Voters pick candidates for April ballot

It’s Tiffany vs. Zunker for 7th District Congress and Kelly vs. Karofsky for state Supreme Court
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Tower headed to new home

The Grantsburg Department of Natural Resources fire tower stood tall against a bright blue sky for the last time Tuesday, Feb. 18. A crew will begin taking down the steel structure Wednesday morning, Feb. 19, for reassembly in its new home in Montreal, Wisconsin. See more photos on page 36. - Photo by Priscilla Bauer

We want your feedback!

Burnett Medical Center is seeking community input to help determine a new branding direction. The survey is available on BMC’s website, www.burnettmedicalcenter.com, under the Community Tab, until Feb 26th!
HIGHEST PAID PUBLIC EMPLOYEES IN WISCONSIN ... BUT

According to thebadgerproject.org, the highest-paid public employees in the state are Badger coaches, however, just a fraction of their salaries are paid with public funds. UW-Badgers head football coach Paul Chryst earned a salary of more than $4 million in 2019 but more than 80% of it, $3.75 million, came from the University of Wisconsin Foundation, a nonprofit corporation funded by private donors. The same is true of the other most prominent Badger coach, Greg Gard. Chryst and Gard each receive a $400,000 annual salary from the athletic department via TV contracts, ticket sales, apparel sales, etc. Gard got an additional $2.05 million from the foundation for the 2019-2020 season, taking his current salary to $2.45 million. The entire story can be found at thebadgerproject.org. – Photos from thebadgerproject.org

HOGS FOR HEROES

Hogs for Heroes, a Wisconsin-based charity, is now accepting applications from injured Wisconsin veteran riders for their next two Harley-Davidson motorcycles to be gifted in May/June of this year. Having returned 11 veteran riders to the road in a three-year period, this marks the 12th and 13th bike Hogs for Heroes will be giving since it was founded in 2015, far exceeding their goal of one bike per year. The application period opened Saturday, Feb. 15, and submissions must be postmarked by Sunday, March 21. All application materials can be found at hogsforheroeswi.org under the “application and selection” tab. “We are working to help those injured veterans who once had a passion for riding and now find themselves without the means or ability to have a bike in their life,” said Hogs for Heroes President Kevin Thompson. “Getting back on the road has been powerful healing for our 11 recipients and we encourage Wisconsin veteran riders who have been injured in the course of active duty, and are longing to return to riding, to apply, as this program is for them.” – Special graphic

FIRE DESTROYS HOME ON LOWER CLAM

A fire destroyed a home on Lower Clam Lake Sunday, Feb. 16. The Webster Fire Department responded to the blaze at 5:40 p.m. and called Siren Fire Department for mutual aid. Both departments were on the scene until 10:45 p.m. The structure is a total loss, according to Webster Fire Chief Allen Steiner. A garage with living quarters was saved. The photo shows the scene as firefighters arrived. – Photo courtesy Webster Fire Department

CLIMATE CHANGE WILL MEAN LESS MAPLE SYRUP

Climate change could rob Wisconsin of its maple syrup, a North Woods forest ecol- ogist says. A report by Wisconsin Public Radio this week states that federal scientists are saying that if carbon emissions aren’t cut back, the state will become much less hospitable to the sugar maple, along with a host of other tree species, including northern white cedar, paper birch and southern aspen. Maple syrup is a $7 million industry in Wisconsin, according to a 2017 report by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. See full story at leaderreregister.com. – Photo Else Amendola/AP Photo
Voters finalize April ballot

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Interest group spending sees big drop in second half of 2019

Interest groups spent $16.7 million lobbying the state Capitol during the second half of 2019, a big drop from the same period two years earlier, according to a WisPolitics.com check of filings. Lobbying over the second half of 2017 hit a high-water mark with $38.5 million spent trying to influence the Capitol as the budget was dragged into September with GOP lawmakers in the As-

sembly and Senate bickering over final pass. The Wisconsin Hospital Association was No. 2 at $343,432, while the Wis-

cs Credit Union League was No. 3 at $308,527. WMC reported it spent 14% of its money on the six-month period was a significant uptick from the $15.6 million spent during the same period two years ear-

lier. But that activity fell off significantly for the same period in 2019 for obvious reasons: the budget was done on time, while the Senate was in just two days during the fall floor period and the Assembly just three. Altogether, lobbyist groups spent 93,920 hours over the last six months of 2019 trying to influ-

ece the Capitol, compared to 102,150 hours during the same period in 2017. The dip in spending during the last six months of the year also helped drop the

len’s efforts. WPA President and CEO Eric Borg-

dering said the new telehealth law is a perfect example of the group’s efforts to “move the needle” to address health care challenges. “It increases access to care, had bipar-

tisan authors, enjoyed unanimous sup-

port and now it’s law,” Borgerdning said. “It takes a lot of time and resources to lobby in the comprehensive way WHA does it.”

The Wisconsin Credit Union League spent 24% of its efforts on the Assembly and Senate versions of legislation that
composed scores and college readiness in English, reading and science and placed sixth-highest for math. The ACT, one of two major tests that college applicants depend on, is the more popular choice in the Midwest, while the SAT is more popular on the coasts. The forum’s analysis stems from the newly released second edition of its School Data Tool, which includes a new measurement of Wisconsin students college readiness based on their scores on the ACT. This information is a service of the Wis-

consin Policy Forum, the state’s leading resource for nonpartisan government research and civic education. Learn more at wispolicyforum.org.

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Stop the Trojan Pig

Foreign investors are trying to build giant hog factory farms in Polk County. By destroying our property values and health they can make millions of dollars shipping pork to Mexico and China. Last October the Polk County Sheriff’s Office was forced to demand that our supervisors pass a moratorium and give us a report on the environmental and health impacts of these factories. If the study isn’t done they must extend the moratorium. This is what they are doing.

Guess what? There is no report! They don’t want people to know what their actions are doing to our county. They are very secretive and no research and no analysis. It appears that these big corporations have hijacked the Polk County sheriff’s office. It is the Chisago County sheriff’s office so willing to let these factories store manure, corpses and placentas in Polk County but not in Chisago County. Nothing really happens here, right? You may see us with rifles slung across our chests, wearing additional body armor, and driving an armored vehicle. We are not aware that we are protecting the public when evil tries to do harm to them.

Because of this, I would like to tell you a story about what happened during the early-morning hours of Feb. 19, 2019. On this night I was patrolling the city of Stacy when another deputy informed me of aACTIVE CALLER ID.

Deputy Anklan was the first into the area and took a spot at the Hwy. 8 bridge in Taylors Falls. The suspect continued fleeing from law enforcement by driving up the hill on Hwy. 8, it struck the Stop Sticks, causing the tires to begin losing air. The suspect continued fleeing from law enforcement by driving up the hill on Hwy. 8. Other Chisago County deputies entered the pursuit and shortly after that, the vehicle crashed into the concrete wall, halfway up the hill. We were now faced with a potential gunfight with the suspect, as deputies quickly exited their squads, grabbed their rifles, and put themselves in position preparing for what appeared to be inevitable. As I got on the scene I positioned myself so that I could try and use it without any of us getting hurt or killed. I also thankful to have the best tools to do harm to innocent people and we must be prepared for that when it happens.

Having equipment such as rifles, body armor and an armored vehicle is an absolute necessity to protect ourselves and protect those we serve. As I think about this call now, after the baby years have passed, it is clear that for my partners who worked together as a team to solve this violent incident we did. With the life or the suspect committed suicide with his own firearm. The scene was then turned over to the sheriff and they found the suspect was in possession of a shotgun, multiple handguns and ammunition. It was apparent that he was prepared for a gunfight.

So, do we really need rifles and body armor and armored vehicles? Absolutely! There are ballsy people who look to do harm to innocent people and we must be prepared. Having equipment such as rifles, body armor and an armored vehicle is an absolute necessity to protect ourselves and protect those we serve.

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Stop to think about our wives, children or families that worked hard, loved God, family and made that country the envy of the world. I thank God for my dad and all the families that worked hard and worked hard to feed the world. With all of his billions of dollars, Bloomberg will never experience the rewards, blessings and satisfaction that come from plowing the 5 .

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Removal of Clam Falls Flowage dam could occur this year

Jackie Moody and Renee Nanez | Clam Falls Flowage Lakeshore Association

CLAM FALLS – The Clam River may soon be running free as the Clam Falls Flowage Dam owned and operated by Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company appears to be headed for abandonment and removal. NWEC reports that they are scheduled to begin lowering the water level by 4 feet at a rate of 6 inches a day starting as soon as ice is out this spring; however, no WDNR Environmental Impact Study has yet been conducted on the flowage and wildlife around the lake.

The Clam Falls dam was built in 1914 and modified around 1953. It has not produced electricity since 1986. It has a maximum height of 35 feet and impounds the 127-acre Clam Falls Flowage. A bridge in the town of Clam Falls crosses the flowage on CTH I just upstream a few feet from the dam. The flowage itself flows north and bleeds into the upper reaches of McKenzie Creek Wildlife Area. A portion of the Ice Age Trail crosses the Clam River inside the wildlife area and just downstream from the southern reach of the flowage.

The dam received a “significant hazard” rating in May 2017 by the Wisconsin DNR. An NWEC engineering study done by Ayres and Associates determined the dam could remain operational at a cost of $1.5 million.

On Aug. 1, 2019, NWEC made an offer to both the town of Clam Falls and to Polk County. Under the terms, NWEC would transfer ownership of the dam and provide $750,000 for removal and remediation. Both the town and Polk County have subsequently rejected the offer.

The Clam River, McKenzie Creek and Maple Valley Creek flow into the Clam Falls Flowage. Somewhere under that pool of water the two creeks merge into the Clam River, presumably creating a rush of current that creates the falls. Geologically, the area of Clam Falls, and the rolling terrain around it, mark the terminal end of the St. Croix advance of the Superior glacial lobe. Approximately 70 acres of the flowage lie outside the northern boundary of McKenzie Creek Wildlife Area.

The Clam River flows northwesterly from the dam into Clam Lake in southern Burnett County. It emerges out of the lake and begins a 20-mile this-way flow of crazy oxbow twists and turns before reaching a second dam just below its confluence with the St. Croix River in the Governor Knowles State Park.

Due to the proximity of over 3,000 acres of county/state land, Clam Falls Flowage sustains abundant wildlife in the area including dozens of trumpeter swans that winter in the southern portion of the flowage where ice doesn’t form due to the movement of the incoming creek water; they also nest and raise their young at Clam Falls Flowage. Several species of ducks, including mallards and wood ducks, loons and Canada goose nest and raise their young along the shoreline. Bald eagles build their nests in lakeside trees, depend on the lake for food, and raise their babies. Sandhill cranes, great blue herons, northern pike, bass, crappies, perch, sunfish and bluegills, painted turtles, snapping turtles, beavers, muskrats, otters and any number of other birds, animals and fish are part of the melange of animals living around and in the lake. The Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission has also recently documented that approximately 10 acres of wild rice grows in the flowage.

Also, because of the county/state land being adjacent to the flowage, there is a large percentage of the lakefront that will never be developed, allowing for the small lake to be enjoyed by everyone and not privately owned.

The concern of citizens in the area is that it has not been studied and addressed, what a huge impact removing the dam would have on their small community. Clam Falls is a very typical small Wisconsin town, with one church, one bar, two campgrounds and several cottage industries including a cabin rental business, a boat/pontoon cover business and several area farmers.

There are also other areas of consideration that will in all probability be impacted by removal of the dam. Tourism will sideline without a doubt. The two campgrounds on the flowage with a total of over 100 sites will affect over 100 families that usually bring many tourism dollars to the area. Groceries, gas, restaurant meals, money spent on entertainment, etc., will decrease. Land values will be negatively affected and hunting license revenue will also suffer. The Federic and Lorain fire departments rely on the dry hydrant on the flowage for their water supply in case of a fire in the area. Private wells will also be affected.

Another consideration is who would be responsible for the restoration of the area and to what extent would it be left with the look of a war zone? Who would be responsible for the cost of restoration and how much would that cost?

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See more information at facebook.com/pg/Save-Clam-Falls-Flowage-Dam/1498730010370437/posts/.

A drawdown of the Clam Flowage could occur as soon as this spring. A two-minute video on the issue can be found at the Save the Clam Falls Flowage Dam Facebook site. – Special photo
Proposed 120-unit campground near Devils Lake brings discussion

Some accuse county of creating a “camping economy”

Becky Strabel | Staff writer
BURLINGTON — A public hearing part of the Burnett County Land Use and Information Committee was shown to be a forum for general comment section on Tuesday, Feb. 4. Once again, camping was the topic of discussion.

Last spring, Daniel Chelmo, of Waute- tona, who inherited 200 acres of farm- land along CTH A just west of Devils Lake, began approaching the multiple municipal boards that hold authority over his property. He was looking to de- velop a new 120-unit campground.

In June of 2019, the committee heard twice about the proposal through a one-hour-long presentation by Chelmo and then requested more information from him and tabled the application until September. When that meeting came, Chelmo needed more time. The board gave him two months.

Public comment came from year- round property owners who were op- posed to the Chelmo plan. The board approved the county creating a camping econ- omy instead of encouraging permanent cabin or homeownership. They state that campgrounds create more of a burden to the infrastructure and services.

One man commented that if camp-grounds are what the county is selling it will drive cabin owners away. He stated that he spent over $10,000 last summer but many campers bring what they need with them and spend very little in the local area.

Residents understood when they pur- chased their houses that Devils Lake had both an established youth campground and a resort. They say they didn’t plan that the county would consider adding a new campground in a residential area.

According to comments, there are 170 paying property owners on the lake. The campground would add at least 120 more people using the lake tax free.

Supervisor Doug Coolidge added that there is a public landing on the east side of Devils Lake and that the county, through its own department, is seek- ing an outdoor recreation grant to pay for the installation of a retaining wall and landing improvements.

Eventually, the committee reminded the group that they were not there to approve or deny the conditions as it was time to use permit for Chelmo, but rather to give another extension or to dismiss the appli- cation.

Committee member Craig Conroy stated that while others have received some extension in the past, Chelmo has the的脸 ability of time and that his plans keep changing for the CUP. Con- roy suggested that they dismiss the cur- rent CUP and start over. Other members agreed that Chelmo had ample time and that he kept changing the landscape. They stated that they needed to be provided a shivedown version to appease the public and committee,” stated Supervi- sor Chris Nelson of District 4.

A motion and the reason for it was documented on record, and the com- mittee reminded the jury that it was a dismissal, which doesn’t mean that Chelmo couldn’t reapply. The group brought the application to the gallery that the committee was asked where the county stands regarding campgrounds. They stated that they take no stance. It was countered with a comment about pro- tecting the rural nature of the county. They stated that they have a pretty rural use and just a different way to enjoy nature.

School board president clarifies her role, using WASB as source

Responds to earlier questions

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SIREN — The Siren School Board has been hearing quite a few public com- ments from last few months and they haven’t been just from people in the audience. Board members have been issuing pub- lic statements on their own behalf and on behalf of the whole board. Tuesday, Jan. 27, meeting was no different.

Board President Peggy Moore read a statement from their Wisconsin School Board Association legal representative regarding the president’s job description, which was submitted at the December board meeting by Vice President Mark Pettis and board member Susie Imme. They questioned statements made on behalf of the board without input from the board and listen solely and respectfully to the board on issues.

According to Moore, she had never heard their version of her job description and was assumed it had been gleaned from a google search.

The association referred Moore to the definition in the state statutes. The WASB rep also stated that other board members have spoken. I suppose a board might have their opinion until after other members have spoken. I suppose a board might have their opinion until after other members have spoken.

The WASB rep also stated that there are statutory duties listed for the board vice president other than to assume the role of the president in that person’s absence. However, board policy can assign vice presidents with other duties.

Moore read from the prepared state- ment, “Note that the statutes do not specify how school board committee ap- pointments are made. The comment was made that a board president is to listen to all other members’ comments before expressing their own opinion.” She con- tinued, “Does the law require that a board president wait to express his or her opinion until after other members have expressed? I suppose a board might adopt policy like that, but I’ve reviewed multiple policy manuals and know of no boards that adopt.”

Administrator Kevin Shelter spoke up and offered an apology to the full board for wording some of the comments that he has written and run past only Moore, but presented as being from the board as a whole.

Other business

Open enrollment vacancies were approved, and range from five to 20 seats per grade in the elementary area; approximately 60 additional students can be placed in the three middle-school grades.

New resolution prohibits CAFOs in shoreland districts

Mary Stirrat | Staff writer
BALSAM LAKE — On the agenda of the Thursday, Feb. 6, Polk County Board of Supervisors meeting is a reso- lution that will extend the moratorium on swine concentrated animal feeding operations up to another six months, possibly bringing it to October before the moratorium is ended and any new regulations are put in place.

Supervisor Chris Nelson of District 4, town of Mound, village of Maple River and Polk- sam Lake, brought the resolution to the Wednesday, Feb. 12, meeting of the environ- mental services committee, which is recommending it to the full county board for approval.

Also extending the duration of the moratorium, the resolution will prohibit the location of swine CAFOs in any area subject to a land-use ordinance.

“The intent for a swine CAFO (will) be limited to the agricultural property within the county that is subject to the comprehensive land-use ordinance in order to maximize the protection of the county’s navigable waters,” the resolu- tion states.

Nelson said he is hopeful that all the taxpayers will pass this resolution and the board will vote to support it Thursday.

“We’re going on record as a county board to say if you’re going to build a swine CAFO in Polk County you can’t even come asking for a conditional use (permit) if it’s in a shoreline district,” he said.

This is what the public has been ask- ing for, Nelson said, and supervisors who are not on the environmental ser- vices committee want the opportunity to pass this on to the committee.

“Hopefully you guys agree with that,” he told the committee. “Supervisors are hearing a lot of flak and we don’t have anything to do with this. It’s your baby.”

Committee member Craig Conroy suggested a resolution that would require the group to hold a fresh public hearing.

AT a dismissal, which doesn’t mean that Chelmo couldn’t reapply. The group brought the application to the gallery that the committee was asked where the county stands regarding campgrounds. They stated that they take no stance. It was countered with a comment about pro- tecting the rural nature of the county. They stated that they have a pretty rural use and just a different way to enjoy nature.

Other business

The lone CUP for February included the approval of a campground on a property for up to three years. This party did not plan to keep the unit at the location year- round but would allow enough time to enjoy the property and prepare it for a future home.

The applicants received praised for being proactive, communicating with their neighbors and not creating a com- mercial property in a resi- dential location.

One of the conditions of the approval included working with the land office to establish shoreline improve- ments practices, which the party was already doing. Information on how a county-wide septic system compliance data was part of the packet for the committee. Director Jason Towne reminded the room that the information didn’t mean that sys- tems not included are bad but rather undocumented and noncompliant ver- sus flat-out failing. The information is dependent on the documenting orga- nization and what was available in the online PWOTS reporting system.

The committee contemplated whether higher sewer disposal costs have deterred compliance. Quite possibly, protecting the environment may be hurt- ing the environment, reasoned Johnson.

Polk board to consider CAFO moratorium extension

Steve Kjeseth asked the committee if they would consider extending the moratorium on swine concentrated animal feeding operations up to another six months, possibly bringing it to October before the moratorium is ended and any new regulations are put in place. The committee agreed that the full agenda already set for its next meeting, March 13, will include a discussion of the moratorium and will wait until March. The committee typically meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month and the next meeting again Feb. 19 rather than Feb. 26.
Camp and citizens group release joint statement on development plans

Address community concerns

Editor’s note: The following is a joint statement issued this week by the Wood Lake Camp & Retreat and Concerned Citizens of Big Wood Lake.

GRANTSBURG — Wood Lake Camp & Retreat has announced plans to apply for two new conditional use permits for the former Baptist camp located on Big Wood Lake. The applications seek to use approximately 179 acres of the total 234-acre property as a Christian Recreational and Educational (Rec Ed) Camp for youth, families and community groups and use the remaining land (approximately 57 acres) for community events centered on the oldest Baptist church in Wisconsin.

WLCR has worked together with the Concerned Citizens of Big Wood Lake to address the group’s concerns and develop the details of these conditional use permits.

Rec Ed Camp - 179 acres

The Rec Ed Camp will operate on the lakefront property, the two parcels to the south (including shoreline along Peterson Lake) and an additional 80 acres to the west of Big Wood Lake. The Rec Ed Camp will be operated by a nonprofit entity. The camp’s mission statement is:

- Supporting Christian Faiths through partnerships with the community “to promote and strengthen our bonds with Christ and with each other.”
- Bringing like-minded people together to worship and encourage others in a camp setting.
- The application includes details on camp renovations to be completed, activities to be offered, stormwater runoff management plans, and lighting and minimizing light pollution. The application also addresses other aspects of how the property will be used and operated. In particular, the application states that the 12 campsites that were part of the former Bible camp will be used by volunteers, staff and family campers while at the Rec Ed Camp. These campsites will not be open to the general public.
- Any other plans to build an RV park have been abandoned.
- The application also includes a comprehensive plan outlining future development of the property. Once camp is up and running, WLCR will explore expanding camp and building additional camper cabins on the west 80 acres to add capacity for more kids and youth campers over time.

Camp renovations include new siding and upgraded interiors. Once the Bible camp is re-opened additional camper cabins may be added on the west 80 acres to add capacity for more kids and youth campers over time.

Historic church property – 57 acres

The oldest standing Baptist church in Wisconsin is located on part of the Wood Lake Camp and Retreat’s property. The church was built around 1870 and moved to the community sometime in the 1970s. WLCR has worked with the Concerned Citizens of Big Wood Lake and the neighborhood, local churches and with the concerned citizens group to achieve this vision, said Judith Kinsella, owner of WLCR.

The oldest standing Baptist church in Wisconsin is located on part of the Wood Lake Camp and Retreat’s property. The church was built around 1870 and moved to the property now owned by WLCR. The church was built around 1870 and moved to the camp sometime in the 1970s. WLCR has been working with Leif Erickson, a representative of the local Baptist churches, to renovate the historic church and update the property. The property will be used for community events such as local church picnics, family reunions, weddings and graduations, in addition to continuing to support some activities of the Rec Ed Camp. In the past, the property has not had bathroom facilities, limiting its use by local churches.

Minor renovations will be done to the historic church to preserve it for future generations. Two existing buildings will have bathrooms installed and will be available as multipurpose buildings for activities like Bible studies, prayer groups, small groups, etc. In addition, a new assembly hall and pavilion will be constructed on the property to allow for larger group events. The application states the maximum capacity of the property is 150-200.

Additional detail is provided in the CUP applications.

“WLCR and the CCoBWL are committed to working closely together to address the community’s concerns over the future of the property in addition to addressing the neighborhood’s concerns that started out on the wrong foot.”

“We are encouraged to know that the community wants the same positive outcome that we want: a thriving Christian camp for youth and families. We are committed to working closely with local churches and with the concerned citizens group to achieve this vision,” said Patrick Kinsella, owner of WLCR.

“Wood Lake Bible Camp had a special place in my heart as I was born and raised in the area. I am excited to get camp up and running again for future generations,” said Judith Kinsella, owner of WLCR.

“WLCR is excited to have a plan where the camp, the neighborhood, local churches and the lake can all thrive. We are committed to working with Wood Lake Camp & Retreat to preserve Big Wood Lake and the tradition of Christian youth camps on the lake for generations to come,” said Patrick Hansen, chair of CCoBWL.

For questions about WLCR and the CUP applications, contact Samantha Langenbach at woodlake.camp@gmail.com. For questions about CCoBWL, contact Patrick Hansen, protectbigwoodlake@gmail.com.
Residents express concern over assessments for sidewalk

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SIREN – Posted agenda items on the Thursday, Feb. 6, village board meeting were of concern for many residents who live along the planned pedestrian trail, according to board President Dave Alden. He stated that they were surprised to see that there was a resolution declaring intent to levy special assessment and that financing rates were going to be determined.

The trail or sidewalk from the Clear Lake Park to the stolplog is not a new project for the village. It has appeared in various stages on multiple agendas for the past several years and will be added to connect the school to Kapes Lakeside Assisted Living Facility and from there to the Siren Senior Center. It was determined that the improvements will provide for the health, safety and general welfare of the village and its residents.

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“We are being very generous in the way that we are assessing the property will be sold and the proceeds will be distributed as allowed by state law. The funds are not allowed to go to the school for drug prevention or spent on drug activity enforcement, purchased equipment and safety gear, Agencies that provided mutual aid will also receive a share. The answer to determine financing options if an owner can’t pay the full amount. The board is looking to make it easier for people to pay to the community for the common good of all, not to make money; therefore, they set the interest rate at 3%.”

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able development patterns and maintain community character, and to protect natural resources as well as public and private investments.

Its extent, he continued, is to “balance individual property rights with the in-
terests of the community to create a healthy, safe and orderly environment.”

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Summer school plans outlined

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BALSAM LAKE – It could be within a month that infants and preschoolers are playing and learning at Little Eagles At Play, Unity’s new child care program. Under construction right now and set to be completed in a couple of weeks, the new LEAP facility is located on the southwest corner of the Unity School campus.

Members of the Unity School Board of Education, at their Tuesday, Feb. 11, meeting, toured the new building and learned how the different areas will be used. Leading the tour were district Administrator Brandon Robinson and child care director Heather Tiedemann.

Current work on the building includes wall and floor coverings, both of which are made of materials that are easily cleaned. The flooring in many areas has some flexibility to soften any falls the little ones may take.

Getting into the building requires visitors to be “buzzed” into a secure foyer, where a receptionist behind a fire barrier will check identification before allowing the visitor to enter the actual child care center.

Inside, the building is designed with classrooms and staff areas around the outside and a large play area in the center. Classrooms on the north side are for infants and children up to 18 months, each with an emergency door directly to the outside.

Classrooms for older children who are more mobile are in close proximity to the main entrance for easy exit in case of emergency.

In addition to the emergency exits, there are two other exits on the north side of the building that will be used to access a fenced-in playground.

There is a small on-site kitchen that will be used as a preparation site as well as for any food items brought in by the students. Meals will be provided by the Unity School cafeteria.

All furnishings for the building are on-site, said Robinson, ready to be put in place as the rooms are completed and the staff of 12 has been hired and trained. It is anticipated that it will take another two weeks to finish the interior, followed by a week for required inspections. Both a building occupancy inspection and a child care facility inspection by the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families are needed for licensure, Robinson said.

Once the inspections are approved and the facility given the green light, the LEAP program will be open for business.

The number of children that can be enrolled depends on how the state looks at various areas of the building, particularly the central large-group area, said Tiedemann.

To start with, 40 to 45 preregistered children will be attending.

Summer school

Unity’s 2020 summer school will look different than it has the past few years, with a decision by the Luck School District to pursue their own program once again.

“This,” said elementary Principal William DeWitt in his report to the board, “we have the opportunity to make some adjustments to better serve the needs in our community.”

Primary needs, he said, include more consistent hours of care for school-aged children, additional academic help for students and more consistent summer scheduling for activities.

This year’s program will run Monday through Friday each week of June. In the past, summer school has ended at 12:30 p.m. each day, but this year it will go until 2:30 every day except Friday, when it will end at 12:30 p.m.

Longer days are now permitted, said DeWitt, due to a change in requirements by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

“These changes will support a much longer day of care, opportunities to add some more academics and also to enable more children to participate in more activities such as the youth sports camps,” said DeWitt.

Staff is being asked to submit course suggestions and ideas by Friday, Feb. 21, after which students will be surveyed to determine areas of interest. The goal, according to DeWitt, is to have course schedules and all hiring completed by mid-May.

Other business

• The board approved the hiring of Matthew Unruh as middle school wrestling coach.

• A new initiative by food service director Becky Frisby means that more high school students are now eating breakfast. Noticing that many were not eating, she researched and created a breakfast cart that was put into action Jan. 13. It is available to high school students between first and second period. Prior to Jan. 13 only 15 breakfasts were served daily, on average, to high school students. Since that date the daily number has risen to 70 students.

• Robinson noted that Unity’s Early Learning Days are March 9-10. Parents of children between birth and age 5 are invited to contact the elementary office for more information.

• The board reviewed the summary of Wisconsin’s Future Business Leaders of America Region I Leadership Conference, held at the school Saturday, Feb. 1. About 300 students competed in various events judged by more than 120 judges. The event raised a record $1,664 for the March of Dimes. Seventeen Unity students finished in the top three of their individual events and will move on to the state competition in Madison at the end of March. Twelve of these students took first place.

A receptionist behind the window will check identification of Individuals coming into the LEAP building.

Unity board tours LEAP child care facility

Unity School District Administrator Brandon Robinson looks out one of the windows at the new child care center, as though watching for the children to come.
Forty and Eight awards nurses training scholarships

Burnett County – Voiture 236 of the veterans organization The Forty and Eight recently awarded two scholarships to local students pursuing a career in nursing. Nurses training director Chef de Gare Pass’e Bob Buhr, Chef de Gare Pass’e Don Anderson, along with Voyager Terry Hendricks, presented the 2019-2020 Nurses Training Scholarship checks to the following women from Burnett County:

Olivia Oachs, a 2018 Grantsburg High School graduate, is in her second year at Bethel College in the Twin Cities studying to be a registered nurse and earn her Bachelor of Nursing degree.

Emma Tretsven, a 2017 Siren High School graduate, is in her second year at UW-Eau Claire pursuing her Bachelor of Nursing degree.

In the spring of 2019 both women were awarded $500 scholarships, renewable up to four years, to help them pursue their nurses training.

(F to R): 40&8 member Terry Hendricks, students Olivia Oachs and Emma Tretsven, and 40&8 members Bob Buhr and Don Anderson.

– Photo provided

Frederic Arts announces Hand Building Clay Pots course

Frederic – Frederic Arts is pleased to announce a second Hand Building Clay Pots class with local potter Christy Wetzig.

Catch the excitement! The Frederic Art Center has a new pottery kiln, so they eagerly invite you to join their inaugural pottery classes! Participants will be using slabs of clay to learn several methods of forming three-dimensional forms. Patterns will be available if you need a kickstart on your creativity, otherwise the sky (and the kiln) is the limit. They’ll spend the first two evenings forming pots and the last time they will finish them with simple glazes. Learn the pottery process from beginning to end and bring home an armful of pots.

The class begins Monday, March 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m. and runs for three weeks. Cost is $75, due to Frederic Arts at fredericarts.org, and includes all materials. Class is limited to eight students. For questions, contact info@fredericarts.org.

All skill levels are welcome. Children under 12 welcome with one accompanying adult per child.

FREDERIC MUSIC DEPARTMENT AWARDED GRANT

In October of 2019 the Frederic School District music department applied for a music grant from the St. Croix Valley Foundation. Recently the grant was awarded to the school, which allowed the music department to purchase four new keyboards for Frederic Elementary School. This allows every student the opportunity to learn basic piano skills, read music and create their own songs.

– Photo provided

OPERATION ROUND UP DONATES TO HEAT-A-HOME PROJECT

Interfaith Caregivers of Burnett County received $1,500 for their firewood program thanks to the generosity of Polk-Burnett members who round up their electric bills. An Operation Round Up check was presented by Polk-Burnett communications director Joan O’Fallon to Denny Bledgett, of Interfaith Caregivers, and volunteers from Grantsburg-area churches who were cutting and splitting wood Saturday, Feb. 8. This winter, Interfaith Caregivers has delivered free firewood to more than 100 local families! To see other Operation Round Up grants awarded this winter and learn how your nonprofit can apply, visit polkburnett.com or call Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative, 800-421-0283.

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“DOC” STILL DANCING

Doug Harlander, retired dentist of Frederic, who turned 100 on Feb. 1, took part in the annual Valentine’s Day party at Traditions of Home in Frederic last week, cutting a rug with the activities director, Mary Jo Bierman, while pianist Manfred Schonauer provided the music.

– Photo courtesy Robert Nelson
Remodel of village hall underway

Mary Strabel  | Staff writer
LUCK - People coming into the Luck Village Hall to pay bills or vote are now able to get an idea of what the new entry and transaction areas will be like.

Construction is underway to make that area more secure for employees and to make both the transaction area and rest room compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Already the closet between the meeting room and office area has been removed and a hallway put in with doors to the meeting room and rest rooms.

The project includes replacement of the carpeting and window treatments, new ceiling and replacement of the current lights for LED lighting throughout the building.

At its Wednesday, Feb. 12, meeting, the Luck Village Board approved a payment request of $16,571 from Clark Construction for the project, which includes all the lights for the building. Clarke’s bid for the project was not to exceed $117,371.

Spring cleanup

After years of dealing with people – both village residents and nonresidents – taking advantage of Luck’s spring cleanup, the public works department and village board are looking at ways to lessen the time and financial burden to the village.

Time, manpower and dollars to conduct the annual cleanup, said public works director Seth Petersen, “is literally lessening the time and financial burden to the village. Time, manpower and dollars to conduct the annual cleanup, said public works director Seth Petersen, “is literally the annual event is held at the Luck Fire Hall. The board approved permission to use the community center and start at 6 p.m.

• The board approved the picnic license for Northland Municipal Ambulance Service’s April 4 smelt fry.

• John Morley of Morley’s Maple Syrup received approval to tap village-owned maple trees along Park Avenue and at Trinity Triangle for a joint project with Luck Schools. The last time they worked together, he said, the project helped raise about $260 for the school for the sap it collected.

Entering the Luck Village Hall gives a view of the new transaction area under construction. It includes a secure entry to the rest of the building and an ADA-compliant transaction window.

• The board approved having Gwen Atkinson work as the facility manager for the Luck Golf Course starting March 2.

• Library director Jill Glover gave her annual report, noting that circulation was up in 2019. The number of Wi-Fi users, e-book checkouts and computers used are all increasing each year. Three years ago, she said, the library checked out five e-books. In 2019, more than 2,000 were checked out. The library held 620 programs last year, with nearly 4,700 participants.

• Trustee Mike Miller, the board’s designee to the North Land Ambulance Service board, said that the service is having some difficulty keeping the ambulances staffed. Members of the board will be meeting with the Amery service, currently helping to manage NLMA, to discuss “further engagement with them to correct that problem.”

YSU DONATES TO MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Frederic High School’s music department has received a $1,000 donation, presented by Gary Young on behalf of Youth Sports Unlimited. This donation will be used to help offset student costs for their upcoming trip to New Orleans.

Reference meetings set

SIREN – Public presentations will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 26, Thursday, March 19, and Monday, April 2, to provide information on the Siren School Board’s 2020 referendum request.

Voters will be asked at the April 7 election to authorize the district to exceed the revenue limit by $300,000 per year for three years beginning with the 2020-2021 and ending with the 2022-2023 school year.

This would be a nonrecurring referendum for operating and maintaining the building and facilities, sustaining current programming and services and other ongoing operational expenses. All meetings will be held in the Siren media center and start at 6 p.m.

Lesson in local government

WEBSTER – A lesson on local govern- ment was taught by the village board of Webster on Wednesday, Feb. 12.

Girl Scout Troop 5795 asked President Jeff Roberts, high school social studies teacher by day, and his trustees for permission to use the community center for a lock-in. They also promised to leave the space in better condition than they found it. The girls request was approved.

Also looking to better the community center were the local pingpong players. The group consistently includes 12 to 18 players who are willing to donate $380 toward a lighting upgrade for the facility. The board accepted their gift and agreed to replace eight fixtures this year with an approximate cost of $650.

Other board business included sludge removal testing and a report from the chief of police.

The public works department will be going fishing this week – fishing for “craproes.” They will be working with Cooper Engineering and drilling holes in the sludge ponds and taking samples to be tested. It was noted that the ponds were approximately 8 to 12 feet deep. Once the test is completed, the board can estimate costs and procedures more thoroughly for this spring’s project.

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The National Park Service is conducting a fire activity, Feb. 25 - March 31, depending on weather conditions. This issue is in cooperation with the National Park Service to burn brush piles, Feb. 25 - March 31, depending on weather conditions.

The sale of the property was planned to have bidding minimums set, but with the unclear status of the tax deeds, it might affect the status of the sale, and the issues raised by the general government committees have not enough that the committee voted to keep the sale on hold.

Supervisor Larry Jepsen, who pointed out the need for a broader discussion on the sale, said, “I wish we’d take a more serious look at it.”

While the legal issues were primary and not a real problem but would have been a big deal if the sale had already started. The discussion again went toward the possible subsequent repair costs which would be liable for the entire cost of the repairs and engineering, which would be a 50-50 match for repairs and engineering of the county-owned dam, with a current cost estimate of $100,000.

"Dams are really hard to estimate repairs, though, half of them are under water," Elfelt noted.

Without the DNR grant, the county would have to be liable for the entire cost of the repairs or maintenance, but a grant would share the costs, with a match of up to $400,000 from the DNR, on a total project cost of $800,000.

"I’m not comfortable with such an open-ended project (cost share) by accepting this," said Elfelt, "The DNR, which would be a 50-50 match for repairs and engineering of the county-owned dam, with a current cost estimate of $100,000.

The DNR grant application issue went forward with less discussion on the DNR application and steering committee had yet to weigh in on the sale.

There was lengthy discussion without an outcome, as the time during which the Clam Falls Dam has taken ownership of the dam and the DNR has determined that the county would pay for half the cost of fixing it or do we pay for all the cost of fixing it?” Jepsen said.

Norby also gave the committee an update on the lime quarry operations, which will also be an update on the lime quarry operations, with the county using the lime to make the roads and using the other smaller, specialized quarrying and crushing requests. He also pointed out some of the changes, such as the addition of Friday sales and how they’re trying to adjust to the needs of their customers, and said the first contract for crushing with Kramer has been completed and they’ll be wrapped up in a couple of seasons or use before completing a single plan.

There was also discussion on negotiations between the county the Polk County Fair Society, on a memorandum of understanding that will address several pending issues on the fairgrounds long-range plans. They include the construction of a new “pulling area” on the north side of the fairgrounds, with an eventual construction of bleachers, depending on perceived need after they add two competition pulling lanes.

Norby also encouraged some for such activity or construction at the fairgrounds would likely begin later after the fall fair, and that they’re moving forward getting all the planning work done.

“There is quite a lot of planning work involved in this, and the results, which total 35 pages of responses, data and input, as well as the committee had the first results of a recycling survey, and while they take action, they briefly discussed the results with transportation director Moe Norby, who pointed out the preliminary results were about 92% of those responders being residents. Ninety-six percent think recycling is important to preserving the environment.”

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Seven options revealed for horses and snowmobiles or both

Greg Marsten | Staff writer

BALSAM LAKE – The Polk County Environmental Services Committee entertained a draft master plan presentation on Wednesday, Feb. 12, by Twin Cities firm Toole Design, tasked with addressing the user group issue on the Stover Seven Lakes State Trail.

The primary questions on the trail had to do with user groups and plans to design a trail that may work with multiple user groups including hikers, bikers, cross-country skiers, bird-watchers, snowmobilers and possibly equestrian enthusiasts.

In a nutshell, the Stover State Trail is a 14-mile-long trail built on a retired rail line that runs from downtown Amery to about a mile outside of Dresser to the west. The trail passes through forests, wetlands, farmlands, prairies and past or near seven lakes, skating between North Twin and South Twin lakes, running on the south side of Bear Trap Lake, the northern end of Kinney Lake and along the shorelines of Dwight, Horse and Lotus lakes to the west.

User groups and long-range plans have embroidered the picturesque trail in controversy since its inception, and it was the subject of lawsuits and appeals after 2004, multi-member study and controversy since its inception, and it was the subject of lawsuits and appeals after 2004.

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The master plan was undertaken suggesting seven alternatives presented, with seven alternatives presented, including the basic question they might need to change to allow for the various uses, with buffer strips or delineation between users, per state guidelines and recommendations.

Murphy-Lopez repeatedly pointed to limitation in trail size, how they are generally working with approximately 15 feet of width, on average, but that, in reality, there are segments of the 14-mile trail that are as narrow as 13 feet or as wide as 17 feet.

The options presented involving snowmobiles varied from no use at all on the trail to fully sharing with equestrian users, but possibly having to share with their own users. There is a set of options in between, including one option that would essentially divert the snowmobiles off the trail for most of the route, and instead use funds for widening the shoulders on streets and roadways along a somewhat parallel route to the trail, using lakes and other routes to fill in instead, with widening on CTH C and Hwy. 46 in Amery.

As for equestrian-user options, the three alternatives are similar in scope, going from zero allowances to full sharing with snowmobilers, but again, possibly running into their own users, and having to share a pathway for passing.

The shared options may include the need for some brush or tree clearing, and would also have certain "bottleneck" areas, where users might be more compressed or lanes would be difficult to delineate, with certain portions of the trail having other factors that might hamper accessibility, from slopes to wetlands, where it can be an issue.

“That’s not necessarily a bad thing,” Murphy-Lopez commented. “It can add more interesting for equestrian riders.”

Folk County planner Tim Anderson also weighed in on the draft plan, pointing out that regardless of what the full county board decides, there will still be factors that need to be clarified or decided, depending on the alternates they select. The final plan must also undergo full DNR approval, and may require funding allocation, depending on the chosen route.

There was time for several public comments after the Toole Design presentation, and while most of the comments entertained a draft master plan presentation in mid-March, and they are hoping to have even more input from the public and concerned user groups to add to that discussion, for the full board to make a decision on who or what is allowed or not allowed on the trail.

There was some discussion on the question being a hot enough topic to make it a larger venue for public input, such as Unity School, but it was unclear at this point if they may just make it a more recent, one of the county boardrooms to allow for broader participation.

The draft master plan is available on the Polk County website, under parks and trails, and the Toole Design presentation is also available to view.

It is hoped that the environmental services committee would be able to finalize their recommendations to bring before the full board, but timelines may get in the way, as they rescheduled their Feb. 19 meeting to Feb. 19, shortly after press time.
Dairyland Donkey Basketball coming to Frederic

Wisconsin’s public libraries receive $3 million federal grant

Enjoy Johnny Cash musical tribute with community ed trip

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FREDERIC - Back to the ‘50s Sock Hop set is to happen in Frederic on Fri- day, March 1, starting at 5 p.m. Join in the fun at the 300 Club Event Center for a night of music, food, dancing, and an opportunity to help raise funds for the Frederic Library. This event is open to all communities and all ages – young, old and in between.

Social time and a buffet supper with a 50s feel – hot dogs, chili & fries. Create your own “chili dog” – will be from 5-7 p.m.

During the social/supper hours, they’ll have kid-friendly activities, limbo and the bunny hop. Basic swing dance lessons will be provided by Laura and John Wolf. After learning some of the basic steps, you will see them in action, demonstrating all the moves and show- ing you that you can do this with style. Kids attending in 1950s-themed outfits will be entered into a drawing to win local business gift cards.

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There will be no set entrance fee for the event. A freewill donation can be given at the door. There will be 50/50 cash drawing and raffle opportunities as well. Grab your poodle skirt, white T-shirt, jeans and saddle shoes, and join fun. For more information, contact the Frederic Library, 715-327-4797, or Sandy Lundquist, 715-566-0420.

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FREDERIC - New rodeo stars will be born during the wild and crazy Dairyland Donkey Basketball coming to Frederic High School gym on Sunday, March 1, starting at 7 p.m. It’s basketball played on real-live donkeys and it will be wilder than a rodeo and funnier than a circus! Local teachers, FBLA stu- dents, FBLA advisors, students’ friends and even their parents will be riding, so come out and see someone you know try to ride a donkey and play basketball at the same time. It’s a thrill a minute, a spill a minute. This fun-filled show is sponsored by the FBLA. It is produced for the benefit of the FBLA’s travel expenses. Advance tickets can be purchased from members of the sponsoring organiza- tion, at Frederic schools, or at Daeffler’s Quality Meats. Tickets may also be available at the gate if there is space available.

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MADISON – The Department of Pub- lic Instruction’s Library Services and Technology Act program, which Wisconsin received a multi-million-dollar federal grant to aid in improving access and collaboration in its public li- braries, has coordinated a handful of day trips so people in the region can enjoy theater and musicals with ease. The first trip is scheduled for Thursday, March 28, to the Theater in Bloomington Minneso- ta’s Masonic Heritage Center. “Man in Black” celebrates Johnny Cash, as he traditionally began his con- certs, with the simple introduction, “Hello, I’m Johnny Cash,” followed by his signature song, “Folsom Prison Blues.”

Get ready for Brian Pekol and his trio of chugging-backing musicians to do the sounds of the 1950s’ em- braced country music, rock and roll, rockabilly, blues, folk and gospel, so expect this concert to be like you’ve never heard with hits! You’ll hear classic Cash songs including “I Walk the Line,” “Ring of Fire,” and “Get Rhythm,” and a variety of other Cash songs. Pekol and his trio will perform a mix of Cash’s hits and songs from his time as a solo artist. He will perform his tribute to the late Johnny Cash, including some of his most well-known tracks such as “Folsom Prison Blues” and “I Walk the Line.”

Pekol has been a fixture in the local music scene for many years, and he continues to perform at local venues throughout Wisconsin. He is known for his high-energy shows and his ability to engage with audiences.

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South Fork Sportsmen’s Club ice-fishing contest 2020

Kids who weren’t ice fishing had some other activities to take part in at the South Fork Sporting Club’s ice-fishing contest, including this sawdust pile event set up just offshore. Money and suckers were given out to the winners. Miss Frederic and Junior Miss Frederic were among the volunteers at the event on Saturday, Feb. 15.

Snow bowling was another kids activity set up on the ice at the ice-fishing contest.

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Miss Frederic Megan Williamson, left, and Junior Miss Frederic Julia Fredericks were at the annual South Fork Sporting Club’s ice-fishing contest at the Clam Falls Flowage. They are shown with the Clam Falls Flowage Lakeshore Association sign made to bring awareness to the saving of the dam on the flowage. More information can be found at the Save the Clam Falls Flowage Dam Facebook site.

Mini golf on ice was a bit challenging but offered another option to ice fishing at the ice-fishing contest.

The ice of the Clam Falls Flowage east of Frederic was full of ice anglers last Saturday, Feb. 15, as part of the annual South Fork Sporting Club’s ice-fishing contest.
Overall record of 20-0

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St. Croix Falls – The formalities are over and the St. Croix Falls girls basketball team is the undefeated Lakeland West champions.

The Saints improved their in-conference mark to 12-0 and continued their multiseason undefeated streak in the Lakeland West with two wins last week. They scored more points in the first half than either of their opponents had in either game, starting with a 72-24 win over Luck on Tuesday, Feb. 11.

Emily McCurdy scored a game-high 23 points for St. Croix Falls in the win over Luck, with 21 of those points coming in the first half. She was one of 10 Saints to score in the game.

McCurdy led the Saints to a 36-15 lead entering half-time, allowing just two Cardinals more than one basket in the first half. Olivia Miron added 15 points; Kaylee Miron had 10 points and Lucia Neuman had eight.

Sommer Asper and Grace Thoreson had seven points each for Luck.

The Saints then posted a 75-31 win over Frederic on Friday, Feb. 14, pushing their first-half lead near 30 points before cruising through the second half. Miron scored all of her team-high 16 points before halftime and led St. Croix Falls to a 47-18 lead entering the break.

Neuman added 14 points and Miron had 13 while Emma Cooper and Azalea Edwards had eight points each.

Hannah Schmidt led all scorers with 19 points for Frederic, though the rest of the team accounted for just six makes from the floor in the game.

The Saints also improved their overall record to 20-0.

Unity 73, Webster 28

WEBSTER – Raegan Sorensen scored a game-high 25 points and added five steals for the Eagles in their win on Thursday, Feb. 13.

Sierra Swanson added 17 points for Unity while Myah Nelson and Madison Strange had 11 points each. The win helped the Eagles secure runner-up status in the Lakeland West with a 9-2 record, giving them a four-game cushion over Luck in third.

The Eagles improved to 16-3 overall and host Grantsburg this Friday, Feb. 21.

Luck 63, Siren 46

LUCK – Sommer Asper scored a team-high 18 points for the Cardinals in their win over the Dragons on Friday, Feb. 14.

Grace Thoreson added 14 points and McKenna Delaney added 12 points, with 10 coming in the second half. Coral Melin scored nine points and Gabby Engstrand had eight.

Lindsay Liljenberg and Morgan Shetler had 12 points each for Siren.

Frederic 51, Webster 43

WEBSTER – Haley Ennis scored a game-high 20 points for the Vikings in their Tuesday, Feb. 11, win.

The Tigers got out to a 7-3 lead but an Ennis 3-pointer started a 12-0 Frederic run to take a lead they wouldn’t relinquish. The Vikings then started the second half with a 10-2 run to take a 35-17 lead with over 12 minutes remaining.

Webster pulled back within nine points with Torrance Wells scoring four consecutive points later in the half but the Vikings stopped the run soon after.

Hannah Schmidt had 16 points and 10 rebounds for Frederic; Kennady Alseth had eight points and five rebounds; Jenna Gomulak led Webster with 12 points; Wols and Aliyah Daniels scored seven points each.

Frederic entered the week 7-13 overall and 4-8 in the Lakeland West; the Vikings host Clayton this Thursday, Feb. 20. Webster was 6-15 overall and 3-9 in the conference; they host Winter this Thursday.

Drummond 41, Frederic 32

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BROOKE QUIMBY SCORES 1,000 POINTS

Brooke Quimby, a senior on the Grantsburg girls basketball team, became the fifth player in program history to reach 1,000 points at the varsity level, during a home game against Unity on Tuesday, Feb. 11. “Brooke has been our leading scorer for three years,” Grantsburg coach Penny Curtin said. “When she struggles to put the ball in the hoop, the team struggles. She can hit (3-pointers), take it to the rim and has a nice 15-foot jumper.” The four-figure total has been accumulating since her freshman season when expectations were more focused on defense. “Brooke played varsity briefly as a freshman, generally only coming in when we wanted to pressure the ball,” Curtin said. “Because of her speed and quickness, she was very good at that.” Quimby’s role became more significant in her sophomore season, as did her scoring. Formerly a defensive specialist, she posted her first double-digit scoring average as playing time began to rise. “Her sophomore year she became a starter and averaged almost 14 points a game,” Curtin said. “By her junior year her responsibilities increased and she had to handle the ball more often.” Right now she is averaging just over 16 points per game.

Curtin said Quimby’s approach to scoring is a simple one: “We always tell her, ‘Get the ball into the hole’” and she has to handle the ball more often.” Right now she is averaging just over 16 points per game.

Quimby and fellow senior Olivia Onstاد also have adopted the role of acclimating new arrivals to the varsity game. “This year (Quimby) and Onstad are our team leaders,” Curtin said. “They help the younger girls learn new positions.” Quimby joins Tracy Stewart, Mollie Bjelland, Kortney Morin and Cassidy Lee in Grantsburg’s group of 1,000-point scorers. – Photos by Sue Bunting
Playoffs loom as regular season winds down

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Johansen – who finished with a game-high 20 points – tied the game at 57-57 in the final minutes and though Trevor LaMirande put the Saints back ahead at 62-59 with less than a minute remaining, Carsen Eley hit a late 3-pointer to send the game into overtime.

The Saints then sank five free throws in the final minute of overtime to secure the win. Declan Greenquist and Payton Christensen had 12 points each for St. Croix Falls while LaMirande finished with 10 points and eight assists. Parks also led the team with 22 rebounds.

Johansen added nine rebounds to his 20 points; Levi Jensen had 17 points; Eley finished with 15 and Ben Smith added 13.

Luck avenged the loss with a 73-68 win on Monday, despite a game-high 30 points from Parks. Jensen led the Cardinals with 21 points and Johansen sank three free throws in the final minute of regulation to secure the win for Luck.

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St. Croix Falls coach Joe Raygor said, “This time of year in wrestling is special.”

Luke Thaemert, at 106 pounds; Mason Will, 120; Zack Clark, 138; Kole Marko, 145; Bennett Bergmann, 152; McKinley Erickson, 197; and Tanner Caffey, 285, earned first-place finishes for St. Croix Falls.

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Bergmann won both his matches by pin – in 1:31 and won a 6-0 lead before St. Croix Falls' Ellie Brice scored a power-play goal for Western Wisconsin, assisted by Aline Wiehl, also in the first-place match.

The St. Croix Falls wrestling team has captured its fourth consecutive regional title. - Photos provided

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Hudson – Seven Saints win first-place finishes at Hudson

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SOMERSET – One chance remains for a regular-season win.

The Western Wisconsin Stars girls co-op hockey team concludes its regular season this Thursday, Feb. 20, at Hudson before postseason play. Unfortunately for the Saints, missing a sectional transfer spot by one position.

St. Croix Falls advanced to Tuesday’s team sectional at Cumberland with a return trip to the state finals at stake. The individual sectional is this Saturday, Feb. 22, at Edgerton.

“It’s important we stay focused and use that energy to be as prepared as possible,” Raygor said.

Jack Nelson, 182, gave the Eagles a first-place finish by pinning Leiby in 4:50 over Carson Johnson, Unity, in 2:51 to win his semifinal match.

Johnson also pinned Jake Simon, Cumberland, in 2:51 to win the sectional title.

A top-three finish in the individual sectionals earns a trip to the state final in Madison.

Park Folkstyle USA Qualifier

COTTAGE GROVE, Minn. – Burnett County got a first-place finish and a runner-up on Sunday, Feb. 16, at Park High School in Cottage Grove, Minnesota.

Caiden Johnson, 10-under, won all three of his matches to earn a top finish. He won by major decision over James Brandon, Coon Rapids, Minnesota, and had two wins by pin, over Ethan Tupy, TCU, in 1:48 and over Gabe Hennen, Shakopee, Minnesota, in 37 seconds.

Taedon Popham, 10-under, added a second-place finish, following a first-round loss to Drake Andeist, Kasson Mantorville, with a win by pin over Benley Pulsaas, Farmington, Minnesota, and a 6-4 decision over Evan Wasilk, Forest Lake, Minnesota.

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Above The Fold Media 1 For The Leader STEVENS POINT – The University of Wisconsin - Superior women’s hockey team evened its conference record entering this final week of the regular season. The Yellowjackets and Webster’s Jenna Curtis improved to 5-5 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference with two wins over UW-Stevens Point last weekend. They conclude the regular season this Saturday, Feb. 22, at Northland College.

UW-Superior went into overtime in a scoreless tie with the Pointers on Friday and got the game-winning goal with just 63 seconds remaining in extra play to get the 1-0 win. Megan Dulong scored the game’s only goal for the Yellowjackets and Curtis won 24 of the 37 faceoffs she had in the game.

Another overtime goal on Saturday gave the Yellowjackets another win over UW-Stevens Point, 3-2. C.C. Hayes and Kaleigh Martinson scored goals in regulation for UW-Superior. With a 2-2 tie and while shorthanded, the Yellowjackets got the game-winning goal from Molly Shelton. Curtis won 20 of the 26 faceoffs she was in.

UW-Superior improved to 15-6-1 overall and goes to Northland on Friday for two games in two days.

Men’s basketball
MANKATO, Minn. – Andrew Ruiz, Webster, had a third-place finish in the 1,000-meter run for Minnesota State in the Saturday, Feb. 15, NSIC Indoor Challenge.

Ruiz finished his run in 2 minutes, 33.36 seconds to earn six team points for the Mavericks; he was four seconds behind Concordia-St. Paul’s Benjamin Allen in first. Minnesota State won the event with 223 team points, nearly double that of runner-up Augustana, 315.

Minnesota State hosts the Maverick Invitational this Friday, Feb. 21, and the NSIC Championships next weekend.

Women’s basketball
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The Red Hawks entered halftime with a 10-point lead but were outscored 44-29 in the second half. Leslie finished with 11 points and Fall had eight points with four assists.

Proud as a Peacock
Siren students were able to watch Senior Gavyn Anton sign his National Letter of Intent on Wednesday, Feb. 5. The Siren Dragon will transform into an Upper Iowa University Peacock when he takes to the field this fall at the NCAA Division 2 school. The gymnasium was filled, and the event was broadcast live on We Are Siren. Anton also received a full academic scholarship. He has been coached by Ryan Karsten and is the son of Mihal and Mystic Anton, brother to Corey Bauer, and Tyler and Wyatt Anton. His grandparents are Mark and Joey Pettit and David and Linda Anton.

Congratulations, Gavyn! #sirenproud – Photos submitted

PROUD AS A PEACOCK

Women and girls in sports is topic on “The West Side” Feb. 24

WESTERN WISCONSIN – The evolution of women’s and girls sports in western Wisconsin will be the topic of discussion on “The West Side” at 10 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 24, on The Ideas Network stations of Wisconsin Public Radio: 88.3 WHWC-FM/Monomonie-Eau Claire, and 88.7 WRFW-FM/River Falls.

In the nearly 50 years since Title IX required collegiate and scholastic athletic opportunities for females to equal those offered to males, the sports landscape has changed. Host Dean Kallenbach will explore how things have evolved and where they are going for athletes who are female with guests Tonja Englund, the head coach of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire women’s basketball team, UWEC women’s basketball team member Anna Grazenskamp; Elizabeth Bohl, varsity volleyball coach for Bloomer High School; and Jessika Rottier, assistant coach for the UW-Stevens Point women’s wrestling team.

“The West Side” is a call-in program focused on issues specific to western Wisconsin. The show is broadcast at 10 a.m. Mondays on 88.3 WHWC-FM and 88.7 WRFW-FM and via an online livestream on wrwf887.com/listen-live.html. Listeners may call in with questions and comments during the program at 800-228-5615. Archives of “The West Side” are available at wpr.org/programs/west-side.

College roundup: Ruiz places third in 10,000-meter run

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Siren alumni square off at track and field event

Two Siren alumni, Noah Koball and Tanner Lee, got to compete against each other for the first time since high school at the Yellowjacket Open on Saturday, Feb. 15, in Superior. Lee is competing in his second season for the University of Wisconsin - Superior Yellowjackets. He competed in the men’s weight throw and shot put. He finished in the top 10 in the weight throw with a loss of 13.05 meters. Lee and Koball, a member of the Michigan Tech University track and field team, went head to head in the shot put, both making finals.

Lee got squeaked out of the top 10 by 0.32 meter with a toss of 11.20 meters. Koball’s throw of 12.70 was enough to pull off a fifth-place finish. Both athletes had a big support crew of family and friends to see them compete. The two will likely meet up against each other this spring at the St. John’s Invitational on Saturday, March 28, in Collegeville, Minn. Check out the Yellowjacket and Huskie websites to catch their progress as they move into the indoor season and then the outdoor season. – Photo provided

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Runaway ice shanty can't ruin a good friendship

Given a choice between ice fishing for panfish, trout or walleyes, I'll take panfish without a pause. My preference might be linked to my teenage years when I spent nearly every free day chasing perch and bluegills on Madison's lakes Mendota and Monona. I fished alone at times, but more often I spent the holiday break and every weekend ice fishing with friends who shared my enthusiasm. We spent our school days, of course, daydreaming about ice fishing, or making plans to fish when we should have been studying. We spent Mondays and Tuesdays rehearsing and analyzing the previous weekend, and Wednesday through Friday weighing our options for the weekend ahead.

That might explain why most of us ranked in the bottom half of our class when we graduated in 1974. We got more serious about school sometime later, but only after exhausting all other possibilities for jobs, careers and gas money.

One of my most stalwart fishing buds from the early 1970s was Tim Watson, who always seemed to be there for my most witless moments on the ice. We first teamed up as high school sophomores after hearing, during a midweek report that perch were biting near Olin Park on Lake Monona.

By the time Saturday arrived and the snow fell, our 15-year-old frozen boat landing, our 15-year-old thoughts about school had fazed by strong winds and minus-8气温. I recall wearing an Army-surplus parka and trudging back to the park and over to the nearby VFW post, where we called home to summon a ride.

We vowed to never return to the ice without a portable ice-fishing shanty and large reel "Mendota" ice-fishing rigs. The following Christmas, my dad gave me a huge piece of custom-sewn canvas, which I used to fashion a fold-down shanty atop a plywood floor and a pair of old wooden skis. The shanty worked great until one Sunday morning in February when Watson and I pulled it onto the glare ice where the Yahara River enters Lake Monona. We slipped, shuffled and jerked our way across the windswept ice, our feet struggling to find a foothold. (Only later in life did we think to buy ice cleats for our boots.)

After arriving at our chosen spot about a quarter-mile offshore, I lifted the shanty's entrance wall, stepped inside its door with both 2-by-2 cross beams, pushed open the back wall to pull the canvas sidewalls into place, and locked everything together with the support bars. I briefly wondered whether my shanty might act like a sail as the wind rippled its canvas walls, but quickly dismissed such responsible concerns. When the shack stayed put 15 seconds, Watson and I began moving our gear inside.

And that's when I learned the importance of an ice anchor. A gust of wind slapped the shanty's rear end, sending it rumbling across the ice, bound for Olbrich Park. Within seconds the shanty was bouncing and careening through scores of fishermen, scattering and tangling every chair, bucket, tip-up and Mendota rig in its path.

Watson and I skated after the shanty in our Sorel pac boots, first grabbing its pull-rope and then its flapping door. We altered its course, but not its speed. Selfless fishermen also tried to help stop the fugitive shanty, but by that time it had harassed the wind's full power and knocked the would-be heroes aside like drunkards in a bar brawl.

By the time the shanty broke Watson's grip, most anglers downwind of the four-walled sail frantically grabbed their gear and lurched from the storm track, shouting equal shares of advice, insults and obscenities. Roughly 100 yards into the shanty's escape, I scrambled back inside the maelstrom and landed on all fours on its floor. Wobbling to my feet, I reached up and knocked out the shanty's support bars to collapse its walls on top of me as I crawled back out. With its sails struck and me dragging on its reins, the shanty spun to a stop. Watson caught up about that time and, good friend that he is, helped me to my feet to retrace the shanty's path through the debris field of gear and grumbling anglers. As we pulled my crippled shanty back to its launch area, we mumbled apologies while absorbing death-ray glares. We then gathered our remaining scattered gear, and trudged off to the refuge of my parents' station wagon.

Embarrassed? "Walk of shame" doesn't begin to describe our humiliation. Nearly 50 years later I still blush at the memory.

Still, we weren't long deterred. After consulting with our ice-fishing friends, we found a 15-inch steel pipe, attached a 3-foot rope and fashioned an ice anchor before returning to the ice the following Saturday.

Watson and I have ice fished with anyone besides me. We found a 15-inch steel pipe, attached a 3-foot rope and fashioned an ice anchor before returning to the ice the following Saturday.

Tim Watson still chooses to ice fish with Patrick Durkin nearly 50 years after seeing Durkin's ice shanty nearly wipe out a large gathering of perch fishermen on Madison's Lake Monona. – Photo by Patrick Durkin

LINDNER'S BIG CATCH

Emily Lindner won first place for the biggest northern caught at the 24th annual area FFA Alumni and Supporters ice-fishing contest on Long Lake near Centuria on Feb. 8. There was a tremendous turnout for the event. It was the 10th year that schools took part in the event and this year nine schools participated with 13 teams. See next week's Leader for more photos. - Photo courtesy Jeanine Alling
I think I have been very lucky regarding the two trainers I’ve taken on in the course of recovering strength and flexibility in the latter part of my life. I really didn’t choose them. Each one was just here at my reach when I most needed them. One of them, Tyler, knew that my quads, hamstrings and back muscles were not at their best. The other, Natalie, was a dynamic stretch of the whole body, twisting, stretching and strengthening the hip area primarily, but really stretching through the whole body. These were active stretches through the hip area primarily, but really a dynamic flow of the whole body, stretching, bending in a lot of different ways, some of it approaching yogalike moves. In the months since I started working with Tyler, this dynamic stretching has taken on a life of its own. At one age, I have become quite stiff every morning when I wake up. My quadriceps are tight. Often my lower back hurts. I’ve begun doing this hip-flow routine most mornings. It doesn’t take any equipment and can be done on my bedroom floor. It reduces morning aches to almost nothing. That in itself is absolutely invaluable.

Since Tyler knew that my quads, hamstrings and glutes were sore and stiff most mornings, he also came up with stretching exercises for those particular muscles. I use one of his large bands to work against as I sit on my knee up and down. I do what is called a Peterson step-up using one of those boxes he has in his new exercise area. I stand on one leg on top of the box and dip down and up until the other leg touches the floor and back up again. This not only activates the glutes and quads but also addresses another issue that he believes is quite important – balance. Most of his exercises eventually incorporate a balance act. Do it on one leg and when that starts getting more doable, then close your eyes. When I first started working with him, I thought, he’s dreaming. There is no way I will ever get my balance back. It is so obvious. When I first get up in the morning and dress, it’s done leaning against a wall or sitting on the bed. But he didn’t let me abandon the effort. We kept working on balance and flexibility right from the start, and I’m just jumping to a conclusion here. It works just the way he said. Body balance and flexi- bility are much improved over the past year. I now lean less against a wall to dress. As a matter of fact, I now try to find ways to work with my balance in everyday life. One of my new goals is to put on a tightrope, standing on a box or walking the rope and repeat. I actually saw Donald Sutherland do that as a young man in the movie “Don’t Look Now.” I’m not there yet but I have plans. He did it in his 20s. I’ll catch up with that move in my 70s. It seems worth it.
**Benson Ace Hardware establishes scholarships for Webster and Frederic students**

WEBSTER – Benson Ace Hardware, with locations in Webster and Frederic, has established an annual scholarship program for Webster and Frederic high school seniors. Each year, beginning with the Class of 2020, Benson ACE Helpful Place Scholarships will be presented, $500 scholarships to two Webster seniors and two Frederic seniors. Stefan and Zac Benson, father and son, are Webster High School graduates who want to encourage area seniors considering a career in the trades. To help support the education of any student considering a skilled profession, Benson Ace Hardware will award the scholarships by drawing names from completed applications. Eligibility requirements are a grade-point average of 2.5 or higher, and plans to attend a technical/trade school, or work as an intern/apprentice with an employer in trades like HVAC, plumbing, electrical, engine/auto repair, welding or construction.

“We decided to award the scholarships by drawing names because we believe success is possible for anyone with hard work and a can-do attitude, along with some prayerful thought and a little bit of luck,” said Stefan Benson. “We look forward to awarding our first scholarships and helping support the next generation of students pursuing careers in the trades.”

Interested seniors can obtain an application from the Webster or Frederic counseling office, or online at benson-ace.com. Applications are due no later than April 1. Recipients will be recognized during the schools’ annual awards night events held during May.

Save lives with CPR/AED and first aid classes

LUCK – Learning how to administer CPR, first aid and use an AED machine can be a lifesaver in our communities and workplaces. Luck Community Education is fortunate to have received a $1,000 grant earmarked to provide this training through Polk Burnett Operation Round Up. The three-hour course led by North Land Ambulance is designed to teach people skills needed to recognize emergencies and perform CPR and use an AED and perform first aid until EMS arrives. To make the grant money stretch, the classes can be split up; participants pay just $10; the certification card is not part of the class since that would increase the price. Be one of the 200 people to be proactive, make a difference and register for one of these classes! Contact Amy Aguado at Luck Community Ed at 715-472-3136 or amya@lucksd.k12.wi.us to register for either Wednesday class, March 4 or March 11, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Additional classes will be scheduled.
Slooper man gets 35 years on child sexual assault charges

Danielle Danford | Staff writer

SHELL LAKE — Zachary T. Richardson, 30, of Spooner, was sentenced in Washburn County Court Friday, Feb. 14, on several charges of child sexual assault.

Court records show Richardson was originally charged with 22 child sex offenses including repeated sexual assault of the same child, failure to stop at a stop sign, first-degree child sexual assault, second-degree sexual assault of child, exposing a child to harmful material, expounding, communicating and using telephone for the purpose of child pornography and child exploitation.

On Dec. 3, 2019, Richardson was found guilty after pleading no contest to five of those charges: repeated sexual assault of same child, first-degree child sexual assault, second-degree sexual assault of child, two counts of possession of child pornography.

The other charges were dismissed but read in.

At the sentencing hearing on Friday, Feb. 14, Richardson was sentenced to 25 years initial confinement, 15 years extended supervision, on the charges of repeated sexual assault of the same child, first- and second-degree child sexual assault. Richardson will serve these sentences consecutively.

On the charge of second-degree sexual assault of a child, he was sentenced to 10 years initial confinement, 15 years extended supervision and will serve this sentence consecutively.

On the possession of child pornography charges Richardson was ordered to serve 15 years initial confinement and 15 years extended supervision, running concurrently with the first two charges.

Richardson also register as sex offender — a lifetime requirement, pay court costs, complete sex offender treatment, undergo supervision, contact with juvenile under the age of 18, complete any other counseling as recommended and provide a DNA specimen.

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MADISON — Rep. Romaine Quinn, R-Barron, hailed the passage of Assembly Bill 344 as a victory for the expansion of broadband access in rural areas.

“The bill is really what cable television providers do not end by telephone the “tax,” an old tax on small companies that were set up as telephone providers. These companies are often cooperatives serving rural populations. Over time, that tax came to be applied to the broadband infrastructure these companies were installing. However, just as cable television providers began as cable television providers do not pay this telephone tax for the same broadband equipment.

By reducing the cost of providing broadband fiber in the ground, AB 344 will make expanding projects more cost-effective for small providers.

“The small cooperatives and other local providers who do so much to connect our communities have faced an uneven playing field for years,” said Quinn. “By eliminating a tax on future investment, we make sure that companies are able to build out broadband and connect as many of our neighbors as possible.”

In order to qualify for the exemption, a provider must meet certain criteria: the service provider must serve an underserved area and provide speeds at a level exceeding the current definition of broadband. Under the bill, an “underserved area” is any area in the state that is located outside a federal metropolitan statistical area or is located in a city, town or village with a population of not more than 14,000 and with a population density of 2,500 per square mile or less.

“You have an additional 25 percent to work with,” said Quinn. “In combination with historic investments in Wisconsin’s Broadband Expansion Grant Program, Wisconsin is truly creating an environment where all residents can have access to 25mbps, which is the absolute minimum people need.”

The bill will now be sent to the Senate for passage.

Burnett County Circuit Court

Richard S. Nebraska, 56, village of Webster, died Dec. 15, 2019.

Joseph A. Vendela, 34, Amery, possession of child pornography, $453.00, costs.

Burnett County Circuit Court criminal and traffic divisions received the following charges for the report date of Feb. 11.

Davonda R. Bloek, 39, Duluth, Minn., misappropriation of $4,100, diversion, $500.00, probation, supervision with the first two charges.

Thomas L. Jahnke, 39, Superior, contempt of court.

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Case No. 19-CV-47
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on September 3, 2019, in favor of Plaintiff, Frandsen Bank & Trust, in the amount of $82,868.69, the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:
TIME: March 10, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.
TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the Sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the clerk of courts (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of court in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold "as is" and subject to all real estate taxes, special assessments, liens and encumbrances.
PLACE: At the front lobby of the Polk County Justice Center, 1005 W. Main Street, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin 54810.
DESCRIPTION: Lot 1 of Certified Survey Map No. 4552, recorded in Volume 20 of Certified Survey Maps, Page 104, as Document No. 684190 in the office of the Register of Deeds for Polk County, Wisconsin; said property being in the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 21, Township 32 North, Range 18 West, Town of Alden, Polk County, Wisconsin.
TAX PARCEL NO.: 002-01437-0100
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 256 220th Street, Star Prairie, Wisconsin.
Dated this 8th day of January, 2020.
POLK COUNTY SHERIFF:
By:/s/ Brent Waak
Brent Waak, Sheriff/Deputy
Benson Law Office, Ltd.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 370
Siren, WI  54872
715-349-5215

PROPOSAL FOR HIGH-DENSITY CAMPGROUND ON GULL LAKE
Burnett County Property Owners In The Townships Of Oakland & Swiss
A Conditional Use Permit application has been submitted in Burnett County for the re-development of the former Houman's Resort on Gull Lake (Minerva Chain). The Resort has been in continuous operation for 84 years, since 1936, and at the present time has 13 cabins and 18 mobile homes on 23 acres. The CUP application is requesting to put 109 sewered camper sites and numerous storage buildings on the property, as well as upgrade the existing cabins. If you would like your voice to be heard regarding such concentrated development in a rural township that has limited infrastructure and emergency resources to accommodate this density of people and traffic, please contact the 7 members of the Burnett County Land Use & Information Committee and/or attend the March 3 meeting (9 a.m.) at the Burnett County Government Center.
Sign the Petition:
https://www.change.org/p/burnett-county-zoning-board-houmans-campground
ADVERTISMENT FOR BIDS
SIREN SOUTHWEST SIDEWALK ADDITION

BURNETT COUNTY, WI

The Village Of Siren does hereby give and receive bids ONLY through QuestCDN via the electronic online bid service (QuestBid) for the construction of Siren Southwest Sidewalk Addition until 10:00, February 7, 2020, at the Village Of Siren, 200 C Street, Luck, WI 54853.

The work for which bids are asked includes the following:

The work to be performed shall include completing the sidewalk on the north side of Siren Street from County Road J to Campground Rd along the west side of the plat of Siren.

All bids will be opened and publicly read at MSA Professional Services, Inc., 11 East Trolle Street, Rice Lake, Wisconsin, on February 10, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

No proposal will be accepted unless accompanied by a certified check or bid bond equal to at least 5% of the amount bid, payable to The Village of Siren. The bid will be executed only if the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute and file the proper contract and bond to the Village of Siren within 15 days after the date of award. The contract and the bond will be delivered to the Village Of Siren, 200 C Street, Luck, WI 54853. The certified check or bid bond will be returned to the bidder within 15 days after the bid is awarded. All bids will be held by the Village Of Siren for a period of 60 days from the day the bid was awarded.

Bids may be obtained by accessing and registering with QuestCDN at http://www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents for $40 by inputting Quest Bidder ID: 1522927 and Password: BurnettCDM. Please contact QuestCDN at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading projects and working with the digital project information.

No proposal will be accepted unless accompanied by a certified check or bond bid equal to at least 5% of the amount bid, payable to the Village of Siren. The bids will be opened and publicly read at 10:00 a.m. on February 7, 2020, at the Village Of Siren, 200 C Street, Luck, WI 54853. The certified check or bond bid will be returned to the bidder within 15 days after the bid is awarded. All bids will be held by the Village Of Siren for a period of 60 days from the day the bid was awarded. No bid may be withdrawn by the bidder within 60 days after the date of the public reading of the bids.

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
To each person named above as a defendant:

You are hereby notified that a complaint has been filed against you for title to property described as follows:

A parcel of land located in Government Lot 3 of Section 6, T35N, R16W, Town of Georgetown, Polk County, Wisconsin, described as follows:

Commencing at the W1/4 Corner of Section 6; thence S00°04'13"E, along the west line of the SW1/4 of said section, 49.74 feet; thence S88°19'23"E 3418.45 feet to the Southeast corner of said section; thence N00°51'30"E 99.36 feet to the South line of the NE4/4 of said section; thence S00°51'30"E 29.73 feet to a found 3/4 inch iron rebar being the north line of a parcel of land recorded in Document Number 781709 at said office, 182.02 feet to the South line of said parcel of land recorded in Document Number 350774, being the point of beginning. Described as follows:

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Packaging Supervisor

Burnett Dairy Cooperative is currently recruiting for the role of Packaging Supervisor. The right candidate for this position will be highly motivated, driven, demonstrated excellent leadership skills and have a supervisory background. The Packaging Supervisor will be responsible for the safety, production, quality and efficiency of the team and associated department. This position’s main responsibilities include end product quality, leadership, and process improvement. The Packaging Supervisor spends most of their time on the production floor, engaged with the team and has thorough knowledge of departmental operations. The Packaging Supervisor may include total supervision of people on multiple shifts, processes and products being produced and/or packaged.

Previous supervisory experience required and food manufacturing experience preferred. Bachelor’s degree in food-related field, biology or food sciences, preferred. This is a full-time position with a competitive starting wage and benefits package including health, vision, dental, long-term/short-term disability, paid vacation/sick time, 401(k) with a generous company match, profit sharing, and discounts. For more information call 715-689-2000 or apply at BurnettDairy.com, 11631 State Road 70, Grantsburg, WI 54840 or apply online at www.burnettdairy.com.

DIRECTOR, TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

WISCONSIN INDIANHEAD TECHNICAL COLLEGE

WITC TOMAHAWK LOCATION

ASHLAND, NEW RICHMOND, SUPERIOR

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE - SHELL LAKE

Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College is accepting applications from qualified candidates in interest in the full-time position of Director, Technology Services. This position can be housed at the following campus locations: Ashland, New Richmond, and Superior or at the Shell Lake - Administrative Office. Accountable for all IT operations including: IT infrastructure, network, application deployment, and development, applications and maintenance. This position is responsible for providing oversight and direction for the IT support teams and systems. This position is responsible for providing oversight and direction for the IT support teams and systems. Preference will be given to candidates with experience in an educational setting. For more information or to apply online at www.witc.edu or call 715-689-2000 for more information.

Part-Time, Help Wanted

BISTRO/ CHEESE STORE

Burnett Dairy Cooperative is currently hiring part-time Bistro and Cheese Store workers. The right person for these positions is prompt, efficient and customer service oriented. These are all hourly positions with no benefits. Duties include, but are not limited to: cashing out, stocking shelves and coolers, maintaining a clean and sanitary work area, and helping customers with their transactions. To be qualified for either position, you must be comfortable using a computer, able to operate a cash register, and able to lift up to 50 pounds. If you are interested, please stop by the Burnett Dairy office, 11631 State Road 70, Grantsburg, WI 54840 or apply online at www.burnettdairy.com.

LUCY SCHOOL DISTRICT - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOYS BASEBALL COACH

Summer of 2020

Position: Lucy School District is accepting applications for the position of 5/6 and 3/4 FULL/RECREATIONAL BASEBALL COACHES

Qualifications: Necessary Qualifications: Candidates will possess effective coaching techniques, strategies, skills, and an understanding of the fundamentals of all areas of the sport they are applying for. Candidates need to have a good knowledge of baseball and must have previous baseball coaching experience with children. Coaching experience with Lucy School students is a must. The ability to effectively manage and teach basic skills of bat and ball, practice throwing and catching, and teach the necessary safety rules. All candidates must have the ability to work with children in an instructional setting. The Lucy School District is an equal opportunity employer.

How to Apply: Please send a cover letter of interest and any supporting credentials to Jeremy Jensen - Summer Recreation Coordinator jeremyj@lucksd.k12.wi.us

Lucky Lake School District does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, race, color, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital status, sexual orientation, or physical, mental, or emotional handicap.

Deadline - April 3, 2020, or until filled

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 715-689-2010 OR APPLY AT BurnettDairy.com, 11631 State Road 70, Grantsburg, WI 54840 or apply online at www.burnettdairy.com.

Spray applicator & dry spreaders wanted

The Agricultural Applicator will be responsible for operating and maintaining applicator equipment, maintaining the equipment and tools used in the applicator process, and record keeping. Installing and performing minor maintenance and repairs on equipment to ensure operating efficiency and effective application. Depending on weather, this position will likely be scheduled 7 days a week at times. To be considered, the Agricultural Applicator must have the following:

- Class B driver’s license with good driving history
- The ability to operate a forklift and maintain a forklift license
- The ability to primarily work outside and around commercial agriculture equipment and machinery
- The ability to work a flexible schedule to include evenings and weekends
- The ability to work in extreme weather conditions
- Physical ability to lift, carry, push and pull a minimum of 60 pounds

This position is eligible for our full benefits package including health, vision, dental, long-term/short-term disability, paid vacation/sick time, 401(k) with generous company match, profit sharing and discounts!

APPLY IN PERSON AT THE BURNETT DAIRY OFFICE, 11631 STATE ROAD 70, GRANTSBURG, WI 54840 OR APPLY ONLINE AT www.burnettdairy.com.
Anthropologist to address “Conscious Consumption and the Climate Crisis”

Part of March 8 Sunday service

ST. CROIX FALLS – Scandia, Minnesota, resident and cultural anthropologist Rita Erickson will discuss “Conscious Consumption and the Climate Crisis” at 10 a.m., March 8, at the Sunday service of the St. Croix Universalist Fellowship. She will address broader questions about the uses of energy, consumer goods, quality of life and the environment and will conclude with a call for a more spiritual approach to environmentalism and social issues. The public is welcome to attend.

Erickson, who has a Ph.D. in cultural anthropology, has a long-standing concern for the environment and believes the climate crisis is the central moral challenge of our time. Her research book titled “Paper or Plastic?” compares the embodied carbon of paper and plastic. Erickson says her research and other work in cultural anthropology has excited her about the importance of individual decisions and personal experience and ancient tradition. She is also an active member of Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light, currently helping to create a Climate Justice Households certificate program. She is a member of the Bahá’í faith.

About SCUUF

Formed in 2012, St. Croix Universalist Universalist Fellowship is a liberal faith community that welcomes everyone. Unitarian Universalists – or UUs – are people of many ages, many backgrounds and of many beliefs. Unitarian Universalism (@uua.org) affirmative principles grounded in the humanistic teachings of the world’s religions. UU spirituality is draws from scripture and science, nature and philosophy, personal experience and ancient tradition. Located in the Edging Building on the corner of Adams and Louisiana streets in St. Croix Falls, St. Croix Universalist Universalist Fellowship gathers at 10 a.m. the first three Sundays of the month. For information about SCUUF, visit scuuf.org.

Rita Erickson

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FREDERIC COMMUNITY EDUCATION FEATURED CLASS

A DIY coffee bean roasting class is coming up on Saturday, March 14, at 9 a.m. at the Frederic High School with instructor Rich Potvin. Fee: $15. Learn how to roast coffee beans using a hot air popper! Taste fresh-roasted coffee using four different methods of preparation and learn where to purchase your green coffee beans and other roasting supplies. Sit back and enjoy some coffee and a score while visiting with other community members. Ordering beans takes time, so register early to ensure you go home with half a pound of coffee beans! To register, contact Frederic Community Education at 715-327-4888 or register online at frederic.ca (community link).

BURNETT MEDICAL CENTER’S BRAND PERCEPTION SURVEY

Burnett Medical Center is actively seeking feedback from the community it serves. Everyone is encouraged to complete a quick survey to help Burnett Medical Center determine a new branding direction.

Please complete the Brand Perception Survey by visiting www.burnettmedicalcenter.com and clicking on the Community Tab or by visiting the following website, www.surveymonkey.com/r/BurnettMedicalCenter. The survey is available until Wednesday, February 26.

Tavern League of Burnett County Vice President Greg Hunter presents a check for $750 to Auxiliary President Lisa Stater and Sheriff Tracy Finch. The Burnett County Law Enforcement Citizen’s Auxiliary is a volunteer fundraising team for the K-9 Tracker program. Tracker is a German Shepherd that was imported from Slovakia. He joined the Burnett County Sheriff’s Office in December of 2016. He is trained in narcotics detection, tracking, area and building searches, and personal protection. The auxiliary has had quite an impact by helping to add a K-9 deputy to the Burnett County Sheriff’s Office. Find Tracker’s adventures on their Facebook page. This donation will be matched by the Wisconsin Tavern League Foundation. - Photo provided.
Alpha speed study concerns citizens

Becky Strabel | Staff writer

BURNETT COUNTY – In late December, the leader reported on a stakeholder meetings held to discuss the speed limit through Alpha on Hwy. 70. What started as an appeal to the Department of Transportation to simply move the current 40 mph speed zone to the west turned into a bureaucratic speed bump.

Highway Commissioner Mike Hoefs’ request came back with the suggestion to move the zone but also to increase the speed limit to 45 mph through the area that includes Burnett Dairy, the Wood River Town Hall, a primary school, a church and numerous residential homes.

The traffic at the co-op consists of large trucks, farm machinery and passengers being allowed to access multiple entries plus employers crossing the road at dawn and dusk. Just down the road, the school has multiple buses loading and unloading each day.

There have been 10 fatalities near the town of Wood River in the past five years.

On Tuesday, Feb. 18, the county’s quarterly traffic safety commission met as required by law. The agenda included discussion and public comment. Nearly two dozen residents attended, with many from Wood River but others from throughout the county.

The idea of raising the speed limit in an area that attracts hundreds of visitors and as many locals didn’t sit well with the audience. “In order to get people to start slowing down at a more appropriate location,” Hoefs explained, “I made a request to relocating the speed zone.”

The request led to a speed investigation or traffic study conducted by North Regional DOT traffic engineer Jennifer Berg, who followed the WisDOT DOT Traffic Guidelines Manual which adopts much of the Federal Highway Administration Manual on Uniform Highway Control Devices.

The guide states that effective speed zones are established when their surroundings and physical, geographical and political conditions are factored in. “The driving environment is the main influence on motorists’ speed and the posted speed should be within the expected perception of 85% of the drivers.”

Factors other than speed that were used in the Alpha study include building locations, access points and pedestrian traffic. Therefore, Berg suggests a multiple-pronged approach: raising the speed to 45 mph, work with Burnett Dairy on traffic flow and install a crosswalk with pedestrian-controlled flashing lights.

Crashes within the speed zone were also reviewed but could only be counted if they were documented or reported. Traffic studies were taken for 14 consecutive days in April/May 2019. More data was wanted so another four days of speed data was collected in July/August. The collected data showed that 85% of the free-flow drivers are comfortable driving over 35 mph in the 40 mph zone.

Traffic maneuvering off the roadway was not included in the data and consisted of 4,200 free-flowing vehicles. The tally machines boot out vehicles that do not have six seconds of clearance ahead of them. The co-op has expanded over the years, inherited access from other properties it has purchased and was basically grandfathered through the DOT regulations. If a new business the co-op’s size was done,” explained Berg, who said she can’t just sit on the open request. “Forty-five mph is in the middle of the pace speeds and the speed needs to appear reasonable to the drivers. Based just on current traffic speeds, the state and federal guidelines indicate that the reduced zone could be removed. That is not what I am suggesting.”

“I don’t disagree with anything other than the speed change,” proclaimed Hoefs.

Sheriff Tracy Finch also went on the record in opposition to the suggested increased speed. Others commented on how hard it is to get in and out of the dairy even at the current speed.

Berg suggested that by adding additional options for traffic control the overall speeds should go down. County Administrator Nate Ehalt asked if there is any data to back that statement. Berg didn’t have any stats available but that it was based on her thoughts on the subject.

Ehalt also questioned if the county could review the data that was collected and offer more information on local entities.

The process is supposed to include local input and public comments that should carry some weight, but it was noted that the metrics were not clearly defined.

Hoefs challenged the state and in part the federal processes. He noted a study published in 2017 by the National Transportation Safety Board. It states that there is no compelling evidence that the 85th-percentile speed within a given traffic flow equates to the speed with the lowest crash involvement rate for all road types. Many other directions that are used nationally were also debunked in the study.

Local authorities will be urging the Wisconsin County Highway Association to look into legislative action. “The NTSB’s study is very powerful,” commented Hoefs. “Using the 85th% figure allows the non-law-abiding drivers to change the law.”

Ehalt asked, “What happens if the county deems the state’s work order to replace the speed signs?”

To that Berg had no answer. Another stakeholders meeting will be held in March and an additional public meeting will be held in the future.

In Loving Memory of
DUANE MEYER

August 20, 1948 - February 21, 2019

Those we love never go away
They walk beside us even on this day
Unseen, unheard, but always near
Still loved, still missed, and very dear
Gently missed by Beth, Shannon, Doug, Devon and families.

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ST. CROIX FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

4K Registration Open!
All children that will be 4 years old on or before September 1, 2020, may register to attend 4K for the 2020-2021 school year. Registration day is April 6, at 10 a.m. Please contact the SCF Elementary Office if you have not received a registration packet, 715-483-9628 ext. 1100.

Kindergarten Registration
All children that will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2020, and are NOT in the 4K program must register for the 2020-2021 school year. If you have a child that did NOT attend the 4K program, please contact the Elementary Office at 715-483-9628 ext. 1100. Thanks for your cooperation.

Handicapped accessible.
Wesley Howard Kemis

Wesley Howard Kemis, 98, of Luck, Wisconsin, passed away Feb. 13, 2020. He was born Aug. 9, 1921, to Howard and Ethel (Pogue) Kemis in Milaca, Minnesota, the first of four children, where they farmed and Wes attended Milaca High School. The family moved to District 30 through the 10th grade. He was a member of the Minnesota National Guard for four years, then enlisted in the Army Feb. 10, 1941. He was a WWII veteran and served in the South Pacific in Guam. He was honorably discharged Nov. 24, 1945.

Wes married Lorraine Olson and they had one son, Richard. He worked as a heavy-equipment operator in the Twin Cities and in Alaska on the Alyeska Pipeline. He retired in Luck, at the age of 62, where he lived until he moved to Amery Memory Care in 2015.

Wes was an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting, fishing, camping, snowmobiling, and traveling.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wives, Lorraine Kemis, Lucy Kemis and Lavone Kemis; and sister, Irene Kemis.

Wes is survived by his son, Rick Kemis (Jackie) of Luck; two grandchildren, Brad (Jen) Kemis of Eau Claire and Dave (Beth) Kemis of Luck; five great-grandchildren, Reade (Jared) Peper, Maddi Kemis, Eli Kemis, Owen Kemis and Sawyer Kemis; sister, Helen (Jim) Campbell of Spokane, Washington; brother, Lyle Kemis of Webster, Colorado; nieces and nephews and many friends.

Memorial services with military honors will be held at Rowe Funeral Home in Luck on Saturday, April 18, at 3 p.m., with visitation beginning at 1 p.m. until the time of service. Lunch will follow at the Milltown VFW after the service. A private burial will be held at a later date in Wisconsin, Wisconsin. The family would like to thank the staff at Amery Memory Care and Hospice for their compassion and care.

Memorials will be given to the Milltown VFW. 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.

Jens Fossom Jr.

Jens Fossom Jr. died of old age on Feb. 10, 2020, at Hearthside Assisted Living in Oceola, Wisconsin. He was 94 years old. Born in Fredrickson, Wisconsin, on March 23, 1925, Jens was the third son of Norwegian immigrants Jens Sr. and Irene (Johnson) Fossom. He attended school in Fredrickson and two years after graduating in 1943, was drafted by the U.S. Navy. After training at the Farragut Naval Training Station in Idaho he was sent to the Pacific aboard a hospital ship, the USS Bountiful. Jens served as a corpsman in the operating room aboard ship and was involved in the Battle of Iwo Jima along with other notable Pacific engagements. Upon his discharge from the service, Jens attended University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee to study biology for a year. He returned to Fredrickson to help his father under Uncle John (Jens Sr.’s business partner) passed away.

He went on to become a partner in his father’s cabinet and millwork shop, which was renamed Fossom and Son. Jens later added ceramic tile work to his business and continued installing tile until selling the cabinet shop in the late ’70s.

Jens and June were married in 1948 and made their home in Frederic. In 1955 they built their forever house on Birch Street where they continued to reside until the summer of 2016. While health concerns dictated a move to Osceola, he was closer to family.

Jens was the best father to the couple’s three children, Bruce, Brian and Karen. Whether he was teaching them to hike, fish, hunt, canoe or explore, he was consistently instilling a love of nature. Both in great outdoors in them. He also taught his kids the meaning of life and how to be kind, decent, respectful of others and the environment. He showed them how to hike, fish, canoe and wilderness skills. And he taught them how to be a scoutmaster to his sons’ Boy Scout Troop 128, teaching canoeing and wilderness skills. And he was the best Santa Claus to friends and family for many years.

He was preceded in death one year ago by his wife, June, July, 2019; along with his parents; brothers, Art and Armond; and their wives; all of his sisters-and-brothers-in-law; plus countless dear friends, notably Roy Hansen and Mel Elkkol.

He is survived by his children, Bruce, Brian and Karen (Tim While) of Oceola, and children, Sloane, Caitlin and Cole. A private family interment will take place at the Royal Oaks Senior Apartment Cemetery as well as the staff at Heartside Assisted Living in Oceola for the love and care they provided on a daily basis to Jens and June. As a special thank you to Barb Ceder, of Frederic, and Carol Mallin, of Oceola, for being great caregivers and celebrating life with them and their final chapters of life. To share stories and celebrate a life well-lived, there will be a casual gathering of friends and family on Saturday, June 13, at 2 p.m. at The Lodge at Crooked Lake in Siren.

Delina “Dee” Katherine Dobias

Delina “Dee” Katherine Dobias, 86, of Amery, Wisconsin, was called home to the Lord on Monday, Jan. 13, 2020, at Grant Regional Manor in Amery.

Dee was born on Dec. 15, 1933, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to David and Nellie (Johnson) Anderson.

Dee is survived by her daughter, Debbie (Jerry) Wilder; a daughter-in-law, Karen Dobias; four grandchildren, Andrew Dobias, Hannah (Javin) Crist, Stephanie (Lindsey) Eklof and Natalyn Dobias; four great-grandchildren; and a brother, David (Joyce) Anderson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rudolph (Rudy) Dobias; a son, Kurt Dobias; and all of her sisters-and-brothers-in-law; plus countless dear friends, notably Roy Hansen and Mel Elkkol.

A private family interment will take place at the Camp Ripley Cemetery at a later date in the spring.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Williamson-White Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 222 Hartman Ave. N., Amery, WI 54001.
OBITUARIES

James “Jim” Orvin Evrado

James “Jim” Orvin Evrado, 77, of Grantsburg, Wis., passed away at home with family at his side on Feb. 10, 2020, after a short battle with cancer.

Jim was born on July 19, 1942, to parents, Andrew and Orvin Evrado. Jim graduated from Oconto Falls High School in 1960. He received his B.A. and Master of Science degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1964 and 1965. In 1964, he earned his master's degree with honors and joined the U.S. Peace Corps and served as a technical advisor to the U.S. Forest Service in Cuzco, Peru.

While in graduate school he met the love of his life, Shirley Ogurek, and they were married on Aug. 26, 1967. They had two daughters, Lori and Terri. Jim worked for 31 years with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. While in Grantsburg he was a wildlife researcher and a project manager for the large mammals of the Grantsburg Unit.

He was honored with the Wisconsin Award, given by the Wisconsin Chapter of The Wildlife Society, in 2004. This is the highest award given by the professional society in Wisconsin.

In retirement, he continued much of his time to the Wisconsin Sharp-tailed Grouse Society, the Friends of the Crex, the Crex Meadows chapter of Ducks Unlimited, the conservation commission for the Village of Grantsburg and was a member of many other organizations.

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Jill was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Tim Antonson; and sister-in-law, Patricia Antonson.

Jill and her husband, Kenneth (Kelly) McKenzie and Nathan McKenzie; daughters, Christine (Ian) Witt and Tiffany (John) Poppe; seven grandchildren, Tyler, Taylor, Morgan, Eliza, Kevin, Savannah and Mackenzie; great-grandchild, archie; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21, at Joy Lutheran Church, 501 State Road 35, Centua-

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 1 p.m., visitation from noon to 1 p.m., at New Hope Lutheran Church in Grantsburg, with Pastor Emory Jomsen officiating. Arrangements have been entrusted to Swedberg-Taylor Funeral Home in Grantsburg. Online condolences may be expressed at swedberg-taylor.com.

Barbara Jean Fritz


Marge was born on June 19, 1935, to parents Waldo and Beatrice (Smith) Hancock. She attended Wagon Landing Grade School and eventually attended Osceola High School. Marge moved to Osceola, Wisconsin, to work for a short time at a plastics factory before moving back to her hometown of Webster, Wisconsin, and taking a job at UFE in Dresser where she worked as an administrative assistant and eventually a scheduler for 35 years. She married Ronald Lambert in 1980 at St. Croix Falls.

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POLK COUNTY - There is nothing remaining of the many activities, structures or the three dams over history that used to exist on what is now called the Woodley property, a block of county-owned parcels currently preparing to be sold in an online auction, or not, that’s a different story, noted elsewhere.

The Woodley property has fallen under many names over the last century, most notably of late as the old Country Dam, which locals still recall as a multipurpose facility – even including a taste of Hollywood which will be clarified later – since James Woodley first purchased it in 1916. There is more on that side of the history in a moment. The real story started with the Apple River.

The dam proper

The actual dam was among the last “grandfathered” configurations of its type in the region, a rare, privately owned hydroelectric dam. Until its removal and creek restoration in 2009, the Woodley Dam was among a handful of dams in Polk County that satisfied some of the basic regulations, including escaping the purview of the Federal Energy Regulation Commission which was established in 1882.

The dam was only not used to impound a several-acre pond at the head, but it also provided a picturesque waterwheel using the Apple River as a powerhouse. The snowmobile trailhead across the dam top literally opened the door to the major areas in the area and was part of the history that led to construction of the dam to replace the razed dam and river crossing.

A unique site

The snowmobile trail and river crossing, on top of the growing popularity of the dam site as a sort of snowmobile mecca and snowmobile trail crossing and for trails and entertainment, led to a little-known asterisk in history for the Woodley site.

That dedicated Apple River snowmobile trail crossing was still unique 50 years ago, especially one with the supporting venue of the old Country Dam, where riders had options for food, drink, gas, lodging, music and more. Public snowmobile trails were still new to the world, and the growing popularity of the sport collided on the front door of the old Country Dam, which became known as one of the biggest music venues between Milwaukee and Minneapolis.

It featured big-name stars from rock ‘n’ roll, country and many other types of music, from Dolly Parton to the Trashmen, Bobby Vee and countless other local, regional and national acts.

The dam site became synonymous with entertainment, good and bad, and also became noteworthy for snowmobilers and tourists, sponsoring several musical stages, different food options from pizza to casual dining and notoriously rowdy drinking parties that led to all sorts of stories over the years.

The Hollywood twist

The prominent trail location and success of the bar and nightclub led to the site becoming the backdrop for a little-known Hollywood film, “It Ain’t Easy,” which was part of several weeks of primarily second-unit production in 1971. The movie was released in 1972 to little or no success except among people who loved vintage snowmobiles and the cross-country treks that are featured.

The movie had a secondary title in foreign releases as “The Winnipeg Run,” which is shown in the promotional photos from subsequent marketing efforts. The film focused on a 500-mile snowmobile race between St. Paul and Winnipeg, where also featuring a variety of snowmobile trick riding on machines that today seem more like yard art or museum pieces.

However dated it might seem, the film accidentally seemed to be among the first Hollywood efforts to highlight and address the very real issue of post-traumatic stress disorder in veterans, far ahead of its time, but sadly in a barely mediocre at best film.

In a nutshell, the film features “Randy” as a retired Army veteran “… released early from treatment for his PTSD,” back when PTSD was rarely mentioned and was a controversial diagnosis, at best, and hardly accepted by the military. The movie poster, bowing his head in a sad profile which gave little hint that the movie would be most easily remembered for playing a lead or prominent character in dozens of big TV productions including “Star Trek: The Next Generation,” “The Equalizer” and “Baywatch Nights.”

“It Ain’t Easy” was basically described by critics as a tragic love story, with a tragic ending, but that doesn’t always sell well. The marketing gurus had another way of putting it: “He came home to Minnesota looking to find peace … and found something else.” As cheesy as it sounded, it turned out worse.

A star emerged

However bad the movie and script were, the B-minus-grade movie did lead to one true Hollywood success story for the lead actor who played Randy the veteran.

Lance Henriksen is the star featured in the movie poster, bowing his head in a sad profile which gave little hint that the chisel-faced, gravely-voiced actor would later become a versatile standard bearer and would use his “snowmobile Randy” role as a kickoff for a lengthy Hollywood career.

Henriksen would later appear as a lead or prominent character in dozens of award-winning, even Oscar-nominated and winning, films including “Dog Day Afternoon,” “Network” and “Close Encounters of the Third Kind.” He may be most easily remembered for playing astronaut Wally Schirra in “The Right Stuff,” on top of countless TV and film roles. He played Abraham Lincoln in “The Day Lincoln Was Shot,” and even the first “Terminator” movie featured the now-recognizable actor, whose first leading movie role was filmed in a little-known and mediocre, at best, film that featured Polk County and the Country Dam.

Lance Henriksen starred in the film, and it was his first notable starring role. He would later go on to be a true Hollywood star, shown here in the 1984 film, “The Terminator.”

When Hollywood collided with the Apple River

James Woodley had bought the property from Riddler in 1960 and opened it in grandiose fashion a short time later. Under Woodley’s ownership, the site became a mecca of entertainment and options, located on the busy corner of CTH H and Hwy. 8 between Balsam Lake and Amery. The property was a haven for travelers and locals alike as car campers and other travelers wanted to be near the water. Woodley worked as a guide and recreational options that included tubing down the dam, swimming, live music, an outdoor amphitheater across the dam top literally opened the door to the major areas in the area and was part of the history that led to construction of the dam to replace the razed dam and river crossing.

The dam site became a regional entertainment mecca. - Photo provided

The view is downstream of the dam, shortly before it was removed. - File photo by Greg Marsten

This is one of the last photos of the bana area above the dam. - File photo by Greg Marsten

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A WINTER VIEW

This beautiful winter landscape photo was taken in Polk County last week. – Photo courtesy Lisa Doerr

ONE LAST CLimb

The DNR fire tower at Grantsburg is being disassembled for re-location to a new home in Montreal, Wisconsin. – Photos by Priscilla Bauer

LEFT: Bob Rombach, of We Are Grantsburg, videotaped Dorene Snyder as she climbed to the top of the tower Tuesday morning. Snyder sat in the tower during fire seasons for a record 24 years. More photos of the tower takedown and Snyder’s job with the best view in next week’s Leader, and watch Bob Rombach’s interview with Snyder at the top at We Are Grantsburg.com

LOWER LEFT: Taking one last look. Dorene Snyder snapped this photo of the view from the top of the Grantsburg DNR fire tower, a view she knew all too well. Snyder worked for 24 years during fire seasons in the tower. View Snyder reminiscing about her time in the tower with WeAreGrantsburg’s Bob Rombach. To watch go to thewearenetwork.com. - Facebook photo

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DANBURY – It was bittersweet Satur-
day night for many at Houman’s Resort
in Danbury, even though the refreshments
were only $2 each. After 58 years, the iconic
hangout on the banks of Gull Lake will
have new owners. Chuck and Connie Hou-
man have joined the ranks of retirees and
won’t be opening up the cabins or tending
to the grounds this spring.

The resort was built in 1936 soon after
the Loon Creek dam was built and created
the Minerva Chain of Lakes. Bill and Mary
Houman bought the 43-acre place from
Myron Howland in 1962. Chuck joined his
parents’ operation the following year. The
elder Houmans passed away in 2003 and
2018, respectively.

Pictures show that the outside color of
the bar/restaurant off CCC Road in the
town of Oakland has changed throughout
the years, but inside there is still a horse-
shoe-shaped bar and warm honey-hued
pine walls and ceilings. Cid, the mascot,
has been seen bellied up to the bar for a
while now too.

Saturday, Feb. 15, marked the last hoorah.
Contrary to in the summer months when
people would boat in, dozens of snow-
mobilers rode the trails to the resort and
parked on the hill outside the classic cabins.
Trucks and cars were lined along the road
as patrons walked up the hill from both di-
rections on the calm winter day to enjoy a
drink and visit with friends.

People gathered at Houman’s to look
through historical images, and stories were
being shared. Fishing tales were matched
by anecdotes of young romance sparked
around campfires and summer fun.

Many of the guests had been coming up
to the area for 50-plus years. It was their
trips down memory lane that encouraged
newcomers to linger longer on Saturday
and hear their stories of rides on the water,
walks in the woods or relaxing nights in the...
quaint cabins. Family-run resorts in Burnett County were within close proximity to the Twin Cities, Milwaukee and Chicago areas. Houman’s advertised their place as being less than half a day’s travel to most major Midwest cities. Resorts helped the rural area survive the difficult ups and downs of logging and farming. It opened up the county to more tourism and visitors who came to enjoy the natural landscape that the locals relish daily.

The resort and many others like it were some of Wisconsin’s best-kept secrets. Nestled among the pines, memories of Houman’s Resort will be safely tucked away in the hearts of those who enjoyed the friendly company of Chuck and Connie over the past several decades.

Left: Postcards were a popular way to remember the resort experience without the expense and uncertainty of film photography. (Photo of resort on page 1 is also a postcard.) - Photos provided

Pam Kowalski and her daughter Kari Kowalski-Steffen tended to a full house on Saturday, Feb. 15. To clear out open bottles, all drinks were $2. Pam is a cousin to the Houmans.

Photos by Becky Strabel Unless noted otherwise

Cheers, knucks and beers were all exchanged at Houman’s Resort.

The mild temperature made snowmobiling to Houman’s Resort enjoyable.
Help cancer patients by donating blood

EUA CLAIRE - Patients fighting cancer need more blood than patients fighting any other disease, using nearly one-quarter of the nation’s blood supply. That’s why this February, the American Red Cross and the American Cancer Society have teamed up to encourage people to battle cancer.

Time,” ensuring loved ones have the strength and support they need. These donations are critical as an estimated 35,280 new cases of cancer will be diagnosed in Wisconsin this year. Many of these patients will likely have a need for blood.

According to the American Cancer Society, 1 in 3 people in the U.S. will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. An estimated 35,280 new cases of cancer will be diagnosed in Wisconsin this year. Many of these patients will likely have a need for blood.

A loved one’s cancer diagnosis often makes families and friends feel helpless. That’s why the Give Blood to Give Time partnership with the American Cancer Society is so important,” said Dr. Pamppee Young, chief medical officer, American Red Cross. “When someone donates blood or platelets or makes a financial gift, they are helping to give patients and their families time, relief and hope for the future.

How to donate blood

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver’s license or two forms of identification are required at donation. Donors 17 years of age or older who weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.

High school students and other donors 16 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questions online on the day of their donation before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at redcrossblood.org/RapidPass or use the blood donor app.

HOMEMADE WITH LOVE

Darcy Kolanter

Cocky Caviar

3 Roma tomatoes, seeds removed, diced
2 ripe avocados, diced
3 Roma tomatoes, seeds removed, diced
11/2 cup red onion, diced
1 1/2 cups frozen sweet corn, thawed
1 jalapeno pepper, seeded, removed, diced into small pieces
1/3 cup cilantro, finely chopped

Combine first nine ingredients in a large bowl. Stir to combine. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Dressing

3 cup olive oil
2 tablespoons lime juice, fresh preferred
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
1 teaspoon lime zest
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder

Tortilla chips for serving

Instructions

Combine first nine ingredients in a large bowl. Toss well to combine. Serve in a septate, rate bowl, whisk together dressing ingredients. Pour dressing over other ingredients and stir to well. Serve immediately. If not serving immediately, be sure to toss/ stir again before serving.

Andy Blum and I first met about three years ago; it was actually, it was Andy with his lovely wife, Linda, by his side. My wife and I had just moved to the North Woods not so long ago, and we hardly knew anyone. As a matter of fact, I was still learning my way around town. Think of the look of surprise on my face when someone called out my name while shopping at Walmart one afternoon.

“Hi, are you Peter, the gentleman who writes the weekly column, Wok & Roll?” First, it is unusual that someone calls me by my name. It is even more surprising that I was called out while shopping. I was, of course, the first to answer. “Yes, I am Peter Kwong, and who might you be?” And the next thing I know I am standing next to the lady in question, who said, “We indeed have something in common. You see, I was born in Hong Kong in the ’40s.” That was the second surprise, not only someone recognized me; we were also born in the same city.

Gently we stopped and chatted a little bit; turns out the lady was an immigration officer, and she worked full-time RVing, and he and his wife chose to live in St. Croix Falls. Croix Falls to be closer to their family. What a coincidence. I don’t think I ever met another card whine. I won a horse number and told me that we should get together some time, and chat more. A good thought indeed, that “some time” has turned to be a long time. It is just another reason why I should start RVing more often.

Andy and I did meet for coffee one morning and chatted for hours. What an interesting fellow indeed. He and his wife had met at the family birthday party, and he had an interesting story – his father, the son of a Swedish/ Russian doctor, married my mother, a violinist from New Zealand. Somehow, they met in China and got married. Andy was born in Hong Kong in 1940. His family was on home leave in California when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. Lucky him!

After the war, his father was hired by Pfizer in 1955, and the family moved to Tokyo, Japan, where he attended high school. Later, he joined the Army and started roaming the world for over 50 years. Finally, his family ended up living in Wisconsin while he worked on various projects in Minnesota (sound familiar?). For those who are still living in the farmhouse that Grandpa built, you would find Andy’s story most intriguing. Just how many times can one say, “Yeah, been there and done that?”

In 1990, Andy and Linda did go back to Hong Kong for a brief visit and still found Hong Kong most exciting – the food, the shopping, the tailor-made suits that were made to order and would be ready in a week. Andy said, “It is not much different than it was then,” and added, that though, that eating dog meat was quite popular, yet it was illegal to sell it in the market. However, the “catch of the day” could easily be raccoon or any exotic animal.

It was not until I started writing my book. “Have You Ever Wondered?”, that I started thinking of him again. At our last meeting, he had mentioned that he took a lot of pictures while revisiting Hong Kong in 1990. Oh, how I wish I could use some of them. So, I picked up the phone and gave him a call. Must be my Chinese accent, he recognized my voice immediately. He knew what I needed and agreed to bring the pictures and chat over coffee. We met at Coffee Talk in Taylor Falls, a great place to meet and chat. Another place would be 3 Arrows or Uncle Donuts in St. Croix Falls. All great places for coffee and chatting; but I always ended up spending more money at Uncle Donuts. My wife loves their apple fritters.

So, I always pick up four to six fritters to go after ordering some lunch, he would give a special treat to the waiting pet. What a treat indeed. So, that’s the story of Andy and me, a recollection of the memories in Hong Kong. And we got Brian, the owner of Sir Smoke A Lot, involved. Now, do you want to know about the name of Andy’s puppy? Take a guess. It’s Gandy Dancer, like the Gandy Dancer in the famous song. Andy and Gandy. It will go down in history.

On Saturday, Feb. 22, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the St. Croix Falls Library, author and chef Peter Kwong would be providing an Italian cooking demo and book signing. Class is free but you must register to attend. Register at redcrossblood.org/forms/d11FaQSc2dF7um7vYI-qDok8BFCOZZLgiDpX9otlpzrPrRNfAg5g/viewform. You can also access this from the library’s Facebook page.

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WOK & ROLL

Peter H. Kwong

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The Road Runner and the Poet

Our Bone Lake dairy farm in 1949, Babe wasn’t blue, and she wasn’t an ox. She was a white workhorse, a gentle soul who, I was about to learn, had a mind of her own and a spring in her 19-year-old legs.

And I was into horses. We had four work-horses that I remember: Babe; Tommy, who “founded” in Straight River and died when I was about 5; Chubb, Babe’s dapple-gray daughter; and Lad, her huge sorrel son. I often rode Lad bareback, my legs sticking straight out atop his broad withers. Long since replaced by super stable in the stables were mainly pensioners, munching their way to old age, but Dad, Harvey Duloe, occasionally put Chubb and Lad to work lug- ing logs out of corn, and Uncle Ralph, Dad’s brother, hitched them to a horse-drawn grader and joined the road crews that redid Hwy. 48. In 1952, Dad was among the few who knew how to harness a horse.

I read lots of Walter Farley’s books, “The Black Stallion,” “The Saga of the Black Stallion,” “The Black Stallion Returns,” “The Island Stallion” and others, I was captivated by horse racing, memorizing the Tri- ple Crown winners and cheering Nashua in his 1955 contests with Swaps, clogged by a televised match race between the two horses. (Twenty-five years later I had an experience and I was watching ABC’s “Wide World of Sports” as it was about to replay the match race. Swaps won, John said. I said Nashua prevailed.)

The collapse occurred after I’d been coming to the church for about 10 minutes, enough time to sing church for a given Sunday and is usually in each church on a given Sunday, and far longer, I am sure, than anyone imagined it would be.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

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Jack had an extra room in the apartment he had above a Sherman Williams paint store several blocks on the wrong side of the tracks in the big city. Frank moved in and Jack and Frank listened to Frank’s stories, drank beer and talked about the war. They told the stories of a friend who was captured in Korea, and a buddy who was injured fighting in the Philippines.

A new friend that Frank introduced to Jack was Zeke “the grease man,” and he was rather slippery and unflappable and generous with the bounty he had. He was unflappable and generous with the bounty he had.

He was asked by the war fund chairman. He said if every town, village and city would double its Red Cross Roll Call quota, they could double the top.

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The general look and location of the nutrition facts label should be the same. Highlights of the changes to the label, provided by the Food and Drug Administration, include:

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- The meaning of percent daily value is explained better.
- “Added sugars” will be in grams and as a percent of daily value.
- Amounts of vitamin D and potassium are now required.
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20 years ago

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A portion of the trail along the edge of some bluffs gave way and he fell about 25 feet, suffering a broken leg, broken wrist, bruising and a partially collapsed lung. He was hospitalized and in traction, then expected to be fully recovered in six to eight weeks.

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Valentine’s Day may already be a memory, but American Heart Month is still going strong. The American Heart Association says that studies have shown that pet ownership positively affects stress levels, blood pressure and overall well-being. And, of course, there is also the cardiovascular ben- efits of being active with a dog. Looking to stay heart healthy? The Hu- mane Society of Bur- nett County has some “personal trainers” that would be ecstatic to help you stay at your best. Who doesn’t love chips? But HSBC’s Chips is actually good for you! This 7-pound, gray-and-white shih-tzu is curious and playful – she is especially fond of mouse toys. And Chips has absolutely stunning amber eyes that seem to say she’s a great listener, ready to hear about your day – good or bad. Chips was surrendered when her owner went into a care facility, so she takes a little time with new situations and people. A quiet home would be the perfect choice for this 1-year-old. Given her space, she will be ready for snuggling from anyone – kids and adults alike. Chips is a beautiful 1-1/2-year-old weimaraner/American Stafford- shire terrier/Labrador mix who arrived with last week’s Texas guys. A solid 45 pounds, Goldie is an unusual but striking gold/tan/shade with matching eyes! She is mature for her age— extremely smart, and always watching for cues from people. Goldie is quick to learn, polite on a leash, and house-trained. She could stand to lose a couple of pounds and would be excited to have companions of any age to burn those extra calories. She’s as precious as the metal she is named after.

Woke up a week ago Monday to a beautiful scene outside, the trees in our yard were covered with hoarfrost, making our whole yard look like a fairy tale. My mind took flight wondering if the green chips? But HSBC’s Chips is actually good for you! This 7-pound, gray-and-white shih-tzu is curious and playful – she is especially fond of mouse toys. And Chips has absolutely stunning amber eyes that seem to say she’s a great listener, ready to hear about your day – good or bad. Chips was surrendered when her owner went into a care facility, so she takes a little time with new situations and people. A quiet home would be the perfect choice for this 1-year-old. Given her space, she will be ready for snuggling from anyone – kids and adults alike. Chips is a beautiful 1-1/2-year-old weimaraner/American Staffordshire terrier/Labrador mix who arrived with last week’s Texas guys. A solid 45 pounds, Goldie is an unusual but striking gold/tan/shade with matching eyes! She is mature for her age— extremely smart, and always watching for cues from people. Goldie is quick to learn, polite on a leash, and house-trained. She could stand to lose a couple of pounds and would be excited to have companions of any age to burn those extra calories. She’s as precious as the metal she is named after.

BOY SCOUT DONATION

Dan Campton, of Boy Scout Troop 564, accepts a $1,500 check to provide a mobile kitchen for his troop. The check was presented, check the at the Scouts meetings on Tuesday. Photo provided

Grantsburg Senior Center

Janet Van Zandt, of Grantsburg, accepted three new grants and three new members to the Grantsburg Senior Center. On Monday, Jan. 27, a total of $10,976 was presented to the center at the monthly meeting. Place setting was arranged by the community. The center raised a total of $10,976 from the community.

We had a good turnout for our Happy Valentine’s Day potluck. We celebrated with great food and friends. Who has celebrated the most Valentine’s Days? V1 and Verner Denslow have been married for 71 years, so that’s 71 times, Marion and Gene Gronland, 69 (years) times, and Kathy and Gene Bjorko with 50 (years) times. Wow! How to make a list of sweethearts cards? And a happy Valentine’s Day wedding anniversary to Rick and Sharon Danison! One of the favorite LEBs: Well, this is a twist on that. You know people born on the 29th of February (leap year babies) are sometimes called “leaplings” or “leap babies.” If you were born on Feb. 29, you would celebrate your birthday on Feb. 28. On non-leap years. If you were born after Feb. 29, you would celebrate it March 1 on a non-leap year.

We offer Wi-Fi, coffee and goodies, and check the book nook. If you have questions on meal reservations, contact the Grantsburg Senior Center at 715-463-2940 or email us at gburg118@ gmail.com.

Karen Mangelsen


Bev Beckmark

Quin is a 3-year-old dilute calico cat with a soft coat of gray, peach and quin. She is a quiet gal. She is happy to sit in your lap or watch from the sidelines, making her the perfect companion for a lonely, quiet household. Quin doesn’t ask for much but she sure wouldn’t mind being spoiled a little. In her previous home, Quin lived with a shih- too peacefully. She can be shy when grandchildren come to visit. When camp mice are on the move, Quin brings out her playful side. Quin’s adoption fee is $20, she has been spayed, vaccinated and microchipped. She is a special little kitty. A little one that is great at sleeping through the winter. She is under the care of the Humane Society of Burnett County.

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Grantsburg students celebrate 100 days of learning

Isaac Olson, Summer Erickson and their classmates in Mrs. Fiedler’s second-grade class wrote about what they will be like at 100 years old and then used the Aging Booth app to make themselves look old.

Grantsburg second-graders Silas Anderson and Theo Powell built a tower using 100 plastic cups.

(L to R): Nelson Kindergartners Helen Mason, Brennan Ruskanen and Savannah Sventek proudly posed with their 100 Days Smarter awards.

Two of Mrs. Fiedler’s students, Maizie Polzine and Felicity Qualle, show off their 100-day crowns.

Tatum Schroeder was caught by the camera counting her 100 Polydrons.

Mrs. Melin’s class had a fun time celebrating the 100th day of kindergarten.
The Forts holds winter events

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The lodge was filled with traders willing to strike a deal with patrons, looking to reunite with fellow rendezvouers and happy to be visiting with the public.

Six-year-old Noah was enjoying the toys in the gift shop at Forts Folle Avoine’s Indoor Rendezvous and Trade Fair. He was looking good in the red coat that his father had stitched for him.

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Hairclips and spikes were created by Landrew Olson, a blacksmith from Springbrook.

On Saturday, the primitive biathlon that joined marksmanship and endurance was held. Two categories of competition were available: the hivernants, people who have wintered over in the wilds, or the mangeurs de lard, or "pork eaters," inexperienced newcomers who relied on civilian rations. Contestants competed in a milelong or half-mile route in snowshoes around the camp and a 16-shot challenge at the range using either a traditional black powder rifle or musket. Prizes were available and the contest was open to males and females. It was co-sponsored by the Burnett County Historical Society and the Traditional Muzzleloading Association.
Indoor rendezvous and “primitive biathlon”

Providing music on Saturday, Feb. 15, were father and son Bob and Sam Cassell, Elk River, and Kim Wheeler, Grantsburg (center). The three settled in the corner and had a little jam session to the delight of the visitors and volunteers who were at the Forts.

Handcrafted leather goods were for sale at the trade show. The red case included a deer antler for a handle.

This trio enjoyed a weekend in the historic and primitive XY Fort during Forts Folle Avoine’s winter encampment.

The variety of animal pelts matched the variety of styles available at this vendor’s table of hats and gloves.

Pam Hastings and Judy Bauerfeld, volunteers at Forts Folle Avoine, take a break for a quick photo during this past weekend’s event. They are also busy with Music at the Forts and preparing for the upcoming Irish dinner.

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Unless noted otherwise
Frederic Middle and High School celebrate Winter Wellness Week

During Winter Wellness Week Frederic students participate in a variety of wellness-centered activities. Students participated in dress-up days, a medallion hunt, hush days and cardboard sled races. – Photos provided

On Wednesday, Feb. 12, the Frederic sixth- through 12th-grade students participated in a Winter Wellness Day. Students picked from a variety of activities such as ice-fishing, skiing, snowboarding, snow tubing, bowling, ice skating, cooking or swimming.

On Thursday, Feb. 13, students celebrated Valentine’s Day with candy-gram and flower deliveries. During Viking time, students participated in cardboard sled races and ended the afternoon with a winter pep fest.

The Frederic school music department sponsored a Valentine’s Day dance for the high school students on Thursday evening, Feb. 13.

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Webster Snowball Dance 2020

LEFT: Queen Betsy Robinson and King Jeff Janssen led the first dance on the evening of Valentine’s Day, Feb. 14, at the Snowball Dance at Webster High School.

RIGHT: King Jeff Janssen and Queen Betsy Robinson.

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Female members of the court at the Snowball Dance at Webster High School were (L to R): Amanda Preston, Grace McCool, Kaitlyn Lee, Betsy Robinson and Daisy Dorn.

The boys who made up the court at the Snowball Dance at Webster High School on Valentine’s Day, Feb. 14, were (L to R): Chris Knight, Danny Ingalls, Dalton McCarthy, Coleton Peterson and Jeff Janssen.

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Friends of the Library upcoming events:
A welcome to our new Friends of the Library president, Viki Prok.
• Newly acquired materials
• Fun in the sun
• DVD

WINTER READERS' BINGO
This is an adult challenge which encourages readers to try new reads beyond their typical reading genre. Participants are racing to complete 33 books, with the winner receiving a basket of goodies.

Carol Fure quilt on display
Fure’s “American Beauties” quilt is on display in the children’s area of our library. The person who made the beautiful state-flower squares is not known. The embroidered flower blocks were pinned at a church rummage sale in Danbury. The quilt was pieced by Fure and machines quilted by Norma Reihm in 2012. It measures 70 inches by 85 inches, and can be purchased for $200, with the proceeds going to the Library.

Dr. Seuss’ birthday
We are celebrating Dr. Seuss’ birthday on Monday, March 2, at our library by having a child’s book’s drawing for three Dr. Seuss books. Entry forms are available at the circulation desk, as well as coloring pages for the little ones.

Do you need tax forms?
Federal and state tax forms are available at the library in the foyer.

Book club
Our monthly book club is reading “Continental Drift” by Russell Banks for the meeting on Tuesday, March 24, at 10 a.m. We meet in the Nexus Community Meeting Room and everyone is welcome, even if you have not read the book. Please come join our discussion!

Preschool story time
We are conducting a survey to see what day and time mothers and caregivers would like to see our story time. In order, it is at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays. Maybe another day or time would be more accommodating? Please let us know how you feel about this. A survey is available at the circulation desk.

Newly acquired materials

Adult fiction
• Above the Bay of Angelos” by Rhys Bowen
• American Dirt” by Jeanine Cummins
• The Ancestor’s Secret” by Michael Crichton
• Country Strong” by Linda Liel Miller
• Crooked River” by Douglas Preston
• Cry of the Raven” (Ravenswood Saga No. 3) by Morgan Busse
• Deep State” by Chris Hauty
• A Divided Loyalty” by Charles Todd
• Light’s End” by Moe Jpn
• Mrs. Jeffries and the Alps of the Angelos” by Emily Brightwell
• Nothing More to Lose” by Allan Edwards
• When You See Me” by Lisa Gardner

Adult nonfiction
• How to Write a Series” by Sara Rosetti
• You’re Not Listening: What You’re Missing & Why it Matters” by Kate Murphy
• A House in the Mountains: The Women Who Liberated Italy from Fascism” by Caroline Moorehead
• The Art of Resistance” by Justus Rosenberg
• Canyon Dreams: A Basketball Season on the Navajo Nation” by Michael Powell
• The Organic Alchemist for Kids” by Nick Neddo

Juvenile
• Wings of Fire Series” by Tui Sutherland
• The Tooth Fairy’s Tunny Ache” by Len Orlovsky

• Pete the Cat: Five Little Bunnies” by James and Kimberly Dean
• Pinkalicious: Dragon to the Rescue” by Victoria Kann
• The Whispers of War” by Julia Kelly

DVD
• Judy”
• The Great Alaskan Race”

Audiobooks on CD
• Golden in Death” by J.D. Robb
• A Divided Loyalty” by Charles Todd

Hours and information
Library hours are Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information, contact the library at 715-866-7907, website: websterlib.org. Online catalog: merlin.mls.lib.wi.us/search.

Teens on Tuesday
Library Teens! Join us Tuesday, Feb. 25, for “Minute to Win It” challenges from 4:30-5:15 p.m. We have teen events on the fourth Tuesday of the month, for ages 12-plus.

TwenTeens – a book club just for tweens
TwenTeens is a monthly book club especially for tweens. This month the group is reading “Hidden” by Louis Sachar. Pick up a copy of the book at the library. Registration is recommended. For ages 10-12. Food, fun and a book discussion on Tuesday, March 3, 4-4:45 p.m.

Library hours and information
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday; noon to 8 p.m. on Thursdays; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. Phone: 715-744-2424. Website: grantsburglibrary.org. To find out about the latest library events, follow us on Facebook.

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Grantbsurg Public Library

Preschool story time
We have story time for preschoolers every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. We often have guest readers, and always have fun!

Kids cookie club
Children can join our library’s Cookie Club by picking up a free Cookie Card and bring it with every time they visit the library to borrow books or to attend an event. A cookie and cocoa open house celebrating Cookie Club participants will be held 3:30-5 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Afternoon Tea Book Club
Books and tea just go together, especially during the winter months, the official season for cozy reading. But which tea to drink with what read it and come ready to engage in a lively discussion while enjoying a steaming mug of tea. 1 p.m., Thursdays, Feb. 20, and March 19.

Hot reads for cold nights
While away the winter days with the adult reading program. Each time you read a library book, complete an entry form for your chance to win the grand prize. The winter reading program began on Jan. 28 and continues through the end of February.

Seven libraries, one book!
2020 is the 100th anniversary of women receiving the right to vote. Readers in seven of Wisconsin’s northwestern Wisconsin communities will join to commemorate the achievement by sharing a good book and lively discussion. Check out a copy of “The Woman’s Hour: The Great Library
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Escape

The warmth of the sun beat down on my back as I picked my way along the shoreline searching for ocean treasures. Early summer was chilly in Kodiak, Alaska, so I was thankful for the sunshine. Sea life fascinated me. While studying the tide pools, I discovered several species of sea worms, anemones, snails and sea cucumbers. Along the sandy, rocky beach I watched rock and hermit crabs, varied crabs, sand dollars and a rainbow of different sea stars, some spiny and others lethargic to the touch. I walked around a huge, odd-shaped rock to another larger tide pool where I picked up sea shells. Before I realized, the tide had come in, blocking my way back around the rock. Was I trapped?

Being a good listener is crucial to parenting

Q: Looking back on my own teen years, I had a pretty rough time emotionally. Now my daughter is 12 years old. As her mom, what can I do to help her through what I expect to be a challenging time, in her second year of high school?

Jim: Of course I’m a dad who raised two boys, but I understand – so I asked our counselors for input on this question. They emphasized that a mother’s importance to a teenage daughter can’t be overstated. Mom is a role model, and usually the parent a teen girl trusts most. Moms are often a teen girl’s first and maybe her only real comfort during emotionally intense times. Now my daughter is 12 years old. As her mom, what can I do to help her through this time?

Q: My spouse and I have a fair amount of debt. We both know we need to work out a budget and pay off what we owe. But let’s just say that we aren’t on the same page about the urgency and benefit of becoming debt-free. What can we do?

Greg Smalley, vice president, Family Ministries: Money is generally one of the biggest stressors in marriage. So financial expert Dave Ramsey emphasizes it’s crucial that couples work together on their finances.

You’ll be much more likely to stick with your budget if you both have the same goals in mind. If your spouse isn’t on board, Ramsey suggests that honest communication is essential. Let your spouse know that you’re excited about your debt reduction and ask for his help. Share what you want to read one or two short articles on the benefits of living on a budget. If they’re still not convinced, Ramsey recommends that you write down some of the points that concern you, and why. Sharing your thoughts and feelings on paper can be an effective way of getting your spouse’s attention.

Women, are the ones who are eager to get out of debt, while their husbands drag their feet. If you’re in this situation, Dave Ramsey has one hard-and-fast rule: Don’t nag. It rarely works, and it could end up driving a deeper wedge between you and your spouse. Husbands, if your wife has resorted to nagging, please step up before it’s too late. Getting out of debt and living on a budget is in both of your best interests, and you need to do your part to make it happen.

Like most things in marriage, getting on sound financial footing is a team effort. For more information to help your relationship thrive, go to FocusOnTheFamily.com.

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Students of the Week

Frederic

Kensa Clamet has been chosen Frederic Elementary School's student of the week. She is in fifth grade and the daughter of Samantha and Craig Clamet. She plays violin in beginning band. She is always willing to sing and play in music class and is an excellent model to her classmates. She tries hard and has learned a lot about playing violin since the beginning of the school year. She wants to be an entomologist when she grows up.

Roman Lath has been chosen Frederic Middle School's student of the week. He is in 11th grade and the son of Theron and Allain Lath. He is involved in football and basketball. He enjoys watching basketball and watching the Gophers and the Vikings. He is an excellent student in social studies. He is always friendly, hard-working and polite.

Oscar Lath has been chosen Frederic High School's student of the week. He is a junior and the son of Alan and Prudence Lath. He is involved in football, basketball, track and field, and baseball. He enjoys playing sports. He challenges himself to master his content. He has a great question, often provoking other students to think differently. He plans to attend college and major in mathematics.

Montgomery Grana-Anderson has been chosen Grantsburg Elementary School's student of the week. He is in first grade and the son of Sommer Ling. His dad and teacher are happy to have him join them at GES this year. He is excited to learn, always telling jokes and has made some great new friends. He likes to play with his cousins, do math and play basketball. His favorite food is cake with ice cream. When he gets older, he wants to work at McDonald's.

Stephanie Ayohua-Hernandez has been chosen Grantsburg Middle School's student of the week. She is in fourth grade and the daughter of Lula Ayohua and Alfonso Hernandez. Her favorite class is art and her favorite club is CLC. She enjoys drama and choir and contemporary choir. She also enjoys working in tech ed. She placed second for her age group in the Polk County Land and Water poster contest. He has a very strong work ethic and is a junior at the middle school. She works hard in her classes and enjoys helping her peers.

Read Arnold has been chosen Grantsburg High School's student of the week. He is a sophomore and the son of Sheryl and Corey Arnold. He's a high achiever and helps everyone in need. He is friendly, intelligent, hardworking and always looks out for others. He is well-liked and respected. He is involved in football, cheer and is a delicious cheer at Miss America. He enjoys history, politics, unbreakable and hunting. He plans to enlist in the military as an entry ranger.

Grantsburg

Tea Hinkel has been chosen Luck Elementary School's student of the week. She is in third grade and the daughter of Cory and Kelsie Hinkel. Her favorite subjects are reading, spelling and art. She is a hard worker and gets along well with her classmates. She is in basketball and likes to spend time with her family.

Anders Duholm has been chosen Luck Middle School's student of the week. He is in eighth grade and the son of Eric and Amy Duholm. He consistently works hard to improve his skills and learns to turn his best work. He is involved in tennis, choir, contemporary choir, FFA, student council and Key Club. He is also involved in football, baseball and basketball. He enjoys hunting, fishing and is part of a traveling baseball team. He plans to attend a D1 school to play baseball.

Wyatt Jensen has been chosen Luck High School's student of the week. He is a senior and the son of Jake and Shara Jensen. He is thoughtful, helpful and loyal. He is a very responsible and manages his time well. He is involved in football, choir, contemporary choir, FFA, student council and Key Club. He enjoys hunting, fishing and is part of a traveling baseball team. He plans to attend a D1 school to play baseball.

Madyson Peterson has been chosen Siren Elementary School's student of the week. She is in 2nd grade and the daughter of Kyle and Dora Peterson. She is a very friendly and active girl who likes many things about school, like working with numbers, counting things, checking out books, reading all the storybooks and playing with her friends outside and in the gym. Her favorite games are Bingo and Tag. When she grows up, she would like to work with animals.

Lee Hayman has been chosen Siren Middle School's student of the week. He is in fourth grade and the son of Mark Hayman and Colleen Hayman. He is active in football, basketball, track and baseball, enjoys hunting and fishing and being part of the trap team and keeping up with friends. He is also involved in the middle school band. He works hard in his classes and enjoys helping his peers.

Siren

Riley 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, older sister and younger brother. At home, they enjoy to look for their farm. They have goats and grow hay. At school, she likes to read. Right now, she is exploring graphic novels, which are comic books. When she grows up, she would like to be a zookeeper because she loves working with animals.

Evelyn Gutierrez has been chosen St. Croix Falls Middle School's student of the week. She is in eighth grade and in her sixth period and she is a junior and her name is Amelia and her nickname is the "A." She is involved in basketball, tennis and field hockey. When she grows up, she wants to become an artist.

Wyatt Steck has been chosen Luck High School's student of the week. He is an athlete and the son of Nick and Laura Steck. He is working to challenge himself in the science classroom and work on his performance when things become challenging. He sets a good example for others in what it takes to be an achiever and treats everyone with respect.

Bo Carstens has been chosen Unity Elementary School's student of the week. He is in fourth grade and the son of Jan and Craig Carstens. He is a great student and likes math and class the best. He was recently a manager for the seventh- and eighth-grade football teams and he plays very well. He also enjoys hunting and fishing and playing the trombone. He wants to one day become a professional football player or a math teacher.

Loree Beavers has been chosen Unity Middle School's student of the week. She is in eighth grade and the daughter of Bronson and Jessica Beavers. She is involved in forensics, choir, contemporary choir, FBLA and NHS. She enjoys drama and forensics. She is a hard worker and tries her best. She was recently a manager for the seventh- and eighth-grade football teams. She enjoys playing the trombone and is a good example for others in what it takes to be an achiever and shows real perseverance when things become challenging. She sets a good example for others in what it takes to be an achiever and treats everyone with respect.

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Chevy Baxter has been chosen Unity High School's student of the week. He is a junior and the son of Tim Baxter. His knowledge of woodworking and metal fabrication has helped him to excel in each subject. He placed second for his age group in the Polk County Land and Water poster contest. He has recently joined the National Guard and will continue to be part of that after high school while either going to college or working in the trades.
FEBRUARY

Thursday, February 20-23

Tayward

Amery
- Bingo at the VPW post, 6:30 p.m., mwco.org/wi/post7929.
- Memory Cate gatherings at the community center, 1-2:30 p.m., 715-720-7111.

Balsam Lake
- Polk-Burnett Beekeepers Association meeting at the justice center, 7 p.m., 715-694-1020.
- Chronic Illness/pain support group at North Valley Lutheran Church, 6:30 p.m., 715-691-4100.
- Afternoon Tea book club at the library, 1 p.m., 715-450-2344.
- Free blood pressure checks at Courtyard Square, 10 a.m., noon.

Luck
- American Legion & Auxiliary Unit 255 meeting at the village hall, 7 p.m.
- Milltown
- Domestic violence family group, 5-6 p.m., 800-261-7272.
- Domestic violence support group, 6:7 p.m., 800-261-7272.
- Siren
- Burnett County Democrats meeting at Traders Roundabout Bar & Grill, 5:30 p.m.
- Webster
- Yellow Lake food distribution at Caring Hearts Thrift Shop, formerly Connections, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 715-866-8151.

Friday, February 21

FALUN
- Free bread distribution, every Friday until further notice at Trinity Lutheran Church, 9 a.m.
- St. Croix Falls
- Fish fry by the VPW Hall, 4:30 p.m. or until gone, 715-825-3357.

Saturday, February 22

Luck
- “Party Reunion,” a Buddy Holley Tribute concert, at Alliance Church of the Valley, 7:30 p.m., 715-483-3357, festivaltheater.org.

Sunday, February 23

Balsam Lake
- ICeman 500, extreme SXS racing on ice.

FEBRUARY

MONDAY

Grantsburg
- Iceman 500, extreme SXS racing on ice.
- Burnett County Emergency Medical Services (BCEMS) pancake supper/Fat Tuesday/Mardi Gras celebration at the school, Daefflers, or an FBLA member, at the door kids $5, first 100 kids get a free jig pole, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

MONDAY/2

Clear Lake
- Compassionate Friends, Tinjalo County, grief support in the death of a child, at First Lutheran, 7 p.m., 715-326-2739.

Mondays

Dresser
- Weekly grief support group at New Life Christian Community, 6-8:30 p.m., 715-201-2255.

Grantsburg
- Community drum circle at the library, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 25

TUESDAY/24

Grantsburg
- Free bread distribution, every Friday until further notice at Trinity Lutheran Church, 9 a.m.
- Milltown
- Free medical clinic at Ruby’s Well Care, 4-7 p.m., 715-472-7770 for appointment, myfreeclinic.org.

TUESDAY/25

Danbury
- Pancreatic support/Fat Tuesday/Mardi Gras celebration at Trinity Lutheran Church, 5 p.m., costumes optional.
- Free medical clinic at Ruby’s Well Care, 4-7 p.m., 715-472-7770 for appointment, myfreeclinic.org.

TUESDAY/28

Burnett County Republican Party meeting at the government center, 7 p.m., 715-346-2859, annual caucuses.

Wednesday, February 26

FREDERIC
- Open Arms hosted by Alliance Church of the Valley, meal and fellowship, 5-6:30 p.m., 715-483-1100.

TUESDAY/29

Grantsburg
- Central Burnett County Fair Assoc. ice-fishing contest on Yellow Lake by Ike Walton Lodge, adults only, $10 kids, $5; first 100 kids get a free jig pole, 7-9 a.m. or 4-6 p.m.

Wednesday, February 26

FREDERIC
- Arbor Day tree planting ceremony and essay contest at Cascade Bar & Grill, 1 p.m., 715-788-3387, arenellhumane.org.

WEDNESDAY/26

Lucy
- Morning’s Traveling Reptile Show at the school for FFA Week, 2 shows, noon-12:45, 1-1:45 p.m. All welcome! 715-472-2152, ext. 152, montyreptile.com.

WEDNESDAY/27

Amery
- Bingo at the VPW post, 6:30 p.m., mwco.org/wi/post7929.

Thursday, February 27

GRANTSBURG
- Central Burnett County Fair Assoc. ice-fishing contest on Yellow Lake by Ike Walton Lodge, adults only, $10 kids, $5; first 100 kids get a free jig pole, 7-9 a.m. or 4-6 p.m.

Grantsburg
- Twilight Drum Circle at the VFW post, 6:30 p.m., mvfw.org/wi/connections.

Thursday/27

Amery
- Bingo at the VPW post, 6:30 p.m., mwco.org/wi/post7929.

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- Domestic violence support group, 6:7 p.m., 800-261-7272.

New Richmond
- Manufacturing job fair at WITC, noon-4 p.m., 715-246-3286.
- Webster
- Webster & Lions Club Community food distribution at Caring Hearts Thrift Shop, formerly Connections, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 715-866-8156.

Friday, February 28

WEDNESDAY/30

SUNDAY/1

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Dresser
- Bingo at the VPW post, 6:30 p.m., mwco.org/wi/post7929.

FRIDAY/4

Amery
- Early stage Alzheimer’s support group at the community center, 10 a.m., 715-326-6606.

THURSDAY/5

Send event information (including contact information) to submit@leaderregister.com

SUNDAY/23

Frederic
- Designer purse bingo Cancer fundraiser at the 300 Club. 11 a.m. door open, Bingo 1:30 p.m. (or 7 p.m.)

SUNDAY/24

Grantsburg
- Bingo at the Legion hall, 2 p.m.
- Kids free cooking contest on Crooked Lake, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

SUNDAY/25

Fredrick
- Donkey Basketball at the high school, 7 p.m. Get bowls at the school, Daefflers, or an FBLA member, at the door if available.

SUNDAY/26

Clam Falls
- Bingo at Hayn’s Tap & Grill to benefit E.I.O. Snowriders, 2 p.m., 715-663-2212, hayn.com

SUNDAY/28

St. Croix Falls
- Song Circle at the library, 3:30 p.m., 715-483-1777, stcroixlibrary.org