer understanding of how

to be wholly present to experience — whatever comes."

The evening will offer a rich feast of poems both seasonal and timeless, enriching listeners' own journey into autumn. This is a free event. The River Falls Public Library is located at 140 Union St. Phone is 715-425-0905. The program will also be streamed live on the library's Facebook and YouTube.

Submitted by Thomas R. Smith

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# ELLSWORTH Area News

## A delightful evening at Ellsworth Public Library's Open House!

Public invited to try mocktails and appetizers

### Staff report

ELLSWORTH – The Ellsworth Public Library warmly invites the community to an exciting Open House featuring a Mocktails and Appetizer Tasting Party from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14. Join us for a delightful evening of delicious mocktails and appetizers, all on us!

This special event is not just about the tasty treats; it's an opportunity to take home fantastic mocktail recipes to impress your friends and family during the upcoming holiday season.

"We're thrilled to draw inspiration from a diverse selection of cookbooks in our library system, such as *Free Spirit Cocktails* by Camille Wilson, *Mocktails: Non-Alcoholic Cocktails with Taste and Style* by Caroline Hwang, and *The New York Bartender's Guide* by Sally Ann Berk. With our extensive collection, you'll find a wealth of recipes for healthy drinks, powerhouse smoothies, low-alcohol options, and much more," said Assistant Librarian Rob-in Kruse.

Helping us make this eve-

ning extra special are our special guest bartenders, Steve and Todd Straub, who will showcase their mixology skills.

"One of the Friends of the Library brought up the idea of inviting the Straub brothers, harkening back to the unforgettable 'Steven Todd' days," Kruse said. "We loved the suggestion—they're both such fun and easy-going personalities."

The Straub brothers used to own a bar in the East End, now known as Danny Dunn's.

The Open House is dedicated to honoring the Friends of the Ellsworth Public Library. The public is invited to meet the Friends, express gratitude for their generous support, and learn more about their mission to enhance our library services and community engagement.

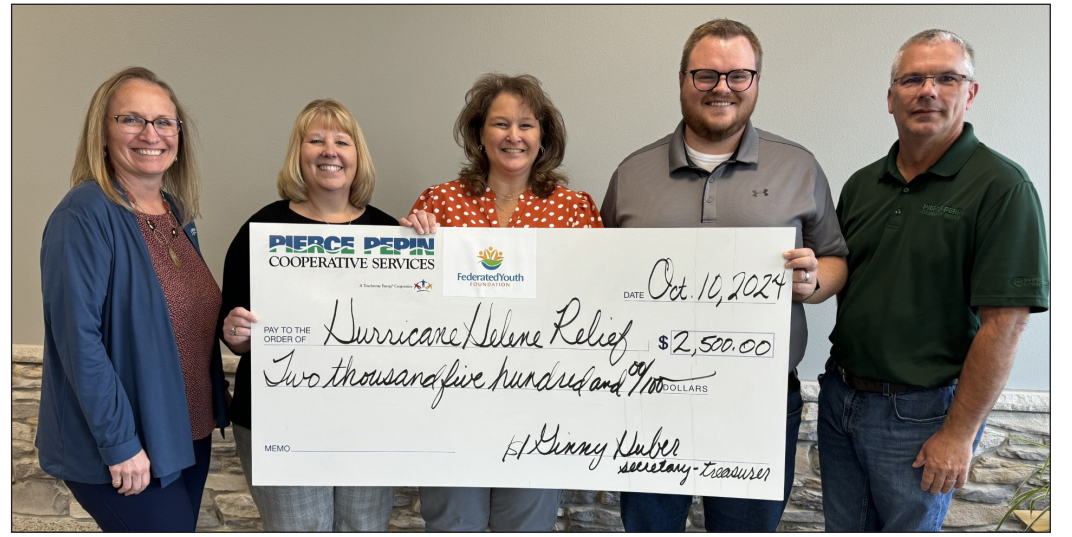
According to Kruse, The Friends of Ellsworth Public Library have long been vital supporters of the library, making notable contributions over the past year. They provided volunteer assistance during Community Trick or Treat and funded a virtual library tour for the website.

Additionally, they organized community fundraising events such as Ridgetop, the Cheese Curd Festival, and the Showdown in Curd town Truck & Tractor Pull.

Their financial backing has also been instrumental in supporting programs like Star Wars Day, summer family events, and monthly activities at the senior center. Furthermore, the Friends offered grant-writing assistance for the Summer Fun Series and for improving building accessibility.

They played a key role in the library's Centennial Celebration and used memorial donations to purchase items for the Storytime Playspace, including a dress-up station, costumes, and a wooden train set. In addition to these contributions, they sponsor the library's coffee station, maintain a perpetual book sale shelf, support Little Free Libraries, and assisted with a Community Conversation on Accessibility.

For more information, please contact the library at 715-273-3209 or email [epstaff@ellsworthlibrary.org](mailto:epstaff@ellsworthlibrary.org).



PPCS staff are proud to donate \$2,500 to purchase essential supplies for Hurricane Helene relief efforts. Contributed photo

## PPCS provides Hurricane Helene relief

ELLSWORTH – Pierce Pepin Cares, the charitable foundation of Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services, is providing financial support to victims of Hurricane Helene. The Pierce Pepin Cares board of directors met on Oct. 5 and approved sending \$2,500 to support Hurricane Helene relief efforts. The \$2,500 comes from the cooperative's Federated Youth Foundation (FYF), funded through abandoned capital credits.

Wisconsin electric cooperatives have sent 45 linemen, trucks, and equipment to Aiken Electric Cooperative in Aiken, SC, to assist in rebuilding electric lines.

"This is not a restoration," said Federated Youth Foundation executive director Rob Richard. "This is a complete rebuild of the cooperative. Hundreds of poles were

snapped. Entire substations were washed away. Every major roadway and bridge structure was significantly damaged or destroyed."

The Wisconsin cooperatives have also committed to sending a semi-load of supplies, such as clothing, water, non-perishable food, tarps, toiletries, blankets, pillows, cleaning supplies, diapers, small generators, etc. This work is being done in coordination with the Wal-Mart distribution center in Menomonie to procure the supplies. RESCO (an electric supply cooperative) has offered to supply the trucking.

"We understand that people in the region are in dire need of electricity and humanitarian supplies," said PPCS president and CEO Nate Boettcher. "One of our core cooperative principles is Concern for

Community. We are thankful we can reach out and assist our South Carolina neighbors in their time of need."

This is critical work. In the words of one resident, "These guys are so amazing! I watched in awe as they made such a difficult job look so easy. When they finished, and I flipped my main breaker on for the first time in 12 days, I can't even explain all the emotions I felt ... I've seen multiple companies from several states working non-stop, rotating shifts, 24 hours a day. They are beyond exhausted and missing their families, but they continue pushing through because they know they are our only hope at finding a sense of normalcy amid this chaos."

Submitted by Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services

## Funds raised to help patients with fuel costs

### By Sarah Nigbor

ELLSWORTH – Four local business owners are raising awareness about breast cancer, a cause close to these women's hearts.

Brush Strokes Art Supply/ East End Gifts, Country Fit Nutrition, YB Urban? and River Road Coffee are selling themed products throughout October; the funds raised will be used to purchase gas cards for those going through cancer treatment at Allina Health Cancer Institute in River Falls.

Kayleen Jakes, owner of Brush Strokes and co-owner of East End Gifts, and CJ Pedersen, owner of Country Fit and also co-owner of East End Gifts, wanted to find a way to give back to those going through cancer after Jakes' mom, Denice Girdeen, was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"We reached out to my mom to see the most impactful way we could give back," Jakes said. "We both had businesses that could do a fundraiser."

Girdeen suggested providing gas cards to those who need to drive to chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Besides medical bills, it's an expense that can add up that people may not think about. Fuel costs add up.

That first year in 2021, Jakes and Pedersen raised \$240 to provide \$20 gas cards to patients. In 2022 that total increased to \$625, followed by \$1,100 in 2023 when YB Urban?'s Angie Whelan joined the cause. This year, Megan Gooselaw from River Road Coffee is also taking part. Kwik Trip Kares program also donated money to the initiative in the past and the women are hoping the Wisconsin-based company will do so again.

People can purchase themed products at each business, such as pink shakes, teas and lemonade, shirts and boobie bath products.

"We try to do a variety of things so it's not just one thing at one location," Jakes said.

Customers get a kick out of Whelan's boobie themed truffle bath bombs, goat's milk soap and shower lotion bars. Her mother is a breast cancer survivor of 25 years, so the cause hits close to home.

"We have to be aware of our risks, being that our mothers had it," Whelan said.

Jakes added that she's had aunts and cousins also diagnosed with cancer.

Gooselaw, new to the cause this year, is a cancer survivor, so it's a cause close to her heart. In January 2016 at age 30 she was diagnosed with invasive ductal carcinoma. She felt a small lump in her right breast near her armpit while lying in bed.

"I almost brushed it off, as I was just getting over the flu and figured it was probably a swollen lymph node from being sick," she said. "I ended up making an appointment with my gynecologist who assured me the lump was 'probably nothing.' I was so young and I had no history of breast cancer in my family."

Luckily, the physician she saw sent her for imaging just to be overly cautious. She had a mammogram which showed nothing because her tissue was too dense. After the mammogram, Gooselaw had an ultrasound that confirmed it was some kind of solid lump and not a cyst.

"At this point, I started to panic but was assured by the medical team that 8 out of 10 lumps are not cancer," Gooselaw said. "They sent me for a needle biopsy on a Friday. I wouldn't get a call with the results till the following Tuesday around lunch time. After the most excruciating wait of my life over the weekend, the phone rang at my office and a sweet woman from the breast center did not sugar coat things. She said 'there's no easy way to say this, you have breast cancer.' Everything went dark at that point. I couldn't believe what I was hearing. I don't remember the drive home and the next few



Megan Gooselaw, a breast cancer survivor and co-owner of River Road Coffee, gives a thumbs up after receiving a mammogram. Contributed photo

days were a blur."

After working through some anger and asking why this had happened to her, she got serious about next steps. She had genetic testing done to ensure she didn't have a mutated BRCA gene, as that would have dictated the course of action. Women with a mutated gene have a 50-80% chance of breast cancer and a high chance of recurrence. The genetic test came back clean, meaning she could have a lumpectomy, rather than a full mastectomy. She met with a great surgeon who performed a lumpectomy a few weeks after her diagnosis. The surgeon removed the tumor and a fair amount of tissue to get clean margins, as well as six lymph nodes including her sentinel node.

"Luckily, the cancer was discovered while it was still in stage one. All the lymph nodes were clean, allowing me to have 33 rounds of radiation after surgery, but avoid doing

chemotherapy," Gooselaw said.

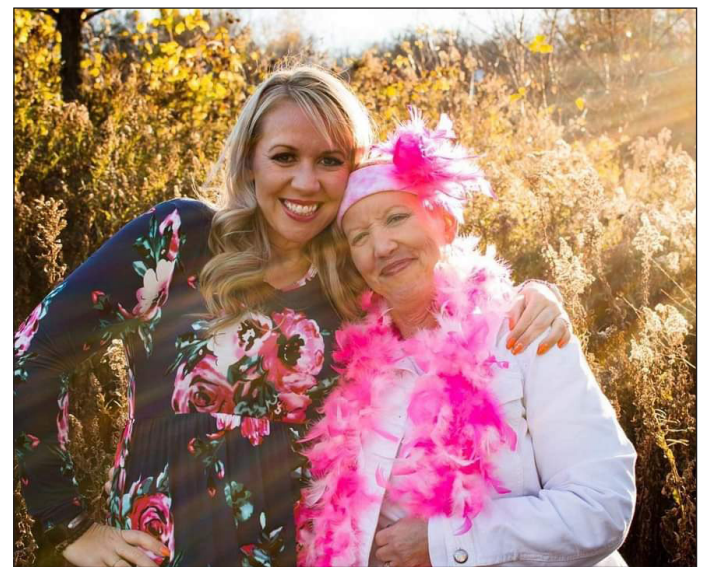
Gooselaw encourages women to be familiar with how their breasts feel so they can tell if something changes.

"I also remind them to advocate for themselves. Nobody knows your body like you do," she said. "If you think something is going on, don't stop until you get to the bottom of it. I was told multiple times that my tumor was probably nothing. I'm very lucky that my cancer was discovered and I wasn't simply sent home."

"I would also stress that they should give themselves permission to take care of themselves. I almost cancelled my initial doctor's appointment because I didn't want to have to leave work early. I was going to have the lump checked out months later at my yearly visit. I only ended up keeping the appointment because of a very caring co-worker who basical-



Business owners Kayleen Jakes, Megan Gooselaw (not pictured), CJ Pedersen and Angie Whelan are raising money in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month for gas cards for those who must travel for treatment. Contributed photo



Kayleen Jakes and her mother, Denice Girdeen, who is a breast cancer survivor. Contributed photo

ly pushed me out the door. I'm so thankful I didn't wait to be seen. I would tell them leave work early, cancel plans, put your housework on hold. You are allowed to take a moment to take care of you."

"Lastly, a lot of people think they'll be ok if they don't have a family history of the disease. I am living proof that you don't need to have family history to be diagnosed. I would also stress that women of all ages should be vigilant. Younger women often don't think they need to worry about cancer, but again, I was a healthy 30-year-old one day

and a cancer patient the next. It can happen at any age and early detection can save lives."

Whelan said the nurses at the Cancer Institute are appreciative of the gift cards given to patients. Jakes said she loves to see the faces of people they are helping.

"I think it's so important when you're in small communities to find the places you can help locally," Whelan said. "It's not that donating to a bigger organization isn't good. You make the biggest impact when you can donate on the local level."

## ELLSWORTH FFA

# Bingo

**WHEN:** Friday, Oct. 18, 2024

**WHERE:** VFW Post 9060

**TIME:** Doors open at 5:30 p.m.  
Games start at 6:00 p.m.

**COST:** \$1/Per Card

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All proceeds will help support FFA members attending trips to leadership events, contests, career expos, and conventions.

## THE ELLSWORTH FFA PRESENTS

# Small Business Vendor Market

**WHEN:** October 20, 2024

**WHERE:** Ellsworth High School  
323 Hillcrest St.  
Ellsworth, WI 54011

**OPEN TO PUBLIC:** 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

# PRESCOTT Area News

## Prescott Area Food Pantry adds pair of staff to divvy workload

By Andrew Harrington

PRESCOTT — The Prescott Area Food Pantry recently welcomed two more staff members to join long-time leader Pete French. Jen Kathrine will be taking over as the food pantry manager and Maddie Peterson takes on the role of kitchen manager.

The changes are in part to help French dial back his workload so all of the responsibilities do not fall on him. French is not going anywhere, as he will still manage finances and navigate grant opportunities for the pantry.

“I was spending seven days a week here, nights, weekends, all day long,” French said. “It just got to be way, way too much.”

Increasing the staff to three people not only lowers the hours needed from French, but it also decreases overall staffing costs rather than increasing them.

“This just became too much for one person to manage,” Kathrine said. “Then we were able to kind of divvy up the duties and create three positions instead of one.”

As of Oct. 4, the Lunch Box Cafe at the pantry has been closed. The Cafe is a spot where all are welcome to enjoy full meals for \$7 with proceeds helping fund the pantry. Pantry participants can also eat there for \$4.50.

Grant funding helped put together a restaurant-quality kitchen, and the pantry aims to use it to bring in some funding on its own.

The reason for the closing was to reorganize, find and train volunteers, rework the menu and more. With Peterson added to the staff, it gave time for the transition to happen. The Lunch Box Cafe is expected to open again in early November.

Peterson’s career started in social work, but years ago



Jen Kathrine (left) joins the Prescott Area Food Pantry staff as the food pantry manager and Maddie Peterson (right) joins as the kitchen manager. Courtesy of the Prescott Area Food Pantry

moved to catering. Peterson was looking for a commercial kitchen space, which the pantry helped provide. This is not Peterson’s first pantry experience, previously working at a domestic violence shelter that had a food pantry.

“It’s fun for me that this

is kind of a both worlds, my new career and my past passion, which is still a passion for me, have kind of become combined in this setting,” Peterson said.

Kathrine will handle the pantry side. Kathrine has lived in Prescott for over 10

years and works at a translation company in River Falls. Kathrine is not new to the pantry, volunteering for years and serving on the board.

“I’ve always wanted to do something that helped my community,” Kathrine said. “I know the food pantry, it re-

ally helps those most in need in our community, and I just thought that was a really good way to get involved.”

French said it can sometimes be difficult for those in need to feel comfortable attending the food pantry. This is something French hopes to change, wanting everyone in need to feel welcome.

“You take care of what’s important, and we’ll take care of dinner,” French said.

The pantry hosts Wednesday night BINGO sessions, with upcoming dates of Nov. 6, Nov. 20 and Dec. 11. Early bird sessions start at 5:30 p.m. and the main sessions start at 6 p.m.

People interested in donating to the pantry can stop in at 911 Pearl St., mail in a donation or attend fundraisers. There are a variety of donation options for people interested.

## PRESCOTT COMMUNITY CLUB Student of the Week

The Prescott Community Club Student of the Week for Oct. 16 is Prescott High School senior Caden Peterson, nominated by Spanish teacher Nicole Jodarski.

Caden is an inquisitive, insightful, and highly motivated student,” Jodarski said. “He is enthusiastic about putting newly acquired language to use, and he routinely challenges himself in class. Several times a week, Caden poses astute questions or observations about language, and his contributions help the whole class deepen their linguistic knowledge. He is kind, helpful, and generous and always willing to assist his classmates. I am also impressed by his eagerness to learn more outside of class, particularly through reading about the cultures of Span-

ish-speaking people. Caden’s dedication to language learning and cultural exploration sets him apart as an exceptional student who consistently elevates our learning environment.”

Caden is the son of Penny and Steve Peterson.

“I help Community Ed run various activities and take on many different roles. I work for PCTV with two main jobs - a camera operator for most games and events, and a commentator for some basketball games. I am also a member of 4-H and have done various projects for the club,” Caden said.

He is a member of the cross country and track teams and enjoys running, baking/cooking, video gaming and playing DnD. He is a member of the Dungeons



Caden Peterson

& Dragons Club, Guys Read, National Honors Society and Writer’s Block. He is also an honor roll student.

In the future, he plans to study medicine with the end goal of becoming a trauma or critical care surgeon.

Submitted by Prescott High School

## Tackle Cancer event set for Oct. 18 at Laney Field

Prescott’s 7-0 Cardinals football team will host its second annual Randy Shaver Tackle Cancer event on Friday, Oct. 18. Festivities begin with a variety of “Tailgate for a Cause” activities from 5-7 p.m. at Laney Field.

There will be tailgate food available for a free will donation (hot dogs, brats and more). An array of pink fare, graciously donated by Cernohous Chevrolet, will be given out to help paint the stands pink!

Other activities include games and a chance to win a variety of prize packs that include two pink Prescott football jerseys that can be signed by the team, “Breakfast with the Team,” a Raising Cane’s

cooler pack and much more. Pink Cheer packs will be for sale to show support for the team.

The Tackle Cancer event takes on special meaning this year as one of Prescott’s beloved elementary teachers and Cross County/Track Coach, Emily Calabrese, was recently diagnosed with Hodgkin’s Lymphoma. There will be a dedication board to send Mrs. Calabrese an encouraging message, and one for all of those who are battling or have survived cancer.

Funds from area Tackle Cancer events benefit the organization that has raised over \$3.5 million since its inception in 2012. Monies are used to fund:

Research projects at the University of Minnesota and Mayo Clinic.

Programs related to prevention and treatment of cancer.

Programs that support cancer patients, such as Warrior Packs and daily meals for families.

Programs that educate underserved communities about breast cancer awareness and education.

If you are unable to attend the fundraiser on the 18th and would like to donate to this great cause, contact PCR Director, Angela Magee: perdirector@prescott.k12.wi.us.

Submitted by Prescott School District

## Senior Gathering Place activities

PRESCOTT – Fall has made its presence known with the leaves beautifully turning, chilly mornings and pumpkins everywhere. Many reasons to be out and about and joining friends at the Gathering Place. Coming activities:

**Wednesday, Oct. 16:** Program and Publicity meeting at 10:15 a.m. Cards will be played from 12:30-3:30 p.m.; come join other members for Bridge, Euchre, 500 or game of your choice.

**Thursday, Oct. 17:** Pickleball will be played at 8:30 a.m. in the gym at the Intermediate School, outside at the Lions Park courts if the weather is good. At 1 p.m., we will show the movie “Knives Out,” an entertaining Agatha Christie type mystery for all.

**Friday, Oct. 18:** Memory Cafe meets from 10-11:30 a.m. at the First National Bank lower level community room.

**Tuesday, Oct. 22:** Pickleball will be played at 8:30 a.m.

in the Intermediate School gym, outside at Lions Park if the weather permits. Walking Group meets at the Gathering Place at 9 a.m. Book Club meets at 1 p.m. to discuss this month’s book “The Elephant Whisperer” by Lawrence Anthony.

**Wednesday, Oct. 23:** Join Gathering Place members from 12:30-3:30 p.m. for cards; Euchre, Bridge, 500 or game of your choice will be played.

**Thursday, Oct. 24:** At 1 p.m., Jane White from the

Pierce County ADRC will speak on Medicare open enrollment. All are welcome. Senior Gathering Place is open to all seniors 55 and older. We are located at 1220 St. Croix St. (Door 5 of the Prescott Middle School). Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 12:30-3:30 p.m. with occasional morning activities. All seniors are welcome to come check us out! Hope to see you soon.

Submitted by Janet Cleary

## Auditions set for next Great River Road Theatre show

By Sarah Nigbor

PRESCOTT – The Great River Road Theatre is seeking actors for its next dinner theatre production, “Death by Chocolate,” an adult comedy. Six performances will take place in late January at the Old Ptacek’s Event Center in Prescott.

Director Judy Johnson is seeking 12 adults to play characters in the latest production. Auditions will be held at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 27 and 28 at the Prescott Area Food Pantry. (911 Pearl St.) Those interested will be asked to read an excerpt from the play, provided by Johnson. The cast will begin practicing

after Halloween.

According to a synopsis of the play:

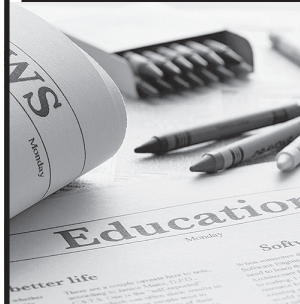
“Members of the newly renovated Meadowbrook Health Resort are dropping like flies, including famed chef Edith Chiles! On the eve of the grand re-opening, this is not the best advertisement! It’s up to John Stone, the manager, to find the cause and the murderer. “Delightfully sarcastic and cynical, Stone finds himself teaming up with Ed Parlor, mystery writer and amateur sleuth, in a wacky race against time. The clues point to a sinister box of chocolates, and the suspects include all the outlandish char-

acters working for the resort. “Could it be Lady Riverdale, owner of the resort, and a woman with dark secrets? Or Ralph Deadwood, gym instructor and all around cad? Dick Simmering, the aerobics instructor? Anne, the panic stricken nurse? Or could it be “Sweet Pea” Meadowbrook, overweight and grieving daughter of the recently deceased founder of the resort?”

For questions, contact Johnson at 715-307-9489.

Editor’s note: The wrong location for auditions was listed in last week’s edition. They will be held at the Prescott Area Food Pantry.

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**# PowerOn**

# Prescott third after day one at state golf

*Feran's hole-in-one is tournament highlight*

**Staff report**

The Prescott girls golf team is turning heads on the sport's biggest stage this week.

After four straight Division 2 State Championships, WIAA competitive balance rules bumped Prescott to Division 1 for post-season competition this year. The Cardinals took the elevation in stride, winning WIAA Regional and Sectional championships.

After day one at the state meet, held at University Ridge Golf Course in Madison, the Cardinals turned heads by ending the first 18 holes in third place with a team round of 335, 15 strokes behind leader Divine Savior Holy Angels and nine behind second place Middleton. Behind Prescott are Division 1 powerhouses Brookfield East, Arrowhead, DeForest, Kaukauna, Hudson, Bay Port, Westosha Central, Brookfield Central and Janesville Craig.

Macy Reiter led Prescott

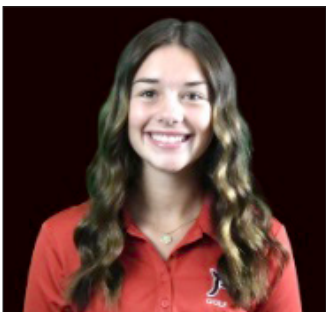
with a score of 80, including a three-over par 39 on the back nine. Gabbi Matzek matched that back nine score enroute to an 18-hole tally of 82. Jeanne Rohl shot an 86, while Layla Salay and Lydia Feran each finished at 87.

Had Prescott stayed in Division 2 this year, they'd be up by 27 strokes after day one competition.

Perhaps the biggest thrill of the day was Feran's hole-in-one on the par 3 hole 12. It's just the 11<sup>th</sup> hole-in-one in WIAA Girls State Golf Championship history. She's the second Cardinal golfer to drain her tee shot. Maddie Reiter hit a hole-in-one on University Ridge's hole 8 in 2022.

Feran told Wisconsin Golf she was using a nine-iron to ace the 124-yard hole.

"I measured 120 (yards) to the pin so, I hit my 125 club, which is my 9-iron," Feran wrote in a text to Wisconsin Golf, saying she leaned on Ava Salay, a University of Wisconsin golfer and daughter



Lydia Feran

of Prescott coach Chad Salay. "I had wind in the face so me and coach Salay (Ava) decided to stay with that club. I have never had a hole-in-one before today. I hit the ball and it felt like a normal pure shot. It landed 15 feet in front of the pin and started slowly rolling towards the hole.

"As people shouted 'go in' I thought there was no chance of it dropping. I quickly looked up from the ground and watched my ball have its final rotation sinking into the cup. Screams roared through the golf course. To this moment, it still doesn't feel real.



Prescott's Gabbi Matzek takes her tee shot on the 18th hole during the WIAA Sectional Meet in Tomah last week. Photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media

It is what really got my round going. My first three holes were somewhat rocky because of nerves but after (No.

12) I regained my confidence and shot my personal best."

Press time prevented full coverage of the golf champi-

onships in this edition of the Pierce County Journal. Stay tuned to next week's edition!



Cade Stasiiek surveys the field in a 19-18 win over Boyceville on Oct. 11. Photo by Andrew Harrington



Trevor Forster picks up a big gain to help lead Spring Valley over undefeated Boyceville. Photo by Andrew Harrington

## Spring Valley wins gut-wrencher over undefeated Boyceville

By Andrew Harrington

BOYCEVILLE — A week ago, Spring Valley football Head Coach Ryan Kapping said they were going to have to get better if they wanted to beat 7-0 Boyceville for sole possession of the conference lead, and he got just what he wished for, with the Cardinals rallying for a 19-18 win on the road Friday.

"We were better, we were better," Kapping said of the improvements he saw. "Best practice week we've had all season. Kids were focused and they showed up tonight."

The dream game started as a nightmare, as Spring Valley's opening drive abruptly ended when a short throw near the right sideline was jumped for an interception and returned all the way to the one. Boyceville wasted no time punching it in for a 6-0 lead.

"We put ourselves in some tough spots early, so just credit it to the kids for continuing to give effort and continuing to fight back and make enough plays," Kapping said.

After penalties killed each team's next drive, Spring Valley took a 7-6 lead when quarterback Cade Stasiiek found Caleb Bartko in the back of the endzone for a five-yard score. The drive was largely fueled by a 32-yard run from Trevor Forster.

It looked as if the lead would hold into the halftime break, but on fourth and four with a minute to go in the second, Boyceville quarterback Carson Roemhild escaped the pocket and found an open receiver on the right sideline for a 35-yard score and a 12-7 lead. Roemhild was elusive all night long, finding some rare cracks in a rock-solid Cardinal defense.

The third quarter did not see points added to the board on either side, but it was massive from a field position perspective. Spring Valley controlled the field for the whole quarter, eventually returning a punt to the opposing 40 with the fourth quarter looming.

They capitalized on the field position, as a drive that featured a pair of fourth down conversions was capped off by a three-yard rush by Stasiiek for a 13-12 lead with nine minutes to play. Spring Valley went for two and failed, which nearly drastically altered the game, but ended up being a non-factor.

Roemhild struck again on the next drive, as a deep pass took the Bulldogs all the way to the one yard line and they scored a play later. Because of Spring Valley's failed conversion, Boyceville had a chance to go up seven on the conver-

sion, but could not and led 18-13 with 6:50 to go.

Things looked bleak for the Cardinals, as they had a fourth and five situation. Bartko became the hero, as a throw into tight coverage was grabbed for the first down.

On the next play, Stasiiek found Ian Hakes up the seam for 30 yards to get Spring Valley to the nine. On third and goal from the six, Stasiiek ran it in again with 1:05 to play and the rest was history.

"It was the greatest feeling in the world," Stasiiek said. "Just goosebumps up and down my body."

Both squads entered at 7-0, with Boyceville sitting at No. 4 in the Division 7 Wisconsin Sports Network rankings and Spring Valley at No. 6. Each team was also 5-0 in conference play, so while the game did not fully decide the conference title, it did allow the Car-

dinals to clinch a share of the Dunn-St. Croix. A win next week would propel Spring Valley to the outright title.

"It means the world," Stasiiek said. "It's great to have at least a share, and we're hoping to get outright next week."

Stasiiek said after winning conference his freshman and sophomore years, there was a sting from landing in second in 2023, so the team was ecstatic to reclaim their seat at the top.

"It just boosts our confidence so much," Stasiiek said. "We still know we have to work hard, but it boosts our confidence a lot."

A game like this one may have a lasting impact on Spring Valley, as it gave the Cardinals their first real taste of trailing most of the game. The only other game that came down to the fourth quarter came in the opening week

against Durand-Arkansaw, so the experience was vital.

"It's nice to have tough games," Kapping said. "That will pay off in the playoffs. We will definitely, obviously, play tough opponents in the playoffs, and you want those four quarter games to prepare you."

The Boyceville crowd was both full and rowdy; however, Spring Valley brought numbers of their own to fill the stands. The noise was felt on the field, with Kapping shouting out the community support of the program.

"A lot of people are passionate about football in Spring Valley and it's a credit to our community," Kapping said. "Very pleased that we can give a product that they're proud of every week."

The Cardinals play 6-2 Glenwood City on Friday to wrap up the regular season and target the outright title.

## Prescott finds the key as playoffs draw near

By Andrew Harrington

ELLSWORTH — Prescott volleyball is hitting its stride at the right time, as the Cardinals have won five of their last six matches, including a 3-1 win on the road against Ellsworth on Oct. 8.

The Cardinals, who were struggling to find wins a few weeks ago, have now vaulted themselves all the way to the third spot in the Middle Border Conference.

The lone set loss for Prescott came in set three, and Prescott Head Coach Geoffrey Snyder said the team was a bit overconfident, locking back in for the fourth. Prescott was aced seven times in the third set, and Snyder said they are not going to win many sets where that is the case.

"We dipped down in the third set there. We kind of got a little too relaxed," Snyder said. "Then we started to have a little panic set in."

"We talked about the mental side of the game and how to go out there and play our roles, and we pulled it together," Snyder said.

The mental phase of the game is one the team is laser-focused on, and it is something Snyder has seen major improvement in as the season has gone on.

"We have all the physical pieces, but understanding what we should be doing in different situations and working on how to play as a team, and kind of meshing in that way has been a huge part of this last half of the season," Snyder said.

Snyder said each of the positions are playing their



The season did not start how Prescott had hoped, but they are firing on all cylinders as the post-season approaches. Photo by Andrew Harrington

part, and that is why the team is stringing together. To keep it going, Snyder wants to see the team navigate the

many situations they might encounter in the postseason "Just continue with this momentum of competing

mentally," Snyder said. "What do we do when we're down? What do we do when it's a close game? What do

we do when the other team has set point or match point?"

Prescott's season turned around in a hurry, with the Cardinals struggling to find wins prior to conference play. Starting 1-9, Prescott has completely flipped the script, sitting just a match off the conference leaders.

A matchup that showcased the turnaround was the Sept. 26 3-2 win over Baldwin-Woodville. Prescott lost to BW 2-1 Sept. 3, but the way they are playing of late has been completely different.

The Panthers picked up a bounce-back 3-0 win over Amery on Thursday, improving to 2-4 in conference with a conference matchup against 1-5 Somerset remaining.

Regionals begin Oct. 22 and the State Tournament runs from Nov. 7-9.

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## Prescott Girls Golf Keeps Making History

### Congratulations on qualifying for the WIAA State Meet

The Prescott Cardinals were in third place after Monday's competition at University Ridge Golf Course in Madison. After winning the Division 2 State Title for four straight years, the Cardinals were moved to Division 1 competition.



The Prescott Cardinals won the WIAA Tomah Sectional to qualify for the Division 1 State Golf Meet in Madison this week. Celebrating the sectional win were (from left) Coach Darren Reiter, Kendra Ogilvie, Lydia Feran, Macy Reiter, Jeanne Rohl, Gabbi Matzek, Layla Salay, Caroline Foy and Head Coach Chad Salay. Read more in the sports section. *Contributed photo*



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After going down 20-0 early in the second quarter, the Prescott Cardinal defense did not fold. Determined to stop the Blackhawk attack and start clawing back, the Prescott defense stormed on the field with a renewed vigor. #3 Kobe Russell (left) made an athletic stop on the BW runner before #11 Owen Bayer and #16 Cole Platson came together to make stops for no gain. Photos by Jack McLoone

## Resilient Prescott doesn't give up in key Middle Border game

30 second half points not enough as Baldwin-Woodville gives Cardinals first loss

By Jack McLoone

Playoff football started early this year for the Middle Border Conference's top teams.

The Prescott Cardinals should be ready for the post-season after finishing the regular season schedule against some of the state's best squads. Prescott made a ferocious comeback in the second half Friday but lost its first game of the year, 41-30, at Baldwin-Woodville.

Baldwin-Woodville goes into Saint Croix Central for the final Middle Border game with a 6-0 record. Prescott hosts Ellsworth in what should be an epic battle in the Highway 10 rivalry. Both teams are sporting 5-1 conference records. The Cardinals are 6-1 overall, and Ellsworth is 5-2.

Against Baldwin-Woodville, the Blackhawks started strong, jumping out to a 20-0 halftime lead. The resilient Cardinals battled back the final two quarters.

"We wouldn't give up,"

Prescott coach Jordan Hansen said. "We hit some big time adversity in the first half, but our guys wouldn't quit. To go down 20-0 at half, we went into halftime and we had to fix some mistakes. If we would have played two second halves, we would have been right there."

Hansen thinks the loss leads to lessons for his team.

"You learn a lot more from a loss than you do wins. You don't want to lose, but in the long run, it helps you," he said.

Against Baldwin, Prescott faced adversity from the first snap as the host Blackhawks came up with a big sack and a tackle for loss in the backfield before forcing a fumble between the tackles. B-W scored with a short field, but Cardinal senior defensive tackle David Regnier blew up the two-point conversion attempt with a tackle for loss to hold the lead to six.

The Cardinals couldn't get any momentum on the following drive but after BW got back on offense, the

Prescott defense swarmed a reverse pitch attempt and forced a fumble, recovered by the Blackhawks to force a third down with 14 yards to go on their own 30 yard line. The yardage was too steep and forced a punt. The game remained a defensive battle for nearly the rest of the quarter before B-W chipped away down the field and finally punched it, converting a fourth down deep in the red zone before taking a 14-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Blackhawks quickly scored six more points shortly into the second quarter, but both defenses tightened up for the remainder of the half. When B-W got the ball back, the Prescott defense took the field determined to turn the game around. After the Cardinal offense took it back over, Teddy Bernick looked for Kobe Russell deep on the right sideline. After nearly catching it over the defender, they dialed the same route up two plays later and Russell came down with the ball to

move the sticks near the red zone. The Cardinals chipped away and on fourth and three, Bernick again hit Russell who faced two defenders standing at the first down marker. He lowered his shoulders and kept the chain gang moving in the right direction, but the Cardinals were unable to convert another fourth down at the 12-yard line.

Prescott came out of halftime on fire, quickly putting together a drive that culminated on a one-yard touchdown run. Russell ran in the two-point conversion to trim the score to 20-8. The Cardinals leaned on Russell all game, and he picked up a second touchdown run - this time from three yards out later in the third. Unfortunately, both of those third quarter Cardinal scores were followed by B-W touchdowns. Prescott trailed 33-16 after the third quarter.

Prescott drew first blood in the fourth on a 12 -yard touchdown pass from Bernick to receiver Cole Platson. The Blackhawks countered

with a score, but Russell kept the game exciting with an 89-yard kickoff return run with 4:46 left in the game.

Bernick converted on 12-25 passes for 200 yards, with no interceptions.

Four of those passes were to Russell for 58 yards. Will Packard caught two passes for 68 yards, and Platson collected two for 48 yards. Gavin Miller had a 15-yard catch, and Joaquin Magee and Ethan West also caught passes for the Cardinals.

Leading rusher for Prescott was Barrett Temmers, who carried the ball four times for 35 yards. West had six carries for 19 yards.

The Cardinals are looking forward to the Ellsworth test this week. Game time is 7 p.m. Friday.

It will be a nice playoff tune-up for both squads.

"They're a good football team," said Hansen. "They're physical and well-coached. We're going to have to be prepared. Having these games so close to the playoffs is a good thing. We haven't made the

playoffs in a while, so it's nice to have these games."

Prescott will find out its playoff opponent when brackets are revealed Saturday, Oct. 19. They also will find out if they're in Division 4 or 5. Hansen said the Cardinals' enrollment puts it on the cusp of the two divisions, so it depends on how many teams become playoff eligible.

"We're playing meaningful football. One of our goals is to make a run in the playoffs," said Hansen. "We'd like to win the conference. We haven't won it since joining the conference. If not, we'll take it one game at a time in the playoffs."

For Prescott to earn a share of the Middle Border title, the Cardinals would need to beat Ellsworth and hope for 3-3 Saint Croix Central to pull off an upset of Baldwin-Woodville.

Prescott has made 12 football playoff appearance, last qualifying for the post-season in 2021.

## PHS's Jordan Hansen named Green Bay Packers High School Coach of the Week

The Green Bay Packers have announced that Jordan Hansen of Prescott High School in Prescott, Wis., has been named the Packers High School Coach of the Week.

Hansen, in his fifth year as the varsity head coach of Prescott, has his team out to an undefeated 7-0 record in a tough Middle Border conference. The Cardinals are currently ranked fourth in the state in their division by wissports.net and face a huge conference showdown Friday against the Baldwin-Woodville Blackhawks for at least a share of the conference title. As the regular season wraps up and the postseason looms, the 7-0 Prescott Cardinals, led by their senior class, have big aspirations.

"We have a really good senior group of leaders that understand how to be servant leaders and not just serve themselves, but serve each other and make each



Jordan Hansen

other better every day, as well as the people underneath them," said Hansen. "That group has put a lot of effort in to try to be great and turn this [program] around... They have really driven this thing, and we have a really good junior class that has followed along, and it has been a ripple effect throughout our whole program. Our conference is tough, and we had to

put some time and effort in. We've taken our lumps, but they didn't give up. They are still grinding and getting better. We have some lofty goals to try and accomplish this year. We're 7-0, but we're not done yet. We look forward to seeing what we can do at the end of the year."

The Cardinals have also placed an emphasis on making an impact in the Prescott community.

"One thing we do is really try to make a great experience for other [Prescott] schools," said Hansen. "On Fridays, our players go down and welcome all kids in all the buildings. They open up the car doors for them and welcome them into the building. Talk to them. Hang out in the classroom with them, maybe read a book or play a game with them. We also have players that, after practice, go coach flag football teams, and really try to help build that community and the program up as kids are

coming through. "Whenever there's an opportunity that presents itself, we step up and try to help out where we can."

Hansen grew up in Somerset, Wis., and graduated from Somerset High School in 2010. He played defensive end and offensive tackle for Somerset under Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame member Bruce Larson. Upon graduating from Winona State University in 2015, he began coaching as an offensive assistant at Holmen High School for five years before becoming the defensive coordinator for two years. Hansen was an assistant coach at Osceola High School for one year before becoming the head coach of the Prescott Cardinals, the position he's held for the past five years.

Hansen is honored to win the Coach of the Week award but is quick to give credit to everyone involved.

"I think it's more of a

team award of all our players, coaches, and community as well. When I first started here there was a lot of work to be done and everyone has put that work in. Everybody has done their part, and I just try to help drive the ship in the right direction. You have to have the pieces behind there, and we have great players and great coaches, so it has been a really fun season to get this thing turned around."

Hansen and his staff oversee a program of 55 players with all of them having the opportunity to suit up for varsity games. His assistants include Eric Brown, Michael Koch, Ian Ruble, Jay Bartsch, Jake Holub, Matthew Voeltz, Payton Bartsch, Mason Bartsch, Jeremy Kerg, Weston Bartsch and Jake Block. In addition to coaching, Hansen is a physical education and health teacher at Prescott High School. He and his wife, Erika, have a son, Camden, and

a daughter, Brynn.

The Packers will recognize one outstanding high school coach as their 'Coach of the Week' winner during the 2024 high school football season. Winners are awarded several items and privileges, including a \$1,000 donation to the school's football program from the Green Bay Packers and the NFL Foundation, as well as recognition of the award on Packers.com, Wissports.net and Wifca.org.

Nominations for Coach of the Week should be submitted by 10 a.m. every Monday to Jake Krueger, Football Outreach Coordinator, at coachoftheweek@packers.com. Please include the nominee's name, address, school, phone number and reason he/she is deserving of the award.

Submitted by Green Bay Packers

## EPC wins fifth straight against rival Spring Valley

By Andrew Harrington

SPRING VALLEY — With the second spot in the Dunn-St. Croix Conference on the line, Elmwood/Plum City volleyball entered an electric Spring Valley atmosphere and bounced back after a shaky first set to win 3-1 Thursday.

"It means a lot. When we come to Spring Valley, our kids are ready to play," EPC Head Coach Amanda Webb said. "It's a great rival, they worked really hard."

Webb said it is a match both teams always come ready to play for, and it was the Cardinals that jumped out to a 25-18 first set win. Spring Valley was looking strong, but EPC had other plans.

"We didn't pass very well," Webb said. "We were not passing to be aggressive at the net offensively, so when we honed in on our

passing the rest of the match, we took care of business at the net."

In set two, the Wolves built a 19-12 lead; however, Spring Valley brought it all the way to a 24-22 EPC lead. The momentum was on the side of Spring Valley, yet the composure never left the side of EPC, taking a 25-22 win.

"We just have to calm down, think about our body movements, control what we can control, take care of business and the girls did that," Webb said.

After holding strong in set two, it was smooth sailing going forward. The Wolves won 25-13 in set three and 25-17 in set four to coast to victory.

"We served in, we got them out of system a lot and then we were passing really well which helped us get a lot of kills," Webb said.

EPC moved to 19-7 on the year and 4-1 in confer-

ence play, staving off Spring Valley to hold the second conference spot behind 6-0 Durand-Arkansas. Spring Valley went to 15-8 on the year with a 4-3 conference record, but are still standing strong in the conference's third spot.

"We're looking in the top two, three seed going into our Regional, so get a home game and play tough," Webb said.

For EPC, the road to success is not to be driven by just one player, taking the whole team marching in the right direction to get where they want to get. That is what Webb saw in their win over Spring Valley, with everyone doing their part.

"All-around, mixing it up with our hitters at the front row, they hustled," Webb said. "Everybody contributed to our team win."

EPC has won their last five matches and seven of



Spring Valley junior Ella Stangl met by a pair of EPC blockers at the net. Photo by Andrew Harrington

their last eight matches, and with just a pair of regular season conference matchups

to play, they are playing their best at the perfect time.

Regionals begin Oct. 22

and the State Tournament runs from Nov. 7-9.



# SHOTS from the Hip

BY CRIFE OLSON

The fast-approaching WIAA football playoff brackets will be set this coming weekend. Playoff prognosticators and bracketologists are waiting to see if Prescott will be placed in the Division 4 or 5 bracket. Playoff brackets will be released at 10 a.m. Saturday with legions of Prescott Cardinals fans waiting with baited breath to see where Prescott lands at tournament time.

Prescott Cardinal fans were quite impressed with the performance of Baldwin-Woodville Quarterback Gavin Sell. The North Dakota State recruit accounted for 339 yards of total offense, running for two touchdowns and throwing for two more as Baldwin-Woodville took over sole possession of first place. Pre-season conference favorite Somerset dropped to 0-6 on the season after their overtime loss to Altoona on Friday. The Spartans have now lost seven games in a row.

Private school La Crosse Aquinas bested #1 ranked West Salem by a score of 20-18 last Friday. It appears undefeated Columbus will now take over the top spot in Division 4 with Baldwin-Woodville moving up to a top 5 spot.

The Prescott volleyball team came storming back to beat the Somerset Spartans last Thursday in Prescott 3-2. After dropping the first two games, the Cardinals, led by San Jose State bound Natalie Ptacek, won the final three games of the match to improve to 4-2 in Middle Border Conference play with one league match to play. Osceola and St. Croix Central are tied atop the conference standings heading into the final week of the regular season. WIAA Seeding meetings will be held this week with tournament action scheduled to begin next Tuesday. Incidentally, Osceola Head Coach Holly Johnson is a Prescott High School alumnus and has skipped her volleyball teams to several conference championships over the course of her coaching career.

Prescott cross country runner Kyra Dix turned in another impressive performance last Tuesday at the 14-team Amery Invitational. The talented sophomore harrier finished second, continuing her streak of medaling in every race this season. Junior Amber Van Loon also

medaled for the Cardinals who finished in third place. For the boys, Nolan Leask was the first to cross the finish line for the Tim Phillips coached Cardinals as the boys also ended the day in third place as well. The Middle Border Conference meet will be held this Thursday in St. Croix Central.

This week has been named National Sportsmanship and Fan Appreciation week by the National Federation of High Schools and the WIAA. Some fans and athletes need to do a better job of showing some of the former.

From the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources: The DNR is seeking preliminary public input on proposed modifications to the state's deer management unit boundaries. The comment period will run from Oct. 11-20, 2024. The DNR reviews deer management units every few years. This review will focus on the management units in the Northern Forest Zone, the Metropolitan subunits and the boundary lines between the Forest and Farmland Zones. The Farmland Zone units are not being reviewed at this time. The purpose of this comment period is to help the DNR gauge public support for these changes.

The DNR celebrated the start of the 2024 elk hunting season on Saturday, Oct. 12. This is Wisconsin's seventh elk hunting season since the reintroduction of elk and will be the first season hunters have the opportunity to hunt in both the Northern and Central Elk Zones. Previous hunts only occurred within the Northern Elk Zone.

For 2024 trout anglers the last day of the general inland trout fishing season ended on Oct. 15.

The Wisconsin Baseball Coaches Association will be hosting eight district meetings around the state over the next two weeks. WBCA head coaches will nominate coaches for various statewide coaching awards and also nominate deserving individuals for the WBCA Hall of Fame.

Speaking of Halls of Fame, don't forget to nominate deserving individuals for the Prescott Hall of Fame. Nomination forms are available on the Prescott School District website with the next Prescott

Hall of Fame induction banquet scheduled for the fall of 2025.

The WIAA recently held its annual Baseball Coaches Advisory Meetings in Stevens Point. Among the many topics discussed was whether or not schools with artificial turf should be allowed to host a sectional tournament. Currently the WIAA does not assign sectionals on artificial turf fields if they don't allow metal cleats. Equipment that is legal according to NFHS rules must be allowed. During tournament series, a school cannot host a regional or sectional tournament game if they don't allow metal cleats. Tim Gotzler requested more emphasis on this with schools. Harvey Knutson commented that using metal cleats on a turf field voids the warranty if problems occur. The question begs, how was Baldwin-Woodville able to host the sectional tournament last year? Stay tuned.

In this day and age of PJ Fleck crowd surfing, Deion Sanders press conference diatribes, choreographed touchdown celebrations, and thuggish quarterback sack theatrical performances it is always interesting to find evidence of how coaches years ago used to motivate players. Whether it be Vince Lombardi or Bud Grant, Billy Martin or Earl Weaver, or Bear Bryant or Woody Hayes, players always knew who was in charge. When legendary and controversial coach Bobby Knight was asked about motivating his players the acerbic head coach said, "the greatest motivator for any athlete is the bench...plain and simple." Incidentally, 98% of the players "hard to like" Knight coached at Indiana finished their degrees. However, the vast majority of people say there is absolutely no way Bobby Knight could coach college basketball today.

Headshaker of the week: A recent survey showed almost 75% of kids quit playing competitive sports at the age of 13. The number one reason the kids stopped playing was "because it wasn't fun anymore." Additionally, youngsters also said "riding home from the game with my parents after we lost was so bad." That's a headshaker.

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# the skinny on Falcon Sports

BY DON RICHARDS



## Falcon football off to 4-0 start, No. 4 ranking in D3

Here's something you probably didn't know: If a football player goes blind, there's still a future for him. He can become a referee! Sick joke, I know, but I was desperate. Desperation leads to sickness. And did you know what they call 20 Vikings fans in the basement? A wine cellar. But that was last year.

The Falcons, ranked No. 6 last week, improved to No. 4 in the [d3football.com](http://d3football.com) top 25 poll, tying their highest ranking in program history. Coming off a 71-14 blowout of UW-Eau Claire Saturday, Oct. 5, they traveled to Platteville to take on the 11th ranked Pioneers on Saturday, Oct. 12. The triumph over Eau Claire was the fourth consecutive win over the Blugolds.

UWRF has the top ranked offense in Division 3, averaging 61.5 points per game. They will be severely tested against the Pioneers, overtime winners in La Crosse on Oct. 5. Platteville is 4-0. La Crosse was picked to win the WIAC this season. UWRF was tabbed third.

Falcon head coach Matt Walker said in an interview that he had never been a part of such a successfully fast start in his college coaching career and gave credit to his staff and players for having the right attitude. He said it was a great day to bring 60 recruits in to watch the Eau Claire game, and thanked his support staff "who played an important

role." He went on to praise Platteville for their win over La Crosse, adding that Ralph E. Davis Stadium in Platteville is "as hard a place to play as we'll see." He expected the Falcon - Pioneer game would be the game of the week in D3 football.

Saturday's game was the 67th between the two teams. The Falcons hold a 35-29-2 advantage including a 27-16 win in River Falls last season. The Pioneers' wins have come against Lakeland, 65-0; Dubuque, 38-7; Wabash (Indiana), 42-21; and La Crosse, 30-27.

In the most recent D3 top 25 poll, five WIAC teams are listed in the top 20: UWRF is fourth, Whitewater 10th, Platteville 11th, La Crosse 12th, Oshkosh 20th. Alma, ranked fourth pre-season, in addition to losing to the Falcons, has now lost twice dropped and out of the top 25.

Those rankings will soon change as ranked WIAC teams play each other. UWRF has four games against the other ranked teams, Whitewater has three, Oshkosh has three, La Crosse has three.

Defense will play a big role in future Falcon success. Through four games, linebacker Gage Timm (junior, Shawano) leads the Falcons with 30 total tackles (sixth in WIAC). Senior defensive back Aaron Borgerding (senior, Spring Valley), was named a semi-fi-

nalist for the National Football Foundation's Campbell Trophy, an award that recognizes an individual as the absolute best football scholar-athlete in the nation for his combined academic success, football performance, and exemplary leadership.

Other than the quarterback duo of Cade Fitzgerald (junior, Brooklyn Park, Minn.) and Kaleb Blaha (senior, Coon Rapids, Minn.), wide receiver Austin Rush (junior, Yuma, Ariz.) leads the team with four touchdowns (tied for second, WIAC) on 17 catches for 189 yards. The Falcons lead the WIAC with 18 rushing touchdowns, paced by Fitzgerald (6) and Blaha (4) who rank first and second in the WIAC. Blaha has played in only two games because of injury. Trevor Asher (sophomore, Elmwood) ranks fourth in the WIAC with three rushing TD's.

Finally, penalties are an important factor affecting the outcome: we have to hope that none of our wide receivers own dogs which might get on the field because they could be called for being ineligible retrievers.

Sorry, but that's the best I can do this time. I'll try to improve. Strive for tolerance. It's a virtue.

Final scores Oct. 12: Pioneers 28, Falcons 7; Stout 29, Whitewater 27; Oshkosh 34, La Crosse 33; and Eau Claire 41, Stevens Point 0.

## Catch up on Pierce County sports

### Football

Spring Valley moved to 8-0 after beating undefeated Boyceville on the road 19-18. Boyceville was ranked fourth in Division 7 on the Wisconsin Sports Network rankings and Spring Valley was ranked sixth. The win secured at least a share of the conference title for the Cardinals.

Prescott took its first loss of the season, falling 41-30 against Baldwin-Woodville. BW stands undefeated in conference and, barring a loss in the final game, will be the outright Middle Border champions. Ellsworth took down Osceola 48-7 and are now 6-2 overall and 5-1 in conference play. The final regular season game will be Prescott hosting Ellsworth with conference positioning on the line.

River Falls improved to 3-5 overall and 2-4 in the Big Rivers Conference after taking down 5-3 Menomonie 29-19. The Wildcats head to Wausau West for the final regular season game.

Elmwood/Plum City fell to 1-7 after losing 31-6 to Glenwood City. The Wolves host Clear Lake in Elmwood to conclude the regular season.

### Volleyball

With the volleyball regular season entering its final week, teams are looking to build momentum for the playoffs. Riv-

er Falls took down Rice Lake 3-0 Oct. 10.

EPC took home a rivalry win against Spring Valley 3-1, and EPC is holding onto the second spot in the Dunn-St. Croix Conference with Spring Valley in third.

Prescott and Ellsworth were active over the week, with Prescott taking down Ellsworth, Somerset and Cochrane-Fountain City. The Cardinals started the year slowly, but everything is coming together at the right time. Ellsworth rebounded from the 3-1 loss against Prescott with a 3-0 win against Amery. Prescott is third in the Middle Border Conference at 4-2 and Ellsworth is sixth at 2-4.

### Girls Golf

The State Girls Golf Tournament runs from Oct. 14-15, with Prescott competing as a team in Division 1 and Lexi Marks competing individually in Division 2. The event is at University Ridge in Madison.

### Cross Country

Prescott and Spring Valley headed to Amery Oct. 8, where Prescott placed third of 14 teams in the girls race and third of 13 teams. Spring Valley placed 14th in the girls race and did not qualify in the boys race. Kyra Dix continues to show out for Prescott, taking second in the girls race.

Spring Valley also placed seventh of seven at the Boyceville Invite on Saturday and fifth of five in the girls race.

River Falls competed at the Old Abe Invitational on Saturday, placing fourth of 18 teams in the boys race and seventh of 15 in the girls race. Quin Andrews and Jonah Majerus placed seventh and eighth in the boys race.

### Girls Tennis

The tennis postseason came and went as Ellsworth and River Falls were eliminated in Sectionals. Ellsworth scored 10 team points to place sixth of 16 teams at the Lakeland Sectional, while River Falls did not score as a team.

### Girls Swimming and Diving

River Falls beat Menomonie Oct. 8 89-70, and have two more meets before the conference event that spans Nov. 1-2.

### Boys Soccer

River Falls fell to 4-4 in conference after dropping a second matchup to New Richmond 2-0 Oct. 8. The Wildcats got a top half of the conference placement after one round of competition, meaning they will play second matchups against the top half to close the season.

## Crain-Ottman American Legion Post 207 activities

ELMWOOD – The Elmwood Crain-Ottman American Legion Post 207 is announcing upcoming activities and veteran and youth programs for the remaining calendar year.

Post 207 is looking for veterans in the Elmwood School District who like to bowl and who may be interested in participating in the upcoming Winter League. Contact Entertainment Officer Jerry Buerkle at 715-308-2867 by Monday, Oct. 21 as time is short for forming a team.

Post 207 will be offering a \$1,000 scholarship to an Elmwood graduating senior who is planning on furthering their education beyond high school. Requirements: A) Have a 3.0 GPA or higher. B) Address two essay questions: What is your definition

of Americanism, and What made you decide on your course of study? For a scholarship application contact Commander Jerry Thompson at 715-821-0555 or email address [Crain-OttmanLegion-Post207@outlook.com](mailto:Crain-OttmanLegion-Post207@outlook.com)

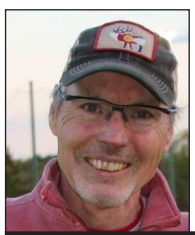
Post 207 is encouraging high school students to participate in the American Legion Oratorical Contest. Information can be found at <https://wilegion.org/oratorical> Winner of the State Competition receives a \$2,000 scholarship and up to \$25,000 as the national winner. Post 207 will host Elmwood High School competitions if any students would like to compete. Contact Commander Thompson to sign up.

Post 207 is collecting new Christmas toys for distribution to needy families in the area this Christmas season.

If you would like to donate toys, or funds to buy toys, contact Commander Thompson. Donations to Post 207 are tax deductible. If you know of a needy family who could use some assistance this holiday season please contact us via phone, email or our Facebook page.

On Nov. 11 join Post 207 at Elmwood High School at 9 a.m. for a Veterans Day Program honoring the World War II service of two-time Purple Heart recipient Harold Ziehme. A local boy who answered the call of his country, served with distinction, then faded away into obscurity without his family ever knowing his wartime service or story.

Submitted by Commander Jerry Thompson



# OUTDOOR Tales and Trails

BY DAVE BECK

## Black gnats ruin hunting

You know how when you talk about something you jinx it so that it happens? Well, I need that something to happen in a big way. That's how desperate I am to get on the other side of this.....thing.

I haven't bow hunted yet, not one time. That has to be some sort of record for me. For the last three weeks I have been spending an afternoon here and a morning there getting ready for the deer archery season. The first action plan item was to move some trail cameras around and into better positions. Cameras never influence my decision to hunt but it sure does help to develop an inventory on what is roaming around in the woods.

Next on the list was to move a permanent blind. Now that sounds like one of those oxy-morons but the reality is that as crops and seasonal har-

vests change the landscape, so do the hunting spots. Moving blinds a short distance isn't that big of a deal but it is a necessary chore. Then again, doing prep work for a hunting spot isn't really a chore, it's just all part of a fun process.

Then it was on to the ladder stands that needed to be tightened up and given a once over before the first hunts of the year. When springtime arrives it's routine to loosen the straps to allow the trees to grow as opposed to letting the straps choke the life out of the trees. Those trees that have been selected because of their location and their value as a good tree to hunt out of. If you have ever lost a hunting tree because it died, it almost feels like you have lost a special friend. Seriously, ask anyone who has experienced it. For that very reason it's a must to loosen those straps before the

next growing season.

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DIVISION II WIAA  
**Regional  
Boy's Soccer**

All games  
**Tuesday, October 22**  
with 7:00 p.m. starts

#8 Menomonie @ #1 New Richmond  
#5 Wausau East @ #4 River Falls  
#7 Onalaska @ #3 Marshfield  
#7 Altoona/Fall Creek @ #2 Holmen

# Community CALENDAR

**Every Tuesday & Thursday**

**Among Friends**, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 110 S. Third St., River Falls. A social respite program serving seniors residing in Pierce and St. Croix counties who are facing memory changes or physical limitations. Trained staff supervise socializing and fun, engaging activities in a safe environment. Learn more at amongfriendsrf.com or 715-293-2561.

**Thursday, Oct. 17 Plum City Referendum Community Forum**, 7 p.m., Molly's on Main (515 Main St., Plum City). Information on

Plum City Schools' Nov. 5 operating referendum.

**Traveling Book Club**, 6 p.m., Spring Valley Golf Course (S345 Hidden Fox Court). Spring Valley Public Library is the host for "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawson.

**Saturday, Oct. 19 Third Annual Fall Pumpkin Brawl Demo Derby & Trunk or Treat**, Pierce County Fairgrounds (364 N. Main St., Ellsworth). After having this event the past two years in Roberts, we have outgrown that facility for our Fall show and officially moved it to a new location. Trunk or Treat is

10 a.m. to noon, followed by the demolition derby at 2 p.m. Visit "715 Motorsports and Promotions" on Facebook to register or buy tickets.

**East End Fall Fair**, E-Town Collaborative (259 N. Broadway Ave., Ellsworth). Fall craft, vendor and small business fair.

**East End Fall Fest**, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., East Ellsworth. Cider Crawl at participating businesses, product specials, mural walk photo contest, free ice cream samples at Ellsworth Cooperative Creamery, and more!

**Fall Festival**, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Leisen Family Farm (452 Old Cemetery Road, River

Falls). Trunk or treat 1-3 p.m., face painting, bouncy house, hay rides, corn maze, petting zoo, gourd launching, games and more.

**Oktoberfest in the Valley**, noon, Half Fast Brewing (S107 McKay Ave., Spring Valley). Oktoberfest trivia, street dance, yard games, sidewalk chalk, kitty cocktail stand, local artist Clint Meyer (2:30 p.m.), polka dancing lessons (4:30 p.m.), Richie Yurkovich & Polkarity polka band (5-7 p.m.), window decorating contest winners, troll hunting contest and more.

**Broz Bar Meat Raffle**, 4-6 p.m., Broz Bar & Grill (455 E. Wall St., Ellsworth). Proceeds to benefit Pierce County Food Pantry.

**Sunday, Oct. 20 Vines, Wine & Good Times**, noon, Forestville Vines (W8101 690th Ave., River Falls). Join the Free Clinic of Pierce & St. Croix Counties for our annual fall fundraising event, and check out the new and improved Forestville Winery! Tickets available on Facebook.

**Spring Lake Fall Festival**,

10 a.m., Spring Lake Lutheran Church (N7724 County Road B, Spring Valley). Celebrating 150 Years of Spring Lake Lutheran Church. Join us for a music filled morning with Rich Schroeder followed by lunch.

**Fall Small Business Vendor Market**, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Ellsworth High School (323 W. Hillcrest St.) Join us for the Ellsworth FFA Small Business Vendor Market.

**Fall Family Day**, 1-3 p.m., Elsie's Barnyard (W6212 450th Ave., Ellsworth). Make n' take activity, story, animal interaction, refreshments, socializing. Free event; please RSVP. We strive to create meaningful events for children and youth with special needs and adverse medical conditions and their siblings.

**Pumpkin Party**, 1 p.m., Valley Bar & Grill (W10299 Highway 10, Prescott). Pumpkin carving and painting, pumpkin chuckin' contest, and more!

**Monday, Oct. 21 Community Information Meeting**, 7:30 p.m., Oak Grove Town Hall (N4939

110th St., Prescott). Friends of Prescott Children will present information on the upcoming referendum at the Oak Grove Town Board meeting

**Thursday, Oct. 24 76th annual Lutefisk Dinner**, 2-6:30 p.m., Our Savior's Lutheran Church (N6450 530th St., Beldenville). Limited tickets sold for this traditional Scandinavian dinner of lutefisk with butter and cream sauce, meatballs and gravy, riced potatoes, coleslaw, rolls, grot, Norwegian delicacies and coffee/milk. Go to www.oursaviorschurch.info for tickets or call 715-273-4570.

**Friday, Oct. 25 Lions Peace Poster Deadline**, annual Lions International Peace Poster entries due to Ellsworth Lions Sharlene Kreye or Kristi Miller. The theme is "Peace Without Limits." Youth participants must be ages 11, 12 or 13 on Nov. 15, 2024 and live in the 54011 zip code to enter. Cash prizes awarded. If you have questions, email EllsworthLions@gmail.com.

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**Football Results for Friday, Oct. 11**

River Falls 29 @ Menomonie 19	St. Croix Central 9 @ Amery 20
Chippewa Falls 17 @ Hudson 28	Altoona 44 @ Somerset 38 (30T)
Superior 20 @ Rice Lake 52	Spring Valley 19 @ Boyceville 18
Wisconsin Rapids 0 @ New Richmond 48	Turtle Lake 15 @ Clear Lake 0
Prescott 30 @ Baldwin-Woodville 41	Colfax 12 @ Cameron 50
Osceola 7 @ Ellsworth 48	Glenwood City 31 @ Elmwood/Plum City 6

**Football Schedule for Friday, Oct. 18**

River Falls @ Wausau West
Hudson @ Rice Lake
Menomonie @ Chippewa Falls
New Richmond @ Superior
Ellsworth @ Prescott
Baldwin-Woodville @ St. Croix Central
Osceola @ Altoona
Amery @ Somerset
Spring Valley @ Glenwood City
Boyceville @ Colfax
Clear Lake @ Elmwood/Plum City
Webster @ Turtle Lake

**2024 Big Rivers Boy Soccer Standings**

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Eau Claire Memorial	7	0	1	22
Hudson	6	1	1	19
New Richmond	6	2	0	18
River Falls	4	4	0	12
Rice Lake	2	4	2	8
Chippewa Falls	2	4	2	8
Eau Claire North	2	6	1	7
Menomonie	0	8	1	1

**Local High School Conferences for Fall 2024**

**Dunn-St.Croix Football**

School	Conference	Overall
Spring Valley	5-0	8-0
Boyceville	4-1	7-1
Glenwood City	4-1	6-2
Turtle Lake	3-3	3-5
Elmwood/Plum City	1-4	1-7
Clear Lake	1-4	2-6
Colfax	0-5	0-8

**Middle Border Football**

School	Conference	Overall
Baldwin-Woodville	6-0	7-1
Prescott	5-1	7-1
Ellsworth	5-1	6-2
St. Croix Central	3-3	5-3
Osceola	2-4	2-6
Amery	2-4	3-5
Altoona	1-5	3-5
Somerset	0-6	1-7

**Big Rivers Football**

School	Conference	Overall
New Richmond	5-0	8-0
Rice Lake	4-1	7-1
Hudson	3-2	6-2
Chippewa Falls	2-3	5-3
Menomonie	2-3	5-3
River Falls	2-4	3-5
Superior	0-5	0-8

**Upcoming 2024 Volleyball Schedule**

<b>Tuesday, October 15</b> River Falls @ Eau Claire North Chippewa Falls @ New Richmond Ellsworth @ Somerset Altoona @ Prescott Amery @ Osceola St. Croix Central @ Baldwin-Woodville Spring Valley @ Boyceville Glenwood City @ Elmwood/Plum City Colfax @ Durand Mondovi @ Elk Mound	<b>Monday, October 21</b> River Falls @ St. Croix Falls	<b>Tuesday, October 22</b> Start of WIAA Regional Play (D2-D5)	<b>Thursday, October 24</b> Regional WIAA Play Continues (All Div.)	<b>Saturday, October 26</b> Regional WIAA Championships
<b>Thursday, October 17</b> Spring Valley @ Glenwood City Elmwood/Plum City @ Mondovi Durand @ Elk Mound Boyceville @ Colfax				

**All-time WIAA State Volleyball Appearances for Area Schools**

River Falls (7 times); 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022  
 Baldwin-Woodville (3 times); 1984, 1985, 1988  
 Durand (2 times); 1973, 1978  
 Elk Mound (1 time); 1992  
 New Richmond (1 time); 1986  
 0 Appearances for; Boyceville, Colfax, Ellsworth, Elmwood/Plum City, Glenwood City, Hudson, Menomonie, Pepin/Alma, Prescott, St. Croix Central, and Spring Valley

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**Volleyball Standings Dunn-St.Croix Volleyball**

School	Conference	Overall
Durand	6-0	14-3
Elmwood/Plum City	4-1	19-7
Spring Valley	4-3	15-8
Elk Mound	3-3	17-16
Mondovi	3-3	7-18
Boyceville	2-3	6-13
Colfax	1-5	7-15
Glenwood City	0-5	1-11

**Middle Border Volleyball**

School	Conference	Overall
Osceola	5-1	18-10
St. Croix Central	5-1	16-6
Prescott	4-2	6-10
Altoona	4-2	19-11
Baldwin-Woodville	3-3	21-15
Ellsworth	2-4	4-12
Somerset	1-5	4-13
Amery	0-6	1-16

**Big Rivers Volleyball**

School	Conference	Overall
Hudson	6-0	29-1
River Falls	5-1	27-8
Eau Claire Memorial	4-2	20-7
Eau Claire North	4-2	18-10
Rice Lake	3-3	11-8
Chippewa Falls	1-5	12-14
New Richmond	1-5	8-12
Menomonie	0-6	3-15

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# OBITUARIES

## Howard 'Howie' Nelson 1931-2024

Howard D. "Howie" Nelson, age 92 of River Falls, Wis., died on Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2024, surrounded by his family at the River Falls Area Hospital. Howard was born the son of Marvin and Evelyn (Buckner) Nelson on Oct. 27, 1931, in Ellsworth, Wis. He grew up in the Trimble and Beldenville area. Howie graduated from the River Falls High School class of 1949. He attended classes at UWRF before enlisting in the US Navy in 1949. He then served his country in the US Air Force from 1951-1953.

On Dec. 28, 1952, Howie was married to Arlene Graham in Albion, Penn. The new couple made their home in River Falls, Wis. and were married 60 years. Howie worked as a lab technician at 3M, retiring in 1990. He was a board member of the Greenwood Cemetery Association, serving as president for 13 years and served on the River Falls City Council for 10 years. He was highly active in the American Legion. He was a member of Fletcher-Pechacek Post 121 in River Falls where he served as Post Commander for six years and was on the Honor Squad. He also served as District Vice Commander, District Commander, State Vice Commander, and District Chaplain through the years. Howie ran the clock for a number of years for RFHS football games, was the first clock operator for

UWRF Hockey and spent 15 years operating the clock for UWRF Football. He organized and established the River Falls Youth Hockey program in 1967, which at the time, was the first youth hockey program in western Wisconsin. He also served on the Board of Directors for the Wis Amateur Hockey Association. Howie established the River Falls Youth Baseball program in 1968. For 16 years, his teams competed in the prestigious "Stars of Tomorrow" baseball tournament held in La Crosse, Wis, winning three championships, several other top four finishes and sportsmanship trophies. He was inducted into the Wildcat Hall of Fame in 2012. Howie played softball into his 60's, enjoyed performing with the musical "4 Oaks," and attended a great number of sporting events for his children and grandchildren.

He was a competitive, strong willed, patriotic man who was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He is preceded in death by his parents, Marvin, and Evelyn Nelson; wife, Arlene Nelson; and brother Charles Nelson. Howard is survived by his children, Jeff Nelson, Scott Nelson, Craig (Kathy) Nelson, Gary (Shelley) Nelson, Brian (Lisa) Nelson, Jennifer (Greg) O'Malley; grandchildren, Adam (Katie) Nelson, Michelle Nelson, Brady Nelson, Carly Nelson, Alec Nelson, Stacia (Nick) Johnson, Darin (Karen) Nelson, Tara (Bryan) Kochendorfer, Jake Nelson, Tiffany (Kyle) Johnson, Ashley Nelson, Tyler Nelson, Jessie O'Malley, Katie O'Malley, Colin O'Malley, Anne O'Malley, Abby (Kade) Stees, Molly O'Malley, Jo-



seph O'Malley; great-grandchildren, Brooks, Kori, Kieran, Camden, Teegan, Jameson, Leticia, Cal, Max, Taya, Tessley, Koyer; other relatives and many friends. We would like to thank the staff at Well Haven and the River Falls Area Hospital for the wonderful, compassionate care provided to Howie. A funeral service was held on Monday, Oct. 14, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church (545 Apollo Road, River Falls, WI.) Visitation was held on Sunday, Oct. 13, 2024, from 5-8 p.m. at Bakken-Young Funeral & Cremation Services (805 E. Division St., River Falls, WI) and on Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church. Interment will be in Greenwood Cemetery in River Falls with military honors provided by the Fletcher-Pechacek American Legion Post 121 Honor Squad. Arrangements are with Bakken-Young Funeral & Cremation Services.



## Keith Mark 1973-2024

Keith Michael Mark, age 51, of Bay City, Wis., passed away unexpectedly on Oct. 9, 2024, due to sudden cardiac arrest. Keith was born on May 18, 1973, the son of Harry and Darlyne (Huebel) Mark. Keith graduated from Ellsworth High School in 1992.

Keith's life was defined by his love of family and his thoughtfulness in making everyone feel included and special. His oldest child, Jenny, remembers her dad making her friends feel included, even if that meant loaning them a pair of work boots (shitkickers) and having them help on the farm. He fell in love, and married Heather Edwards on Nov. 9, 2012. Together, they welcomed two beautiful children, Wyatt and Kylie, into the world. Wyatt and Kylie both remember their dad's sense of humor and fun-loving nature. The kids remember their dad's triumph as he would say "I am the greatest" when he beat his phone in Solitaire. As Kylie tells it, she had to ground her dad for stealing her dolls. Wyatt remembers his dad as the one who laid with him every night until he fell asleep. Keith's love for his family extended to his nine siblings and their families, whether this meant helping his brothers with farm work, attending nieces'/nephews' events, or simply being there with his thoughtfulness, as they faced their own struggles. His love for his family was unconditional, and he was a constant source of support,

strength and kindness.

Keith developed a love for farming while growing up on a family dairy farm. He saw farming not just as work, but as a way of life that made him feel connected to his family. His love of farming served as the foundation for his strong work ethic and dedication.

Keith built a long career with Nestle Purina. His colleagues could always rely on his steadfastness during his more than 25 years with the company. This was demonstrated with his serving as a union steward. Throughout his career, Keith became a leader, mentoring many of his coworkers and management. His approachable and genuine manner built trust and respect among his co-workers.

In addition to Keith's love of his family and farming, you could find Keith playing the card game 500 with family while drinking Mountain Dew, arguing politics, having lively discussions with his brothers about farming and tractors, and watching the Green Bay Packers. Keith's love for life was contagious and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Keith is cherished and will forever be remembered by his wife and best friend, Heather Mark; his beloved children, Jennifer Sorenson, Wyatt and Kylie Mark; his siblings, Jeff (Lucy) Mark, Scott (Phyllis) Mark, Brian (Dolly) Mark, Todd (Billy) Mark, Brad (Missy) Mark, Angie Mark, Steve (Jackie) Mark, Jessie (Matt) Shafer, and Alison (Don) Severson; his mother-in-law, Faith Edwards; brother-in-law, Dustin (Kyrie) Edwards; as well as many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Darlyne Mark, niece, Marlee May Erlandson; and angel grandson



Landon Mark.

Visitation took place on Tuesday, Oct. 15 from 5-8 p.m., with a prayer service at 7:45 p.m., at O'Connell Family Funeral Home in Ellsworth, 130 N. Grant St., Ellsworth, WI. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 16 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, S105 Sablin Ave., Spring Valley, Wis. There will also be visitation one hour prior to the Mass on Wednesday. Keith will be laid to rest at Lost Creek Cemetery. With memorials, please include any stories of Keith that you think his children would enjoy and help them remember him by.

Services have been entrusted to O'Connell Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Ellsworth, for further details please see [www.oconnellfuneralhomes.com](http://www.oconnellfuneralhomes.com), or call 715-273-4421.



## Marilyn Karras 1934-2024

Marilyn Irene Karras, age 90, of River Falls, Wis, died peacefully surrounded by her family, on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024.

She was born in Oak Grove Township on May 31, 1934, the daughter of Douglas and Irene Johnson. She grew up on the family farm, outside of River Falls and graduated from River Falls High School in 1952.

She married her husband of 54 years, John Karras, at St. Bridget's Catholic Church. Together they were blessed with six children. Throughout her life, she had successful careers in Avon and the insurance industry. Sales were her passion and she received many awards over the years. Her interests included golfing, playing Bridge, Euchre, and Bingo with family and friends, also traveling. She was very active in a women's and couple's golf league and enjoyed many golfing trips with their friends. Many Saturday nights were spent playing Bridge and Euchre.

Family celebrations always included playing Euchre for hours. The grandchildren enjoyed and will always remember the fun times playing games and spending time with Grand-

ma. The great-grandchildren adored her and will miss game times, too. Her deep love for family and faith was an inspiration to many.

Marilyn was a beautiful, classy lady with a sweet smile and a warm, caring heart who touched the lives of so many. Her legacy and presence will be cherished always and forever.

Marilyn will forever remain in the hearts of her children and grandchildren; Nancy (Ric) Pace, Kathy (Randy) Morrow, Jim (Peg) Karras, Ron (Karen) Karras, Monica (Brad) Jensen, Joe (Nicole) Karras; grandchildren Kelly, Ryan, Justin, Shalyn, Maddie, Morgan, Mitch, Justin, Jenna, Josh, Parker, Alicia, Zachary, Jordan; great-grandchildren, Greysyn, Brecklyn, Leytyn, Ella, Madisyn, Knox, Elise, Paola, Alejo, Rowan, Grace, Noah, Kye, Mia, Lilyana, Michael, Brooklyn, AJ, Violet, Hazel, Charlee, Porter, Preslee, Goldee; great great-grandchildren; Izabella, Gabriela; sisters, Marlys (Leo) Karras and Darlene Arndt; brother, Jerry (Jean) Johnson; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents Douglas and Irene Johnson, husband John, grandson Brandan Jensen and Kirsten Morrow.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held in her honor on Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024, at 4 p.m. at St. Bridget's Catholic Church, 211 East Division



St., River Falls, WI. Visitation will begin at 2 p.m. until the start of Mass. Burial will follow at St. Bridget's Catholic Cemetery.

The Pallbearers will be: Justin Morrow, Mitch Karras, Ryan Pace, Jordan Karras, Justin Karras, Josh Jensen, Parker Jensen, Shalyn Nygaard, Alicia Kleinbrook, Kelly Lind, Jenna Karras, Zachary Karras, Maddie Schinke, and Morgan Larson.

Services are entrusted to O'Connell Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services of River Falls. For further details, please visit [www.oconnellfuneralhomes.com](http://www.oconnellfuneralhomes.com) or call 715-425-5644.



# PUBLIC Notice

STATE OF WISCONSIN,  
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Notice to Creditors  
(Informal Administration)

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE OF  
Sue Magee Hiniker  
a/k/a Sue. M Hiniker

Case No. 24PR58

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth May 26, 1936 and date of death June 15, 2024, was domiciled in Pierce County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 318 Oak Street, Prescott, WI 54021.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 9, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Pierce County Courthouse, Ellsworth, Wisconsin, Room 201.

Form completed by:  
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STATE OF WISCONSIN,  
CIRCUIT COURT,  
PIERCE COUNTY

Notice and Order for Name  
Change Hearing

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
NAME CHANGE OF

Maya Christina Villeneuve

Case No. 24CV145

NOTICE IS GIVEN:  
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From:  
[First] Maya  
[Middle] Christina  
[Last] Villeneuve

To:  
[First] Miles  
[Middle] Grey  
[Last] Villeneuve

Birth Certificate:  
[First] Maya  
[Middle] Christina  
[Last] Villeneuve

IT IS ORDERED:

This Petition will be heard in the circuit Court of Pierce County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's name: Elizabeth Rohl Place: Pierce County Courthouse- WEST Courtroom 414 West Main Street, Ellsworth, WI 54011 Date: November 19, 2024 Time: 1: 15 p.m.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-273-6741 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provided transportation.

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 Pierce County Journal a newspaper published in Pierce County, State of Wisconsin.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN,  
CIRCUIT COURT,  
PIERCE COUNTY

Notice to Creditors  
(Informal Administration)

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE OF  
Trevor C. Rystrom

Case No.24PR56

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth August 22, 1992 and date of death July 27, 2024, was domiciled in Pierce County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 320 N. 2nd Street #12, River Falls, WI 54022.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for the filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 7, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Pierce County Courthouse, Ellsworth, Wisconsin, Room 201.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
PIERCE COUNTY  
CIRCUIT COURT

Probate Division  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
Antoinette Denzer  
Case No 22PR28

NOTICE TO INTERESTED  
PERSONS, INCLUDING  
PAUL DENZER AND ANY  
OTHER UNKNOWN INTER-  
ESTED PARTIES

TO: PAUL DENZER, whose whereabouts are unknown, and any other unknown interested persons in the Estate of Antoinette Denzer.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing of final accounting for Antoinette Denzer's estate has been scheduled. The hearing will be held on November 1st, 2024, at 4:00 p.m., before the Honorable Elizabeth Rohl at the Pierce County Courthouse, 414 West Main Street, Ellsworth, Wisconsin.

The purpose of this hearing is to hear the request to approve the proposed final account regarding this estate submitted by the Personal Representatives. Any interested party, including Paul Denzer, may appear at the hearing, present objections, or filed written objections with the Court prior to the hearing. Failure to appear or file objections may result in the Court approving the final accounting as submitted by the Personal Representatives.

Attorney for the Estate:  
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PUBLIC Notice

CITY OF PRESCOTT

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, November 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 800 Bomer Street North, a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2025 Budget of Prescott will be held.

2025 Preliminary

Table with 6 columns: GENERAL FUND, 2023 Budget, 2024 Proposed Budget, 2025 Proposed Budget, % Change from 2024 Budget, Increase/Decrease. Rows include REVENUES and EXPENDITURES.

Table with 6 columns: GENERAL FUND, 2023 Budget, 2024 Proposed Budget, 2025 Proposed Budget, % Change from 2023 Budget, Increase/Decrease. Rows include EXPENDITURES.

Table with 9 columns: ALL FUNDS, BUDGETED REVENUES, BUDGETED EXPENSES, EST. FUND BALANCE 12/31/24, EST. FUND BALANCE 12/31/25, 2024 Tax, 2025 Proposed Tax, % Change, Increase/Decrease.

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PIERCE COUNTY

SUMMARY OF 2025 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR PIERCE COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that on November 12, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. at the Courthouse Annex - County Board Room, 124 N Oak Street, Ellsworth, Wisconsin, the County Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for the year 2025.

Join Zoom Meeting: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87239262560?pwd=7hm7J2kXxwzkrK4bVQFZcZdcCfCqAat.1 Meeting ID: 872 3926 2560 Passcode: 263595

Table with 4 columns: GENERAL FUND, 2024 Adopted Budget, 2025 Proposed Budget, Percentage Change. Rows include EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES, REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES.

Table with 6 columns: ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS COMBINED, Estimated Fund Balance 1/1/2025, Total Revenues/Other Sources, Total Expenditures/Other Uses, Estimated Fund Balance 12/31/2025, Property Tax Levy.

Table with 4 columns: 2024 Adopted Budget, 2025 Proposed Budget, Percentage Change. Rows include County Tax Levy, Equalized Value (reduced by TID Increments).

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT PIERCE COUNTY

Notice of Hearing Case No: 2024FA000025

In RE the marriage of LeRoy Davis Miles and Nadriena Tiffany Palmer Miles

Nadriena Tiffany Palmer Miles 1685 Sunwood Ct River Falls, WI 54022

This case is scheduled for: Default divorce hearing

NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: October 25, 2024

Time: 10:30 a.m. Location: Pierce County Courthouse 414 W Main Street P.O. Box 129 Ellsworth, WI 54011 Circuit Court Judge Nadriena Palmer Miles

This matter will not be adjourned by the court except upon formal motion for good cause or with the specific approval of the court upon stipulation by all parties.

If you require a reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court

process, please call 715-273-3531 ext. 6400 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

Distribution: LeRoy Davis Miles Nadriena Tiffany Palmer Miles

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, PIERCE COUNTY

Petition for Name Change for Adult or Minor 14 or Older (30708)

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF

Yi-Wen Chen

Case No. 24CV168

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: [First] Yi-Wen [Last] Chen

To: [First] Vivian [Middle] Yi-Wen [Last] Bengtson

Birth Certificate: [First] Yi-Wen [Last] Chen

IT IS ORDERED:

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Pierce County, State of Wisconsin:

Judge's Name: Judge Elizabeth Rohl

Place: Pierce County Courthouse, 414 W Main Street, Ellsworth, WI 54011

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Pierce County Journal, a newspaper published in Pierce County, State of Wisconsin.

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POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION MEETING

October 16, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers 222 Lewis Street River Falls, WI 54022

NOTE: OFFICIAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY AGENDA ITEM

Agenda

Call Meeting to Order Roll Call Approval of Minutes: May 20, 2024 Regular Meeting

Police Department 1) Establish Patrol Officer Eligibility List 2) Appointment from Patrol Office Eligibility /List 3) Authorization to create a new Police Officer Eligibility List

Fire Department The commission will consider moving into closed session pursuant to Wis. State. Section 19.85(1)(c) for the purposes of considering employment, promotion, or performance evaluation data with respect to the filling of the vacant Fire Chief Position.

Reconvene into open session.

Adjournment

Council members may be in attendance for informational purposes only. No official Council action will be taken.

NOTE: Any person who has a qualifying disability as defined by the American with Disabilities Act that requires the meeting or materials to be in an accessible location or format may contact City Clerk Amy White at (715) 426-3408 or in person at 222 Lewis Street for accommodations.

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Meeting Notice TOWN OF OAK GROVE October 21: Town Board

The next meeting of the Oak Grove town board will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 21, 2024, at the Oak Grove town hall, N4939 1100th St., 54021. The board routinely meets on the third Monday of the month. Members of the public are always welcome.

AGENDA: Call to order and roll call; Prior minutes; Public Comments (no action). Dilapidated property, W11199 Hwy. 35: Ongoing review.

Boles CSM: Certified survey map combining owner's lots inclusive W12136 508th Ave. in River's Edge Addition (new CSM LOTS 1, 2, 3). Roads: Review updates for 570th Ave. culvert and 1208th Street spillway projects. Review road maintenance issues. Review status of culvert inventory and WISLR reports.

2025 Budget: Discuss 2025 town budget plans. Consider options to exceed the levy limit if needed to cover recommended crack-fill and chip-seal or other road budget shortfalls. Set time/date of budget hearing. Schedule special electors' meeting re levy if indicated. Storage plan for sign-repair materials. Resolution to increase the number of election inspectors (poll workers). Building Inspector's report. Bills. Treasurer's monthly report. Travel/training requests. Roundtable: Officials exchange brief updates re topics such as projects in progress, outside meetings/ calendar, correspondence, next agenda. No action.

Action may be taken on any item unless otherwise noted. Note: This summary agenda is provided as an informational courtesy to supplement the Town's official notices. Information was current when submitted but may be subject to change. The town's official notices & agendas are posted at www.co.pierce.wi.us (click Government > Municipal > Town > Oak Grove). --Andria Hayday, Town Clerk

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Ellsworth Community School District

445 S. Piety Street Ellsworth, Wisconsin 54011 (715)273-3900

The Ellsworth Community School District Board of Education will meet for a special school board meeting on Monday, October 21, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Ellsworth Elementary School Community Room. THE AGENDA: Review of the 2024-2025 School District Budget, Certification of the School District Levy for the 2024-2025 school year.

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TOWN OF ELLSWORTH

The Town of Ellsworth Building Committee will meet Monday, October 21, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ellsworth Town Hall/Garage (W6058 490th Ave). Agenda: Call to order; minutes of last meeting, Leonard Schrieber from Auth Consulting will brainstorm with the committee and discuss steps from concept plan to design for town hall or future building project, any future meetings, adjourn

Phyllis Beastron, Clerk

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Ellsworth Area Ambulance Service

The Operating Committee of the Ellsworth Area Ambulance Service will hold its regularly scheduled meeting at 151 South Plum Street in the Village of Ellsworth at 6:00 pm Oct 22, 2024 Agenda items include: call to order, introduction, review and approval of agenda, review and approval of minutes, Financial report, Director's report, 2024 fundraiser review and purchases, LifeQuest/EMSMC updates and 2025 budget and per capita discussion. Committee may convene in closed session as authorized by Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1) (c) as it relates to employee benefits and compensation and human resource management.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, PIERCE COUNTY Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD M. SANDERS

Case No. 24PR60

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

- 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth January 14, 1948 and date of death May 28, 2024, was domiciled in Pierce County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N7453 County Road QQ, Prescott, WI 54021. 3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 21, 2025. 5. A claim may be filed at the Pierce County Courthouse, Ellsworth, Wisconsin, Room 201.

Form Completed by:

Leo A. Beskar Address: Rodli, Beskar, Neuhaus, Murray & Pletcher, S.C. 219 N. Main Street, River Falls, WI 54022 Telephone: 715-425-7281 Bar Number: 1003297

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TOWN OF ISABELLE:

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Isabelle board will hold its monthly meeting October 21st at 6:30pm, at the Red Wing Airport Terminal building. Agenda: pay bills.

Julie Erickson, Clerk

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Town of Trimble Comprehensive Plan Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 24th 7:30pm: Review and Revision on sections 8.0 through 10.0 8.0 - Intergovernmental Cooperation 9.0 - Land Use 10.0 - Implementation Addendums Addressed

For questions or clarification, please email Bruce Vandenberg (Chair) at: b9vandenberg@gmail.com

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# PUBLIC Notice

## TOWN OF RIVER FALLS

The following River Falls Town Meetings will meet on Monday, October 21, 2024, beginning at 6:30 P.M. at the River Falls Town Hall, W9015 770th Ave. **6:30 P.M.** – Plan Commission Agenda: Plan Commission Minutes; Comments & Requests; Zoning Administrator Report; Evaluate Nuisance Ordinance with Respect to Aircraft; Review of Updated Comprehensive Plan; Discussion on Extra Territorial Zoning Districts; Discussion on Town Code Chapter 17.07 and 17.08; A quorum of Town Board members may be present. 8:00 P.M. Regular Board Meeting

### AGENDA

- Call to order
- Consider for approval or other action:
  1. Approve Agenda
  2. Minutes from October 7, 2024, Regular Board Meeting
  3. Minutes from October 14, 2024, Special Board Meeting
  4. Financial/Fire Call Report
  5. Public Comments and Requests
  6. Zoning Administrator Report
  7. Plan Commission Report
  8. Discuss and Take Action on Ordinance 2024 – 1: To Adopt the Comprehensive Plan of the Town of River Falls
  9. Review Winter Road Maintenance Policy
  10. Review and Update Recycling Center Fees
  11. Discuss and Take Action on Official Newspaper
  12. Approve Schedule of Workers for November 5, 2024, General Election
  13. Discuss Delegation of Spending Authority
  14. Discuss Budget Review Schedule
  15. Board and Staff Communications
  16. Future Agenda Items
  17. Audit and Pay Bills
  18. Adjourn

Action may be taken on any agenda item. This agenda is subject to change. Some agenda items may be taken up earlier in the meeting, or in a different order than listed. The posted notice at the Town Hall is the primary notice. Meeting notice posted on the Town's website [www.riverfallstown.com](http://www.riverfallstown.com), at the River Falls Town Hall, W9015 770th Avenue, River Falls, WI and at the River Falls Town Shop, N7750 State Road 65, River Falls, WI. Anyone wishing to attend the meeting who requires special accommodation because of a disability should contact the Clerk's office, at 715-629-8240 or email [clerk@riverfallstown.com](mailto:clerk@riverfallstown.com), at least 72 hours before the meeting begins so that appropriate accommodations can be made.

Sarah Meyer, Clerk

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## CITY OF RIVER FALLS WISCONSIN UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

OCTOBER 21, 2024

The public may view/listen to the meeting by:

- Calling Toll Free: 1-844-992-4726, access code: 2633 782 2892 event password: 81924
- Visiting the web link: <https://tinyurl.com/rfuab102124>
- Viewing the City's YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofriverfalls>

Call Meeting to Order: 6:30 p.m.  
Roll Call  
Approval of Minutes: August 19, 2024

### ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

### PUBLIC COMMENT, PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- Public Comment

### CONSENT AGENDA:

- Acknowledgement of the following minutes: West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Facility Commission:
  - August 15 and September 19, 2024

### REPORTS:

- Utility Projects Update Report
- Finance Report
- Utility Dashboards
- Monthly Utility Report

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### ADJOURNMENT:

Council members may be in attendance for informational purposes only.

No official Council action will be taken.

**NOTE:** Any person who has a qualifying disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act that requires the meeting or materials to be in an accessible location or format, may contact City Clerk Amy White at (715) 426-3408 or in

person at 222 Lewis Street, for accommodations. Requests for accommodations should be made at least three (3) business days in advance of the meeting. Every effort will be made to arrange accommodations.

Posted at City Hall: 10/9/2024; Published: The Pierce County Journal: 10/16/2024

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## VILLAGE OF MAIDEN ROCK PUBLIC HEARING NOITCE Village Hall N510 County Road S Maiden Rock, WI 54750

5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 30, 2024

The Village of Maiden Rock will hold a Public hearing at the above location and date/time to present to Facility Plan to construct a new disinfection system and replace equipment at the Village's wastewater treatment plant. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to present the Village's plan for wastewater treatment plant upgrades and gather public comment.

The agenda for the public hearing is:

1. The Village's plans for wastewater treatment plant upgrades and equipment replacement.
2. Cost estimate, and funding mechanism.
3. Public input on the proposed Facility Plan.
4. Answer public questions.

Residents of the Village of Maiden Rock are encouraged to attend and present comments.

The meeting room is handicapped accessible.

Persons needing additional accommodations should contact Shirley Gilles, Village Clerk/Treasurer, via telephone at 715.448.2205 or via email: [mmaiden@centurytel.net](mailto:mmaiden@centurytel.net)

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## CITY OF RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Business Improvement District (BID) of the City of River Falls has filed a request for assessment with the City Clerk of the City of River Falls in the amount of \$44,500.00, in accordance with *Wisconsin Statutes* 66.0703 and 66.1109, for calendar year 2025. Said assessments will be reviewed at a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 6:31 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall located at 222 Lewis Street. All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Dated this 7th day of October 2024.

Jackie Hanson, Deputy Clerk

Published: October 16, 2024

Posted: October 7, 2024

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## CITY OF RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

September 24, 2024

Mayor Toland called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**City Council Members Present:** Todd Bjerstedt, Jeff Bjork, Sean Downing, Scott Morrisette, Alyssa Mueller, Diane Odeen

**Members Absent:** Nick Carow

**Staff Present:** City Attorney Chris Gierhart; IT Specialist Jon Smits; Chief of Police Gordon Young; Chief of Staff Jennifer Smith; Community Services Director/City Clerk Amy White; Utility Director Kevin Westhuis; Public Works Manager Erica Ellefson; City Engineer Todd Nickleski, Economic Development Manager Kerri Schriener

The pledge of allegiance was said.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** September 10, 2024, Meeting Minutes

**MSC Downing/Morrisette move to approve the minutes. Unanimous.**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Bills: \$1,731,411.47

**MSC Bjork/Bjerstedt move to approve the bills. Unanimous.**

### PUBLIC COMMENT, PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Patricia La Rue, 489 Marcella Ct. - gave the history of DeSanctis park and support for the designation of Bee City park.

Dana Linscott, W11395 County Road M – talked about citizen concerns and lack of transparency.

Lance Hovland, 310 W Charlotte St. – talked about his support of the designation of Bee City park.

Tanya Schmitt, 622 W Elm St. – talked about her support of the designation of Bee City park.

Carol Mottaz, 403 E Division St. – talked about her support for the residential picketing ordinance

William Hanson, N8723 1028th St. – talked about the City's plan for emergency power and the Junction Hydro retention

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Ordinance 2024-05 – An Ordinance Creating Section 9.24.070 – Residential Picketing Regulations – First Reading and Disposition **At 6:42 p.m., the mayor recessed into a Public Hearing asking if anyone had comments.**

Dana Linscott, W11395 County Road M – talked about the arguments against the ordinance; how there are already harassment laws and that it infringes on the Constitution.

Eric Amundson – 500 Marcela Ct. – talked about how he supports the ordinance and how it protects citizens like himself, citing how society has changed significantly; therefore, this ordinance is needed and appreciated.

Lenny Auston, 1718 Radao Dr. – talked about how he agrees with the recommendation of City staff and police chief of passing the ordinance before Council citing the increase in challenges for local government. Increased incivility has led to people being targeted based on their profession, not at their place of employment but at their own homes and hopes Council will vote yes for the ordinance.

**As there were no other public comments, the mayor moved back into Open Session at 6:49 p.m.**

Downing took the opportunity to talk about responsible local government. He met with the City Attorney and Police Chief and also consulted the League of Wisconsin Municipalities. He was advised that the ordinance was Constitutional, also citing the American Civil Liberties website, which provides that city's can adopt narrow restrictions. He quoted the website that provides, *the First Amendment protect your rights to assemble and express your views through protest however, police and other government officials are allowed to place certain narrow restrictions on the exercise of speech rights.* He has confidence in the city's law enforcement and their training. This ordinance gives direction to all people which is healthy for the community and assisting in the understanding of the legal right to privacy.

Odeen informed that this type of ordinance has been litigated at the Supreme Court and does not violate the First Amendment and if the Council wants to provide more than the Constitution demands, it is a policy decision for the Council to make. She cited statistics showing 73 percent of city official have reported experiencing harassment. She provided some examples of other ordinance that have passed recently that should what appropriate behaviors are in the City. She conducted some research and found a number of states that have statewide law prohibited targeted picketing. She hopes this is something we will never need but wants it in place in case we do.

Morrisette admitted he did request to have the ordinance brought back and felt a broader definition covering any resident was important. He worries about the other members in the community not just elected officials. He agrees we haven't seen this in our community and hopes we never do. This ordinance now provides those who want to protest a sense of where they can do it and where they can't.

**MSC Odeen/Downing move to approve to approve the Ordinance as presented. 5 – Yes, 1 – No Downing, Odeen, Morrisette, Bjork and Bjerstedt voting in favor and Mueller voting against.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Acknowledgement of the following minutes: Plan Commission – 6/4/24; Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – 7/17/24; Library Board – 6/3/24

Resolution No. 6913 - Resolution Approving the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Adjusted Urban Area Boundary → **pulled by Morrisette**

Resolution No. 6914 - Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent to Exercise Special

Assessment Police Powers Under Section 66.0703 Wisconsin Statutes for the Benefit of the River Falls Business Improvement District

Resolution No. 6915 - Resolution Designating DeSanctis Park as the Official River Falls Bee City Park → **pulled by Downing**

Resolution No. 6916 - Resolution Authorizing Application for a WI DNR Urban Forestry Grant

**MSC Odeen/Bjerstedt move to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda. Unanimous.**

Resolution No. 6913 - Resolution Approving the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Adjusted Urban Area Boundary

Morrisette asked for clarification on the impact of the boundary agreement with the township. City Engineer Nickleski was present and able to answer Morrisette's questions, indicating there was little impact.

**MSC Morrisette/Bjerstedt move to approve the resolution. Unanimous.**

Resolution No. 6915 - Resolution Designating DeSanctis Park as the Official River Falls Bee City Park

Downing provided an overview of the accomplishments and goals of the Bee City Committee and thanked those who partner with the committee and City staff.

**MSC Dowling/Morrisette move to approve the resolution. Unanimous.**

**REPORTS:** Comptroller's Reports  
General Fund revenues through the end of August were \$10,096,268 or 74% of total budgeted revenues for the year. Revenues in August included \$2,928,408 for property tax, \$70,703 for payments in lieu of tax for the Housing Authority portion and \$16,640 for building permit fees. Expenditures through the end of August were \$8,887,266 or 65% of total budget expenditures for the year. As of August 31, 2024, net revenues over expenditures were \$1,209,002.

**CLOSED SESSION:** At 7:03 p.m. MS Morrisette/Bjerstedt move to recess into Closed Session per Wisconsin State Statutes §19.85(1)(e) for the following purposes: "deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, to wit: possible purchase of 431 N Second Street."

**The Mayor asked for a roll call vote. The roll call vote passed unanimously.**

**RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION:** At 7:19 p.m. MSC Odeen/Morrisette to move back into Open Session. Unanimous.

**MSC Bjerstedt/Morrisette move to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Amy White, Community Service Director/City Clerk

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**School District of River Falls Regular Board Meeting Monday, October 21, 2024 - 7:00 PM District Office, 852 E Division Street, River Falls, Wisconsin 54022 Official agenda notices will be posted at Ptack's IGA, the Public Library, and the 1st Nat'l Bank. The complete agenda and approved minutes will be posted under "School Board" at [www.frsd.k12.wi.us](http://www.frsd.k12.wi.us).**

- **CALL TO ORDER - 7:00 PM IN THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM**
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- **HEARING OF VISITORS OR DELEGATIONS**
- **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
  - **Spotlight on Education: High School Robotics Program**
  - **Superintendent, Administrative, and Student Representative Reports**
    - Student Representative Report
    - Administrative Reports
    - Elementary School Goal Update 2024-25
    - Superintendent Report
    - 90-Day Entry Plan Update
- **Approval of Minutes, bills, and recommended employment**
- **Consideration and/or Action to approve October 7, 2024, Educational Program Committee recommendations**

### Consideration and/or Action to approve October 14, 2024, Personnel Committee recommendations

**Consideration and/or Action to approve October 14, 2024, Finance & Facilities Committee recommendations**

**Consideration and/or Action to approve the 2024-2025 Tax Levy and Original Budget**

**Consideration and/or Action to appoint a Board member to cast a vote, on behalf of the entire Board, for Alan Tuchenhagen for a Region 4 seat on the WASB Board of Directors.**

**Appoint a Deputy Clerk for the 2025 School Board Elections**

**Consideration and/or Action to approve the first readings of revised School Board Policy 165 School Board Member Ethics, 171 Regular School Board Meetings, 171.1 Public Notification of School Board Meetings, 171.2 Agenda Preparation and Dissemination, 171.3 Consent Agendas, and 172 Special School Board Meetings**

**Consideration and/or Action to approve the second readings of revised School Board Policy 611 Fiscal Management, Policy 652 Investment Income, Policy 653 Gate Receipts and Admissions, Policy 662.1 Student Activity Funds Management, and Policy 662.3 Fund Balance**

**Consideration and/or Action to approve the second readings of revised School Board Policy 523.11 School Bus Driver Alcohol and Drug Testing, Policy 533.1 Criminal Background Investigation and 860 Visitors to School District Buildings**

**Consideration and/or Action to approve the second readings of revised School Board Policy 153 Evaluation of School Board Operations, 161 School Board Member Authority, 162 New School Board Member Orientation, 163 School Board Conferences, Conventions, and Workshops, 163.1 School Board Memberships, and 164 School Board Member Compensation and Expenses**

**Proposed/suggested items for the next regular and future School Board meeting agenda(s)**

- **Schedule next School Board/Committee meetings**
- **ADJOURN**

*This preliminary agenda is prepared early in order to meet publication timelines for the area newspapers. Changes to the agenda may occur. If so, those changes will appear on the final agenda at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. The final agenda can be viewed on the district's website: Menu>School Board>Board Meetings>Agendas & Meeting Minutes>View Board Meeting & Committee Agendas & Minutes.*

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**VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH BOARD MEETING September 9, 2024 6:00pm 130 N. Chestnut St. Lower Level Boardroom (East Rear Entrance)**

**Members Present:** President Beissel, Trustees Austin, Bench, Borner, Neeley, Schutz and Hines. **Staff Present:** Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Brad Roy, Director of Public Works Vick, Library Director Meyer, Attorney Loberg **Others Present:** Karen Meyer, and Jim DiPeso (Press), and multiple citizens virtually.

**MINUTES**  
1. Meeting called to order at 6pm.  
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.  
3. Public comment on non-agenda items. No comment received.

**Consent Agenda:**  
1. Review/Approve payments and deposits  
2. Review/Approval of Village Board Meeting minutes – 8/5 and 8/20  
3. TID Joint Review Board Meeting minutes 8/5  
4. Joint ETZ Committee Meeting minutes 8/12  
5. Parks, Recreation, Development Committee Meeting minutes 8/12  
6. Community Development Authority Meeting minutes 8/15  
7. Salary and Labor Committee Meeting minutes 8/15  
8. Plan Commission Meeting minutes 8/19  
9. Finance, Purchasing, Buildings Committee Meeting minutes 8/21  
10. CSM for Carl Hendrickson located in the SE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 8, Town of Ellsworth.  
11. Temporary Class B Retailers License for the Pierce County Fair, Fall Demo Derby, October 19, 2024

**MSC Bench/Hines to approve the consent agenda. No further discussion. Unanimous.**

### mous New Business:

1. Discuss/Approve Resolution 2024-13 Exception from County Library Tax. A/C-T Roy presented the resolution and discussed the budget requirements to qualify for the Tax Exemption. **MSC Borner/Austin to approve Resolution 2024-13.** No further discussion. **Unanimous.**

2. Discuss/Possible Action on Ordinance 707 amending Municipal Code for Parking Ticket Fines. A/C-T Roy presented the ordinance. The issue of parking ticket fee amount had been discussed at previous committee meetings. The fine amount of \$40 was established by the Police Department. **MSC Austin/Neeley to approve Ordinance 707.** No further discussion. **Unanimous.**

3. CSM and Rezone from Light Industrial to Residential for Scott Zimmer located in the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 16, Town of Ellsworth. A/C-T Roy presented the application and the intention to split the current 36.5 acre lot into two lots and rezone the east lot to residential. The Village Board has discretion to determine which residential zoning district is best suited for the site. **MSC Austin/Hines to approve the CSM and to rezone the newly created lot from Light Industrial to Rural Residential.** No further discussion. **Unanimous.**

### Reports:

1. President's Report. The President's report was presented.  
2. Department Head Reports: Reports were presented by Chief of Police, Director of Public Works, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer, and Library Director

**MSC Austin/Schutz to adjourn.** No further discussion. **Unanimous.** Respectfully submitted by Brad Roy, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

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## TOWN OF EL PASO Meeting Notice

**THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EL PASO will meet at the town hall (N5325 450th St. Ellsworth) on Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.**

### Agenda:

- Call Meeting to Order
- Roll Call
- Statement of Public Notice
- Public Comments
- Agenda Items
  - Discuss and plan next year's budget
  - Convene into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(c) Wis. Stats., for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility: Road Maintainer compensation and benefits.
  - Return to open session and possibly take action on closed session item.
- Adjourn

Sherri Heise, Clerk

WNAXLP 10 16

## STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, PIERCE COUNTY

### Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Steven Edward Kittilson**

Case no. 24PR53

### PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 05/26/1948 and date of death 08/20/2024, was domiciled in Pierce County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1023 Morgan Road, River Falls, WI 54022.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is December 30, 2024.
5. A claim may be filed at the Pierce County Courthouse, Pierce, Wisconsin, Room 201.

Form completed by: Adam Kittilson  
Address: 122 Klompen Court Neenah, WI 54956  
Telephone: 920-637-0329

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# PUBLIC Notice

**STATE OF WISCONSIN,  
CIRCUIT COURT,  
PIERCE COUNTY**

**Order Setting Time to Hear  
Petition for Administration  
and Deadline for Filing  
Claims  
(Formal Administration)**

**Case No. 24PR59**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE OF**

**Joanne R. Hill-Lange  
October 27, 2023**

A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.

**THE COURT FINDS:**

The decedent, with date of birth June 15, 1961 and date of death October 27, 2023 was domiciled in Pierce County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 139 W. Wilson Ave., Elmwood, WI 54740.

**THE COURT ORDERS:**

1. The Petition be heard at the Pierce County Courthouse, Ellsworth, Wisconsin, Room,

before Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner Elizabeth Rohl, on December 11, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.

2. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 14, 2025.

3. A claim may be filed at the Pierce County Courthouse, Ellsworth, Wisconsin, Room.

4. Heirship will be determined at the hearing on petition for final judgement.

5. Publication of this notice is notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.

Form Completed by:  
Jens H. Loberg, Loberg Law Office, LLP  
Address:  
359 W. Main Street  
Ellsworth, WI 54011  
Telephone Number:  
715-273-5072  
Bar Number:  
1086839

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**TAX DEED LANDS FOR SALE**

Pursuant to 75.69(1), Wisconsin Statutes, the following tax deed lands owned by & located in Pierce County are being offered for sale. Full legal descriptions may be obtained from County Clerk's Office or on County web [https://www.co.pierce.wi.us/departments/county\\_clerk/tax\\_deeds](https://www.co.pierce.wi.us/departments/county_clerk/tax_deeds)

**File #448 (008-01078-1000)** – Parcel in the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 26 North, Range 16 West, Town of El Paso, Pierce County, Wisconsin, described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner, thence South 24 1/2 rods; thence Northwesterly to a point on the North line 10 rods West of the Northeast corner; thence East 10 rods to the place of beginning. **Minimum bid: \$10,000.00**

**File #451 (030-01106-0730)** – Lot 1 Certified Survey Map recorded in Vol. 6 of CSM pg. 169, as Doc. No. 379835, being part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 25 North, Range 18 West, Town of Trenton, Pierce County, Wisconsin. **Minimum Bid: \$40,000.00**

**File #452 (151-01004-0500)** – Parcels in Government Lot 1, Section 15, Township 24 North, Range 16 West, Village of Maiden Rock, Pierce County, Wisconsin, described as follows: Commencing at a point on the Southwest line of Highway 35, 158 feet Northwesterly from the Northwest corner of Lot 1, Block 12, Village of Maiden Rock; thence Northwesterly along said highway 50 feet; thence Southwesterly at right angles to the railroad; thence Southeasterly along said railroad 50 feet; thence North-easterly to the point of beginning. **Minimum Bid: \$20,000.00**

**File #453 (171-01001-0720)** – The North 270 feet of the West 150 feet of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 15, Township 25 North, Range 15 West, Village of Plum City, Pierce County, Wisconsin. **Minimum Bid: \$10,000.00**

**Bidding Procedure**

Sealed bidding procedure with written bids, marked "Tax Deed Land", shall be received at the Pierce County Clerk's Office at 414 W. Main St, P.O. Box 119, Ellsworth, WI, 54011. Bidding closes at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, October 18, 2024; bids will be opened at the County Clerk's Office.

Bid forms are also available on website or available at the Clerk's Office: [www.co.pierce.wi.us](http://www.co.pierce.wi.us)  
Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 75.69(1) the minimum bid allowable is set at the appraised or assigned value.

Enclose a copy of the ad, legal description &/or parcel number of the property bidding on (if not using a bid form). Also, include name, address, & phone number of bidder(s).

Successful bidder will be notified by Clerk & must submit cashier's check or money order for the full amount of the bid not more than 7 days after bid approval. Payment shall be made payable to the Pierce County Clerk.

Bids will be submitted for final approval to the Finance & Personnel Committee at its meeting on November 4, 2024, at 4 p.m., County Board Room, 124 N. Oak Street, Ellsworth, WI 54011.

A Quit Claim Deed will be furnished by Pierce County to the successful bidder. A separate & additional \$30.00 recording fee is required of the purchaser to file the deed; check payable to Pierce County ROD.

Pierce County reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids. Properties are sold 'AS IS and WITH ALL FAULTS', Pierce County makes no express or implied warranties, guarantees, or returns. Please contact the County Clerk's Office at 273-6744 if you have any questions.

Jamie R. Feuerhelm  
Pierce County Clerk

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**TOWN OF OAK GROVE  
EARLY VOTING**

Oak Grove voters who do not wish to vote at the polling place on Nov. 5, 2024, may request and complete an absentee ballot in person at the Oak Grove town hall (N4939 1100th Street, 54021) during the following walk-in sessions:

- 5 pm to 7 pm Tuesday, October 22
- 11 am to 1 pm Friday, October 25
- 5 pm to 7 pm Wednesday, October 30

No appointment is needed for these walk-in sessions. To receive a ballot, you must be registered to vote in Oak Grove and present valid ID for voting. You will complete your absentee ballot at the town hall.

Additional early voting hours are available at the clerk's office (town hall) by limited appointment. Contact the clerk for details (715-262-4005; [townfoakgrovewi@centurytel.net](mailto:townfoakgrovewi@centurytel.net)). In Wisconsin early voting is permitted to begin Oct. 22 and is prohibited on the day immediately prior to the election.

This notice is provided as an informational courtesy to supplement the town's official election notices, which are posted at the town hall and online at [www.co.pierce.wi.us](http://www.co.pierce.wi.us) (click Government > Municipal/ Town > Oak Grove). Please check the website for all town notices and other voter information.

Andria Hayday, Town Clerk

WNAXLP 10 16

**Village Of Ellsworth Public Notice**

Joint Extraterritorial Zoning Committee of the Village of Ellsworth, Town of Ellsworth and the Town of Trimble will hold a public hearing on October 24, 2024, 5:30 p.m. at the Village Hall lower level meeting room, (East rear entrance) 130 N. Chestnut St. to consider an application by the Town of Ellsworth, W6058 490th Ave., Ellsworth, WI 54011, for a request to rezone the properties 006-01085-0210 and 006-01071-1000 from Rural Flexible to Commercial, located in the W 1/2 of Sec. 22, T26N R17W, within the Village of Ellsworth ETZ area.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE ASKED TO ATTEND.

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**RESOLUTION 2024-1  
TOWN OF ELLSWORTH, PIERCE COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION OF TOWN BOARD  
PROPOSING TO EXCEED LEVY LIMIT  
VIA TOWN MEETING**

Whereas, the State of Wisconsin has imposed levy limits on town, village, city, and county levies for 2024 and thereafter under Wis. Stat. § 66.0602;

Whereas, Wis. Stat. § 66.0602 limits the allowable local levy for 2024 to a percentage increase of no more than the greater of (a) zero percent of the 2023 payable 2024 adjusted actual levy as calculated under the state's levy limit law\* or (b) a percentage equal to the percent change in equalized value due to net new construction less improvements removed, which for the Town of Ellsworth is 1.125 %. (Net new construction % from LLW Line 6);

Whereas, the town board of the Town of Ellsworth, Pierce County, believes that for the 2024 tax levy (to be collected in 2025) it is in the town's best interest to exceed the state levy limit as described above by a greater percentage than 1.125% . (Net new construction % from LLW Line 6);

Whereas, the Town of Ellsworth's 2023 payable 2024 adjusted actual tax levy was \$418,164 (LLW Line 4), and further whereas the state law would limit this year's increase to \$ 4,704 (LLW Line 4 x Net new construction % from LLW Line 6), for a total allowable town tax levy after adjustments for 2024 (to be collected in 2025) of \$ 418,319. (LLW Line 10);

THEREFORE, the town board of the Town of Ellsworth, Pierce County does hereby resolve and order as follows:

The town board supports an increase in the town tax levy for 2024 that will exceed the amount allowed by the state levy limit.

The town board directs that the question of increasing the allowable town tax levy for 2024 (to be collected in 2025) by 18%, which would increase the town levy by \$ 75,297.42 (Dollar amount of requested levy increase), for a total tax levy (after adjustments) of \$ 493,616.42 (Dollar amount of requested levy increase + add LLW Line 10) shall be placed on the agenda for the special town meeting to be held on November 4, 2024.

Adopted this 7th day of October, 2024.

Signature of Town Chair: /s/ Roger Billeter

Attested by Town Clerk: /s/ Phyllis J Beastron

To be published October 16, 2024

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**CITY OF PRESCOTT  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

The following have applied for intoxicating beverage licenses in the City of Prescott for the period beginning November 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

Notice is hereby given that the following have applied for a Class "B" Beer License and "Class C" Liquor (wine only) License:

**JoDean Enterprises, LLC, dba The Pizza Arcade**, 1020 US Hwy 10, Travis Meier, Agent.

The application for these licenses will be reviewed at the City Council meeting on October 28, 2024, at approximately 6:00 pm

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October 23, 2024

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**Pierce County Parks Department  
INVITATION TO BID**

**NUGGET LAKE DREDGE PROJECT**

Pierce County, through Nugget Lake County Park, is seeking Sealed Bids for a mechanical dredging project on the drawn down portion of Nugget Lake. The project will mainly consist of the removal, hauling and land application of up to 100,000 cubic yards of sediment from the upper 20-25 acres of the drawn down Nugget Lake. Other aspects of the project are detailed in the bid documents.

Sealed bids marked "Nugget Lake Sediment Removal & Land Application" must be received by mail, or hand delivered to Travis Campbell, Nugget Lake County Park, N4351 Co. Rd HH, Plum City, WI by no later than 4:00 pm on 11/8/2024. Bids will be opened at 4:05 pm on 11/8/2024. Bids will be reviewed and awarded at the November Pierce County Parks Committee Meeting, tentatively scheduled for November 13, 2024, which will be held in the Pierce County Courthouse in Ellsworth, WI.

The bid documents and project specifications can be obtained from Travis Campbell at the address above or via email [travis.campbell@co.pierce.wi.us](mailto:travis.campbell@co.pierce.wi.us).

Pierce County reserves the right, in its sound discretion, to accept or reject any or all proposals provided in response to the Request for Proposal regardless of conformity with the specifications, as well as to waive any errors and omissions as well as any technical failure of any proposal to be fully responsive. Such discretion shall be exercised in the best interest of Pierce County and its taxpayers. Pierce County also reserves the right to determine who, among the several submitters, constitutes the lowest, responsive and responsible party for the project in question. Price shall remain in effect for 90 days. Pierce County reserves the right to reduce its agreement with the successful party to a written contract and until such a time as said contract is executed by and between the parties, Pierce County shall not be bound to the terms of the bid in question. Pierce County is bound only upon the signing and execution of a formal written contract. By the authority of the Pierce County Parks Committee, Pierce County Courthouse, Ellsworth, WI.

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**Village Of Ellsworth  
Public Notice**

The Plan Commission of the Village of Ellsworth will hold a public hearing on October 24, 2024, 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall lower-level meeting room, (East rear entrance) 130 N. Chestnut St. to consider an application by Workhorse Land Development, agent for Dale and Julie Hines Rev. Trust, to consider a request to rezone parcel 121-01132-0100 located in the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 7, T26N R17W, from Agriculture to Residential R-2.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE ASKED TO ATTEND.

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**Village Of Ellsworth Public Notice**

Joint Extraterritorial Zoning Committee of the Village of Ellsworth, Town of Ellsworth and the Town of Trimble will hold a public hearing on October 24, 2024, 5:30 p.m. at the Village Hall lower level meeting room, (East rear entrance) 130 N. Chestnut St. to consider an application by Levi Norman Kuesel, N4940 710th St., Ellsworth, WI 54011, for a request to rezone the property from Residential R-1 to Rural Residential, located within the Village of Ellsworth ETZ area.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE ASKED TO ATTEND.

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## NEWSPAPERS...

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**VILLAGE OF MAIDEN ROCK  
PUBLIC HEARING NOITCE  
Village Hall  
N510 County Road S  
Maiden Rock, WI 54750**

**5:00 p.m. on Wednesday,  
October 30, 2024**

The Village of Maiden Rock will hold a Public hearing at the above location and date/time to present to Facility Plan to construct a new disinfection system and replace equipment at the Village's wastewater treatment plant. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to present the Village's plan for wastewater treatment plant upgrades and gather public comment.

The agenda for the public hearing is:

1. The Village's plans for wastewater treatment plant upgrades and equipment replacement.
2. Cost estimate, and funding mechanism.
3. Public input on the proposed Facility Plan.
4. Answer public questions.

Residents of the Village of Maiden Rock are encouraged to attend and present comments.

The meeting room is handicapped accessible.

Persons needing additional accommodations should contact Shirley Gilles, Village Clerk/Treasurer, via telephone at 715.448.2205 or via email: [mmaiden@centurytel.net](mailto:mmaiden@centurytel.net)

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**TOWN OF ELLSWORTH**

The Town of Ellsworth Building Committee will meet Monday, October 21, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ellsworth Town Hall/Garage (W6058 490th Ave). Agenda: Call to order; minutes of last meeting, Leonard Schrieber from Auth Consulting will brainstorm with the committee and discuss steps from concept plan to design for town hall or future building project, any future meetings, adjourn

Phyllis Beastron, Clerk

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*Plum City Care Center Chatter*

**By Noel Elsen**

Noel and Stacey led a BIG group of residents through Monday Movers exercises right away in the morning; everyone put in a great workout and we had lots of laughs to start the week off right! Folks must have been pooped out though because Karaoke Sing Along wasn't as strongly attended this week as it usually is, but we still had a fun morning. After lunch, Noel and Chef Jeff mixed up a hefty batch of pumpkin bread at Kitchen Corner, which created a delightful fall aroma throughout the care center! After a restful afternoon, folks came out in droves for a game of Tic Tac Toss; this week Kevin Bauer scored fourth, Jeff Halverson and Carol Bauer (Seasons) tied for third and Carol Campbell placed second. There was a tie for first place this week: Warren Seifert and Yvonne Sinz! Supper followed the game and then it was on to Monday night Bingo with Kathy Luebker and Pat Frion. We appreciated all their stupendous assistance!

Tuesday morning, Father Jojo arrived after breakfast for Mass and residents happily spent the morning in quiet reflection and prayer. After the peaceful morning, it was time for a little lunch and then Stacey wheeled out the popcorn machine for one of the most anticipated events of the week: Popcorn Social! She popped oodles of salty and buttery popcorn for the eager residents gathered to get their hands on a bowl! After every last kernel was consumed, there was time for visiting before afternoon church. Pastor Darren was here from Lund Mission Covenant to lead residents through the weekly prayer service, which was followed by suppertime. Willow arrived a little later for an evening of fun games.

It was Wednesday before we knew it, but that was just fine because it meant that it was time for our weekly Bowling game after breakfast! Players were assembled and everyone tested their skills on the lane; by the end of four rounds Jeff Halverson won fourth place, Janet Robelia scored third, with Milda Bauth and Kevin Bauer tied for second. Judy Thom was this week's first-place winner!

Once lunch came and went, it was soon time for everyone's favorite Wednesday afternoon activity: Fruit Bingo. We welcomed eight students from Ave Maria Academy to play the game as well, so our volunteers, Marlene Zimmer and Kathy Shingledecker, were kept very busy assisting with the game! A huge shout out goes to Virginia Fritz, who was our Blackout Bingo champion! After the exciting game, Noel passed out slices of seasonal pumpkin bread to the crowd at our Mid-Week Social.

Thursday morning was crisp and cool but we were cozy inside at our Local News and Coffee group after breakfast. Harriet Rothe was here to read residents the local papers and enjoy a cup of coffee! She always has extra stories and anecdotes to share that keep everyone smiling and engaged. Lunch and mail delivery came and went, then Stacey gave our ladies a little pampering with manicures. It's always fun to see which cheerful colors they choose and a sparkling tipcoat also adds a little pizzazz and glamour to their nails! Stacey brought out her guitar a little later and serenaded folks during one on one visits, while Willow engaged folks with new Conversation Cards to prompt unique and interesting conversations... all before suppertime. Willow brought folks together after the evening meal for a game of Pokeno!

Friday was full of fun and it all kicked off with Noel bringing out the beach balls for a little "kickball" with everyone! For a whole hour, residents kicked, bounced and volleyed the colorful beach balls around the circle, while we listened to the upbeat tunes of The Beach Boys. Lunch restored everyone's energy and there was plenty of time in the afternoon for relaxation and visiting outside, soaking up the sunshine and enjoying the fresh autumn air! Rich Schroeder showed up later for our afternoon Happy Hour and his soulful tunes on the guitar had everyone singing along, in between sips of ice cold frappes and bites of cheesecake. After supper we settled in for the Friday night movie, "Sarah, Plain and Tall," starring Glenn Close and Christopher Walken!

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# OBITUARIES

## Vernon Farrell 1940-2024

Vernon Allen Farrell, age 84, of Lake Nebagamon, Wis., passed away peacefully on Oct. 6, 2024, at Azura Memory Care in Eau Claire, Wis.

Vernon was born on Feb. 12, 1940, to Floyd and Florence (Barringer) Farrell in Baldwin, Wis. He was married to Jacqueline Most and they had three children. He married Carol Filkins on March 12, 1977. Vernon and Carol lived in Prescott, Wis., until 1979 and then moved

to Hudson, Wis., until retirement. They summered in the Lake Nebagamon area and wintered in Crystal River, Fla. Vernon enjoyed traveling, fishing, hunting, winters in Florida, time with family, and his dog Cocoa. He retired from a long career at 3M.

Vernon is survived by three daughters: Robin (Dennis) Peterson, Jamie (Sean) Jenkins, and Kelli (Roger) Peterson; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren; six stepchildren: Sherry (Mark) Randolph, Julie (Danny) Belden, Dennis (Jill) Filkins, Roxie (Jim) Schommer, Doug Filkins and Connie (Marc) Smith; 13 step grandchildren, 26 step

great-grandchildren; sister Loretta Farrell.

He was preceded in death by his wife Carol Farrell, brother Frank Farrell, and his parents.

The family would like to thank Inclusa Hospice and Azura Memory Care for their compassion and kindness shown to our father during this time. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be sent to the Parkinson Foundation. Chippewa Valley Cremation Services – Celebration of Life Center is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be left at [www.chippewavalleycremation.com](http://www.chippewavalleycremation.com)

## Wickham 'Wick' Allen 1927-2024

Wickham (Wick) Allen died in River Falls on Sept. 20, 2024. He was born in Sydney, Australia on Jan. 27, 1927. His living close relatives include his wife of nearly 73 years, Margaret (Margo) Allen, his son Nicholas Allen, his son-in-law David Trechter (Holly Trechter), two grandsons Colin (Alice Glenn) and Jeffrey Trechter, and his great granddaughter Wanda. Wick's daughter

Kristen Allen died in 2012. Working as an engineer, Wick had the good fortune to meet many interesting people in a variety of locations around the world. He was a voracious reader, a great lover of classical music, and enjoyed many activities including sailing, swimming, and badminton.

For the past 17 years, Wick and Margo lived in River Falls where they made many new friends and enjoyed the stimulating community and the city's natural beauty.

Wick requested that there be no formal ceremony marking his death. He felt that the memories held in the minds of his friends were sufficient.



## Grace Pederson 1940-2024

Grace Marie Pederson of Buffalo, Minnesota, was welcomed home to heaven on Oct. 13, 2024, at the age of 84.

Grace was born to parents Carroll and Olga Knudtson on April 19, 1940, in Whitehall, Wisconsin. She graduated from high school in Ellsworth, Wis., and later attended the University of Wisconsin-Stout for over two years where she met her husband, David Martin Pederson, in Oct. 1959.

David and Grace were married on Feb. 25, 1961, and made their home in Caledonia, Glencoe, and eventually Buffalo, Minn., where they raised their family on a farm northwest of town.

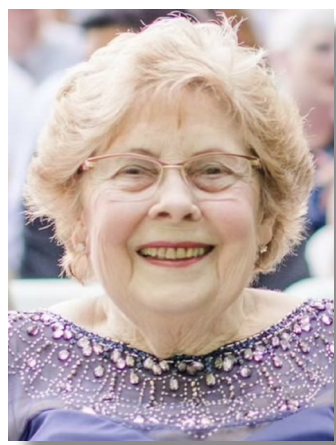
Grace loved being a homemaker, real estate agent, and travel agent over the years and was active in many civic organizations including Little Buffalo Nursery School,

4-H Club, Monticello Rotary Club, Monticello Chamber of Commerce, ASSE Student Exchange program (where she served over 250 foreign students), the Northwest Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church, and Buffalo Covenant Church.

Above serving as president and board member in some of these organizations, Grace considered her most important role to be servant of Christ, wife, mom, grandmother, and Great Grandma GiGi.

Grace is survived by her husband, David; children, Mark (Valerie) Pederson, Elizabeth (Stephen) Shaffer, John (Jamie) Pederson, and Caryn (Michael) England; 10 grandchildren, Charissa, Anastasia, Luke, Joshua, Rebekah, Abigail, Peter, Daniel, David, and Matthew; six great-grandchildren, Lewis, Winston, Ari, Silas, Malachi, and Rhyann; sister, Marcia Miller; niece, Katelyn and nephew, Benjamin.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate Grace's life at Buffalo Ev. Covenant Church in Buffalo, Minn on Thursday, Oct. 17, at 12 p.m.



Visitation will precede the service beginning at 10 a.m.

Luncheon to follow the service at church.

Interment will be at the Swedish Mission Cemetery in Buffalo, Minn.

Arrangements were entrusted to The Peterson Chapel in Buffalo, Minn.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate Grace's life at Buffalo Ev. Covenant Church in Buffalo, Minn on Thursday, Oct. 17, at 12 p.m. Visitation will precede the service beginning at 10 a.m.

# Adoray announces Walz as new executive director

BALDWIN – The Adoray Home Health & Hospice Board of Directors is proud to announce the appointment of Christa Walz as the organization's new Executive Director, effective Sept. 15, 2024. Walz succeeds Mary Aaby in the role, marking the start of a new chapter in Adoray's nearly 30-year history of providing compassionate care and support to patients and families throughout western Wisconsin.

A local from Glenwood City, Walz has spent the past 19 years at Adoray, beginning her journey as a Physical Therapist before advancing to Director of Therapy and then Senior Director of Home Health. Raising her family in this community with her husband Gabe, daughter Haidyn, and son Langston, her dedication to service and community has been the cornerstone of her career, making her an ideal choice as the organization's fifth leader. Walz holds her Masters in Physical Therapy from The College of St. Scholastica and is the current WI-AHC Vice Chair, At Large Director. Throughout her tenure, Walz has been instrumental in the success and sustainability of Adoray's Home Health department, skillfully navigating the numerous changes brought by CMS over the past two decades. She has ensured that Adoray's Home Health services remain a vital resource for the community by implementing innovative solutions, such as Remote Patient Monitoring, which empowers patients to maintain good lifestyle habits, adhere

to their care plans after receiving care, and reduce the risk of rehospitalization. Christa's forward-thinking leadership and commitment to quality care will help guide Adoray into the future.

"As a Board, Christa impressed us with her expertise, vision for the future, and passion for all Adoray team members and volunteers," said Eilidh Pederson, Chair of the Board of Directors. "Christa brings a wealth of experience and leadership to the organization. We are confident she will guide Adoray into its next chapter of success, focusing on mission, vision, and strategy."

Walz shared her gratitude for this new opportunity, stating, "I am deeply honored to be selected as Adoray's next Executive Director. Having grown with this organization over the past 19 years, I've seen firsthand the profound impact we've made in the lives of our patients and their families. As we approach our 30th year of service, I am excited to lead this extraordinary team, continuing to serve our community with compassion and excellence."

Walz also reflected on the personal connection she shares with Adoray's mission, saying, "My family has experienced the extraordinary care that Adoray Hospice provides, and through that journey, I became even more committed to ensuring every family in our service area receives the same level of support and care when they need it most. This dedication drives me to continue our history of helping



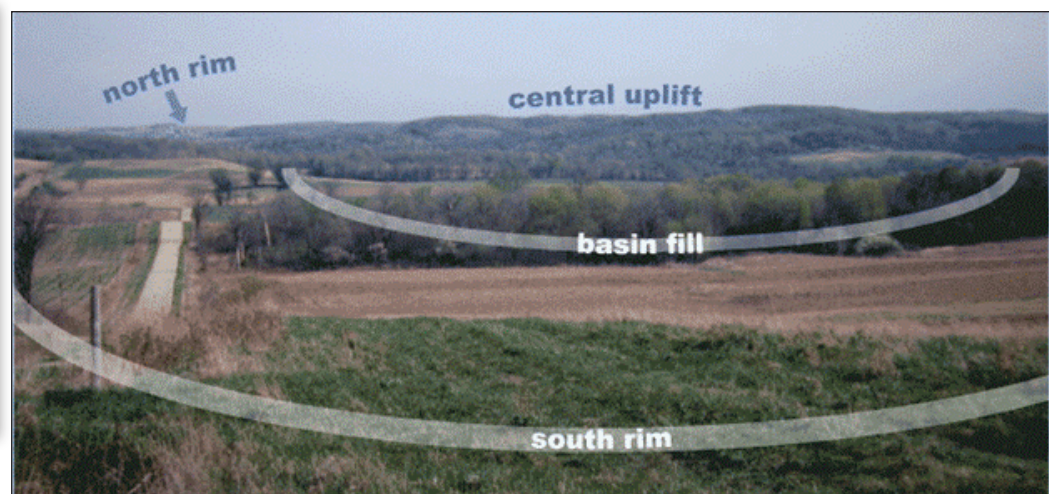
Christa Walz

patients and families navigate some of life's most challenging moments with integrity, compassion, and respect."

Walz's transition to Executive Director will begin immediately, with a planned handoff from Aaby, ensuring a seamless transition in leadership.

For nearly three decades, Adoray Home Health & Hospice has been a beacon of support, offering home health, palliative, and hospice care services to individuals of all ages. With Christa at the helm, the organization is committed to enhancing the quality and access to care, meeting patients where they are, and ensuring no one walks their journey alone. By bringing innovation and best practices to western Wisconsin, Adoray remains dedicated to providing compassionate, high-quality care as it moves into its next era of service.

Submitted by Amber Bettinger-Lytle, Director of Marketing & Development



The Rock Elm impact crater showing the outer rim, basin fill, and central uplift. Photo courtesy of Bill Cordua

## Rock Elm Old Settler's meeting will feature Rock Elm Disturbance

A longstanding tradition dating back to 1886, the annual meeting of the Rock Elm Old Settlers will be held on Thursday, Nov. 7 at the Rock Elm Methodist Church. Lunch will be served at noon, followed by a short meeting and a special speaker to follow. This meeting is open to everyone, so if you are a local

history lover, or have Rock Elm Township roots, we hope to see you at this year's meeting.

We are excited about going back further in our area's history than normal for the topic to be covered at this year's meeting. This year's speaker is Dr. Bill Cordua. His presentation is on the Rock Elm Meteor Impact Structure: Discovery and Geology. The Rock Elm area is the site of 450-million-year-old impact crater that later filled with sediment and has now been partly exposed by erosion. This talk goes through, in layman's terms, how the feature was recognized and verified, producing the unique features of the area's landscape.

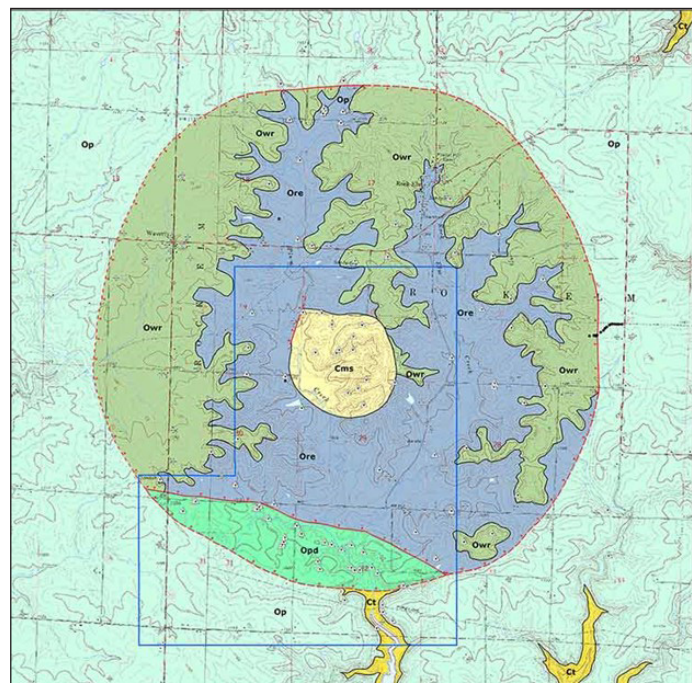
Cordua is a retired professor from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls where he taught geology for 40 years. He has written over 100 articles for the general public on geology. Dr. Cordua is in the education division of

the Rockhound and Lapidary Hall of Fame and has received the Katherine Greacen Nelson Award honoring those who have made outstanding contributions to the earth sciences in Wisconsin.

The Rock Elm Old Settlers is a Chapter of the Pierce County Historical Association. We are very proud to carry on this long-standing tradition. We hope you will help us keep this tradition going, by attending the event, joining to be a member, or by making donations to the group. We would love if you could RSVP to ensure there will be enough food.

Contact details: (phone) 715-594-3118, (email) [info@piercecountyhistorical.org](mailto:info@piercecountyhistorical.org), (mailing address) PCHA, PO Box 148, Ellsworth, WI 54011, (website) [www.piercecountyhistorical.org](http://www.piercecountyhistorical.org)

Submitted by Julie Huebel, Secretary, Rock Elm Old Settlers



Rock Elm's geology is very different from the surrounding area. Image courtesy of WGNHS Open-File Report 2007-02

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR TOWN OF COLBURN

Notice hereby given that on Wednesday November 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., at the Colburn Town Hall, 18476 County Hwy S North, Stanley, WI, a public hearing on the Proposed 2025 Budget will be held. Immediately following the Public Hearing, a Special Town Meeting will be held to approve the town tax levy for 2024 taxes payable in 2025.

The proposed budget in detail is available for inspection on the Town's website at [www.townofcolburnwi.com](http://www.townofcolburnwi.com) and at the Clerk's office by appointment. Following is a summary of the 2025 proposed budget.

REVENUES	2024	2025	%CHANGE
Taxes and Loan Levy of (\$ 114,469.13)	\$164,457.00	\$224,665.13	27%
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$258,102.59	\$260,618.98	1%
Licenses/Permits	\$2,265.00	\$ 2,000.00	-13%
Public Charges for Services	\$8,204.69	\$ 10,000.00	18%
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$49,206.96	\$4,255.57	-1056%
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 482,236.24</b>	<b>\$ 501,539.68</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>MILL RATE (TAX PER \$1,000)**</b>	<b>\$ 1.95</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>(Mill rate estimate, subject to change based on final equalized values)</b>			
EXPENDITURES	2024	2025	%CHANGE
General Government	\$65,704.64	\$57,700.00	-14%
Public Safety	\$45,224.12	\$39,800.00	-14%
Public Works	\$334,653.21	\$399,852.68	16%
Conservation & Development	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	0%
Other Financing & Loan Levy \$ 114,469.13	\$ 58,848.00	\$ 115,469.13	49%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 509,429.97</b>	<b>\$ 343,795.37</b>	<b>-48%</b>

Posted this 14th day of October, 2024  
Jeff Milas, Clerk  
WNAXLP 10 16

# Panther Pride prowls parade route



Ellsworth High School Homecoming Queen Delaney Johnson and King Nolan Kummer led the Homecoming parade Friday, Oct. 11 along Hillcrest Street. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



Ellsworth Middle School drama students will be performing "The Little Mermaid" for their 2025 play. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



The Ellsworth FFA, led by their fearless leader Katie Christenson on the tractor, tossed out Ellsworth Cooperative Creamery cheese curds during the Oct. 11 Homecoming parade. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



This sign says it all: "Purple Panthers Rule!" Photo by Sarah Nigbor



The Ellsworth High School football team was ready to take on the Osceola Chieftains Friday, Oct. 11, a game they handily won 48-7. They are now 6-2 overall and 5-1 in the Middle Border. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



The Ellsworth High School Drama Department will present "The Addams Family" in early November. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



EHS Homecoming Senior Princess Isabel Billeter and Senior Prince Braydon Anderson tossed candy to parade goers Friday, Oct. 11 before the game. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



These kids were beyond excited to gather candy at the Ellsworth Homecoming parade Friday, Oct. 11. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



EHS freshmen Ava Acker and Knox Hines represented the Class of 2028 during the Hoco parade Oct. 11. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



EHS sophomore royalty Claire Vang and Cooper Brown were part of the parade processional Oct. 11. Photo by Sarah Nigbor



EHS junior Hoco royalty Lexi Marks and Adam Capatske also ride in style at the parade Oct. 11. Photo by Sarah Nigbor

## A Cardinal homecoming



The Spring Valley Cardinals football team following the Vallettes dance team in a performance at the Friday, Oct. 4 Homecoming pep fest. Contributed photo



Spring Valley High School's 2024 Homecoming court included (front, from left): seniors Lauren Bigaouette, Lyndsey Stark, Zoe Larson and Queen Raeann Traynor, junior Ella Stangl, sophomore, Madi Zimmerman, freshman Maddie Connors; (back, from left): sophomore Issac Koenning, junior Collin Brunner, seniors King Caleb Bartko, Cade Stasiak, Tanner Dicus, Elijah Haug and freshman Easton Hoon. Contributed photo



Dan Cipriano (left) and Sam Miller perform as part of the Spring Valley High School marching band during the Homecoming parade Oct. 4. Contributed photo



Spring Valley High School seniors winning the spirit jug (overall winning class of all the events throughout the week). (From left): Dan Cipriano (squatting), Cloe Donath, Shelby Wilman, Raeann Traynor, Zoe Larson, Taylor Traynor, Sophia Debrozzo, Audrey Mathison, Lyndsey Stark. Contributed photo



The Spring Valley sophomores performing "In Summer" by Olaf for their theme "Summer" at the Homecoming pep fest Oct. 4. (From left): Parker Cipriano, Kate Cipriano, Isaac Koenning, Chase Glaus, Emily Liao. Contributed photo