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HERITAGE
Sierra Merrill brought her daughter, Nora, to the powwow held at Spooner High School on Friday, Nov. 22, to help her grow up to love her Ojibwe heritage. The powwow was a demonstration and not a ceremony of the Ojibwe culture. See more photos on page 9. - Photo by Larry Santon

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Young woman rescued after car crashes into icy lake

According to Cushing Fire Chief Merle Larson, the woman apparently lost control on a curve while driving on 230th Street at around 6 p.m., causing the vehicle to roll over and land in McKee Lake, breaking through the ice and setting the scene only about 12 inches of the underside of the vehicle was visible - the rest was underwater, according to Larson. Swiontek hoisted the submerged car to his personal pickup truck and uprighted and stabilized it. Cushing firefighter Sam Owen and Polk County Deputy Ben Hall got the young woman out of the vehicle and onshore, where she was cared for until Luck ambulance arrived and transported her to Osceola Hospital. Other members of the Cushing Fire Department also responded to the scene. The quick response was critical to the young woman’s survival, Larson said, noting the rescue was “unbelievable.” “She’s very lucky we got there when we did.” - Gary King

Community memorial garden will be in memory of Dr. Stillwell

GRANTSBURG - Burnett Medical Center, along with the Burnett Medical Center Foundation, will be creating a community memorial garden in memory of Dr. Thomas Stillwell, the hospital’s visiting urologist, who died this past May in a plane crash.

“Dr. Stillwell faithfully served Burnett Medical Center’s patients since 2004,” said a press release from BMC. “He loved his family and was passionate about helping people. We have been so blessed over the years because of his giving of time and expertise. He was a wonderful man. Our prayers are being lifted up for his family in this difficult time.”

The memorial garden will be in the roundabout at the North Continuing Care Center and visitor entrance. The garden will have a brick pathway leading to benches, a flagpole and an engraved stone in memory of Dr. Stillwell. The brick pathway will be customized engraved bricks that can be purchased by any community member who wants to honor or remember a loved one. All proceeds will be going to the Burnett Medical Center Foundation to advance health care for Burnett Medical Center patients. All other donations are welcome.

If you have any questions or would like to place an order for a brick, please visit burnettmedicalcenter.com under the Community tab or contact Halle Pardun at 715-463-7285.

LUCK GRAD PROMOTED TO SENIOR AIRMAN

Tiffany N. Brown, a 2017 graduate of Luck High School, was promoted to senior airman at Ramstein AFB in Germany on Friday, Nov. 22. Brown enlisted in the United States Air Force while she was a senior at Luck High School. She entered the Air Force on June 20, 2017. After basic training, she trained with Security Forces. Brown is the daughter of Herschel and Mary Brown of Frederic. - Photo provided

JUGGLERS GET THEIR PROPS

Juggling in performance, passing, ball juggling, ring juggling and club juggling. In addition to the badges earned, the students each received a new set of juggling balls, a gift from DSI in Siren. The group wishes to thank DSI for the juggling balls and the Siren/Webster Rotary Club for sponsoring the awards dinner. - Photo provided

The Siren Movement Arts & Unicyle Group held their inaugural Awards Night on Tuesday, Nov. 19. Family, friends and school staff joined the jugglers for dinner and a short award presentation. Award badges are issued by the International Juggling Association. Club members were recognized for accomplishments in performance, passing, ball juggling, ring juggling and club juggling. In addition to the badges earned, the students each received a new set of juggling balls, a gift from OSI in Siren. The group wishes to thank OSI for the juggling balls and the Siren/Webster Rotary Club for sponsoring the awards dinner.

More...
Homeless numbers don’t go away with Serenity Home closure

Greg Marsten | Staff writer

MINONG – A man who was shot in his torso during the opening weekend of Wisconsin’s gun deer hunting season is recovering from his injuries. As of 5 p.m. Monday, authorities say they have identified the shooter in the Washburn County incident.

Around 11 a.m. Sunday, a man who was hunting near the town of Minong in Washburn County’s town of Minong was leaving his deer stand and walking on the ground. He said he heard a shot and realized he had been hit, according to the state Department of Natural Resources.

The man fell to the ground, but was able to call 911. He was treated for his injuries and is expected to make a full recovery, said Mark Little, a DNR police investigator based in Spooner. The DNR on Sunday put out a call for members of the public to share any information they had about the incident, including the identity of the shooter.

“We really don’t know what happened here and to put these pieces together just to bring closure to the incident for the family,” Little said.

Little noted the injured hunter left his blaze orange cap in the woods to mark where he was hit, and police later found it. Because he wasn’t wearing his hat, the person who shot him may not have seen him and may not have realized they’d hit someone.

“We do have true accidents out there,” Little said. “We also have cases where enforcement action is needed to be taken. It just depends on how we piece everything together and what we find.”

The land where the man was shot is bordered by E. Sleepy Eye Road, Nancy Lake Road and CCC Road.

According to a Monday afternoon press release, the DNR will continue to investigate the incident. The shooter’s name was not released.

Also on opening weekend, hunters in Oneida and Marathon counties shot themselves in the foot in separate incidents. In Fond du Lac County, a hunter shot at a running deer and instead hit a 19-year-old woman in her left hand. And on Saturday, a man died of natural causes while hunting in Lincoln County.

Wisconsin’s nine-day gun deer hunting season ends Dec. 1.
Howard Greene and the St. Croix

There is something very idealistic about Howard Greene’s life. Besides being wealthy, Greene enjoyed adventures that led him to paddle down wild rivers, including the St. Croix, back in the early 20th century. He took some of the more interesting photos, and perhaps the only photos in 1907—of points of interest along the St. Croix from Gordon to St. Croix Falls. He and his sons and a few friends, “the Gang,” as they called themselves, starred in the photographs and were each given a leather-bound photo album of their adventures by Greene.

The Wisconsin Historical Society, to which Greene belonged back in his day, was the recipient of Greene’s personal set of the leather-bound volumes, belled “Presque Isle River 1909,” “Rainy Lake Region 1910,” “The Dawson Trail, 1911,” etc.

Though we consider the St. Croix River wild today, back then it was the equivalent of, perhaps, Patagonia or some exotic location worthy of an Indiana Jones adventure. Greene chronicled the loss of the Gang’s dog, Do, during their trip down the St. Croix and one of their party backtracked, on foot, 20 miles to find the pet. “Not more than two miles of it was ordinarily decent going,” Greene wrote in his daily narratives of the adventure.

He photographed impromptu concerts they brought along their guitars and mandolins along the river by the Gang, strings of fish, members of the Ojibwe communities along the river, lumber camps and more, and it wasn’t as if he could simply pull out a mobile phone and snap dozens of random photos. He hauled around a bulky 10-camera and tripod. For all of his trips. For 10 years. That’s dedication to 10 camera and tripod. For all of his travels.

Martha Greene Phillips, of Madison, Greene’s daughter, published a book through the University of Minnesota Press called, “Border Country: The Northwoods Canoe Journals of Howard Greene 1906-1916.” It features 200 photographs her father took on his adventures and his narratives from each trip. Now a total of 40 photos from the St. Croix River trip can be found on the Wisconsin Historical Society website. Links to that site, and a great photo from the St. Croix River trip can be found on the Wisconsin Historical Society website. Links to that site, and a great photo from the St. Croix River trip can be found on the Wisconsin Historical Society website. Links to that site, and a great photo from the St. Croix River trip can be found on the Wisconsin Historical Society website. Links to that site, and a great photo from the St. Croix River trip can be found on the Wisconsin Historical Society website.

A season of potential danger

Although statistics bear out that deer-gun season is a relatively safe sport, it has the potential to be deadly.

In the past we’ve given the DNR a hard time for press releases they would issue about how safe the sport is. If our memory is correct they even mentioned it being safer than golf. Granted, you can throw your back out or get hit in the noggin by an errant ball but that falls quite short of getting shot.

Headlines this past week remind us of the importance of awareness while hunting. A Minnog man was shot on Sunday, we assume by a stray bullet from another hunter. Three other deer-gun season-related shootings relate to clumsiness. It’s good news that no one has died. And we hope that luck continues throughout this weekend.

In Minnesota a man died from breaking through the ice. On this issue the DNR is spot on. There is no such thing as safe ice, especially this early in the season.

Icy roads apparently played a factor in a car accident in which a young woman was rescued in the nick of time after her car went off the road, crashed through the ice of a lake and settled upside down. Cushing Fire Department personnel and first responders, including nearby citizens, kept that story (see page 2) from being a tragedy.

Joe Heller

Letters policy

The Leader welcomes letters to the editor but reserves the right to edit or to reject letters for any reason. Letters should be no longer than 400 words in length and contain the signature, address and telephone number of the author. All letter writers will be limited to one published letter per 30 days, with the exception of rebuttals. The number of exchanges between letter writers will be decided by the editor. Thank-you letters are most appropriately published in specially designated box ads. Vulgarity, racial slurs and other mean-spirited, insulting terms are not allowed. Complaints about businesses and individuals involving private matters will not be published. Letter writers should provide sources when citing facts. Opinions expressed in letters are not those of the newspaper but rather those of the individual who is solely responsible for the letter’s content. Email letters are preferred. Letters may be emailed to editor@leadernewsonline.com or mailed to Inter-County Leader, P.O. Box 490, Frederic, WI 54837.
“Hidden in Plain Sight” presentation focuses on risky behaviors

SHELL LAKE – The Shell Lake School District, along with the Community Alliance for Health and Wellness, held a presentation to educate the community about the signs and symptoms of methamphetamine abuse. The presentation, held on Nov. 17, was part of a larger effort to raise awareness about the dangers of meth and other drugs. The event was designed to inform parents, caregivers, and community members about how to identify and respond to signs of drug use. The presentation included information about the effects of meth on the body, including addiction, withdrawal symptoms, and cognitive changes. Participants were also taught how to recognize the signs of meth use in family members, friends, and coworkers. The presentation was followed by a Q&A session to address any concerns or questions from the audience. The community was encouraged to take action by sharing information with others and supporting local organizations that are working to address drug abuse in the area. Residents were also reminded to seek help for themselves or others who may be struggling with drug use. The event was hosted by the Community Alliance for Health and Wellness in partnership with the Shell Lake School District. The Community Alliance for Health and Wellness is a non-profit organization focused on improving the health and well-being of the community through education, prevention, and support. They work with local schools, community organizations, and agencies to provide resources and support to those affected by drug and alcohol abuse. The organization's mission is to create a healthier community for all. For more information about the Community Alliance for Health and Wellness or to find out how to get involved, please visit their website, communityallianceforhealthandwellness.org.
For Wisconsin, other states show medical marijuana may not lead to recreational

As Wisconsin’s medical marijuana debate ramps up, the track record for other states that legalized it in similar fashion suggests it is unlikely that doing so here would lead to recreational legalization.

Under federal law, marijuana is banned as a Schedule I substance with “no currently accepted medical use.” As the state of Wisconsin has changed rapidly in recent years; by fall 2019, 33 states and the District of Columbia had legalized marijuana for medical or recreational use.

In Wisconsin, 2019 has brought renewed debate about medical marijuana. Now almost entirely surrounded by states that allow medical or recreational cannabis, Wisconsin stands at a crossroads, with some, though not all, state leaders in both parties signaling interest in legalizing medical marijuana law here.

Some lawmakers who oppose medical marijuana have said legalizing it could create a slippery slope to recreational legalization. Thus far, states have used one of two routes to establish medical marijuana laws: ballot initiatives, in which a voter petition drives a bill to the ballot and a majority of “yes” votes results in adoption; or laws enacted through the legislative process. In Wisconsin, the latter is available as there is no ballot initiative process. Constitutional amendments are passed by referendum, but only after a two-year waiting period. This means any possible medical or recreational marijuana law would require legislative approval.

Illinois is the only state to initially approve medical marijuana through legislation that has then gone on to legalize retail sales and use by adults for recreational purposes. Vermont would be the second, but while recreational use has been approved there, state law does not yet allow for retail sales, a bill that would allow the elimination of the local prohibition was rejected by the state legislature. The 14 other states that initially allowed medical marijuana through legislation have not legalized it for recreational use.

This contrasts with the experiences of states that initially passed a medical bill through a ballot initiative: Alaska, California, Colorado, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington. The remaining eight adopted their medical ballot initiatives within the last decade, in Idaho, Massachusetts, Florida, North Dakota, Oklahoma, and Utah since 2016.

These findings suggest that medical marijuana legalization will lead to recreational legalization may be much less of a concern in a state that does not have a ballot initiative process, as is the case in Wisconsin.

This information is a service of the Wisconsin Policy Forum, the state’s leading resource for nonpartisan state and local government and civic education. Learn more at wispoliforum.org.
By Becky Strabel | Staff writer

BURNETT COUNTY – The 2020 budget was approved for the county at the Tuesday, Sept. 24, meeting of the Burnett County Board of Supervisors, and tax-payers will see a reduction in the mill rate for 2020. The Burnett County’s $28,634,379 budget will have a mill rate of 3.62. A mill rate is the amount of tax per $1,000 of equalized valuation that would be due. The county’s share of an individual’s tax bill will be $362 on a property worth $100,000.

Fighting water usage topic for future meeting

By Becky Strabel | Staff writer

GRANTSBURG – Water used from hydrants in the village for fires was a topic at the Grantsburg Village Board’s regular meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 24.

One recent fire used six times the normal amount of water as firefighters needed to keep the structure cool while they waited for the gas to be shut off to the property. Hydrants are not metered but through 2019, an average amount of water per fire department pays that bill. It will be discussed at a future meeting after other topics are discussed about their policy.

Trustees heard from Judith Peterson, who resides on E. North Avenue. She believes that the driveway and a portion of their lawn maintained by the previous owners is owned by the village. They would like to buy a 66-foot by 354-foot strip of land on their east side rather than move their driveway. The board moved to send the expansion north and set up a discussion committee for more discussion.

Also addressing the board was Karl Anderson, who is the owner of the railroad tanker from Fielder Field that used to run through town. Anderson was wondering if the village would buy the property for it to be restored and put on display in the village. The historical society approached and had a little interest but no land.

“I am just here tossing out ideas or I’ll cut it up as scrap,” commented Anderson.

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Recreation

The board by 100-foot community skating rink at Memory Lake will have a warming house and bathrooms open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. The rink can also be reserved for private events Monday through Thursday for up to two hours with a $20 reservation fee. The board approved a donation to the community splash pad fund. To make a reservation, contact Village Manager Kim Knaak at least one week in advance. According to clerk/treasurer Sheila Meyer, signage will be posted if a reservation isn’t made on weekends but there is a possibility that concessions will be available in the future.

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Temporary restraining order granted, citizens group dismissed from case

By Becky Strabel | Staff writer

BURNETT COUNTY - Court Circuit Judge Melissa Mogen released her written decision in the case of the Concerned Citizens of Big Wood Lake UA and Matthew Jensen v. Wood Lake Camp & RV LLC, on Tuesday, Sept. 24.

Her decision covered motions made by both the defense and the plaintiff. Plus, Mogen released her written decision to allow Mogen to grant the defense’s motion for a temporary restraining order against the camp was granted, but Mogen noted, “I am just here tossing out ideas or I’ll cut it up as scrap,” commented Anderson.

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The 2020 budget at 7 p.m. the 2020 budget hearing took place with no public comments received.

The board was looking at a negative balance coming into the hearing but reviewed some line items to make the budget balance. A Benson Road project will be covered by a loan and a few non-essentials were either reduced or eliminated.

Meyer is concerned that water and sewer rates will need to be scrutinized more carefully. She noted that a 10% increase in 2021 and 2022 and 3 in 2023 will have a huge impact on future budgets. She explained that discussion will need to be held with engineers about a new TIF area but that it does take time to develop.

The board was happy that they would be able to put $95,000 back in the cash fund. It was noted that the recommended budget in reserve is 25% to 30% of the budget.

The board approved the maximum amount the county would be able to borrow for the second year in a row. The rate is 7.70, an increase of 0.10 from 2019. A mill rate is the amount of tax per $1,000 of equalized valuation.

Mogen noted that the potential def- ence of not continuing the use when the use was sold by agreement to another party is accepted by the sale and/or extension of the nonconforming use. These is issues to be resolved through the trial.

According to court records, the bond was posted the day after the decision was released. A telephone scheduling conference is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 6, at 10:30 a.m.
Report card scores, day care top discussions

Greg Marsten | Staff writer

FREDERIC — As snow and colder weather become part of the season, the Frederic school construction projects are heating up.

District Administrator Josh Robinson joined Market & Johnson project manager Ryan Wichman to give the school board an update on the progress in the district’s multiple projects underway as part of a $7 million deferred maintenance referendum that passed in April and includes new construction and replacement of several existing district facilities.

Robinson and Wichman noted that they were able to beat the frost on pouring footings for the elementary school office entry change, and the former “red shed” was razed in preparation for replacement, with fencing installed around that area.

“People from the community can come right up and to see the progress, up against the fence,” Robinson said, with the elementary school principal adding that the younger students have also been intrigued by the spectacle greeting them at the school front.

Wichman joked. “We finally got a break in the weather and it’s going pretty well,” Robinson made the presentation to the full school board on Wednesday, Nov. 20.

They also showed some of the exterior options they are specifying, to match existing architecture whenever possible.

“We’re getting to pick out some of those details,” Robinson said, as they also went over the plan to utilize as much existing furniture as possible in the overhaul, while also thanking Bremer Bank for donating a variety of printing and copying equipment and installed a new system that keeps precise data on usage, color versus black/white use, who prints and the like, with a real-time system to look for savings.

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Frederic School District Administrator Josh Robinson pointed to the exterior brick sample they chose to match the existing facade at the elementary school, which is under construction. Robinson made the presentation to the full school board on Wednesday, Nov. 20. - Photo by Greg Marsten

Robinson added that they are looking into incorporating shade structures into the playground and that they want to save as much of the existing equipment as possible while maximizing their options with the amount of money budgeted.

They also pointed out that due to district size the “school growth” portion of the report card is weighted stronger than in most districts, and Hansford said they are able to use the data to help find areas and students who could use more specific educational targeting, for their own growth.

“We’re meeting expectations in a number of categories,” Robinson pointed out, as they discussed the combined district score. “We have a lot to learn from this, but the reality is we want kids to do well.”

The elementary school report card was also discussed, and Robinson said “it came with an asterisk,” due to the huge jump from last year’s score.

The latest elementary school report card score was 79.0, which is fully 11 points higher than last year’s score.

“But, I need to point out that the needle can shift the other direction, also,” Robinson said, stating that with such a significant jump, the DPI even put an asterisk by their elementary score.

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“We’re trying to do some more creative scheduling, to keep the costs down,” Jensen said, noting that they are down three employees from last year, due to more districts adding day care and, “more demand for employees. They also went over the costs, goals and other changes to the program.

• Robinson pointed out that school board elections this coming April will be for two seats: board President Chuck Holicky and board member Emily Karl, who was appointed to fill a term several months ago.

Work continues on changes to the Frederic Elementary School. Footings for the elementary school office entry change were poured, and the former “red shed” was razed in preparation for replacement, with fencing installed around that area.

- Photo by Gary King
American group questions CAFOs’ impact on public health

Hopie Kirwan | WPRI News
STATEWIDE - A national public health group is calling on federal, state and local governments to halt approval of large livestock farms until more is known about their impact on public health.

The American Public Health Association, along with researchers from Johns Hopkins University’s Center for a Livable Future, recently announced a new policy statement on concentrated animal feeding operations, or CAFOs.

The statement advises governments and public health agencies to impose a moratorium on new and expanding CAFOs until more scientific data has been collected and public health concerns are addressed.

“The scale, density and practices associated with these operations present a range of public health and ecological hazards, including large volumes of unprocessed animal waste, the release of environmental contaminants to air, water and soil, and the generation and spread of antibiotic-resistant pathogens,” Johns Hopkins University said in a press release.

“A growing body of evidence shows how CAFOs are directly associated with occupational and community health risks, as well as the social and economic decline of rural communities,” Johns Hopkins researchers looked specifically at the public health concerns associated with CAFOs in Wisconsin in a 2014 letter to Kewaunee CARES, an environmental advocacy group that has criticized the oversight of livestock operations in northeastern Wisconsin.

Nancy Utesch, one of the founders of Kewaunee CARES, said the new policy statement from APHA is long overdue.

“We have been waiting patiently for the health community to come together and finally really sound the alarm on the health threats that are present with these types of very, very large operations that are put into rural communities and subject the community to an immense amount of manure waste and all of the other health threats that come hand in hand,” Utesch said.

“I think that will help (local governments) really determine that if that sort of an operation is proper for their county and county it should be situated,” Taylor said.

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Mary Stirrat | Staff writer
TRADE LAKE – Work continues on a proposed concentrated animal feeding operation ordinance for the town of Trade Lake, with presentation of a draft ordinance at the next town board meeting, scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 12.

Back in March Trade Lake became a catalyst for rural animal operations and municipal discussions when Cumberland LCC submitted a preliminary application for a 26,000-plus hog CAFO, to be located on properly owned by the family of town Chair Jim Melin.

Both Polk and Burnett counties, as well as several towns, have since enacted or discussed a moratorium or ordinance regulating CAFOs.

While the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Agricultural and Rural Development have some control over CAFOs in adjoining counties.

Back in July the Trade Lake Town Board contracted with Nicholas Vivian, a business and municipal law attorney with Eckberg Lammers, of Stillwater and Hudson, and in October Vivian presented a draft CAFO ordinance for discussion.

Supervisor Roger Hinrichs, acting town chair, reported at the board’s Nov. 14 meeting that the attorney is still working on the engineering piece and supporting evidence for the new ordinance.

He noted that Vivian has requested another month before presenting formal recommendations.

Vivian is also working on a possible CAFO moratorium for the town board to consider.

Hinrichs said that he has called the Department of Natural Resources and, as of Nov. 14, no new permits or work have been requested on the proposed CAFO site.

The draft ordinance presented at the October meeting states that any new or expanded livestock facility that will operate with 1,000 or more animal units will be required to obtain a permit from the town.

Approval of the application, possibly with or without conditions, will be given if the majority of the board feels the proposed operation satisfies the application procedure, other conditions of application approval and proposed penalties and as requiring financial assurance that the applicant can pay for cleanup and closure if the facility is abandoned.

The data is out there on Burnett County soils and hydrology. It’s just a matter of formulating it all and putting it into a cohesive report so we can say, “This area would be suited, this area wouldn’t, and so on.” - Burnett County Board Chairman Don Taylor

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Trade Lake continues work on CAFO ordinance

License plates didn’t match vehicle

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Hochstetler entered the vehicle, he appeared to be under the influence of alcohol which led to a field sobriety test, which he failed, registering a blood alcohol concentration of .138%, which is well above the .02% limit for Hochstetler, who has at least four previous convictions for operating while intoxicated.

Hochstetler was taken into custody and charged with OWI (fifth or sixth) which is a felony. He appeared before a judge on Monday, Nov. 25, where he set a $750 cash bond and a next court appearance for Dec. 2.
Filing for spring elections starts now

County board, village trustees, school board use December for nominating papers

Becky Strabel | Staff writer

WEBSTER - Personalized learning that is competency-based has been a topic of discussion at Webster Schools for several years. The board of education has allowed staff to attend the International Association for K-12 Online Learning, or iNACOL, Symposium and heard a presentation from this year’s attendees during the Monday, Nov. 18, meeting.

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Principal reports

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vote, can nominate or be nominated as a village trustee. A person may nominate themselves as a candidate also. This is also true for signing nomination papers. Grantsburg village candidates will need to file nomination papers with the municipal clerk before they start to collect the needed 20 to 100 signatures on their forms.

• Village of Grantsburg, three seats: Caylin Muehlberg, Greg Peer and Julie Roberts.

While both Siren and Webster hold caucuses sometime between Jan. 2 and 21, they are generally held right before their January board meeting, but the date cannot officially be set until after Dec. 1. Notice will be made according to state statute.

• Village of Siren, three seats: Dave DeLisle, Missouri Emment Byrne

Also, up for re-election in Webster is municipal Judge Brian Sears. Municipal judge candidates must complete and submit a Statement of Economic Interests. The purpose of the statement is to disclose the official’s or candidate’s financial relationships.

School boards

A full school board term is for three years. In addition, board members are appointed to fill vacancies that occur during the term in the next election. School board candidates file at the school district office and do not need to gather signatures to get on the ballot.

To be on the ballot for school board one must be a citizen of the United States, 18 years of age or older, and a resident of the school district for at least 10 consecutive days at the time of filing a declaration of candidacy. School board members are elected for regular or unexpired terms shall take office on the fourth Monday in April.

The list of candidates for regular or unexpired terms shall take office on the fourth Monday in April. The present incumbents whose terms expire this April include:

• Grantsburg, two seats: Jason Burkman

• Siren, two seats: Peggy Moore and Mark Pettis.

• Village of Webster, two seats: Bob Carlson and Terry Larsen.

Primary

If a primary election is necessary because there are more than twelve as many candidates as there are open seats to be filled, the election will be held on Tues., Feb. 18, 2020.

If you do not have a photo ID, you may obtain a free ID for voting from the DMV office. The Siren DMV office is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Other items

• The board approved the financial report which includes revenues of $82,345 and expenditures of $78,734 for an ending cash balance of $2,608,921.

• A school board resolution was adopted to authorize a deficit area that the staff is working on.

• Superintendent Jim Erickson’s contract was approved.

• High school English teacher Scott McGregor was introduced to the school board by high school language arts teacher Travis Pyke.

• The board approved a declaration of candidacy for the position of district superintendent, village of Webster.

• The board approved Maria Rosenbaum to be the deputy clerk for the school board.

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1920 Taylors Falls Royal Lady revealed

Counselor, crime activist, hostess, musician and noted volunteer Carol Schumann is celebrated

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TAYLORS FALLS, Minn. — Every November, the Taylors Falls Lighting Festival sort of kicks off with a celebration event, out of the eyes of the public, where the media is let in on the current year’s latest iteration of Royal Lady.

It is more than just a reveal, becoming a literal showcase example of the city’s broad swath of talented and enthusiastic women over the years, who not only exhibit unique talents but contribute far beyond the public eye.

The past Taylors Falls Royal Ladies of the Village have ranged from renowned artists and historians to teachers, public officials, authors and more.

This year the royal title, and a fancy red velour robe, will be worn by Carol Schumann, who has quietly led her adopted city in a variety of ways, while also doing a midlife career change into an admittedly noble and potentially frustrating line of work that now takes her across the state, tackling issues of mental health and substance abuse, as a caseworker for Chisago County Human Services.

“My goal is to work to get people working in the community,” Carol said, describing her work of a decade so far.

“I love my job and the people I work with.”

That casework literally takes her across the state of Minnesota, seemingly border to border, year-round, although she has plenty of things at home to keep her busy as well. Carol and her husband, Dr. Kevin Schumann, also lead the way at the First Baptist Church, where Carol also contributes her musical talents as pianist to her husband’s pastoral work.

Carol has three grown children and two toddler grandchildren. With her counseling case history, church volunteer work and being the only girl with five brothers, she has developed the soft patience of a saint and a welcoming smile that can melt an argument quicker than a judge’s gavel.

Schumann’s culinary skills have been part of the Taylors Falls community pot-luck suppers, Taylors Falls Elementary School educational staff appreciation luncheons and a variety of other public events at her home or elsewhere. Her kitchen remodeling was made specifically to aid in hosting and serving.

She is also quick to credit where due, noting the recipe source for scones offered at the Royal Lady reveal.

According to event organizer Barb Young, the selection of Schumann fits in perfectly with the 2019 Lighting Festival theme and commemorative tree ornament, a small rural hospital, celebrating the centennial of the St. Croix Regional Medical Center, which has history on both sides of the St. Croix River.

“The choice of Carol is so appropriate, with the health of the community,” Royal Lady organizer Barb Young stated. “She even asked me, ‘How can I add to the festival?’ That’s how the queen’s tea started!”

Schumann is adding the first-ever Taylors Falls Queen’s Tea, which will not only be a sort of celebration of the event but of the past Royal Ladies of the Village, several of whom have passed since the inception of the royal honor in 1989.

“I just had the idea, partly because I’ve never been to a tea!” Schumann joked, adding that she has a pretty tasty hot berry cider recipe to share, as well as cookies and more. “I’m hoping to see all the former royals all together.”

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Taylors Falls Royal Lady revealed

Polk County and the Ice Age Trail featured at Outdoor Expo

POLK COUNTY – The National Scenic Ice Age Trail, which starts in Polk County’s Interstate Park, was featured at the 70th biannual Midwest Mountaineering Outdoor Adventure Expo held Nov. 22-24 in Minneapolis.

Polk County Tourism Council and Ice Age Trail Alliance members provided expo visitors with information about the 1,100-mile hiking trail across Wisconsin, the state and local economies.

They also distributed Polk County Visitors Guidebooks, maps and area promotion information. Over 10,000 people attended the three-day expo, held in November and April each year.

The Ice Age Trail has over 1.2 million visitors a year, who bring $113 million to the state and local economies.

Destination marketing is important to Polk County, where visitors spent over $91.7 million in 2018.

Polk County serves as the western terminus of the trail in Interstate Park and has many interesting segments, including the recently completed trail segment through Wisconsin’s newest state park, Straight Lake State Park, east of Luck and Frederic.

The Ice Age Trail was started in 1958, and is a cooperative effort between the National Park Service, landowners, local governments and volunteer members of regional chapters.

The Ice Age Trail Alliance and the local Polk County Tourism Council members Roxanne White (left) and William Johnson handed out Polk County Guidebooks and promoted Polk County at the 2019 Midwest Mountaineering Outdoor Expo. – Photos provided
SPONSOR – The Spooner Railroad Park Board and the Friends of the Railroad Park have noted that a tremendous amount of work has been accomplished. This past spring, students and the instructor from the Architectural Commercial Design Program from WITC saved them money by providing roundhouse measurements and a Revit online file to the DBS Group architect firm that had been hired.

DBS Group delivered a roundhouse site plan, floor plan, exterior 3D fly-around, and interior 3D fly-through cost estimates and four large-scale color presentation boards. The impressive presentation boards are on display at city hall, so readers are invited to stop in and view them. The YouTube movie sites are as follows: Exterior: youtu.be/CPL3Nhbn_Xw; and interior, youtu.be/lhBfgpbrEBe. The process of developing the plan was completed with the help of community members Blain Churchill, Jerry Thompson and Vic Sacco.

During the summer, Jacene and Curt Silvis, Jim Halverson and youth groups and their leaders from St. Francis De Sales and Spooner Wesleyan Church provided their time and efforts landscaping. They thinned out trees and brush and cleared the overgrown undergrowth. The city bulldozed the remaining stumps and provided a picnic table. The historic crew bulldozed the remaining stumps and provided their time and efforts landscaping.

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Man claims to not recall violence

Greg Marsten | Staff writer

ST. CROIX FALLS – A St. Croix Falls man is facing several misdemeanor criminal charges, as well as a felony strangulation and suffocation charge, after he allegedly got into a physical altercation with a woman at his home on the evening of Tuesday, Nov. 19. A 911 call was received out of county and was transferred to Polk County, where a woman could be heard arguing with the male, who was allegedly threatening to kill the woman.

A Polk County Sheriff’s deputy responded to the call and arrived just six minutes later, where he also heard the altercation. The female was begging the man to just let her go and screaming. The deputy arrived as the man was leaning over the female, restraining her on the floor.

The man was identified as Nicholas McPheeters, 31, St. Croix Falls, who complained with the officer and was taken into custody.

The woman claimed that McPheeters grabbed her by the throat and cut off her ability to breathe, then pushed her to the floor, while also head-butting her on the nose.

The officer said McPheeters smelled heavily of alcohol and later registered a blood alcohol concentration of 0.17%. McPheeters said he did not know what was going on and claimed he did not know what had happened, stating that if she said he did that, he believed her.

Blacked out and fighting

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Dancers for the powwow came from near and far. Kalista Cadotte, Hailey Banuchie and Cali Perry came from the Lac Courte Oreilles reservation near Hayward.

Independence Phillippi and her younger sister, Rain, are Native dancers from Spooner. They were dancing for the powwow sponsored by the Spooner School District on Friday, Nov. 22, at the high school. The powwow was a demonstration and not a ceremony of the Ojibwe culture. It is through events like this that we can develop respect and understanding of the Ojibwe culture and history.

Thomas Cain Jr. is a drummer and dancer who is proud of his culture.

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Wisconsin Football Coaches
Association names Levi Jensen
Defensive Player of the Year

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LUCK – One more accolade has been given to Luck’s Levi Jensen. Along with being named the top competitor in Wisconsin for eight-player football and an all-state linebacker, Jensen now is also the best performer on defense in eight-player football for 2019.

Jensen, a senior, ed the Cardinals to a 13-0 record and the state championship in their second consecutive trip to the title game. His play on both sides of the ball have cemented him in program history at Luck.

“(Jensen) has been the most complete defensive player that we’ve had at Luck in recent memory,” Luck coach Penny Curtis said. “(Prairie Farm) was very quick and moved the ball very quickly. “We outscored them in the second half but it was too little, too late.”

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HAMILTON – The St. Croix Falls girls basketball team limited St. Croix Central to just 12 points in the first half of a 59-31 season-opening win on Thursday, Nov. 21.

Azalea Edwards, Kaylee Miron and Lucia Neuman led the Saints offense in the first half, with Edwards scoring all 10 of her points before halftime while Miron and Neuman had eight points each. St. Croix Falls entered the break with a 37-12 lead.

Jensen helped the team preserve the lead in the second half by scoring nine of her team-high 13 points after halftime. Edwards and Kaylee Miron finished with 10 points each; Neuman had eight. Only two St. Croix Central players finished with more than one basket and the team attempted just four free-throws in the game.

St. Croix Falls @ Hayward, 7 p.m.
Wisconsin’s second managed elk hunt a success

MADISON - Following more than 24 years of elk management and reintroduction efforts, five lucky hunters experienced success in the field during Wisconsin’s second managed elk hunt. “Five bull-only tags were awarded again this year and all five hunters were successful,” said Kevin Wallenfang, deer and elk ecologist with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. “Each one had the opportunity to share this once-in-a-lifetime experience with family and friends. One of the hunters had eight of his friends on hand to help get his bull out of the woods and we had our first woman elk hunter this year. She got a great bull while her husband was right there to watch the hunt play out.” Wallenfang said that all the hunters were excited about the overall experience and shared great stories of elk encounters. “It has been a positive, memorable experience for everyone,” Wallenfang said. “Other hunters they have bumped into were excited about the hunt, and folks from the local community were also beneficial to the elk hunters. Each hunter seems genuinely appreciative of the opportunity and I think a few still cannot believe it happened to them.”

In addition to the five bulls harvested by state hunters, members of the Ojibwe tribes successfully filled their five-bull quota. The tribes receive up to half of the elk harvested by state and tribal hunters. Each hunter seems genuinely appreciative of the opportunity and I think a few still cannot believe it happened to them.”

The area where elk hunting is allowed falls within the Clam Lake elk range of counties where 25 elk from Michigan were released in 1995. The hunt was initiated last year when the original population surpassed 200 animals. The Clam Lake population is currently approximately 275 elk. Elk hunting was not allowed in areas where elk were reintroduced from Kentucky in recent years. Wallenfang indicated that each of the bulls harvested by state hunters varied in size, but all had impressive antlers. The majority were mature bulls and hunters routinely reported seeing several bulls and multiple opportunities.

Last year, nine out of the 10-bull quota were filled by state and tribal hunters in the historic first year of state-managed elk hunting in Wisconsin. Over 22,000 Wisconsin residents submitted a $10 application in 2019 to win one of four state tags and approximately 2,500 more purchased a raffle ticket to win the final tag from a Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation drawing. Seven dollars from each application and all raffle proceeds are earmarked specifically for elk management in Wisconsin. The 2020 elk hunt application period is anticipated to start with the new license year on March 1 and run through May 31.

For more information regarding elk in Wisconsin, visit the DNR website. To receive email updates regarding current translocation efforts, visit the DNR website and click on the email icon near the bottom of the page titled “Subscribe for updates for DNR copies,” then follow the prompts and select the elk in Wisconsin and wildlife projects distribution lists.

Local man finishes hiking the Superior Hiking Trail

SHELL LAKE - Dale Cardwell, of Shell Lake, recently finished hiking the 306-mile-long Superior Hiking Trail that goes from the Wisconsin-Michigan state line to a point within sight of the Canadian border.

The trail is divided into sections ranging in length from 1.2 miles to 11.5 miles. There are trailhead parking lots at the end of each section. The trail is characterized by ascents to rock outcroppings and cliffs and descents into numerous river and creek valleys.

The characteristic of the trail that distinguishes it from other trails is the presence of Lake Superior. Not only are there beautiful views of the big lake along the trail, but there are also views of Isle Royale, the Apostle Islands and the Wisconsin-Michigan shoreline.

A hiker can spot ore and grain vessels on the lake, sailboats, charter fishing boats and small boats like canoes and kayaks.

Cardwell did sections of the trail over the past two years. His dog, Boots, hiked most of the trail with him. Within the last six years, he has also hiked the 1,000-plus-mile Ice Age Trail across Wisconsin and climbed 14,000-plus feet to the top of Mount Rainier in Washington.

Jodi Richards, of Grantsburg, had a successful first morning of the 2019 deer gun season while hunting with her husband, John, bagging these two Burnett County bucks. - Photo provided

Dale Cardwell recently finished hiking the 306-mile Superior Hiking Trail with his dog, Boots. - Photo provided

SUCCESSFUL FIRST MORNING
Bitter winds swirled icy crystals around my numb feet. At regular intervals, I spoke into the hand-held recorder about the behavior of a wolf pack milling around an elk carcass on a distant, snow-covered hill. A faint buzz grew louder as the research plane soared over the vast landscape collecting even more data.

During my stint as a volunteer with the Yellowstone Wolf Project back in March of 2008, that was a typical day in the life of a wolf researcher. With snow on the ground, wolves and their tracks are more visible, they travel as cohesive packs, and they bring down large prey, (which leaves behind a noticeable mess). As a result, most of what we know about wolf predation is from the winter months.

The Voyageurs Wolf Project wants to change that. Tom Gable, project leader and a Ph.D. student from the University of Minnesota, recently spoke about their work as an extension of Wolf Awareness Week at the Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute. Since 2015, the project has been conducting intensive research on the summer behavior of wolves in the Greater Voyageurs Ecosystem of northern Minnesota.

Their field season looks nothing like my experience in Yellowstone. For starters, mosquitoes swarmed thickly in the videos Tom showed us. (Oh, how I love winter!) But what really struck me was how much more difficult it is for the researchers to find evidence of summer kills.

While I used VHF collars and spotting scopes to observe wolves, Tom and his crew rely heavily on GPS collars. With great accuracy, the collar records a wolf’s location once every 20 minutes. That’s 72 points per day. After a computer program filters the raw data, researchers get a map of every point where a wolf spent more than 20 minutes in one spot, called “clusters” of GPS locations. Potentially, the wolf paused to eat something.

Now the detective work begins. Someone from the team of researchers must visit every single pause point to investigate. So far, the project has visited 11,799 clusters from 18 wolves, which equals about 15,000 hours of fieldwork and 16,000-17,000 miles of hiking.

Tom showed us a video of him investigating the site of one GPS cluster. It looked like any other brushy patch of forest—thick, shrubbery that was now under the snow. The wolf’s tracks were more visible, they travel as cohesive packs, and they travel in large, cohesive packs. The wolf would have been invisible behind the trunk of a spruce tree, at least until it attacked.

All that was left of the beaver were its two front teeth and its stomach contents. Voyageurs National Park has one of the highest densities of beavers in the entire country, so it’s logical that wolves here would rely heavily on beavers for food. In fact, the average wolf in Voyageurs eats 8-10 beavers per summer. The cool part is, researchers were never sure that wolves have the behavioral flexibility to eat such varied prey, and to switch to ambush hunting when the need arose.

Research with the Voyageurs Wolf Project uses remote cameras to keep track of wolf pups like this one as they grow and survive, or don’t, throughout the summer.

Part of Tom Gable’s research with the Voyageurs Wolf Project includes putting ear tags on wolf pups. - Photo provided by the Voyageurs Wolf Project

Researchers with the Voyageurs Wolf Project use remote cameras to keep track of wolf pups like this one as they grow and survive, or don’t, throughout the summer.
State promotes “aggressive removal” where feral pigs are sighted

Rob Mentzer | WPR News

STATEWIDE – Hunters heading out for the opening weekend of Wisconsin’s gun deer season should keep an eye out for feral pigs and shoot if they see one. That’s the message of the state Department of Natural Resources in a recent release.

The state doesn’t have a confirmed, free-ranging feral pig population. DNR biologist Liz Tanner said the state wants to keep it that way.

“If they become established in an area, they can be incredibly difficult to remove and just cause a ton of damage,” Tanner said. “And so, everyone’s pretty vigilant about keeping them off the landscape.”

Wild herds of feral pigs have become a huge problem in Texas and many south-eastern states, including Mississippi and Alabama. The U.S. Department of Agriculture, which recently launched a $75 million eradication program, estimates the damage they do at $2 billion per year, mostly to farmers’ crops but also to property.

Tanner said they’re also predators of white-tailed deer and ground-nesting bird species.

In Wisconsin, biologists in 2005 tracked a herd of some 130 feral pigs in Crawford County, which is in the south-western part of the state. But hunters hit the area hard, and Tanner said scientists consider that population likely eradicated, with no confirmed sightings in more than five years.

Still, because of the potential damage the creatures can do, the state encourages hunters to remove them whenever they are spotted. There is no limit on the number of feral pigs hunters can kill, and there’s no special hunting license required beyond a sports or small game license. Landowners can shoot them on their property without a hunting license.

“The department does promote aggressive removal anywhere they are reported,” Tanner said.

What’s a feral pig? One of the most troublesome species in other states, the Russian wild boar, can weigh up to 450 pounds. But Wisconsin defines as feral any pig living in an unconfined environment outside of an enclosure for more than seven days. Note that it’s not legal to kill an escaped domestic pig within that seven-day window. But Tanner said the DNR has had reports of some escaped domestic pigs outside that window that hunters could encounter.

Though they are massively destructive in Texas and other states, hunting feral pigs has also become a big business in many places. That’s what led to their introduction in Wisconsin. In 2008, authorities charged Robert Scott Johnson with illegally importing and releasing 31 feral pigs on land near the Kickapoo River.

Johnson ran the Hard Rock Elk Farm near Gays Mills. Authorities attributed the spread of the now-eradicated herd in that area to his actions. Johnson was ultimately acquitted of the charges.

Any hunter who does kill a feral pig should report it to the state using the feral pig reporting form. More information is available at the DNR’s feral pig hunting page.

LEADER OUTDOORS

DNR to hunters: Look out for feral pigs

Some species of feral pig can weigh as much as 450 pounds. - Photo courtesy of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Improve your whitetail habitat

In my experience, sample size of one, as I age I notice that my footprint on this earth seems to lessen. As I passed through my mid-60s, people didn’t seem to see me with quite the attention I had felt in younger life. Hair, clothes, weight, all seem to have less effect on the appearance radar. I think this attitude carries through to many of the things we do and how we perceive ourselves. A weight gain isn’t so noticeable. A little lethargy goes with the package, so we’re expected to slow down, and younger people may well offer to help, perhaps by opening doors or picking things up. In effect, we are being snared by what I think may be the honey trap of age. Our decline is expected and can easily become a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Seven years ago I was exactly in that position as I took part in my first aerobic exercise session at the Grantsburg Fitness Center. I’d spent a number of years becoming more sedentary each year as work and meetings filled up my hours and fitness was not even on my radar. I’d watch my weight go up and struggle with gimmicks to lower it, without much success. But all of this felt normal and I remember no real comments about my physical condition. Little muscles had crept into my life that at first seemed like temporary discomforts but they persisted, like the very sore hamstrings that kept me from sitting too long, or the wrenched shoulder that just wouldn’t get better, or balance issues that began to make me sit down when dressing. Are these the things that age does to us, and we have no recourse but to accept?

After my first workout in that step fitness class, I realized that I had allowed myself to fall far from any mark of physical performance capability. I think that because my hair hadn’t grayed yet I felt somehow immune from aging. Not true. Absolutely not true. So at that critical point in my life, I made one right decision – to start going to these exercise classes regularly just to see if they might help with some of these issues I had begun to have. The goal was a class two or three times a week and start jogging at least once a week. That was the only commitment I made, and I think that a mild start was important. If I’d tried too much too quickly, I would have burned out quickly and been more susceptible to injury, which is also a concern of the aging athlete.

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MINNEAPOLIS – This year’s Big Ten Championship game will have at least one aspect unique to the Big Ten.

By defeating Purdue at home on Sat-

day, Nov. 23, the University of Wis-

consin – Madison football team and its two Gr against graduates – John and Leo Chenal – are playing for a shot at the conference title this Saturday. For the Minnesota and St. Croix Falls grad Tyler

Coppes, Badgers improved to 6-2 in the Big Ten and 9-2 overall, while the Gophers improved to 10-1 overall and 7-1 in the conference with their 28-22 win over Northwestern.

Had the Badgers lost last Saturday’s game, they also would have lost any chance at the West Division title. But they dominated the Boilermakers on both sides of the ball, collecting over 500 yards of total offense and holding Pur-

due to just 50 rushing yards in the game. The Boilermakers threatened Wis-

consin in the first half with consecutive touchdowns to start the second quarter and went 3-14-1 lead with eight min-

utes remaining before the break. The Badgers responded with 10 unanswered points to close the half with a 24-17 lead and then scored the first two touch-

downs of the second half to take a 38-17 lead in the third.

Jack Coan rushed for 222 yards and a touchdown on 28 carries and Jobs Coman completed 15 of his 19 attempts for 203 passing yards and two scores.

“T here’s going to be things offensiv

ely, defensively, special teams that we have to continue to work on,” Wisconsin coach Paul Chryst said.

“We’re going to be facing a whole another offense and defense we’ll be fac-

ing another team.”

Minnesota’s season would go from success to nearly unbelievable with a win over Wisconsin. Only a loss to Iowa derailed their unbeaten season and allowed the Badgers a shot at the West Division title. The Gophers clinched just their sixth 10-win season in program his-

tory with the victory over Northwestern.

“It’s quite an accomplishment when everyone picked you to (finish sixth),” the Wisconsin head coach

told Minnesota Daily. “I really like this football team. I think we’ve done a good job. I do.

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Tanner Morgan, Minnesota’s quarter-

back, enters the game as the Big Ten’s leading passer after reaching a sin-

gle-season record of 26 passing touch-
downs. Through this season, he has 154 passing touchdowns and 53 plus.

A win for Wisconsin would both give

them the division and bring it within a game of tying the all-time series with Min-

nesota. Despite the Badgers winning 14 consecutive matchups leading to their

10th Big Ten win of the season, the Gophers hold a 61-59-8 advantage in the all-
time series. A win for the Gophers would be their first home win over Wisconsin since 2003.

WRESTLING

Luke Clark, St. Croix Falls, and St.

Cloud State ended their November por-
tion of the 2019-20 schedule with a 4-0

record after defeating Southwest Minne-

nesota State 42-0 on Nov. 20. Earlier in the week against the Yellowjackets, the

University, the Huskies defeated American International College, Pittston-

ian, and Johnson & Wales University. After finishing the week 3-0, the Huskies

face Bowne University at Rochester on Saturday, Dec. 7, for one of their two next

meetings.

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The Lions Christmas tree fundraiser also provides funds for scholarships, food shelves, eyeglasses and hearing aids for those in need; they send campers with vision, hearing and cognitive disabilities free of charge to the Lions Camp at Roshol; as well as other community projects.

From 2016-2019 the St. Croix Falls Lions have raised and donated $16,800 to their local community as well as many hours of service to various projects including the food shelves.

Again, this year the SCF Lions donated the trees that will be decorated during the SCF Rivertown Celebration on Saturday, Dec. 7, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The trees are $35. If a St. Croix Falls Lions member is not present, please pay for your tree at the MarketPlace service counter.

Since 1917, Lions around the world have served their communities with dedication and contributed to the development and well-being of millions of people around the world. And since 1952, the St. Croix Falls Lions Club has done this in the surrounding area. The Lions Club International 2nd Century of Service Challenge Campaign focuses on several areas:

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LADIES OF CCW DONATE TO CRA

The ladies of the CCW of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and Our Lady’s presented a check for $884.10 to the Community Referral Agency for the Milltown women’s shelter. Pictured (L to R): Mary Perlick, treasurer of the CCW, and Missy Rapp, Burnett County outreach advocate.

PHOTOS PROVIDED

St. Croix Falls boys basketball coach Chad Hall and Coach Jensen are pictured with the boys basketball team helping the Lions set up for their Christmas tree sales at MarketPlace foods.

Santa set to stop in Grantsburg

GRANTSBURG – Santa is set to make a stop at the Grantsburg Library’s community room on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. till noon.

Children coming to see Santa can bring their wish list to Jolly Old St. Nick while Santa’s official photographer snaps a photo of their special chat.

Photo buttons of Kids smiling (hopefully) with Santa can be ordered for $3 each or get printed photos for $1 each. Free 4x6 photos can also be emailed if requested. All proceeds from the photo fees after expenses will be donated toward the eighth-grade Washington, D.C., trip.

Santa’s elves will also make sure each child leaves with a treat bag filled with goodies donated by local businesses and organizations.

Stop in at the main library where staff will have special Santa Day activities, holiday books and videos available for checkout and a prize drawing.

A number of nonprofit groups will also have displays, sweets for sale and fun activities for the kids in the library, adding to the Santa Day festivities.

And be sure to stop in at the Scholastic BOGO (buy one get one free)! Book Fair for great books for holiday gift giving.

So bring your children to the Grantsburg Library on Saturday, Dec. 7, for Santa Day fun!
NHS HOSTS 12TH BLOOD DRIVE

On Wednesday, Nov. 20, the Siren High School National Honor Society hosted their 12th blood drive. During this drive they had 43 whole blood donations and 11 power red donations for a total of 54 blood donations. Throughout their 12 blood drives they have collected a total of 690 units of blood. They extend gratitude to everyone who took time out of their day to support Red Cross and Siren High School’s NHS. Without the community, staff and students the blood drive would not have been possible. Shown giving blood (L to R) are staff members Beth Proctor and Jessica Jackson and student Adam Towle. - Photos provided

Schachtner bill to protect interstate medical licensure signed into law

PRESCOTT - On Friday, Nov. 22, bipartisan legislation authored by state Sen. Patty Schachtner, D-Somerset, was signed into law by Gov. Tony Evers. This legislation will keep Wisconsin in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact to help expedite licensing for physicians who want to practice in multiple states.

“This legislation has been the result of many months of hard work to protect access to quality health care for Wisconsinites in border and rural communities like mine,” said Schachtner. Rural areas of Wisconsin often don’t have access to specialists or high-tech equipment at their local clinics. While Schachtner has also recently co-sponsored legislation to expand coverage for telehealth visits, patients still need to have access to physicians who are licensed to practice in Wisconsin to provide that virtual care. This compact has drawn physicians to the state to practice. Schachtner continued, “As a medical professional, I know how important access to high-quality preventive care can be and this act will ensure that we continue to expand access to licensed physicians for patients in our area.”

Gov. Tony Evers signed legislation on Friday, Nov. 22, that will keep Wisconsin in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact to help expedite licensing for physicians that want to practice in multiple states. The signing took place at Prescott High School. - Special photos

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Serving Dinner At 11:30 With Meeting
To Follow
Doors open at 10:30 a.m.
The 300 Club - Frederic, Wisconsin
Two directors will be elected, reading of the annual report, and such other business transacted as may properly come before the meeting.
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Karen Krouch, secretary
Public notices | Employment opportunities

**NOW HIRING TRADITIONS OF FREDERICK ASSISTED LIVING**
105/107 Oak St, Grantsburg, WI 54840-3279

**Caregivers**

Fulltime Day shift and Night shift including e/o weekend. Part-time, All shifts including e/o weekend.

Day shift every weekend.

Starts immediately. Experience preferred. CIFB Certified helpful but not necessary, will train. Please Stop In for An Application

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**FREDERICK SCHOOL DISTRICT IS CURRENTLY SEEKING**

**The Following Positions:**

Middle School Girls Basketball Coach
High School Girls Softball Coach

Assistant High School Girls Softball Coach (JV)

**Please submit an application (available online at the District Website http://www.fredericsd.org), resume and letter of interest to:**

Ethan Bergstrom, Athletic Director
Frederick School District
1437 Clam Falls Drive
Frederic, WI 54837
Telephone: 715-341-8223
Fax: 715-327-8650
Email: bergstrome@frederic.k12.wi.us

The Frederic School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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**ARCHITECTURAL COMMERCIAL DESIGN INSTRUCTOR - ADJUNCT**

**WISCONSIN INDIANHEAD TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

NEW RICHMOND CAMPUS

WITC is seeking a learning-focused, creative and dynamic individual for a part-time Architectural Commercial Design Instructor at our New Richmond Campus. Instructors are expected to foster learner success, flexibility and continually improve learning opportunities. Instructors teach in a variety of learning environments including face-to-face, online, blended, hybrid, etc. Instructors are expected to continuously improve their knowledge and skills with technology for instruction, good communication skills and provide quality instruction, promotes high level thinking, uses technology to support instruction, and continually improve their knowledge and skills with technology for instruction, good communication skills and provide quality instruction, promotes high level thinking, uses technology to support instruction.

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**TOWN OF BONE LAKE**

**RECENTLY ADOPTED ORDINANCES**

On November 19, 2019, the Bone Lake Town Board adopted the following 2 ordinances.

**#2019-01 Electrical Inspecton Ordinance**

The state-mandated Electrical Inspection allows towns to safeguard public safety and property from hazards arising from electrical wiring and the use of electricity. The Town Board has appointed Daniel Fallon of the Town of St. Croix Falls, Electrical Inspector for the Town of Bone Lake. Permits and fees must be paid to the Inspector. A complete copy of this ordinance is available from the clerk’s office at 715-472-8212. #2019-02 Updated Comprehensive Plan Ordinance

The original Comprehensive Plan of 2009 was recently updated, as described to be done once every 10 years. By the Plan, Town Planning Commission to include any changes that the Commission deemed necessary. A more complete updated will be assembled in 2022 following the 2020 census for more up-to-date information. A complete copy of this ordinance is available from the clerk’s office at 715-472-8212.

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**TOWN OF ST. CROIX FALLS**

**Part-time, All Shifts including e/o weekend.**

The Town of St. Croix Falls Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on December 5, 2019, at the Town Hall, 1565 2nd Street & US Hwy 8, St. Croix Falls, WI. At that time the applicant will inform the Board of Appeals of their request (The Applicant MUST APPEAR AT 7:00 P.M. WHEN THE BOARD OF APPEALS CONVENCES AT THE TOWN HALL). Written evidence, testimony or comments, if any, must be delivered in person or by mail to the Town Hall.

Mark Schoen, requests a VARIANCE to the Town’s Zoning Ordinance. The property address is 1565 Ngby Court; Parcel Number 04-00149-0000.

Jim Alt, Zoning Administrator

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**REQUESTING BIDS FOR 2020 CRACK SEALING & SPRAY PATCHING**

**TOWN OF ST. CROIX FALLS**

Notice is hereby given that the Town of St. Croix Falls, Polk County, Wisconsin, is accepting bids for 2020 Crack Sealing and Spray Patching.

Bid packlets will be available at the Town Hall. For specific details on the above projects, contact Steve Jacobs, Public Works at 715-527-0050 or Town Hall at 715-483-1481.

Bids to be considered must be sealed and received by the Town at the Town hall located at 400 Third Street prior to 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 12, 2019. Bids will be opened on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 1:30 p.m., and may possibly be awarded at the Town Board meeting on December 18, 2019. The Town Board reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids, to waive irregularities and information therein and further reserves the right to award the contract outside of the Town of St. Croix Falls.

Janet Krueger, Town Clerk

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**FINANCIAL AID ADVISOR/STUDENT SERVICES TECHNICIAN**

**WISCONSIN INDIANHEAD TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

**RICE LAKE CAMPUS**

Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College is seeking a learning-focused, creative and dynamic individual to teach in a part-time (adjunct) position as Financial Aid Advisor at the WITC Rice Lake Campus. The Financial Aid Advisor contributes to the efficient and responsive operation of the WITC Financial Aid program and provides excellent customer service to internal and external customers. This position provides important supporting, and student assistance with financial aid on the Rice Lake Campus and Collegewide support for processing functions. This position also provides employment services to include working with employers posting jobs in TechConnect, planning and employment of recruitment and career related events and activities for students.

For a complete job description, list of qualifications and to apply visit our website at https://www.witc.edu/about-witc/employment

Deadline to apply: December 2, 2019

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**NOTICE OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**Grantsburg School District**

**Job Title:** Aide at Grantsburg Middle School

**Job Description:**

The School District of Webster does not discriminate in education or employment based on sex, race, color, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or disability.

For a complete job description, list of qualifications and to apply visit our website at www.witc.edu/about-witc/employment

Deadline to apply: December 6, 2019

WITC is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Affirmative Action/Veterans/Disability Employer and Educator.
FREDERIC BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Wednesday, October 23, 2019, at 5:00 p.m.
1. Ms. Karl thanked the committee for their support of the Frederic Board of Education to order at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 23, 2019, in the District Boardroom.

2. Board members present: Mr. Holicky, Ms. Ennis, Ms. Karl and Ms. Lillehaug.

3. Administration present: Mr. Robinson.

Next meeting: Committee of the Whole Meeting: Wednesday, November 20, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

FREDERIC BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, October 23, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.
1. Motion by Mr. Holicky to approve the Agenda for the Regular Meeting.

2. Motion by Ms. Lillehaug to pass Policy 352 - Field Trips and 352.2 - School Sponsored Extended Field Trips. Seconded by Ms. Karl. Motion carried 4-0.

3. Motion by Mr. Ennis to approve the Authorization of a $1,000,000 Taxable Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note for the Purpose of Tax Levy. Seconded by Ms. Karl. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Reviewed and discussed existing policy structures.

5. Policies:
   - 19.85 (1)(c) in considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the Municipal government has a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person.


7. The Village of Luck will best serve the interests of the Village of Luck.

8. Dated this 7th day of November, 2019.

Village of Luck
401 Main Street
Luck, WI 54853

Phylis Wilder, Clerk

NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION
VILLAGE OF WEBSTER
April 7, 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election shall be held in the Village of Webster, on Tuesday, April 7, 2020, for the purpose of nominating candidates to appear on the spring election ballot for the February 2020 election.

The candidates, ballot, and rules of procedure for the spring election will be distributed to all voters.

Village of Webster
403 Main Street
Webster, WI 54897

Debra Dubois-Kuhly, Clerk

NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF WEST SWEDEN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Elections of the Town of West Sweden, at a duly called special meeting, noticed, held and conducted on November 5, 2019, adopted the resolution 19-3 to exceed the levy limit.

Whenever, under the State of Wisconsin’s imposed levy limits under s. 66.0602 of the WIs. statute for tax levies in 2017 and thereafter.

Whenever, s. 66.0602(5) of Wis. Statutes allows the town electors in towns under 3,000 in population to exceed the maximum allowable levy limit by adoption of a resolution at a town meeting of the electors; Whenever, the board of supervisors adopted a resolution supporting an increase in the town tax levy which exceeded the maximum allowable levy limit for the Town of West Sweden; Whenever, this Special Town Meeting of the electors has been called for the purpose of considering a resolution to endorse the town board resolution to exceed the state levy limit specifically. It has been necessary for the Town of West Sweden tax levy for 2019 (collected in 2020) by 2020 percent over the allowable 2019 levy, which is an increase of $25,481.30 over the 2019 town tax levy. The board of supervisors adopted a resolution for 2019 to be collected in 2020 in the amount of $26,185.

Now, therefore, the special town meeting of the Town of West Sweden, Pulg, County, Wisconsin, on the 25th day of November, 2019, ordered and enacted the following:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the town electors of the Town of West Sweden, Pulg, County, Wisconsin, hereby adopted the town board resolution to increase the town tax levy for 2019 (collected in 2020) by 2020 percent over the allowable 2019 levy, which is an increase of $25,481.30 over the 2019 town tax levy. The board of supervisors adopted a resolution for 2019 to be collected in 2020 in the amount of $26,185.

The town clerk shall properly post or publish this resolution as required by law in the Wisconsin Statutes.

Dated this 25th day of November, 2019, at a Special Town Meeting.

Number of town electors voting: 5
Number of town electors voting: 0
Number of abstentions or not voting (if determined): 0

Dated this 25th day of November, 2019.

Debra Dubois-Kuhly, Clerk

Positions in Town of Osceola
The Village of Osceola, population 2,906, in Polk County, Wisconsin, is seeking to fill a 1.5 position of Town Clerk and a 3.0 position of Town Treasurer, with benefits for both.

Duties and Responsibilities: These positions are responsible to perform the duties of a Town Clerk and Town Treasurer as defined in Wisconsin Statutes §§66.05, 66.03 and 66.04. The Clerk position is responsible for a variety of administrative work including, but not limited to, receiving and registering all town meeting notices and documents, and preparing and maintaining all town records. The Treasurer position is responsible for the financial management of the Town, including payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable, tax collection, budgeting, and financial reports. Experience with QuickBooks is desired. Pay will be DOCC.

Desired Training and Experience: Municipal government experience and certification as a municipal clerk and municipal treasurer is preferred. It is currently not a certified municipal clerk and/or certified municipal treasurer, the applicant must agree to complete required training and earn certification within one year. The successful candidate must be a resident of the Town of Osceola and shall be required to work occasional evenings and weekends.

OCCUPATIONS OPEN IN TOWN OF OSCEOLA

CUSTODIAN (PT 1,404 HRS./YR.)
WISCONSIN INDIANHEAD TECHNICAL COLLEGE SUPERIOR CAMPUS

Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College is seeking a qualified candidate for the position of part-time (1,404 hours/year) Custodian at the WITC Superior Campus. Under the supervision of the Facility Maintenance Supervisor, the Custodian performs a variety of tasks required to maintain the cleanliness, good order and safe conditions of the campus.

Applicants must attend qualifying testing in order to be considered for the position.

Deadline to apply: December 13, 2019

WITC is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action/Veterans/ Disability Employer and Educator

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ACADEMIC COACH

AD IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF CAREER ASPIRATIONS!

Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Academic Coach at the WITC New Richmond Campus. The Academic Coach will help prospective students with career planning, assist students in identifying the courses they need to complete to reach their career goals, and open lines of communication to their instructors.

For a complete job description, list of qualifications and to apply visit our website at: https://www.witc.edu/about-witc/employment

Deadline to apply: December 4, 2019

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HELP WANTED

WARRIOR HEIGHTS APARTMENTS

Positions Open

Apply In Person

POUR HOUSE

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Custodian (PT 1,404 Hrs./Yr.)
Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College Superior Campus

Academic Coach (608 Hrs./Yr.)
Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College New Richmond Campus

Positions Open in Town of Osceola

More information and application packets are available on the City’s website at: http://www.osceola-wi.com. Submit your cover letter, resume, and employment application to the Town of Osceola, 516 East Avenue North, PO Box 216, Dresser, WI 54009, or by email to townofosceola@yahoo.com by December 16, 2019.

Positions are open until filled.

Village Municipal Court Judge Brian Sears

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Burnett County Circuit Court

criminal and traffic disputes res-
don the following charges for the report date of Nov. 20:

Eric D. Armstrong, 24, Trego, disorderly conduct, $100.00 fine, $200.50 costs.

Darren J. Ault, 31, Stillwater, Minn., operating under proof of in-

volve driver, $200.50 costs.

David C. Asmus, 33, Webster, operating without proof of in-

surance, $10.00.

Nicholas A. Birenbach, 28, Webster, theft of movable property, $43.00, probation, sentence with-

hers.

Zane L. Black, 35, Hayward, depositing a false report of death on a public or private property, $200.50, 90 days in jail, $200.50 costs.

Jennifer A. Carlson, 51, Minneapolis-

ville, operating without valid license, $200.50 costs.

Robert D. Cameron, 70, Siren, operating without proof of in-

surance, $10.00, 5 years in prison, $10.00 costs.

Brett T. Byler, 30, Nashua, N.C., operating under proof of in-

surance, $10.00.

Mark R. Carlson, 51, Minneapolis,

ville, speeding, $117.50.

Jesse C. Chavarria, 28, Dan-

bury, refuses to answer new charge, new charge vacated, $200.50 costs.

Jose C. Chavarria, 28, Siren, possession of drug paraphernalia, $100.00, probation sentence im-

plied, $200.50, 90 days in prison, suspended sen-

tence for 90 days.

Catherine A. Clulanhe-Pera, 61, St. Paul, Minn., speeding, $175.20.

Sheldon L. Cunningham, 49, Finland,

nondischarge of weapon, $175.20; transfer of firearm to another person, $175.20; operating without license, $200.50.

Katelyn R. Hanson, 21, Lino Lakes, Minn., speeding, $175.20; operating without license, $200.50.

Curtis D. Steil, 38, New Richmond, operating without proof of insurance, $10.00.

Todd A. Davis, 21, Dan-

bury, FO, $300.00.

Rob E. Eldridge, 68, Danbury, speeding, $175.20.

Seymour K. Dixon, 19, Siren, operating under proof of insurance, $10.00.

Mr. K. Bakke, 47, Grants-

burg, seat belt violation, $10.00.

Thomas H. Green, 40, Sandstone, Minn., seat belt violation, $10.00.

Elizabeth A. Kolve, 62, Amery, speeding, $175.20.

Douglas V. Murphy, 37, St. Paul, Minn., operating under proof of license, $100.00, 90 days in jail, $175.20 costs.

Evan R. Neighborhood, 100, Eau Claire, speeding, $175.20.

Carol J. McBrinn, 35, Danbury, nonregistration of vehicle, $175.20.

Carrie E. Benedict, 63, Sandstone, Minn., seat belt viola-

tion, $10.00.

Keith D. Benton, 27, Siren, seat belt violation, $10.00.

Courtney E. Brown, 32, Siren, possession of drug paraphernalia, $100.00, twice; possess dangerous weapons other than firearms at school, $10,000.

Barbara B. Berthiaume, 60, Webster, operating without proof of insurance, $10.00.

Nicholas A. Birenbach, 28, Webster, theft of movable property, $43.00, probation, sentence with-

hers.

St. Croix Tribal Police Dept.

WEBSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Follow the Leader

Burnett County Circuit Court

By: Sandi Frion

Beaver, 2019.

nue, New Auburn, WI 54757.

Estate Recovery Program.

by the State of Wisconsin,

signed on August 30, 2019, with

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New Auburn, WI 54757.

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TOWN OF APPLE RIVER PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, December 9, 2019, following the completion of the public hearing of the proposed budget a Special Town Meeting of the electors is called pursuant to Section 60.10(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the purpose of adopting the 2019 Tax Levy to be paid in 2020.

To adopt the 2019 Tax Levy to be paid in 2020, pursuant to Sec. 60.12(1)(a) of Wisconsin Statutes, the Regularly Scheduled Town of Apple River December Board Meeting will follow immediately.

JOHN JOSHUA AGNE, Clerk

TOWN OF MILLTOWN, POLK COUNTY, WISCONSIN
PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING & SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ELECTORS NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on November 9, 2019, there will be a public hearing on the proposed budget for the Town of Milltown for the year 2020.

Notice is hereby given that a Special Town Meeting of the electors is called pursuant to Section 60.10(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the purpose of adopting the 2019 Tax Levy to be paid in 2020.

To adopt the 2019 Tax Levy to be paid in 2020, pursuant to Sec. 60.12(1)(a) of Wisconsin Statutes, the Regularly Scheduled Town Meeting of Milltown will follow immediately.

JOHN JOSHUA AGNE, Clerk

TOWN OF MEENON, BURNETT COUNTY, WISCONSIN

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX LEVY

Notice is hereby given that on November 9, 2019, the Town of Meenon, Burnett County, Wisconsin, will be held in the town at Milltown Fire Hall, 129 Eider St., Milltown, on the 9th day of December, 2019, Monday-Thursday. Contact Stephanie Larsen, Clerk, at 715-825-2599.

Total Expenditures $710,444 $699,132 $835,086 ($135,954) 19.44%

Expenditure Accounts
Debt Service Fund-58000 $33,849 $58,727 $189,544 ($130,817) 222.75%

REVENUE ACCOUNTS
Miscellaneous Revenue-48000 $0 $0 $0 $0 0%

Health & Human Service-54000 $1,500 $1,500 $2,000 ($500) 33.33%

License & Permits-44000 $7,394 $0 $0 $0 0%

Public Service Fees-46000 $768 $770 $710 -$60 -7.79%

Revenues

2018 2019 2020 $ Change % Change

Total Revenue $344,496.00 $368,359.00 $25,556.00 7.42%

Expenditures:

2018 2019 2020 $ Change % Change

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Katherine “Kay” Lunsmann

Katherine “Kay” Lunsmann, 93, of Milltown, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully on Nov. 19, 2019, at the United Pioneer Home in Luck, Wisconsin.

Kay was born in Milltown on April 21, 1926, to James Patrick and Ellen Bridget Sheehan. Kay married Fred Neil Lunsman and had four children.

She enjoyed spending time with family and friends, traveling and playing card games for hours on end.

Kay is survived by three of her children, Kathleen Phillips, Steve Lunsmann and Nick Lunsmann; four brothers; and close friend, Marion Mikkanen.

Memorial services will be held at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church in Balsam Lake, Wisconsin, on Wednesday, Dec. 4. Visitation will begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by Mass at 11:30 a.m. Our Father Gene Murphy will be officiating.

You are invited to leave condolences, memories and photos at rowefh.com. Arrangements are entrusted to Rowe Funeral Home, 715-472-2444, and the Northwest Wisconsin Cremation Center in Milltown.

Send obituaries to: submit@leaderregister.com

Patti L. Basley

Patti L. Basley, 64, of Luck, Wisconsin, passed away Friday, Nov. 22, 2019.

A gathering will be held at the Rowe Funeral Home in Luck on Tuesday, Dec. 3, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This information will be updated as soon as it is available. You are invited to leave condolences, memories and photos at rowefh.com. Arrangements are entrusted to Rowe Funeral Home, 715-472-2444, and the Northwest Wisconsin Cremation Center in Milltown.

Luella (Nordin) Monson

Luella Monson, 100, passed away Friday, Oct. 25, 2019, at Presbyterian Home Minnetonka Shores. Lu was born on Feb. 17, 1919, in Roseau, Minnesota, to Fred and Esther Nordin.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard Monson; brothers, Carl and Kenneth; and sisters, Anna Smith, Esther Conroy and Dolores Sleeth; brother, Larry (Betty) Richards; brother-in-law, Dave (Judy) Richards; and many loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Per Luella’s wishes, no formal services will be held. Luella’s family and friends will celebrate her life in private memorials.

Arrangements entrusted to Swedberg-Taylor Funeral Home in Webster. Online condolences may be expressed at swedberg-taylor.com.

Eleanore Irene (VanCleave) Carlson

Eleanore Irene (VanCleave) Carlson, 80, of Frederic, Wisconsin, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at Willow Ridge Health Care in Amery.

Eleanore was born on Aug. 22, 1939, to parents, Esther (Silsand) and John VanCleave. She graduated from Mounds View High School in Minnesota in 1957.


Eleanore was always generous, had a fun sense of humor, enjoyed cooking and always put on an incredible feast with an open door to anyone. She has always been passionate about adventuring and helping those in need, especially if it involved children and animals.

Preceding her in death were her parents and a brother, Jim (Heather); sister, Arlene; and many loving nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Per Eleanore’s wishes, no formal services will be held. Eleanore’s family and friends will celebrate her life in private memorials.

Arrangements entrusted to Swedberg-Taylor Funeral Home in Grantsburg. Online condolences may be expressed at swedberg-taylor.com.

Thomas Dale Richards

Thomas Dale Richards, 88, of Frederic, Wisconsin, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2019, at the Burnett Medical Continuing Care Center in Grantsburg, Wisconsin.

Tom was born July 27, 1931, to parents, Glenn Nordin and Anna (Silsand) Nordin.

Tom was a devoted member of the Grantsburg community. He was an active member and past president and treasurer for the Grantsburg Rotary, a member of the Grantsburg Chamber of Commerce and he served on the Grantsburg Village Board for 14 years, using his backround in construction and his many village improvement projects. He also served in many capacities as a dedicated parishioner at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Grantsburg.

Tom enjoyed being a dad and raising his children, golfing, downhill skiing, bowling, hunting, horses, fishing, water skiing, snowmobiling and mowing his lawn. A devoted husband, loving father, grandfather and uncle, Tom will be missed by many.

Tom is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Audrey Richards; children, Stanley (Annette) Richards, Teresa (Michael) Stein, Julie (Stephen) Wickham, Michael (Tamar) Richards, Joseph Richards, Thomas (Deidre) Richards, John (Jodi) Richards and Holly Richards; grandchildren, Matthew Richards, John (Karina) Wickham, Andrew (Briitta) Wickham, Christopher (Angel) Richards, Chaston (Sara) Richards, Cheryl Richards (Mario Giancola), Sara (Thomas) Carpenter, Jacob Richards, Sydney and Nicholas Richards; great-grandchildren, Josephine Richards, Zoe and Cecilia Hoeg-Richards; great-grandchildren, Jade, Dominick, Jaydon, Jaxon, Jazmine, Saylah, Trinity and Isabella; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents; and siblings, Jean, Polly, Sally and Jack.

A visitation will be held on Friday, Nov. 29, from 4-7 p.m. at the Swedberg-Taylor Funeral Home in Grantsburg. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, Nov. 30, at 11 a.m., at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Grantsburg. Military honors will be conducted immediately following the Mass at church. Interment to follow at Maple Grove Cemetery in Frederic.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Swedberg-Taylor Funeral Home in Grantsburg. Online condolences may be expressed at swedberg-taylor.com.

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In Loving Memory Of Our Beloved Rocky
Rockne Luther Cook

December 8, 1955 - November 25, 2018

Always loved, forever missed.

You were right about so many things.

You left us a gift to all.

Your Family

United Pioneer Home

Annual Christmas Tea

Sunday, December 1 • 2-3:30 p.m.

Fremont Halling
Baked Goods Donated By Church Members
United Pioneer Home, 715-472-2164

Proceeds go toward the purchase of facility equipment.

DRAWINGS FOR GIFT BASKETS AT 3 P.M.

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**HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**

Friday, December 6  8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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- 303 Wisconsin Ave. N
  Frederic, Wis. 715-327-4236
- 24154 State Rd. 35N
  Siren, Wis. 715-349-2560
First “Have You Eaten?” book signing held

Peter Kwong, writer of the Inter-County Leader column Wok & Roll, gave a cooking demonstration as part of a book-signing event at the St. Croix Falls Public Library last Friday evening, Nov. 22. He is shown with library director Su Leslie. – Photo provided

“Have You Eaten?” by Peter Kwong, of St. Croix Falls, a memoir of growing up around food in Hong Kong, is available on Amazon.com or by visiting phkwong.com. – Special graphic

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ST. CROIX FALLS - Leader columnist Peter H. Kwong’s second book “Have You Eaten?” has finally been released. The first book signing took place at the St. Croix Falls Public Library on Friday, Nov. 22. Chef Kwong performed a cooking demo after his book presentation and had decided to make something spicy and unusual – Thai Curry – which was a hit.

“How you eaten?” Kwong explained, was a phrase that in the old days in Hong Kong, the local folks would use to greet each other instead of saying, “How are you?” Food was scarce in the ’50s when he was born. First, the Japanese invasion had just ended in 1945, and then the communists took over. Chinese folks would escape to Hong Kong to avoid being persecuted. Almost overnight, the tiny island which would normally house 20,000 villagers became crammed with 2 million or more refugees, all fighting for the same necessities – food, shelter, clothes and medical supplies.

The first half of the book is filled with stories and pictures of the old Hong Kong – rickshaws, temples, market-place, roadside hawkers and ‘Dai Pai Dong’ (food stalls). They have all disappeared, replaced by high-rise condos instead. Also, there are pictures of different festivals with feasts that feature all kinds of foods. The second part of the book features recipes that Kwong has gathered from his cooking classes, dishes from Eastern China (Shanghai), Northern China (Pekingese), Western China (Szechuan), and Southern China (Canton). The recipes are all easy and simple to make (and simply delicious), exclaimed by all his students, as they can all be produced in one’s own kitchen.

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The snow reveals

NATURAL CONNECTIONS

Emily Stone

This morning I traveled through a world transformed. The well-worn forest road that feels my footfalls almost every day, with its familiar scenery and recent logging, had disappeared under a mantle of white lace. Every chance I took along the road was like a trip to an art museum, its exhibit hall filled with intricate line drawings.

Icy wheel tracks often forced my gaze downward, though, as I watched my hot pink running shoes navigate slick spots. I’m looking forward to the day our ski trails open, but for now this method of forcing air into my lungs and endorphins into my brain will do.

Although I’d previously enjoyed the solid footing of bare, frozen gravel, our recent snowy dustings make my morning excursions more interesting. Lois Nestel, our founding director, wrote, “Each day as daylight comes, I find it one of my more pleasant self-imposed duties to check on the outdoor activities of the preceding night.”

“Exactly,” I thought, as I noted the heart-shaped tracks of deer with little troughs connecting them. Long ago, at the Audubon Center of the North Woods down in Sandstone, Minnesota, I learned that these toe drags often indicate a buck who’s tired from chasing does and carrying a heavy rack. I was teaching the tree identification part of a college-level wolf ecology course that winter, and ended up learning to love tracking as well. Reading books and being outdoors constantly vie for my attention. Tracking turns the whole, snowy world into a storybook.

My forest holds quite the cast of characters. Squirrel tracks dominate my driveway. Both the tiny red squirrels and the fat gray squirrels bound willily down the steep bank and up the maple trees. In each cluster of four footprints, the bigger, five-toed hind feet land where their front feet just vacated, so you only see their hind foot in each pair and they alternate sides. This is a function of their hopping stride, shared with their family, fisher tracks often appear paired, with one foot slightly ahead of the other. Their tracks are not much bigger than the fox, but I’ve seen a couple of these tracks just a few inches from the road behind me. As Lois wrote, “These were some of the things I saw, but how much did I miss? How if I didn’t? What if something snuck across the road behind me? As Lois wrote, “These were some of the things I saw, but how much did I miss? How if I didn’t? What if something snuck across the road behind me?”

The bear’s tracks were almost as big as mine! Raccoons leave unique pairs of tracks, one front and one hind foot in each cluster, and they alternate sides. This is a function of them moving both left legs and then both right legs.

Their tracks are not much bigger than the fox, but wear less fur and often show up more clearly. Rarely do I see the two canines’ tracks together. While coyotes can catch bigger prey than a fox, they overlap in pursuit of the medium and small meals, and their competition often results in the fox being chased out. I run an out-and-back route, but quite often I notice new tracks on my way back home. Probably, I just missed them while daydreaming or skipping an icy patch, or because I was on the other shoulder. But what if I didn’t? What if something snuck across the road behind me? As Lois wrote, “These were some of the things I saw, but how much did I miss? How many unseen eyes watch me?”

The pacing tracks of a raccoon surprised me one morning. Their two-by-two pattern, my first hope was a bounding fisher. Like most in the weasel family, fisher tracks often appear paired, with one foot slightly ahead of the other. Their hind feet land where their front feet just vacated, so you only see their hind feet. Looking closer, I found that each pair of tracks showed one five-toed hind foot and one five-fingered front foot. This pattern is created by the “pace” gait of a raccoon. They move both left legs forward, then both right legs. The fox and coyote would swing diagonal legs simultaneously, similar to how our legs and arms work together.

My arms and legs stopped abruptly last week, when my foot landed next to a rather large track with five naily toes. “Shouldn’t you be asleep?” I thought, as I glanced into the woods where the tracks led. Mama bears probably are in their dens. But with an ample acorn crop, plentiful bair piles and the gut-pile bonanza of hunting season approaching, the males are in no hurry to go to bed.

And we can’t really blame them, can we? New stories appear every morning and the beauty of early winter is something I’d not want to miss.

“How fortunate are those of us who live in an area of changing seasons, each with its own unique charm.” – Lois Nestel

Emily Stone is the naturalist/education director at the Cable Natural History Museum. Her second book, “Natural Connections: Dreaming of an Elfin Skinner,” is now available to purchase at cablemuseum.org/books and at your local independent bookstore.

For more than 50 years, the Cable Natural History Museum has served to connect you to the North Woods. Visit them in Cable. Their new Curiosity Center kids’ exhibit and Pollinator Power annual exhibit are open. Call them at 715-798-3890 or email emily@cablemuseum.org.
Webster Veterans Day

LEFT: Post Commander Bill Beetcher welcomed everyone and Auxiliary junior member Amanda Larson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Tom Cook, right, gave the blessing before everyone enjoyed a pork dinner, then he enjoyed visiting with fellow veteran Duke Kreb, left.

RIGHT: Each person received a 100-year commemorative coaster as part of the American Legion’s anniversary celebration. Speaking at the meeting were Webster High School students Daisy Dorn and William Deblieck, who talked about their experiences as Badger Girls State and Badger Boys State representatives.

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RIGHT: The Otis Taylor Auxiliary and Post 96 gave out several longevity awards. Pat Beetcher presented Marion Barber-Johnson with a plaque for 65 years of continuous service with the Otis Taylor American Legion Auxiliary. CVSO Doug Stubbe also recognized Vietnam-era veterans with a USA Vietnam War commemoration lapel pin and certificate as part of the 50th anniversary of the war.

LEFT: Veterans and family members put recognition cards on the Honor and Remember tree that has been up for the past six months.

Auxiliary members Joyce Kyle and Pat Beetcher gave a presentation during the annual dinner on Monday, Nov. 11, at the Webster Community Center. They shared stories and information on the Victory Gardens that were grown during World War I and World War II.

Three drawings were held throughout the evening, for two food baskets and a wreath made by veteran Wendy Larson, above. Otis Taylor American Legion Post and Auxiliary Unit 96 held an appreciation dinner that was attended by over 150 people.
Another Thanksgiving

A nother Thanksgiving is right around the cor-
ner. I wish all of our readers a wonderful and pleasant Thanksgiving. We never had Thanksgiving holidays in Hong Kong. The only thing I knew about Thanksgiving was that they served roasted turkey, which was a rare commodity on the menu. All the restaurants that served a Western menu would be advertising their special roasted turkey, gravy, potato salad, vegetables, bread with but-
ter and two or three more side dishes (don’t remem-
ber what all the sides were, but the main one was circa 7.10, a good bargain indeed). As a matter of fact, inside the whole dinner would cost less than 10 Hong Kong dollars (which amounted to less than U.S. $1.70, a good bargain indeed). However, in the old days, 10 Hong Kong dollars would buy a meal for our whole family of four. How dare I even suggest to have a turkey dinner just for myself? Or even split it with my younger brother? So, Thanksgiving with roasted turkey was all I knew about the tradition until I came to the States.

I was fortunate enough to connect with a family who would take me in as their own. Eventually, they ended up adopting me. I met the name of Peter House Kwon. It was then that I learned about the traditional Thanksgiving dinner. And goodness, it was some feast! My American mom would be up by 5 a.m. to start the turkey; and then kids would chime in, some set the table, polished the silverware and glasses; everyone would be bustling and clean-
ing the windows (again). Everything had to be spot-
less as Grandma and Grandpa and our uncle with his girlfriend had to show up. My job was to peel the pear onions, a job that nobody wanted. So, after endless hours of peeling, 3 pounds of pear onions, I was crying with real tears. But no one seemed to care.

After a few hours, I could smell the roasted turkey getting ready; and then the sound of the sound of the Pear onions in cream sauce, the Brussels sprouts, the mashed potatoes with gravy ... and a lot more. Fin-
ally, the turkey was just coming. We had plenty of turkey specials in Hong Kong would even come close. We said a prayer before dinner, and thanked the good Lord and everyone around us who made this turkey possible. It was 50 years ago; yet, it seems like yesterday.

Every day is a Thanksgiving Day for me. I have so many things to be thankful for, yet I take it for granted that it just happened because ... well, be-
cause of what? I would ask myself. Then, every moment when I look back on my life, while enjoying the view of the back porch with my wife, these thoughts just dawned on me:

• I am most thankful for a warm and comfortable bed that provides me with a good sleep, and the sleep machine that allows my wife to sleep peace-
fully.

• I am most thankful for my tiny kitchen that pro-
vides us with the ability to make meals for our fam-
ily and friends, and my cooking classes.

• I am thankful for the running water, thinking of
the old days when we had water shortage problems.

• I am thankful for the refrigeration that works,
that I don’t need to go to the market every day to shop for food.

• I am thankful for friends whom I can share my feelings with. In the North Woods, they are plentiful,

• I am thankful for our cars that can carry us to our destinations, yes, even after we hit three deer in the turkey.

• I am thankful for the friends I’ve made in the short few years that we’ve lived here in the North Woods that treat us with passion and respect.

• I am thankful for the kids and children, our grandchild-
ren. It is such a joy to get to know them and watch them grow.

• I am thankful for my career; my wife’s potter-
y business is booming and her church just loves her.

And my cooking classes are getting more and more popular. Also, folks love my writing that is laced

with a wacky sense of humor.

• I am thankful that I can still sing and play my musical instruments, what joy it brings me.

• I am thankful to the good Lord for the fact that I grew up with, they give me something that money can’t buy.

• I am thankful for my health, even though I am a bionic man, I am still breathing and kicking and able to enjoy life.

• I am thankful for my lovely wife, who has sup-
ported me and encouraged me to do things to fulfill my
dreams.

Yes, there are so many things to be thankful for.

Even though there have been many ups and downs in my life, the good Lord has helped me endure all the hardships and turned them around to let me see just how fortunate I am, to be alive and have
defined all the difficult times. So, in turn, I’ll be able to help others who are less fortunate.

I think that Thanksgiving is actually two words – thanks and giving. Be thankful for what you have and give to others and share with them what you have. No, we still have our first taste of roasted 

turkey and, of course, with the mashed potatoes and gravy; with the pearly onions in cream sauce and so many other dishes. I don’t remember how I did it. After midnight, my American brother Freddie and I would sneak out to the garage where they hid the leftovers and have a field day. My American parents were grateful to have a festive meal and probably didn’t say anything. Oh, how I just love them.

So, I am most thankful for our healthy tradition –

be thankful for what you have and give back to help others. Of course, the roasted turkey will always help; and I am grateful that no one in my family makes pear onions in cream sauce; and I always

cook a small batch for myself to remember my first Thanksgiving feast, and to remember my dearest

American mom. Thank you for giving me a helping hand, so that I can be who I am.

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About the author: Lillian Anderson is originally from Sweden and immigrated to America as a young child. She is a retired nurse and enjoys writing stories to share with the Frederic Write Right Now! club. Writers’ Carousel encourages magazines of pieces for your enjoyment, is created by participants in Carolyn

Weden’s Write Right Now! community education classes for Frederic and Luck. The next series of classes for begins late January/early February, 2020. Contact commu-
nity education directors: Sheila Becton in Frederic, 715-486-4600, or My Agouda in Luck, 715-472-2152, for more information.
lost a feather the other day and I understand this does not qualify as news. But I want to say, for the record, that this was a really nice feather. I paid good money for it and pinned it to my favorite blue hat. I wore that hat out for a walk, one evening, when it was chilly. This was the last night that my husband, Peter, and I were in Frigiliana, a little town in the south of Spain. I walked to the top of the very steep hill where, 400 years ago, a Moorish castle stood, guarding the town from invaders. The invaders eventually made it there anyway and the castle was knocked to the ground. Only the amazing view over the Mediterra- nean remains. And that’s where I went walking when I lost my feather.

There was no hope of finding it that night. The sun was already down. So, the next morning I headed out looking for my feather.

When I got to the foot of the hill (a small mountain, really) I realized what a foolish idea this was. The ground was covered with autumn leaves that, surprisingly, all looked a lot like feathers. There was a stiff wind blowing and I had no idea when the “feather” to the battling donkeys was.

Just then, I met a young pair of Germans heading up the hill. “Do you speak English?” I asked. “Yes!” they told me (because all Germans do, it seems).

“I’ve lost a feather. You haven’t seen it, have you?” “A feather?” the young man repeated. It struck me that this was the stupidest question I’d ever asked anyone and I was filled with relief that I would never see these two people again.

“Actually, yes,” he said. “I saw one near the donkeys.” I knew exactly where the donkeys were. “Right by the donkeys?” I asked, rather incredulously.

“Yes, I saw it when I stopped to take a photo.” “Thank you so much!” And I raced back down the hill back to the donkeys. “It pays to ask for help!” I told myself. “It’s worth asking stupid questions!” I added in my little sermon to myself.

Except there was no feather. I searched and searched and could not find it anywhere. Even after we lost interest in the project. I was there so long the Germans came down the hill and found me.

“We did find the feather!” the young man asked. “No, no!” I lied. “I confessed. He took me to where he had seen it. There was no feather.”

“Ahh well. Don’t waste any more time on this!” I told the considerate German couple.

“Well, good luck!” they said as they headed down the hill.

Since I still hadn’t made it to the top of the moun- tain, I kept climbing. I went all the way to the top, to the place I had looked at the Mediterranean the night before. And there was my feather, lying no more than 40 feet away from where I had sat. I held that feather in my hand, amazed.

Because you see, I didn’t really think I was going to find that feather! I thought the whole idea was crazy from the start. But once I shared the idea with that nice German couple, the possibility of finding it seemed infinitely more possible. We all ran to the front. Sometimes we just need someone else believing in our ideas to make those ideas, even the crazy ones, seem possible.

It was only because they believed I could find the feather that I did. Till next time, Carrie

Classon’s memoir, “Blue Yarn,” was released earlier this year. Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.
Diabetes: A growing concern

Diabetes is no longer a word we rarely hear. In fact, we hear it quite frequently. Who knows what diabetes is? Did you know there are three different types of diabetes?

Type 1 diabetes is usually diagnosed in children and young adults. The body does not produce the hormone insulin, which helps guide the glucose through the bloodstream into our cells to create energy.

Type 2 diabetes is the most common form of diabetes. Your body does not use insulin properly. Some people with Type 2 diabetes can control their blood glucose with healthy eating and being active. Gestational diabetes usually occurs around the 24th week of pregnancy. It starts when your body is not able to make and use all the insulin it needs for pregnancy. Again, some people can control or prevent this with healthy eating and being active.

Some symptoms to watch out for are frequent urination, feeling very thirsty and hungry, extreme fatigue, blurry vision, wounds being slow to heal, and tingling/pain numbness in hands/feet.

To be diagnosed, lab work can test your average blood glucose, also known as A1C, for the past two to three months. Your fasting blood glucose levels may also be checked.

People with diabetes are at a significant risk for serious complications, especially kidney failure, heart disease, stroke, blindness and lower-limb amputations. Lifestyle changes, including healthy food choices, weight loss and exercise, along with medication, can often reduce the risk of and delay the onset of Type 2 diabetes.

Do not believe in the full power of medication. You need to make lifestyle changes to have a significant impact on slowing the process or preventing diabetes. – Submitted by Megan Swoen, certified wellness coach at St. Croix Regional Medical Center.

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50 years ago

A daughter was born Oct. 16 to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nelson, Siren, and a son was born Oct. 16 to Mr. and Mrs. Bart Chouinard, Frederic.—Kathlene Peterson and Ronald Hanson were married Oct. 11 at St. Mark Lutheran Church.—Junior high winners in the Polk County Soil and Water Conservation District speaking contest were Sandra Wilson, Frederic, first place; Secret Anthony, Unity, second place; Lee Ann Stringer, St. Croix Falls, third; and Mary Jo Weber, Clayton, fourth. Joel Lundgren won first place in the elementary division.—The junior high cheerleaders’ display was “No Crime In The Streets,” with John Olson playing the lead, Frankie Dane, a dropout who wanted to make something of himself. Bill Johnson played Ben Wagner, a social worker, and Marion Owens played Ben’s daughter, Helen Wagner, who was in love with Frankie.—At the close of the football season, senior Bob Johnson was elected the Frederic Vikings most valuable player. A starter since his freshman year, he had not missed a game in all four years and had played every position except quarterback. The punt, pass and kick were things he had worked on the most. One competition in Minneapolis were Charles Rogers, 8, St. Croix Falls; Jeffrey Clifford, 9, Barnoon; Ronald Hansen, 10, Frederic; Craig Johnson, 11, St. Croix Falls; Steven Robotka, 12, Birchwood; and Bradley Glaser, 13, New Richmond.

40 years ago

Jack Route, Frederic, earned a master’s degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and accepted a position in research and development with Hewlett Packard in Colorado.

Do You Remember?

Grantsburg School District bus driver Leon Miller was honored during National Bus Safety Week in 1999 for 34 years of service and 495,000 miles. He is shown above with Lauren and Isaac Jewell, the first two riders of his route at the time of the holiday music. The groups focus on students perform a wide variety of department is transforming the at the middle school and the music 15. This year, the event will be held Saturday, Dec. 14, and Sunday, Dec. 15. This year, the event will be held at the middle school and the music department is transforming the gym into a festive performance site. Ticket holders will be seated at tables to eat and listen to the students perform a wide variety of holiday music. The groups focus on traditional favorites of the season, but will also perform contemporary holiday music. A full holiday meal will be served, consisting of roasted chicken, potatoes, vegetable, salad bar and ice cream sundae. In addition to the great music, audience members will be visited by Santa Claus! This will be an event to remember.

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This performance has been a big hit with audiences and performers the last 13 years, with people saying it really brings them into the holiday mood. It is also a fundraiser for the music department, with the money raised going to help with trip expenses.

“Holiday Indulgence” set at Grantsburg

GRANTSBURG - The Grantsburg High School music department is planning to repeat an event that has become a holiday tradition. Their annual Christmas concert will again be presented in the style of dinner theater, with almost two hours of music and eating available to ticket holders. Performances are Saturday, Dec. 14, and Sunday, Dec. 15. This year, the event will be held at the middle school and the music department is transforming the gym into a festive performance site. Ticket holders will be seated at tables to eat and listen to the students perform a wide variety of holiday music. The groups focus on traditional favorites of the season, but will also perform contemporary holiday music. A full holiday meal will be served, consisting of roasted chicken, potatoes, vegetable, salad bar and ice cream sundae. In addition to the great music, audience members will be visited by Santa Claus! This will be an event to remember.

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Pet Thanksgiving
Three female kittens are ready to become your barn managers. These three cats are friendly with people and can be picked up Friday, Dec. 6, at 10 a.m. at the senior center. Phil and Pam Stratsman, of St. Croix Falls, are filled with celebratory indulgences that are best shared with your pets. Holidays are a great time to consider adopting a pet, but the decision to do so requires a bit of planning. If you are considering adopting a pet this holiday season, here are some tips to help ensure a successful adoption:

1. **Do Your Research:** Before adopting a pet, research the different breeds to find one that best suits your lifestyle. Consider factors such as energy level, size, and lifespan when choosing a pet.

2. **Visit Animal Shelters:** Visit local animal shelters to meet potential pets. This will give you a good idea of what the general temperament of the animals is like.

3. **Veterinary Check-Up:** Before adopting a pet, take them to a veterinarian for a check-up. This will ensure that the pet is healthy and free of any illnesses.

4. **Socialization:** Make sure the pet you adopt is comfortable around other animals and people. This will help to prevent any potential conflicts or aggression.

5. **Consider Spaying or Neutering:** Spaying or neutering your pet is important to prevent unwanted pregnancies and reduce the risk of developing certain health problems.

6. **Adoption Fees:** Adoption fees vary depending on the shelter, but most shelters charge a nominal fee to cover the costs of spaying, neutering, and vaccinations.

7. **Pet Insurance:** Consider pet insurance to help cover any unexpected medical expenses.

By following these tips, you can ensure that your new pet is a healthy and happy addition to your family. Happy Thanksgiving!
“Sure enough, about 400 yards out, we could see the deer lying on its side, sprawled out on the mirrorlike surface. Keeping in mind that it was a balmy 17 degrees outside and the ice was thin, there was open water just 150 feet from where the deer laid on the ice, without any movement. My first thought was it was going to be victim to the coyotes as soon as the sun went down this evening. The thought didn’t sit well with me, the coyotes feasting on a live deer,” said Day.

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Four hunters from Webster, Austin Smiley, Nathan Stanley, Austin Moser and Harlo Olson, were in North Dakota pursuing ducks and geese. They are pictured with the deer they rescued from a frozen slough with the help of a stranger. - photos provided.

He went back to the hunters and proposed a plan to rescue the deer, which they all enthusiastically volunteered to. The plan involved Day’s flat-bottom johnboat, a couple of life preservers and a 75-foot length of rope. It took 30 minutes for two hunters, each pushing with one foot in the boat, one foot on the ice, to reach the deer, then they looped the rope around the deer and turned around to repeat the process, stopping to rest for themselves and the deer.

After getting near shore they were able to remove the rope and Day and one of the other young men picked up the doe by her legs and carefully carried her about 25 feet from the edge of the ice onto the shore.

“She quietly laid there resting while I soothed her from her adventure and rescue by these outstanding young outdoorsmen,” said Day. After a few minutes they helped her stand and she bolted, albeit an unsteady bolt, for some nearby cattails.

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Frederic Elementary School Principal  
Years as FES principal: 2  
Favorite thing about education: The kids!  
Favorite subject to teach: Physical education  
Hobbies: Kayaking, biking, skiing and running  
Favorite movie: "The Lion King"  
Favorite book/series/genre: The Harry Potter series  
Favorite sports team: Green Bay Packers  
Favorite season: Summer  
Educational philosophy: I believe that a strong foundation in literacy and mathematics, as well as social-emotional learning is essential to help educate the whole child. Meeting the needs of individual students is my No. 1 goal for our school. I know that with the efforts of the wonderful team of teachers and staff that we can help students find success. It is an honor and privilege to be a part of a student’s journey through their learning and development.

ELIZABETH OLSON  
Grantsburg Elementary School Principal  
Years as GES principal: 6  
Favorite subject to teach: English  
Hobbies: Knitting, traveling, spending time at the lake with family  
Favorite movie: "Romy and Michele’s High School Reunion"  
Favorite book/series/genre: Young adult literature  
Favorite sports team: Grantsburg Pirates  
Favorite season: Summer  
Educational philosophy: As a school, we have created a mission and vision that summarizes my educational philosophy well. We believe it is our duty to grow 21st century problem-solvers by ensuring high levels of learning for all in collaboration with our students, families and community.

LISA DANIELSON  
Grantsburg Middle/High School Principal  
Years as GMS principal: 2  
Favorite thing about education: I love working in a team, whether that be with students, parents or teachers, to continuously improve our systems and school to best serve our kids.  
Favorite sports team: Grantsburg Pirates  
Favorite season: Summer  
Educational philosophy: I believe all students are capable of achieving great things!

JOE CONNORS  
St. Croix Falls Middle School Principal  
Years as SCFMS principal: 9  
Favorite thing about education: I enjoy seeing kids grow throughout the course of their years in middle school and watch them transition to high school and see where they end up as adults.  
Favorite subject to teach: Physical education  
Hobbies: Fishing, skiing, hockey, softball, baseball, bike riding, camping, hiking and anything else outdoors  
Favorite movie: "Rocky IV"  
Favorite book/series/genre: Jim Cramer’s Real Money  
Favorite sports team: Minnesota Wild  
Favorite season: Summer  
Educational philosophy: Make sure the students have a well-rounded education. Students need to be able to do well in core content classes and equally or more important for them to be successful as citizens. Hard work and integrity is something students need to reach their potential.

CARRIE HERMAN  
Siren Elementary School Principal  
Years as SES principal: 5  
Favorite thing about education: Being able to make connections with families through the years and having students come back to visit.  
Favorite subject to teach: Reading  
Hobbies: Ptooning, reading, watching my daughter’s sports events  
Favorite movie: "The Goonies"  
Favorite sports team: I don’t follow sports.  
Favorite season: Summer  
Educational philosophy: Learning is a path that students take through their years in education. As educators, our job is not to clear the path for an easy journey but to provide a productive and supportive environment, where students will best learn to persevere and grow.

WAYNE KOBALL  
Siren School Assistant Principal  
Years as SS principal: 3  
Favorite thing about education: I love having students come back and share their life experiences.  
Favorite subject to teach: Statistics  
Hobbies: As an empty nester, I enjoy living vicariously through my kids. I have a Husker, a Badger and a Husky.  
Favorite movie: "The Graduate"  
Favorite book/series/genre: I am a very poor reader. I can read. I just don’t. Sorry, parents, I know that it is terrible to admit.  
Favorite sports team: Green Bay Packers - there is another one!  
Favorite season: Fall  
Educational philosophy: My job is to help kids prepare for their future - few of us knew in high school what we were going to do - school prepares us for whatever may happen and gives us the tools to tackle the challenges that lie ahead.
Co-op hosts annual holiday gift drive for local kids

CENTURIA - Local children will have a brighter holiday season again this year thanks to Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative’s 14th-annual holiday gift drive. Co-op members and the public are invited to join Polk-Burnett employees and directors by donating new, unwrapped gifts for children.

Donations will be collected now through Monday, Dec. 9, at Polk-Burnett offices in Siren and Centuria during office hours.

“Our annual gift drive demonstrates our cooperative values and ongoing support for our local youth and community,” said Joan O’Fallon, Polk-Burnett communications director. “We invite you to join us and thank you for your generosity. Together, we can make the season bright for local kids.”

Polk-Burnett in Centuria, 1001 State Road 35, is collecting gifts for Operation Christmas Child to benefit Polk County children.

Polk-Burnett in Siren, 7298 State Road 70, is collecting gifts for Interfaith Caregivers Christmas for Kids to benefit Burnett County children.

Gift ideas for toddlers to teens include games, toys, books, blankets, hats, mittens, coats and gift cards.

For more information, contact Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative, 800-421-0283.
Consider these great gift ideas for outdoors folks

This marks roughly the 35th time I’ve compiled a list of Christmas gift ideas for hunters and anglers and I’m ashamed to concede those lists mostly focused on gifts for guys.

If you’re looking for unique gifts for the special women in your life, dust off your collections of turkey spurs and elk ivories (tusks, or whistles) and contact Rocky Mountain Scrimshaw & Arts, rockymountainscramshow.com. The owners, Tom and Mary High, will turn them into unique jewelry.

No, they won’t get the finished products back you before Dec. 25, but your loved ones will know it’s worth the wait. My wife and three daughters all have custom-made earrings made from elk ivories I sent to the Highs, and they wear them well.

If you’re not into jewelry, or you don’t save spurs and tusks, keep reading. Something in this list of gear, books and other gift ideas should fill your budget.

Are you tired of jamming all your ice-fishing gear into backpacks designed for hunting or camping? Check out Lakewood Products’ Ice Pack, lakewood-products.com, which stores the largest tip-ups, and has gear pockets for tools and up to five jig poles. The pack has adjustable shoulder straps with a large loop handle that lets you carry it while wearing gloves.

If you’re hunting for a sleeping pad for camping and backpacking, try the Static V by Klymit, at klymit.com. It’s only 2-1/2 inches thick, but surprisingly comfortable. It inflates with about 15 puffs, weighs only 1 pound and rolls up to the size of a 1-liter bottle.

Do you know a hunter, bird-watcher or football fan who needs binoculars? Consider the Diamondback 10x42 or 8x42 (vortexoptics.com/vortex-diamondback-hd-10x42-binoculars) from Vortex Optics. Also check out these three items from MeatEater. com for the table and field. To season your wild-game foods, MeatEater introduces its own selection spices. For a dependable drink during meals or afterward, consider a bottle of MeatEater Bourbon (shotbox.com/product/meateater-straight-bourbon-whiskey-750-ml), which is distilled in Kentucky. And if you know a newbie deer hunter, get them an eight-step field-dressing instruction cloth that doubles as a handkerchief. The “How To Gut A Deer Bandana,” found on store.theameateater.com /collections/landing-page/products/deer-cloth, will help them tackle the job confidently.

How is your family’s footwear? If they need a durable, lightweight, surefooted boot for Wisconsin or the West, check out Irish Setter’s new Vaportrek boot for men or women. Or if they need warm boots for ice fishing or late-season tree stands, try the Ice-Trek, an extreme cold weather boot. Styles with the BOA lacing system are well-suited for ice fishing, letting you tighten or loosen the boots with your gloves on.

If you want a rugged, lightweight daypack that also handles serious meat hauling, look at Mystery Ranch’s Pop Up 28 (mysteryranch.com/pop-up-28-pack). Its heavy-duty aluminum pole-stays collapse into the pack’s back panel and compress out of the way when not in use. The pack’s pockets securely carry tripods, water bottles and trekking poles.

To securely store fishing rods, it’s hard to beat a set of adjustable Raximus Rod Racks (raximusoutdoors.com), which look great in game rooms but are equally handy for the ceiling above a garage door.

And don’t let anyone hit the road without Flatout Tire Additive, flatouttire.com, which prevents flat tires on trailers, RVs, ATVs and UTVs. It’s synthetic, so it lasts a lifetime, forever ready for when needed.

If you're looking for good books to give someone, then read yourself, consider these titles: “That Wild Country: An Epic Journey through the Past, Present, and Future of America’s Public Lands,” available at amazon.com, by Mark Kenyon, host of the “Wired to Hunt” podcast. Noting that every American is a public-land owner, Kenyon explores many of the famous lands that some politicians want to sell off. His journeys take readers on a tour of wild, public landscapes that he thinks should remain open and accessible.

If you liked last year’s “Right off the Reel” book, a compilation of legendary Milwaukee Journal Star outdoors columns by Gordon MacQuarrie, check out the sequel, “Doji, Drink & Other Drivel.” This book, which was also compiled by Dave Eveson of Cumberrland, features MacQuarrie columns from the 1940s and 1950s. Visit the Barnes Area Historical Association website, bahamuseums.org, for information and order forms.


“Will To Live: Saga of Survival” was written by Cary Edinger (garyedinger.com), a Wisconsin logger/outdoorsman. The book was popularized recently in a film sponsored by Filson and Danner Boots.

As always, I hope something here made your Christmas shopping a little easier. Happy holidays.

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Grantsburg Public Library

New and Now Collection
Are you No. 127 on the hold list for the latest best-seller? We’re excited to announce the launch of the New & Now Collection, which features the most popular materials in the library’s collection, available immediately with no holds. These copies are not available in the online catalog and are housed in special New & Now Collection shelving at the entrance of the library. No holds can be placed on these items, so if you are first-come, first-server. Stop in to see if you are number one on the hold list for the latest best-seller! Grantsburg Public Library is excited to announce the launch of the New & Now Collection, which features the most popular materials in the library’s collection, available immediately with no holds.

Preschool story time
Monday, Dec. 14, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the library will be showing great family movies. Stop in to call the library to find out what movie will be showing. Popcorn and beverages will be provided.

Santa Day
Saturday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m. to noon, children can give Santa their Christmas wish list and have a photo taken with Jolly Old St. Nick. When Santa stops at the library, Santa’s elves will make sure each child leaves with a treat bag filled with goodies donated by local businesses and organizations. A number of nonprofits will have displays and fun activities for the kids in the library, adding to the Santa Day festivities.

December reading challenge
You can win great prizes this December. Check out four or more books at our library, you get a chance to win fantastic gift baskets full of all kinds of goodies.

Coming soon to the library
Books
• “Robert B. Parker’s Angel Eyes” by Ace Atkins
• “The Confession Club” by Elizabeth Berg
• “Tom Clancy Code of Honor” by Marc Cameron

New and Now Collection
• “Twenty-One Truths About Love” by Matthew Dicks
• “Nothing More Dangerous” by Allen Eskens
• “The Girl in the Letter” by Emily Guinn
• “A Merry Murder” by Kate Kingsbury
• “Beside Herself” by Elizabeth Lusan
• “Swede Hollow” by Ole Larsen
• “Blowout!” by Rachel Maddow
• “Criss Cross” by James Patterson
• “The Beautiful Ones” by Prince
• “The Way He Heard It” by Mike Rowe

Youth Books
• “Bird Count” by Susan Edwards Richardson
• “A Day So Gray” by Marie Lamba
• “Elbow Grease vs. Motofoil” by John Cena
• “Finding Grandma’s Memories” by Joyon Pak
• “Bear Grylls: Survival Skills Handbook” by Bear Grylls
• “Maybe He Just Likes You” by Barbara Dee
• “Wrecking Ball ( Diary of a Wimpy Kid)” by Jeff Kinney
• “Now Entering Adalissee” by Francesca Zappia
• “The Queen of Nothing” by Holly Black
• “The Secret Commonwealth” by Philip Pullman

Movies
• “Armstrong”
• “Crawl”
• “Downton Abbey: The Movie”
• “Fast & Furious: Hobbs & Shaw”
• “The Kitchen 2”
• “The Lion King”
• “The Peanut Butter Falcon”

AudioBooks
• “The Night Fire” by Michael Connelly
• “The Oysterville Sewing Circle” by Susan Wiggs

Library hours and information
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday.

For more information about the November 2019 Friends of the Library upcoming events, check the Grantsburg Public Library website or call 715-866-7697.

Larsen Family Public Library

Friends of the Library upcoming events:
• Holiday bake sale: Saturday, Dec. 14, at Forts Folle Avoine during Christmas at the Forts, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Larsen Family Public Library.
• Second Saturday Used Book Sale: Our next sale is Saturday, Dec. 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is no used book sale in January. See you in February!
• Fundraising cookbooks for sale: “Nature’s Gifts: Wild Rice and Berries from the Folle Avoine” are $6 at the library circulation desk. They make a nice holiday gift!

Christmas closing
The library will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 24, and Wednesday, Dec. 25, in observation of the Christmas holidays. We will be open again on Thursday, Dec. 26.

Book club
There is no December meeting.

Beautiful fence painting in our parking lot!
Charla Stickland has created a masterpiece for our library. It is a must-see! The artist’s insight about the mural, located on the fence in the Larsen Family Public Library parking lot in Webster: The mural title: “Beautiful fence painting in our parking lot!” The artist’s insight about the mural, located on the fence in the Larsen Family Public Library parking lot in Webster.

Marines Toys for Tots
The Marine Corps Reserve has placed a collection box in our library for toys for less fortunate children. When you place a toy in a Marines Toy for Tots collection box, you experience the joy of knowing a toy will be under the tree in a family’s home and bring a smile to a child’s face.

Hertel Headstart
The children from the Hertel Headstart visited our library on Thursday, Dec. 5, for a tour and a story about dinosaurs—they are real! Some of the children decided to stay and explore the library’s collection of non-fiction books about dinosaurs. They spent much time looking at books about these fascinating creatures.

Preschool story time
Join us every Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. for stories, activities, crafts and lots of fun as we explore the alphabet and counting!

New severe weather policy
In August, our library board voted to change our severe weather policy. Instead of automatically closing when the Webster School closes, the closing of the library will be at the discretion of the library director. The primary factor of any decision made will be the safety of the staff and the library patrons. However, maximum effort will be made to maintain regular library operating hours. Patrons are advised to call the library at 715-606-7697 to verify that the library is open.

Matching donation
Our fall giving campaign to help raise money to pay off our building debt is in full swing. We have an anonymous donor that will match up to $10,000 raised by the end of this year. We are excited about the challenge and we hope we can fulfill our mission!

Newly acquired materials
Adult
• “A Minute to Midnight” by David Baldacci
• “Karolina’s Twins” by Ronald H. Balson
• “Death on Tap” by Ellie Alexander
• “The Shadow Sister” by Lucinda Riley
• “The Pearl Sister” by Lucinda Riley
• “Honolulu” by Alan Brennert
• “The Print of No Return” by Elle Alexander
• “In the Cradle of Love” by Olivia Neupert
• “The Secret of the Silver Swan” by Jennifer Probst
• “Twisted Twenty-Six” by Janet Evanovich
• “Yellowstone: Season 2”
• “Poldark: Seasons 1-5”

Adult nonfiction
• “Knit Shallows and Wraps in 1 Week” by Marie Greene

Juvenile
• “Mary Engelbreit’s A Merry Little Christmas: Celebrate From A to Z”

Movies
• “Five Little Thank-You’s” by Cindy Jin
• “One Christmas Adventure” by Christina Butler
• “In the Middle of Fall” by Kevin Henkes
• “The Most Wonderful Gift in the World” by Mark Sperring
• “Oh, No, Bear!” by Joanna Pasini
• “One Fox: A Counting Book Thriller” by Kate Read
• “Johnny’s Plesiosaur” by Cheryl Minnema
• “Garfield’s Almost-in-Great-Geological-Guide to Math” by Rebeca Hirsch
• “30-Minute Outdoor Science Projects” by Anna Leigh
• “Through the Animal Kingdom” by DK
• “A Day so Gray” by Marie Lamba
• “Just In Case You Want to Fly” by Julie Fogliano
• “Home in the Woods” by Eliza Wheeler
• “Wrecking Ball: Diary of a Wimpy Kid” by Jeff Kinney
• “Little Mole’s Wish” by Kit San Gun

Young adult
• “Call Down the Hawk” by Maggie Stiefvater

AudioBooks on CD
• “Twisted Twenty-Six” by Janet Evanovich
• “Yellowstone: Season 2”
• “Poldark: Seasons 1-5”
• “Noelle”

Contact information and hours
Telephone: 715-866-7697, website: webster.lib.wi.us/search. Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Find us online at leaderregister.com

Larsen Family Public Library

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Charla Stickland was hired by the village of Webster to paint a mural on the fence in the Webster Library’s parking lot. The title of the mural is “Freedom” and it is a must-see! – Photo provided

Monday visitors of Hank and Karen Mangelsen were Leroy Nelson and Dale Cronkite. Sandy Benizer attended the sing-along at Maple Ridge Tuesday afternoon. She helped Pastor Ferdinand Serra serve Communion to the residents who came to the activity. Gerry Hines, Karen and Hank Mangelsen, and Marlene Swarngins went out to eat together Wednesday to celebrate Gerry’s birthday. Kyle Lindquist called on Hank and Karen Mangelsen Wednesday afternoon, and Pastor Serra visited them Thursday. Weekend visitors were Larry Mangelsen, and Brady and Rick Kostloki.

Dewey-LaFollette

Grantsburg Honor Roll

A honor roll

Seniors

Juniors
Gustav Bergman, Adrienne Covey, Adrianna Goeplert, Amy Harmon, Wilamina Hart, Anesa Kulmoe, Victoria Laufer, Derek Lee, Gretchen Lee, Anna Lehne, Bruce Lindau, Allison Peterson, Kyle Robel, Kaitlyn Rombach, Christoph Swanson, Nick Swift, Lutke Thureen, John Tyczik, Jared Van Watermeulen, Justin Van Watermeulen and Jadyn Watt.

Sophomores

Freshmen

B honor roll

Seniors
Austin Anderson, Reed Arnold, Clayton Beachler, Michael Bistram, Michael Chenal, Shilo Covey, Dauntly Erickson, Charlie Huerh, Risa Jensen, Austin Louis, Parker Moorehead, Jared Patterson and Jacob Phillips.

Juniors

Sophomores

Freshmen
The power of prayer

I accidentally slammed a heavy door on my thumb one day. Despite ice packs, every beat of my heart brought relentless throes of pain. It hurt so much, I decided to skip my church’s weekly prayer meeting, which I’d never missed. On second thought, I’d suffer whether at home or in church, so I went to the meeting.

On arrival I hurried to the altar where the group members were laying hands on the shoulders of a woman who had asked for prayer. Not even knowing her request, I joined them. My throbbing hand reminded me of a dentist’s drill. As our prayers continued, the pain began to recede.

By the end of our prayers, it had disappeared. By the end of our prayers, it had disappeared.
MILLTOWN LUTHERAN 3591 State Rd. 170, Osceola, WI 54020
Pastor: Rev. Edward Cline, St. Peter Pastor
Rev. Cline @ St. Peter Lutheran Church
207-713-0928
Sunday Worship - 11:00 a.m.

DANBURG UNITED METHODIST 2765 S. Monroe Rd., St. Croix Falls, WI 54024
Pastor: Rev. Diane Murphy, St. Matthew Pastor
Rev. Murphy @ St. Matthew United Methodist Church
715-465-9495
Sunday Worship - 8:00 a.m.

GRACE UNITED METHODIST - WEBSTER 2381 S Main St., Webster, WI 54893
Pastor: Rev. Emily Schleifenbaum
Rev. Emily @ Grace United Methodist Church
715-563-0005
Sunday Worship - 9:00 a.m.

SUNSET LUTHERAN - SILENT FALLS RM  3582 County Road H, Luck, WI 54853
Pastor: Rev. Gary Leach
Rev. Gary @ Sunset Lutheran Church
715-485-3900
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC 757 E. 1st Ave., Osceola, WI 54020
Pastor: Rev. Matthew Fiscus, St. Mary Pastor
Rev. Fiscus @ St. Mary Catholic Church
715-485-3703
Sunday Latin Mass 8:00 a.m., Mass 11:00 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH LUTHERAN 470 Old Highway H, Babcock, WI 54817
Pastor: Rev. George Nissen
Rev. George @ St. Joseph Lutheran Church
715-485-7717
Sunday Worship - 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

ST. JOHN’S EV. LUTHERAN (Wis. Synod) 200 N. Adams St., St. Croix Falls, WI 54024
Pastor: Rev. Timothy Blauret, St. John’s Pastor
Rev. Timothy @ St. John’s Ev. Lutheran Church
715-485-3445
Friday Mass 4:00 p.m.; Mass 5:00 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC 375 E. 1st Ave., Osceola, WI 54020
Pastor: Rev. Matthew Fiscus, St. Mary Pastor
Rev. Fiscus @ St. Mary Catholic Church
715-485-3703
Saturday Mass 4:00 p.m.

ST. JOHN’S LUTHERAN 715-689-2123
Pastor: Rev. Andrew Larson
Rev. Andrew @ St. John’s Lutheran Church
715-689-2125
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

EUREKA BAPTIST 97686 Lofty Pines Drive, Siren, WI 54872
Pastor: Rev. Dan Pearson
Rev. Dan @ Eureka Baptist Church
715-349-5601
Worship Service 9:00 a.m.; Children’s Church 9:30 a.m.

PEACE LUTHERAN - DRESSER (ELCA) 2801 S. 80th St., Milwaukee, WI 53226
Pastor: Rev. Paul Koenig
Rev. Paul @ Peace Lutheran Church
414-475-4111
Sunday Worship - 9:30 a.m.

TOL 13930 1st Ave. So., Eau Claire, WI 54703
Pastor: Rev. John Martin
Rev. John @ TOL 13930 1st Ave. So.
715-838-4926
Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.

EAGLE WORKS CHURCH 358 N. 3rd Ave., Luck, WI 54853
Pastor: Rev. James Redmond
Rev. James @ Eagle Works Church
715-689-3755
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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Arianna Dorsett has been chosen Frederic Elementary School's student of the week. She is in first grade and works very hard each day. She loves school because she "gets to learn." She loves to watch and play football, thinking that maybe one day she may be a professional football player. She is an amazing student.

William King has been chosen Frederic Middle School's student of the week. He is in ninth grade and was the son of Elizabeth King and Ryan King. He plans on participating in track, and he moves, yoga, hiking and fixes things. He likes to play Yu-Gi-Oh and talk things apart and fix things with his family. His favorite subject is math. He plans to join Delta Force.

Aaron Nelson has been chosen Frederic High School's student of the week. The son of Stephanie Nelson. He likes to practice and the math with hard problems and equations! He is a great role model and is the son of Andrew Bottelson and Alexis Bibeau and Alexis VonDoehren. He is a friend to everyone. He likes to play video games, basketball and spend time with his brothers. When he grows up, he wants to be a video game developer.

Siren High School's student of the week. She is in eighth grade. She is her favorite class is gym. She is creative and helps with the clarinet and recently began playing the flute. She is a strong leader. She takes initiative to seek out new information and improve herself. She babysits and volunteers at Forts Fredrick. She is interested in drawing and learning about history. She plans to attend college and cut hair and that involves psychology and anthropology.

Alaina Burgstaller has been chosen Luck Elementary School's student of the week. She is in first grade and is the daughter of Lakota Schallenberger and Dakota Burgstaller. She loves to play with her classmates. She likes to go horseback riding and play with her family. Her classmates describe her as kind, a helper and bubbly. She is nice to everyone and always willing to help out in the classroom.

Abby Weechinger has been chosen Luck Middle School's student of the week. She is in seventh grade and is the daughter of Gail and Gail Weechinger. She has a positive attitude and is proud to be in her student council helps with communications, plans school events and the basketball softball. She enjoys playing sports, spending time with her family, going to the gel with her brother and always tries to be the best person she can be.

Sopheira Sauveur has been chosen Luck High School's student of the week. She is a friend to everyone. She is involved in student council FCLCA, FFA, drama, cheer Spanish Club, volleyball, basketball, softball and tennis and works at the Milltown Drive Inn. She enjoys reading and helping. She plans to attend college to become a chiropractor and wear her brother's practice.

Katherine Larson has been chosen St. Croix Falls Elementary School's student of the week. She is in fourth grade and lives at home with her mom, dad and younger brother and sister. They have one cat, Whiskers. The family likes to read and do arts together. She loves to play with her friends and "do lots of math with hard problems and equations!" When she grows up, she wants to be a professional football player. She is an amazing student.

Larissa Chapman has been chosen St. Croix Falls Middle School's student of the week. She is in seventh grade and is the daughter of Jack and MerriChanan Chapman. She enjoys playing basketball, volleyball, softball, volleyball and also enjoys air, reading and going to Green Bay and Wisconsin Dells. Her favorite subject is social studies. A teacher commented, "Larissa’s ethic in class is immaculate. She is very detailed and precise in her work. She always performs her best."

Tyler Park has been chosen St. Croix Falls High School's student of the week. He is a junior and the son of Matthew and Sarah Park. He is a dedicated student who looks beyond and beyond his question. He likes to investigate and also why and how things work in the world. He is interested in robotics, Future Farmers Club and Quiz Bowl and is considering going into the computer sciences field.

Marlie Larson has been chosen Unity Elementary School's student of the week. She is the daughter of Tyler Blatteau and Steakrough. He is a great role model for her peers. She is kind and always looking out for her friends. Every morning she comes to school with a smile on her face and is excited to learn.

Maggie Cox has been chosen Unity Middle School's student of the week. She is in eighth grade and the daughter of Jeremy and Katie Cox. She is a hardworking student and is a good student. She is a good classmate and is always willing to help others. She is involved in volleyball and track and field. She enjoys playing volleyball, softball, baseball, basketball and swimming. She plans to attend college and cut hair and that involves psychology and anthropology.

Jennifer Paulson has been chosen Webster Elementary School's student of the week. She is a new student at our school this year and the daughter of Cassandra Sheldon. It is excited to be in first grade and is a friend to everyone. She is a hard worker and is making significant progress in Latin. She enjoys working with her classmates and always has a positive attitude and a smile.

Missi Niles has been chosen Webster Middle School's student of the week. She is in seventh grade and is the daughter of Sonya Niles and Russell Niles. She is a math student. She enjoys a lot of math and very good grades. She likes to work with her classmates and is an amazing student. She is involved in cheer, volleyball and basketball. She enjoys shopping.

Ave Washburn has been chosen Webster High School's student of the week. She is a cheerleader and the daughter of Jerrod and Keanie Washburn. She always strives to do her best and is willing to work very hard for everything that wants to accomplish. She is willing to participate in the classroom and takes pride in her schoolwork. She is involved in volleyball and track. Her favorite extracurricular activity is being in the band. She plans to attend college and cut hair and that involves psychology and anthropology.

Congratulations to all students on a job well done!
**November Events**

**Thursday, December 5**
- **Clam Falls**
  - Coffee hour at Clam Falls Lutheran Church, 9 a.m.

**Saturday, December 7**
- **Danbury**
  - **A Christmas Carol: A Live Radio Play** at the high school, 7 p.m., festivaldan.org, 715-848-3387.

**Sunday, December 8**
- **Clam Falls**
  - **A Christmas Carol: A Live Radio Play** at Franklin Theatre, 7:30 p.m., 715-483-3837, festivaltheatre.org.

**Monday, December 9**
- **Central**
  - **Intro to Needle Felting class** at the library, 9 a.m., 715-463-2244.

**Tuesday, December 10**
- **St. Croix Falls**
  - **Middle school Christmas concert** at the community center, 7 p.m., 715-568-0270.

**Wednesday, December 11**
- **Danbury**
  - **The Benson Family Singers at the Forts**
  - **Community choir Christmas concert** at Bethany Lutheran Church, 7 p.m., 715-866-8717.

**Thursday, December 12**
- **Clam Falls**
  - **Improving Wildlife Habitat community ed class** at Unity School, 5-7 p.m., 715-501-8072.

**Friday, December 13**
- **Danbury**
  - **Free Blood Pressure Checks** at the senior center, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 715-472-7770.

**Saturday, December 14**
- **Danbury**
  - **Free Beauty Salon Day** at the library, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 715-463-2244.

**Sunday, December 15**
- **Danbury**
  - **Christmas at the Forts**
  - **Riverplace Christmas meal** at Landmark Lodge, 2 p.m., 715-866-4281.

**Monday, December 16**
- **Clam Falls**
  - **Intro to Needle Felting class** at the library, 9 a.m., 715-463-2244.

**Tuesday, December 17**
- **St. Croix Falls**
  - **Monthly meeting of American Legion Post 185** at the school, 7 p.m., 715-848-3274, redcrossblood.org.

**Wednesday, December 18**
- **St. Croix Falls**
  - **Free Blood Pressure Checks** at the senior center, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 715-472-7770.

**Thursday, December 19**
- **Clam Falls**
  - **Intro to Needle Felting class** at the library, 9 a.m., 715-463-2244.

**Friday, December 20**
- **Danbury**
  - **Santa visit** at the library, 10 a.m., 715-866-8717.

**Saturday, December 21**
- **Danbury**
  - **Christmas at the Forts**
  - **Virtual family Christmas concert** at St. Croix Falls Lutheran Church, 7 p.m., 715-866-8717.

**Sunday, December 22**
- **Danbury**
  - **A Christmas Carol: A Live Radio Play** at the high school, 7 p.m., 715-848-3387, festivaldan.org.

**Monday, December 23**
- **Danbury**
  - **ABBY’s Waking with Ewing Carisma spaghetti dinner fundraiser at Unity School, 5-7 p.m., 715-501-8072.

**Tuesday, December 24**
- **Clam Falls**
  - **Intro to Needle Felting class** at the school, 6:30-8 p.m., 866-8890, theforts.org.

**Wednesday, December 25**
- **Clam Falls**
  - **Free Blood Pressure Checks** at the senior center, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 715-472-7770.

**Thursday, December 26**
- **Clam Falls**
  - **Intro to Needle Felting class** at the library, 9 a.m., 715-463-2244.

**Friday, December 27**
- **Danbury**
  - **Virtual family Christmas concert** at St. Croix Falls Lutheran Church, 7 p.m., 715-866-8717.

**Saturday, December 28**
- **Danbury**
  - **Christmas at the Forts**
  - **Christmas meal** at Interstate Inn, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 715-866-8717.

**Sunday, December 29**
- **Danbury**
  - **Christmas at the Forts**
  - **Virtual family Christmas concert** at St. Croix Falls Lutheran Church, 7 p.m., 715-866-8717.

**Monday, December 30**
- **Danbury**
  - **Christmas at the Forts**
  - **Online Christmas meal** at Interstate Inn, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 715-866-8717.

**Tuesday, December 31**
- **Danbury**
  - **Christmas at the Forts**
  - **Virtual family Christmas concert** at St. Croix Falls Lutheran Church, 7 p.m., 715-866-8717.

**Wednesday, January 1**
- **Clam Falls**
  - **Intro to Needle Felting class** at the library, 9 a.m., 715-463-2244.

**Thursday, January 2**
- **Clam Falls**
  - **Intro to Needle Felting class** at the library, 9 a.m., 715-463-2244.

**Friday, January 3**
- **Clam Falls**
  - **Intro to Needle Felting class** at the library, 9 a.m., 715-463-2244.

**Saturday, January 4**
- **Clam Falls**
  - **Intro to Needle Felting class** at the library, 9 a.m., 715-463-2244.

**Sunday, January 5**
- **Clam Falls**
  - **Intro to Needle Felting class** at the library, 9 a.m., 715-463-2244.

**Monday, January 6**
- **Clam Falls**
  - **Intro to Needle Felting class** at the library, 9 a.m., 715-463-2244.

**Tuesday, January 7**
- **Clam Falls**
  - **Intro to Needle Felting class** at the library, 9 a.m., 715-463-2244.

**Wednesday, January 8**
- **Clam Falls**
  - **Intro to Needle Felting class** at the library, 9 a.m., 715-463-2244.

**Thursday, January 9**
- **Clam Falls**
  - **Intro to Needle Felting class** at the library, 9 a.m., 715-463-2244.

**Friday, January 10**
- **Clam Falls**
  - **Intro to Needle Felting class** at the library, 9 a.m., 715-463-2244.

**Saturday, January 11**
- **Clam Falls**
  - **Intro to Needle Felting class** at the library, 9 a.m., 715-463-2244.

**Sunday, January 12**
- **Clam Falls**
  - **Intro to Needle Felting class** at the library, 9 a.m., 715-463-2244.

**Monday, January 13**
- **Clam Falls**
  - **Intro to Needle Felting class** at the library, 9 a.m., 715-463-2244.

**Tuesday, January 14**
- **Clam Falls**
  - **Intro to Needle Felting class** at the library, 9 a.m., 715-463-2244.

**Wednesday, January 15**
- **Clam Falls**
  - **Intro to Needle Felting class** at the library, 9 a.m., 715-463-2244.

**Thursday, January 16**
- **Clam Falls**
  - **Intro to Needle Felting class** at the library, 9 a.m., 715-463-2244.

**Friday, January 17**
- **Clam Falls**
  - **Intro to Needle Felting class** at the library, 9 a.m., 715-463-2244.

**Saturday, January 18**
- **Clam Falls**
  - **Intro to Needle Felting class** at the library, 9 a.m., 715-463-2244.

**Sunday, January 19**
- **Clam Falls**
  - **Intro to Needle Felting class** at the library, 9 a.m., 715-463-2244.