Spooner School Board handles several personnel actions

District awarded two grants

Danielle Danford | Staff writer
SPOONER — The Spooner School Board handled several personnel actions during its regular monthly meeting Monday, Nov. 18, in addition to other regular actions. An examination of board documents shows the school district was awarded two grants.

School board member Nathaniel Melton was not present for the meeting, while school board member Marsha Scherz appeared via phone.

Personnel actions
The school board accepted one resignation and approved two hires during the

See School board, page 3

Rust home for the classics

An old Studebaker truck is a reminder of a truck and auto company that made the change from manufacturing wooden buggies to automobiles. Cecil Scribner and his son, Dale Scribner, owned many antique tractors, trucks and automobiles. Today Dale continues the tradition of preserving the past history of agriculture. More photos on back page. - Photo by Larry Samson

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2020 Spring elections on the horizon
County, village, school representatives and a state justice will be chosen along with presidential primary vote

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WASHBURN COUNTY – While spring feels far away, the 2020 spring election process is underway. Notices are in for the numerous elections that will all be held Tuesday, April 7, 2020. Voters in Washburn County will elect the Washburn County Circuit Court judge, supervisors to the Washburn County board, school board members, alderpersons to city councils and trustees in villages. There is also an election for a justice to the Wisconsin Supreme Court, a ballot measure and the presidential preference vote. For most positions, candidates could start circulating nomination papers on Sunday, Dec. 1. Local candidates’ registration deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, except villages See 2020 Spring elections, page 3

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Storms blow through northern Wisconsin

Two snowstorms this week produced 12 to 16 inches of snow locally, farther north in places like Superior and Hurley, they produced 20 to 31 inches. On the Bayfield peninsula, 31 inches of snow was reported near the city of Washburn while across the peninsula from Washburn, Herbster saw 23 inches of snow. La Pointe on Madeline Island reported 20 inches. Duluth had a record-setting 21.7 inches. Above left, cars were plowed in on Oakes Avenue in Superior. At right, downtown Hurley after workers plowed the streets. – Photo above by Danielle Kaeding/WPR

Northern Lights Camera Club choses first-place photo

Veterans Day was the monthly challenge for the photographers club at the Nov. 18 meeting. Sue Wallace, a longtime member, earned first place with this photo taken at Richland Center on Oct. 18. The Northern Lights Camera Club is open to the public; they meet on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Spooner. – Photo provided

Christmas concert is Sunday

Shell Lake community churches will present a Christmas concert on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 2 p.m. at the Shell Lake United Methodist Church. Freewill donations will be accepted. Donations will be given to the Washburn County Christmas Fund. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the concert. Everyone is invited to attend. – Photo provided
CUMBERLAND – A 21-year-old Kewaskum man died due to injuries he suffered after his truck went into the ditch and rolled several times.

The accident occurred Thursday, Nov. 28, at about 12:14 a.m., east of Cumberland on Hwy. 48, when the Chevy truck collided with a Kewaskum police vehicle, causing the driving lost control, went into the ditch and rolled over several times. Schiebel was extricated from the wreckage and was transported to Cumberland Hospital where lifesaving measures were administered, but he died due to the severity of the injuries.

Barron County Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald commented that road conditions and alcohol are contributing factors to this accident.

“We as the start of the December I want to remind everyone that drinking and driving does not mix with the safety of our roads. Drinking and driving is 100% preventable and we don’t want to have to do another death notification ever, but especially over the holidays. Please stop drinking and driving,” said Fitzgerald.

The Barron County Sheriff’s Office, the Kewaskum Police Department, Cumberland Fire Department, Cumberland Ambulance and a Memorial helicopter all responded to the accident.

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With caucuses. After this deadline the entire field of candidates for positions on the county board, the six school boards and various city and town boards will be known.

The position up for election on the Wisconsin Supreme Court is held by Daniel Kelly; his two primary candidates for the Supreme Court justice position are Jill Karofsky and Edward A. Fallone. Due to the number of candidates, a primary election will be held for the position this for position will be held Feb. 18.

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County board

All 21 members of the Washburn County Board of Supervisors are up for re-election come April. One position on the county board is vacant, District 19, so while it is unknown how many incumbents will be running for re-election it is certain that position will have no incumbent running.

County board members are elected to two-year terms. For more information about running for county board contact the Washburn County clerk, Lolita Olson, at 715-475-4400.

School board

School board candidates have districts with boundaries in Washburn County. School board members serve three-year terms, with about a third of each board elected each year. These are the present school board members with seats up for election this year:

• Bishop: Concetta Dekoninck, Dan Harrington
• Barb: Jennifer Haime and Linda Ellenberger
• Montello: Richard Coquillette, Dan Harrington
• Northwood: Michelle Moran, representing the town of Wascott.
• Shell Lake: Sally Peterson; Alderpersons, 1st Ward: Mike Andrews, Brent Edsall; 2nd Ward: Ken Schultz, Dan Harrington
• Spooner: Mayor: Gary J Cuskey; Alderpersons, 1st Ward: Richard Coquillette, 2nd Ward: Carol R. Dunn, 3rd Ward: Darryl P. Gabriel, 4th Ward: Tim Donovan. Spooner residents will also elect a municipal judge, whose term is four years. The incumbent candidate in that position is Andrew Lawton.

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Spooner woman pleads guilty in 2018 alleged poisoning

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SHELL LAKE — One of two individuals charged in an alleged poisoning incident has pleaded guilty to lesser charges in Washburn County court. Court records show Jolen H. Hanson, 45, of Spooner, has pleaded guilty to first-degree reckless injury, a class C felony at risk to abuse, and battery, a class D felony.

The guilty plea appears to have occurred during a motion hearing on Friday, Nov. 22, where the court learned that a joint agreement between Aaron Marcoux, the Washburn County district attorney, and James McLaughlin, Hanson’s public defender, preceded a plea for a recommendation Hanson serve four years in prison and 10 years’ extended supervision on the charge of first-degree reckless injury, with the charge of causing mental harm to a child to be read in and dismissed.

Hanson was originally charged with attempted first-degree intentional homicide, intentionally subjecting an individual at risk to abuse, battery and neglecting a child. These charges were dismissed with the filing of the amended charges.

Both of the amended charges Hanson pleaded guilty to carry the modifier – party to a crime. The other party, Robert Meyers, 54, of Spooner, was also charged in connection to the same crime.

According to the criminal complaint, Hanson and Meyers allegedly attempted to kill Meyers’ wife, Sharon Meyers, by poisoning her in 2018. The Spooner Police Department conducted the investigation into the poisoning allegations. The investigation led to both Hanson’s and Meyers’ arrests and formal charges.

According to court records, Meyers was charged with attempted first-degree intentional homicide, intentionally subjecting an individual at risk to abuse, and possession of THC and drug paraphernalia. Meyers was originally charged with attempted first-degree intentional homicide, with the three other charges unchanged.

Hanson’s sentencing is set for April 2020. Meyers’ next court date is an oral plea ruling on a motion to suppress evidence set for December.

Wisconsin state budget reserves level off four-decade high

Wisconsin’s state budget reserves recently hit their highest level in four decades, as corporate tax collections grew in fiscal year 2019 at their fastest rate in more than a half century.

The good news comes with caveats, including the fact that state reserves were boosted by unusually high corporate tax revenue in fiscal 2019. Wisconsin’s reserve levels also remain modestly below other states and are projected to fall over the next two years.

As of June 30, the state had total balances of more than $1.7 billion in two key funds, the most since the late 1970s. This amounts to a little less than 10% of the state’s main fund is already budgeted to spend more than it takes in over the next two years.

For those reasons, state officials considering new spending or tax cuts may wish to be cautious in their responses to those Morrison’s “Brown-eyed Girl.”

A review of state financial reports over the past several decades shows the best budget times can be followed by some of the worst in relatively short order.

This information is a service of the Wisconsin Policy Forum, the state’s leading resource for nonpartisan state and local government research and civic education. Learn more at wispolforum.org.
Sawyer County man sentenced to 25 years for multiple arsons

HAYWARD — Attorney General Josh Kaul announced that on Monday, Nov. 25, the Sawyer County District Court sentenced Grover Richard J. Dufour of the DOJ Criminal Division and prosecution team whose work resulted in a conviction on every count said Kaul. “Thanks to the investigators and prosecution team whose work resulted in a conviction on every count charged.”

Christopher A. Grover, age 45, was sentenced for arson at six fire scenes discovered on the Lac Courte Oreilles Reservation. The lengthy sentence he received reflects how serious his offenses were,” said Kaul. “Thanks to the investigators and prosecution team whose work resulted in a conviction on every count charged.”

Grover was sentenced to 25 years for multiple arsons committed between 1999 and 2000, and 21-1/2 years of extended supervision followed by 20 years probation. The trial was presided over by Judge John M. Yackel. Principle prosecutor in the case was Assistant Attorney General Richard J. Dufour of the DOJ Criminal Litigation Unit.

The conviction and sentencing were obtained through the work of the Sawyer County Sheriff’s Office, the Sawyer County Victim Witness Office, Lac Courte Oreilles Police Department and the DOJ Division of Criminal Investigation State Fire Marshal’s Office.

2020 Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarship applications now being accepted

STATEWIDE — The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than $15,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members in 2020. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by Monday, March 16, 2020, 5 p.m.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance and future educational goals.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least three years, have a grade-point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college or technical school during the 2020-2021 academic year.

All applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email by Monday, March 16, 2020, 5 p.m.

Questions?
Call or email the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation, 608-262-1597 or info@Wis4HFoundation.org.

Calendar Winners

Nov. 25 – $35 Mable Olson, Alvin Olson, Clarice Olson
Nov. 26 – $300 Lindsay Quinn, c/o Andy Harrington,
Nov. 27 – $35 Candy Boland, Spooner
Nov. 29 – $35 Madison, Kennedy & Jackson Harrington
Nov. 30 – $300 Lindsay Quinn, Spooner

Weather

2018 HIGH LOW PRECIP.
Nov. 18 26 7 .10” snow
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Select process

Opals were chosen as finalists by the WI4HF Selection Experts Panel. The finalist applications will be reviewed by the scholarship sponsor. Scholarship recipients and portions of their application materials, including their photos, will be featured in Wisconsin 4-H Foundation materials.

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Register Memories

1959 – 60 Years Ago

A tea was held at the Don Welter home in honor of Mrs. Dale Larson and Mrs. Duane Flogstad, welcoming them to Hayward. Don and Duane are high school seniors. Middie Ensell,

1949 – 70 Years Ago

• Indianhead Community Health Care issued a reminder to take your flu shot as soon as possible. The flu vaccination is only $25.

1999 – 20 Years Ago

• Indianhead Community Health Care Inc. sponsored the Books Are Fun book fair at the Lake Mall on Main Street, Spooner.

2009 – 10 Years Ago

• Shell Lake Main Street businesses participating in Holiday Saturday were Jean’s Antiques, The Love Lite Project, Midwifery, Wellness & Birth Center, Gerry’s Fifth Avenue Salon, The Polish Parlor, My Favorite Things, Sandcastle Toys and the Washburn County Community Center. The industrial park, Vitality Village and Americana Times had holiday specials and north of Shell Lake, Memory Lane had several specials. The after-school program had a craft sale at the school and the United Methodist Church held a bazaar.

• The lineup for the Laker boys varsity basketball team was Aaron Druschba, Andrew Melton, Brandon Degner, Cole Smith, Jordan Forsythe, Mario Estrada, Robert Sheu and Ty Friesie. Playing on the junior varsity team were AJ Detteno, Austin Williams, BJ Burton, Ben Butenhoff, Isaac Casisk, Johnathan Lloyd, Joel Moumen, Nick Muska, Seth Quinton and Wyatt Carlson.

• The Laker girls varsity basketball lineup was Amanda Hagen, Ashley Anderson, Carissa Forsythe, Emily Anderson, Felicia Pokorny, Jennifer Casel, Kim Moravec and Stephanie Clark. Playing on the junior varsity team were Ambria Johnson, Dana Kurecky, Erica Kozial, Jessica Irvine, Jill Butenhoff, Joel Mullennix, Katie Blazer, Kim Atkinson, Sage Albert, Santana Estrada and Taylor Bauch.

Pederson enjoyed dinner at the Swiss Chalet as guests of Aryls and Al Santino. Aryls and Al were visiting from Ka

1979 – 40 Years Ago

• The Washburn County Board of Supervisors approved the purchase of additional display and bookcases, which could be locked, for the Washburn County Historical Society.

• Michael Bitney played the drums in the 23-member Hamline Jazz Lab Band.

• The Shell Lake Lions Club drew a large crowd. Among the speakers at the meeting was Dr. Brenda Backlund, of the Love Lite project.

• The Rev. William O. Horn was installed as pastor of Salem Lutheran Church.

• Helena and Emma at Shell Lake Ap

• Players on the girls varsity bask

• while cleaning the window of a lo

• Donna and Mrs. D.V . Moen were hostesses.

• Dr. Dale H. Larson, the new dentist in Shell Lake, opened the doors of his new office next week.

• Mrs. Anna “Grandma” Ek had the misfortune of slipping and falling in her home and breaking her hip. She was taken to St. Francis Hospital in La Crosse.

• Kay Spafford, Don Goetzl, Dave Hubin, Paal Cornall of Superior State College; Lawrence Bohn, Stout Institute; and Forrest Schraufnagel. Playing on the girls basketball team was Aaron Druschba, Andrew Melton, Brandon Degner, Cole Smith, Jordan Forsythe, Mario Estrada, Robert Sheu and Ty Friesie. Playing on the junior varsity team were AJ Detteno, Austin Williams, BJ Burton, Ben Butenhoff, Isaac Casisk, Johnathan Lloyd, Joel Moumen, Nick Muska, Seth Quinton and Wyatt Carlson.

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Wisconsin FFA members attend FFA 212° and 360° Conferences

WISCONSIN DELLS - Riley Genske and Isaac Hopke of the Spooner FFA chapter attended the National FFA Organization 212° Conference and Kristina Aschbacher, Brynn Bambenek, Shiloh Hansen and Izzy Voeltz attended the 360° Conference at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15 and 16. Over 1,000 FFA members and advisers from around the state of Wisconsin participated in these national personal development conferences, held biannually in Wisconsin. These conferences are an activity of the National FFA Organization made possible by title sponsor Syngenta.

The 212-degree conference is a two-day personal development seminar designed for high school freshmen and sophomores involved in the FFA organization. Two hundred twelve degrees—the temperature at which water boils, focuses on taking students to the boiling point of leadership. At 211 degrees water is extremely hot, but just one more degree gets us to the next level. This conference is focuses on student development.

Students are challenged to push the limits. Themes for this conference include virtues and growth.

The 360-degree conference is a two-day personal development seminar designed for high school juniors and seniors. This conference takes students full circle—360 degrees—in terms of chapter leadership. The conference is focused on the importance of influence and how to become an influential leader. Students spent their time in sessions understanding the importance of influence, conducting a chapter needs assessment, crafting an influence plan for their local FFA chapter and developing a strategy to make an influence.

“FFA’s personal development conferences are an exceptional opportunity for FFA members to participate in a national conference without leaving their home state,” said Cheryl Zimmerman, state FFA executive director. “These conferences bring out the very best in students and advisers who participate. It really helps the students focus on who they are and what they can become as well as meet FFA members from all across the state of Wisconsin.”

Leadership development is a key focus in the National FFA Organization. Helping FFA members develop their leadership skills and focus on who they are and what they can become is key to the mission of FFA. Members start at the local chapter level in their home high school and can become active at both the state and national levels. Students in rural, suburban and urban schools can benefit from the programs offered through agricultural education. The FFA is a key component of agricultural education and helps the students to develop leadership skills through hands-on and real-life experiences.

Spooner FFA members recently participated in the 212-degree and 360-degree leadership conferences in Wisconsin Dells. Shown (L to R): Izzy Voeltz, Isaac Hopke, Shiloh Hansen, Riley Genske, Brynn Bambenek and Kristina Aschbacher. - Photo provided

Spooner FFA members attend national convention

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. - Kaitlyn Genske, Jackie Rosenbush, Dan Rosenbush and Susie Olson-Rosenbush of the Spooner FFA Chapter attended the 92nd annual National FFA Convention, Oct. 29 through Nov. 2, in Indianapolis, Indiana. The convention is a time to celebrate member and chapter success, to reflect on the accomplishments of the previous year, zip up the blue jacket with pride and to network with business and industry, to become aware of the opportunities that await members and to connect with other FFA members from across the nation, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Last spring, Genske and Jackie Rosenbush completed the National Chapter Award application highlighting the chapter’s activities in the areas of building communities, growing leaders and strengthening agriculture. As a result of their efforts, Spooner earned a gold rating and was selected as one of 25 chapters in the state to compete at the national level. Spooner earned a two-star rating and was recognized at the national chapter awards banquet at the national convention.

This year the representatives from the Spooner FFA weren’t just representing their chapter, they were representing the Wisconsin FFA Association. Winning the Sheep Production Proficiency Award at the state FFA convention, Jackie Rosenbush was selected to compete at the national level, earning a silver award for her Sheep SAE.

In addition, she won the Employment Skills LDE at the state FFA convention, allowing her to represent the Wisconsin FFA Association at the national level. The Employment Skills LDE is a competitive event that tests a student’s ability to perform effectively throughout an entire job application process. The participants prepare a resume, cover letter and complete an online application. They also participate in a phone and a one-on-one interview, as well as write a follow-up letter as part of the competition. Rosenbush also earned a silver award for employment skills. “This level of success in our local chapter is an extraordinary accomplishment!” commented advisor Susie Olson-Rosenbush. “Never before in the history of our chapter have we had a student demonstrate success in multiple areas at the national level. We can be very proud of our chapter and its members, they represented our community and our state very well at a national event.”

As a result of their success, the students needed to be at the convention by Wednesday morning to participate in their competitions. After a day of competing, attending the Old Dominion concert at the National FFA Convention Wednesday night was the perfect ending to a wonderful day. Thursday and Friday were also filled with activities; convention sessions highlighting student success, hearing from keynote speakers and industry professionals, entertainment by fellow members sharing their talents, a huge career show and expo featuring over 450 industry-leading exhibitors ready to talk careers, agriculture, colleges, fundraising and more with the students, and banquets recognizing both chapter and individual successes.

The National FFA Association is comprised of over 669,000 members in 8,400 local chapters. FFA’s mission is to develop members’ potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.
As wolves recover, calls in Wisconsin to end endangered species listing grow

Conflicts with farmers, hunters continue as state’s wolf population has risen from extinction to more than 900 animals today

Rich Kremer | Wisconsin Watch

NORTHERN WISCONSIN — In November 2018, wolves killed Laurie Groskopf’s 11-year-old hunting dog in Oneida County. That was nine years after wolves killed another of her pets.

“These animals were trailing bear at the time and one was trailing bobcat,” Groskopf said. “They were attacked by wolves without any provocation and killed. And for us, it’s been really, really traumatic.”

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Wallace Jerome helped make that tradition possible.

Nearly 60 years after gray wolves were considered extinct in Wisconsin, the population has rebounded dramatically, to more than 900 in the state. - Photo by Tracy Brooks/U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

But Trump faces opposition from some states whose fate is intertwined with the continued existence of wolves across the country. For example, Minnesota and Wisconsin are calling for the federal government to delist wolves and resume legal hunting.

“Gray wolves have roamed Wisconsin since the glaciers melted about 10,000 years ago, coexisting with Native American tribes that highly respected the hunting animal, according to the DNR. As many as 3,000 to 5,000 wolves were here when the state’s European settlers arrived in the early 1800s, but that would not last. Wisconsin offered a bounty on wolves from 1865 to 1957, spurting widespread hunting that decimated populations.

By 1960, wolves were considered extinct in Wisconsin; similar trends played out in other parts of the country. In 1974, the Fish and Wildlife Service added gray wolves to the list of federally protected species under the Endangered Species Act. By 1980, the DNR counted a fragile population of just 25 wolves in northern Wisconsin, as a few packs moved in from across the Minnesota border.

The survey also found that a major shift in residents held attitudes toward wolves that occurred in the early 1990s. Wisconsin is part of a national trend of widespread hunting that decimated wolf populations.

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Wisconsin seeing fewer traffic deaths in 2019

Brady Carlson | WPR News

Wisconsin being called home for Thanksgiving turkeys.

MADISON — When you carved the turkey this Thanksgiving, you could thank a University of Wisconsin alum. Wallace Jerome helped make that tradition possible.

As a native of Spooner, Jerome loved to watch turkey eggs hatch. Between his 14th birthday and the time he completed high school in 1928, he had hatched a flock of 200 birds.

Jerome came to Madison to take the UW’s Farm and Industry Short Course, and after completing it in 1928, he became an egg inspector for the state’s Department of Agriculture.

He returned to college in the late 1930s and graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a degree in poultry husbandry in 1941. At the height of the Great Depression, Jerome purchased an abandoned pea can factory in Barron, Wisconsin, and turned it into a processing plant for turkey meat.

After improving turkey-farming systems, he helped make that tradition possible.

But Jerome is especially known for his Thanksgiving turkey. He launched Jerome Foods, which later became the Turkey Store and ultimately merged with Hormel Foods to become today’s Jennie-O Turkey Store.

Jerome not only put Thanksgiving turkeys on the table across the country, but he also created innovations such as Gobbles-Stix, steaks, tenderloins, sausages, burgers and ham — all made of turkey.

Wallace Jerome and many other amazing UW-Madison alumni are featured at alwaysforward.org/wi/.

Spooners grad helped make turkey a part of the holiday tradition
December

Thursday, Dec. 5
• Free community meal, St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, 409 Summit, Spooner, 4-6 p.m. All welcome. Donations accepted.

Friday, Dec. 6
• Craft and bake sale in the entryway of the Shell Lake Health Care Center, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 7
• Annual church bazaar and bake sale, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Shell Lake United Methodist Church.

Sunday, Dec. 8
• Tree of Lights and 25th anniversary celebration at the Washburn County Humane Society Animal Shelter from 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 10
• SLAC Board meeting, 6 p.m. Anyone can be a member. $24/$12, 55 and older or disabled.

Wednesday, Dec. 11
• Blood drive at Spooner High School, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., redcrossblood.org, 800-733-2767.

Thursday, Dec. 12
• Membership meeting for the Washburn County Humane Society Animal Shelter, 4 p.m., at the Alley Cats coffee shop.

Saturday, Dec. 14
• Santa’s workshop, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the Shell Lake Public Library.

Monday, Dec. 16
• Northern Lights Camera Club, 7 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 1790 Scrivener St, Spooner.

Tuesday, Dec. 17
• Shell Lake/Spooner Masonic Lodge 221 meeting, 7 p.m., at the lodge.

Wednesday, Dec. 18
• Shell Lake Public Library Board of Trustees meeting, 4 p.m., at the library. The public is welcome.

Thursday, Dec. 19
• Shell Lake Public Library Board of Trustees meeting, 4 p.m., at the library. The public is welcome.

Friday, Dec. 20
• Free community meal, 4-6 p.m., United Methodist Church, Spooner. All welcome. Donations accepted.

Saturday, Dec. 21
• Shell Lake Masonic Lodge 221 meeting, 7 p.m., at the lodge.

Sunday, Dec. 22
• Free community breakfast, 7-10 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 337 Greenwood Ave., Spooner. All welcome. Donations accepted.

January 2020

Wednesday, Jan. 1
• Regional Hospice Grievance Group, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1790 Scribner St, Spooner, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 2
• Free community meal, $12, 55 and older or disabled.

Saturday, Jan. 4
• Shell Lake/Spooner Masonic Lodge 221 meeting, 7 p.m., at the lodge.

Sunday, Jan. 5
• Shell Lake Lions Club meeting, 6:30 p.m., Shell Lake Community Center.

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• Free community breakfast, 7-10 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 337 Greenwood Ave., Spooner. All welcome. Donations accepted.

Saturday, Jan. 11
• community Christmas caroling, 6-7:30 p.m., on the streets of Shell Lake.

Sunday, Jan. 12
• SLAC Board meeting, 6 p.m. Anyone can be a member. $24/$12, 55 and older or disabled.

Saturday, Jan. 18
• Veterans Support Group, Maple Ridge Nursing Home, Spooner, 9:30-11 a.m., with light refreshments served.

Wednesday, Jan. 22
• Regional Hospice Grief Support Group, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1790 Scribner St, Spooner, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 23
• Free community meal, $12, 55 and older or disabled.

Saturday, Jan. 25
• Free community breakfast, 7-10 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 337 Greenwood Ave., Spooner. All welcome. Donations accepted.

Monday, Jan. 27
• Veterans Support Group, Maple Ridge Nursing Home, Spooner, 9:30-11 a.m., with light refreshments served.

Wednesday, Jan. 29
• Free community meal, 4-6 p.m., St. Alban Episcopal Church, 220 Elm St., Spooner.

February

Tuesday, Feb. 4
• Shell Lake/Spooner Masonic Lodge 221 meeting, 7 p.m., at the lodge.

Wednesday, Feb. 5
• Regional Hospice Grief Support Group, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1790 Scribner St, Spooner, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 6
• Free community meal, St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, 409 Summit, Spooner, 4-6 p.m. All welcome. Donations accepted.
COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

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OLD WIFE’S TALES

Mary B. Olsen

Movie and theaters

Movies for the holidays are now in the theaters.

Around the holidays, theaters hope to cash in on moviegoers looking for something to distract them from all the hustle and bustle and stress of the holiday season. Hoping that this will be a block-buster season, moviegoers have multiple options to choose from.

With all the available entertainment in a person’s home, theaters have to compete with the comforts of homm, as well as the allure of their guest’s with the opportunity to view entertainment in their establishment.

On our way home from seeing the movie “Ford v Ferrari” I told my wife that the past few weeks we have seen more movies than probably the previous two years put together. Of the movies we have seen this past month, “Ford v Ferrari” has been the one that I have thought about the most after viewing. I was even curious enough to look up information on the life of some of the men portrayed in the movie. Names which included Lea laocoa, Ken Miles and Carroll Shelby. As Milt and I and our friend Bob viewed the movie, we were surrounded by a majority of men in their retirement years and they seemed to have knowledge of the automobile industry. The gentleman behind me truly enjoyed the movie and would make comments throughout the show. My experience with the theater was that it offered very few options. I was surprised that as I purchased the tickets at the ticket counter I was offered reclining seats. I was a bit surprised that the customer said “I have never been in an airplane so of seats.”

As Milt and I were leaving the theater, we came across one of the employees who was working at the front desk. He said “I was cold and a mama bear came and lay down to keep me warm.” There was a small black bear that had been spotted on the outside property while the theater was in operation. It was getting late but there was enough light to see the bear tracks around the building. The bear left at the accident happened. It was getting late but there was enough light for one last ski down the slope. Sepp started down

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We are looking forward to a visit, music, and treats from the Shell Lake Lions Club who annually throw a holiday show on Thursday evenings. We appreciate their visits. On Friday, Dec. 6, come on over and check out our craft and bake sale, held in our entryway from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. We are very proud of all the craft ideas we’ve had and that we have made. Along with our craft and bake sale, we are hosting a silent auction, which kicks off on Monday morning and closes on the day of the craft sale. There will be a great mixture of baskets, the public is welcome to bid. Hope to see you there!

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and a safe hunt.

Everyone, have a great week and hope to see you on Friday!

Community Happenings

Monday: Discovery Sprints Play Group, 10 a.m. - noon at the Lakeland Family Resource Center, 819 Ash St., Spooner. Story time, songs, crafts, music, and movie provided. Call 715-416-2942.

Tuesday & Wednesday: Kidz Club Play Group at Lakeland Family Resource Center: This program will feature a variety of songs for children to learn and play songs.

Wednesday: Lakeland Family Resource Center: Lakeland Family Resource Center, 819 Ash St., Spooner. Snack served at 10:30 a.m. for parents and children to enjoy in learning and playing together.

Thursday: Thursday Night Bedtime Stories at Spooner Memorial Library, 6-6:45 p.m. no need to register; snack, activity. Every Thursday except holidays.

Friday: Story time at Shell Lake Public Library, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. including birth - 3 years old. All are welcome. Program features a variety of stories, books, and crafts.

Saturday: Fenno Library, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Open.

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Shelley Lake Alzheimer's Support Group, CTH B, 2 blocks off Hwy. 63. All meetings are non-smoking.

Sunday 10 a.m. AA Closed

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Wednesday 7 p.m. AA Closed

Thursday 7 p.m. AA Closed

Friday 7 p.m. AA Closed

Saturday 7 p.m. AA Closed


Fourth Saturday of every month, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. closed meetings for the general public.

Open meetings: 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. closed meetings.
"The news media has a powerful influence and this study shows they are framing cyberbullying as something to be afraid of," said Moreno. "We hope fear or cannot be prevented," said Moreno. "We hope it leads to you to consider what you would do if you had and have yet to have in the military. Take a minute to think about what your goals and dreams are. What are you afraid of regretting if you don't pursue them?"...
Eighth-Annual Turkey Trot Tradition

Andrew Lewis poses with his biggest supporter, his father, Gordy Lewis, after he finished in first place overall in the Tozer Lake Turkey Trot held Thursday, Nov. 28. Andrew is a sophomore home-schooled student from Grantsburg and this was his first Thanksgiving Day race.

Andy Harrington of Barron has made this an annual Thanksgiving Day tradition with his parents Gene and Mary Harrington.

In the company of winners – this group will be back next year after some of the members placed in the top two places. Shown (L to R): Jeff Schultz, Alicia Berger, Leeanne Godfrey and Tom Godfrey.

Jenna Graber is getting help from her friends Helen Szalajka and Patti Bass as she puts on shoe ice grips. While it were cold the roads and trail was ice covered making running more difficult.

Roy and Frank Bouska are dressed for the turkey trot.

Mattice Pitts and her dachshund, Penny, competed in the Tozer Lake Turkey Trot to help raise funds for the Washburn County Food Shelf. It was a great day for a walk and to help others during this season of giving.

PHOTOS BY LARRY SAMSON
Brittany Clark goes up against Spooner defender Gracen Zaloudek on this shot; Clark had 11 points for the game. Shell Lake defeated Spooner, 49-38, in Spooner on Tuesday, Nov. 26, in the season opener for both teams.

Kianna Kidder eyes up the shot as Gracen Zaloudek comes in late to defend.

Gracen Zaloudek with a shot, defended by Kianna Kidder of Shell Lake.

Kristina Aschbacher of Spooner with a shot near the top of the key. She was the second top scorer for Spooner with nine points.

Malaika Burns takes a shot as she is defended by Mia Bohl and Caitlyn Skattebo. Burns was the high scorer for both teams with 22 points; Addie Schroeder was second with 18 points.
MADISON - Don’t tell Florence Teeters she’s too old to enjoy Wisconsin’s great outdoors as a gun deer hunter, along with zip-lining, going to Mardi Gras in Louisiana every year and tending to a garden in her bare feet. Yes, she’s 104, but who’s counting. She sure isn’t.

Mrs. Teeters, a mother of five, got the idea to get her first hunting license for this year’s gun deer season when sitting in the blind on her land in Price County with her son Bill during last year’s gun deer season. “Yes, it was her idea to get the license. And, yes, that was her first license,” son Bill Teeters said. Make that Mom’s first gun deer license — ever. So, she got a lift to the Ball Petroleum gas station in Phillips to get that license. Wearing a sporty hunter-red plaid day-coat purchased by her daughter, Mrs. Teeters looked tip-top to take on the season. No one knew just how ready she was.

Two Wisconsin DNR conservation wardens, Joe Paul and Nick Hefter, were nearby and were thrilled to pose with the first-time buyer. “I thought it was fantastic,” Paul said.

Little did they know that Mrs. Teeters was going to bag her first buck on the opening day of the nine-day gun deer season on her land in Price County. “This speaks to the adage that you should never underestimate the power of our senior citizens. After raising a family of hunters, this young lady chose this opportunity to partake in Wisconsin’s long-established tradition of deer hunting. We join the rest of Wisconsin in celebrating her outstanding accomplishment,” said DNR Secretary-designee Preston D. Cole. “On behalf of the DNR, we thank Mrs. Teeters for her participation in this year’s annual gun deer hunt and for helping keep Wisconsin’s hunting heritage alive. This proves that Wisconsin’s gun deer hunting season is for every generation.”

Bill set up the blind, complete with a comfortable chair for his mother. They chatted about family stuff — and waited and watched. Not quite two hours into the wait, the spike buck appeared. “I tapped her on her knee, and I pointed,” Bill said. Mrs. Teeters smiled and nodded that she saw what her son saw. She waited, and when the time was right — she shot and got her first buck. “She was so excited and saying, ‘I got a buck! I got a buck!’” Bill said.

Florence got her buck and likely inspired a whole lot of other first-time hunters to get out and give it a try. “Yes, it was her idea to get the license. And, yes, that was her first license,” Bill said. Mrs. Teeters smiled and nodded that she saw what her son saw. She waited, and when the time was right — she shot and got her first buck.

If you ever see Florence Teeters out and about, get out of her way and you’ll be fine. She’s a mover!

MADISON — The Department of Natural Resources is seeking nominations through Jan. 1, 2020, for individuals with experience and interest to fill the angling, bear hunting, bird hunting, deer hunting and fur-bearer representative positions on the Sporting Heritage Council. The council, established by 2011 Wis. Act 168, advises Gov. Tony Evers, the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board and the state Legislature on fishing, hunting and trapping issues.

The group mainly focuses on recruitment, retention and reactivation of anglers, hunters and trappers, as well as increasing access to resources and outdoor opportunities. These efforts, in the long run, provide outdoor recreation benefits to a wide range of people who seek nature-based experiences.

The council consists of 12 appointees in total, including the DNR secretary or a designee, one member appointed by the governor, two members of the Assembly, two members of the Senate, one member appointed by the Wisconsin Conservation Congress executive committee and five members appointed by the natural resources board.

The currently vacant positions are the five appointed by the state Natural Resources Board to represent the distinct interests of deer hunters, bear hunters, bird hunters, anglers and fur bearer hunters or trappers. These representatives will provide news, information and perspective to the council on issues affecting his/her broad interest group. Representatives will work with the Sporting Heritage Council to recommend actions intending to increase participation in fishing, hunting and trapping activities. Applicants must be nominated by a sporting organization. The nomination form and more information can be found on the DNR website, dnr.wi.gov.

Nominations sought for angling and hunting representatives on Sporting Heritage Council
MADISON — Music means everything to Brookfield resident JoAnne Brown Krause. She was recently honored with the 2019 Mead Witter School of Music Distinguished Alumni Award for her years of dedication and support to music education.

Krause is a true Wisconsinite. Born and raised on a farm in northwestern Wisconsin, she graduated from Shell Lake High School. Her high school band director, Darrell Aderman, an alum of Mead Witter, encouraged JoAnne to attend the University of Wisconsin – Madison. She subsequently received a Bachelor of Music Education in 1961 and shortly thereafter married Don Krause, whom she met during her junior year. They are proud that two of their three children and their oldest grandson are also UW-Madison alumni.

Throughout the years, JoAnne has used her music education degree in a variety of capacities: As a public-school general music teacher, a studio piano instructor, a church music director and an accompanist for Wisconsin School Music Association competitions, to name just a few. In 1985, she was recruited to join the education wing of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra League, thus continuing her teaching as a docent and volunteer for the MSO’s youth programs. As an almost-full-time volunteer, she found the work of promoting classical music education especially rewarding.

JoAnne has served in a variety of leadership roles on multiple boards, including the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Milwaukee Symphony Volunteer League, Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra, Association of Wisconsin Symphony Orchestras, Volunteer Council of the American Symphony Orchestra League and Piano Arts of Wisconsin, and is a dedicated and enthusiastic member of the UW-Madison School of Music Board of Advisors, all the while singing with the Milwaukee Symphony Chorus for 17 years and in her church choir for more than 50 years.

JoAnne is simply the person to know about all things Milwaukee and music.

In 1996, the Krauses joined the grassroots committee to provide a performing venue for the Elmbrook School District, holding “fireside chats” to educate and to raise the necessary funds. The result is the beautiful Wilson Center for the Arts in Brookfield, which includes a special space for music education named in honor of JoAnne.

JoAnne has been the recipient of many honors, including the 2007 Outstanding Service to Music Award from the AWSO, the 2009 Distinguished Citizen-Patron of the Arts Award from Milwaukee’s Civic Music Association, the Chairman’s Council Award from the Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra, and shared with her husband Don, the 2014 Badger of the Year Award from the Waukesha County Chapter of the Wisconsin Alumni Association.

The Krauses live out their belief that Badgers give back to the university. In 2006, they established a fund in the Mead Witter School of Music that presents two annual scholarships to juniors or seniors majoring in music education. As a member of the school’s board of advisors, JoAnne, along with Don, pledged early support for the Hamel Music Center, which opened on Oct. 25, 2019. The university thanks JoAnne for her incredible support and dedication to music. In fact, the JoAnne Brown Krause and Donald Krause Choir Loft is named in their honor.
Shell Lake quilt raffle winner

Megan Connors, Shell Lake, was the lucky winner of the quilt raffle made by the Stitch and Chat Quilters of the Shell Lake Senior Center. Pictured (L to R): Megan Connors and Linda Rogers of the senior center. Proceeds from the quilt raffle will go to help support the Shell Lake Senior Center. Stitch and Chat quilters include Myrna Atkinson, Carol Hubin, Linda Rogers, June Willis, Connee Brabec, Mary Olsen and Doris Stevens. - Photo by Danielle Cantord

Alphabet soup: Why Wisconsin’s county highways are lettered, not numbered

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Naming each county road is up to individual counties.

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Giving and kindness

Students in third grade at Spooner Elementary School packed 19 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to be sent to children around the world. The school wants to continue the focus on giving and kindness this season.

Students are posing with their Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to be sent to children around the world. The act of giving is a powerful message for the season.

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**Gun season's slower pace mimics bow hunting**

I've long liked hunting's two basic options for Wisconsin's nine-day gun-deer season. If you prefer to hunt deer on their terms by sneaking through the woods or sitting in a stand and watching their trails, you hunt our northern forests. Because you must scout, study the landscape and learn natural deer movements, North Woods gun seasons feel much like bow hunting, but with a rifle. We'll forget baiting debates today.

And if you prefer more frantic action and depend mostly on chille, restless hunters to randomly spook deer and send them careening like pinballs between flippers and bumpers, you hunt farm country. You might still scout a lot, but insights into spooked-deer behaviors aren't a focus.

Your stand sites depend more on firsthand experience of where deer flee when gunfire booms across the countryside.

But you know what? As hunter numbers and hunting pressure declined in recent years, my gun hunts in southwestern Wisconsin started feeling more like bow hunts. That's not bad, it is different.

I've hunted my cousin Mike's 200-acre farm in northeastern Richland County since 1980. For roughly my first 25 years there, six to seven hunters regularly showed up opening weekend on the Durkin farm, and another 15 to 20 hunted the bordering five or six properties I can watch from my tree stand.

Hunting pressure declined the past decade to about half those numbers. In the past five years only three or four of us hunt the Durkin farm on opening weekend, and only eight to 10 hunt the neighboring properties.

I seldom see bow hunters dancing about like flushed rabbits anymore. More often I see deer browsing along wooded fencerows or skulking slowly through thick brush, as if assuring themselves they aren't being baited.

And because lightly pressured deer simply wait till dusk to make their feeding forays, I don't leave my stand until my iPhone buzzes the end of shooting hours.

Yep, just like bow hunting.

Meanwhile, I haven't seen so many well-beaten deer trails around the Durkin farm since the 1980s. I assume the whitetails travel those routes mostly at night, because I've yet to see a deer use the most hoof-pocked trails nearest my rifle stand.

As if to stem the calmer of the farm's resident deer, I spotted a 10-point buck bedded 200 yards off the road at noon Sunday opening weekend. The buck was lying on a brushy, weedy hillside as I drove toward the barnyard to photograph an 8-point buck my cousin Mike shot three hours earlier.

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**DURKIN OUTDOORS**

**Patrick Durkin**

The 10-pointer lay in its bed as our three vehicles drove past below. After we parked by the barn and I told our group what I'd seen, we huddled around the tractor to discuss our options. The buck finally disappeared into thicker cover soon after we broke the huddle, apparently sensing we meant harm.

Meanwhile, 230 miles north in Ashland County, my friend Chris White was doing what we normally do while hunting the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest: counting trees, documenting wildlife besides deer and marveling at every deer track in the snow.

And Hey, that's what we do at Tom Heberlein's deer camp near Cayuga, an area so wanting of deer and whitetail habitat that wolves deem us daft for hunting there. White texted me this note Sunday afternoon as I gassed up in Prentice on Hwy. 13: "No deer seen yet. Saw three otters this morning."

But as night approached, two hours later, White heard noise behind his tree stand overlooking a frozen beaver flowage. He later recorded this entry in Heberlein's logbook:

"I rotated my torso and peered as far over my shoulder as possible to look directly behind the tree. To my utter amazement, a small deer stepped into view. It was inside of 20 yards and getting closer. When it stepped into view a second time I saw it was a buck. It had a small spike rack that was slightly out of parallel, and dark chocolate in color."

"I slowly rotated to take aim, shouldered my rifle, and took the buck. The deer ... was now standing off the far side of a tree 10 feet from my stand. It looked up and raised its head to full alert. He knew something was out of place. The deer turned and circled behind the stand, and cautiously disappeared into the forest, somehow keeping a big tree between us as it headed northward."

White's hunt marked his 11th straight gun season at Heberlein's "Old T" deer shack. White lives in Toledo, Ohio, but so desired to hunt Wisconsin's northern forest that he petitioned Heberlein in 2009 to join his camp. Since then, no one at Old T has logged more deer sightings, and for verified tracks made by otters, than muskie anglers do in follows.

"utter amazement" to see another deer this year. Old T's hunters take more satisfaction in deer sightings than muskie anglers do in follows.

This season also marked banner times for snowshoe hare sightings, and for verified tracks made by otters, bobcats, wolves and black bears. Why, we even found a few deer tracks, most of which were on Heberlein's 40 acres. But just like the deer on my cousins' farm, these deer move mostly at night. We never cut a fresh deer track in the wet snow.

White found some consolation Tuesday morning, however, when spotting gray movement in the first, spruce and hazel brush across the beaver meadow from his tree stand. Judging by its size, White assumed it was a coyote, but minutes later a bobcat stepped out.

White wrote: "It walked broadside from west to east and stopped in a small clearing. Through my rifle scope I saw its wide, slightly pink nose. As it turned and walked into cover, I saw its stubby tail with black tips tumbling rapidly."

Wisconsin’s North Woods lacks its Southern farm-land's deer numbers, but it compensates with diverse wildlife sightings you’ll find few other places.

If you pretend you're bow hunting.

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**DNR blames late season for low deer kill**

Deer killed this year down nearly 27% from opening weekend in 2018

by the Associated Press

STATEWIDE — Wisconsin wildlife officials are blaming the lateness of the season for a dramatically reduced harvest during opening weekend of the state’s traditional nine-day gun season.

Preliminary data from the state Department of Natural Resources released Tuesday, Nov. 26, shows hunter- ers killed 90,286 deer on Saturday and Sunday. That’s down nearly 27% from the 123,090 deer killed during opening weekend in 2018.

As of midnight Sunday, the department had sold 555,227 licenses that allow someone to kill a deer with a gun during the nine-day season. The DNR didn’t immediately have sales data through midnight Sunday of the 2018 opening weekend available.

DNR big game ecologist Kevin Wallenfang noted that the 2018 season began on Nov. 17, the earliest possible date the season can ever begin. This year the season began as late as possible, on Nov. 23, when the rut is coming to an end and deer movement is limited.

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Daylight arrives on a beaver pond and meadow in Ashland County.

Dan Klein, left, and Peggy Durkin admire an 8-point buck that Mike Durkin shot on the family's farm in Richland County on Sunday, Nov. 24, the second day of deer season. — Photo by Patrick Durkin
Ice fishing with goldenrod bait

The old green hooded jacket had been hanging in my garage for years. Maybe it's a little ragged around the edges, but that's the way I remembered it from a half-century ago, too. I can still see Dad wearing it, staring down a hole in the ice while sitting on a peach crate tipped on its side. In those days, peach crates filled the role of fishing chairs. They were varied in size and with some rope shoulder straps and a few boards nailed to the bottom half, it turned into a backpack too. More than a few walleyes and blue-gills could attest to that after making the trip home stuffed into the bottom of that old peach crate.

I brought that old coat into the house the other day, knowing what I should do with it, but not having the heart to follow through, especially when I found some relics of the past tucked in the pockets. In the right-hand pocket along with a rusty jackknife was his fox-eared hood warmer, the one claiming that beside keeping your hands warm, it could light your cigarette, too.

Being preserved by its original cloth carrying case like it was, it still looked good and probably would still work. Time hadn't been as kind to what I found in the left pocket. In fact, it took a while to realize I was holding the remains of a goldenrod gall, the tumor-like bulb you see growing on a goldenrod plant in the winter. With this realization, memories came flooding back.

Without getting in too much detail, the goldenrod fly's entire life cycle is centered on the goldenrod plant. In late spring the fly emerges from the gall and, after mating, the female fly injects an egg into the stem of another goldenrod plant. After hatching, the larva grows to Adults of all the galls

Del Salquist

Del L. Salquist, 77, of Spooner, Wisconsin, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2019, at Essentia-St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth, Minnesota. Del was born on July 3, 1942, in Spooner, the son of Earl and Alice (Johnson) Salquist. He was raised in Spooner and graduated from Spooner High School in 1960. Del joined the U.S. Navy and was stationed at a naval support facility in Washington, D.C., as a flight crew member. He was honorably discharged and returned to Spooner where he began employment with the Wisconsin Conservation Department as a trapper in game management. He even

Del is survived by his wife of 30 years, Connie; his two children, AJ (Betsy) Salquist and Heather Salquist, both of Spooner; stepdaughter, Shauna (Erik) Lindstrom of Spooner; five grandchildren, DJ (Krista), Emma, Britta, Hadlee and Trent; three great-grandchildren, Carter, Jada and Veronika. Sister, Gayle (Don) Okonke of Myrtle Creek, Oregon; one brother-in-law, Jerry (Nancy) of Fort Atkinson; and several nieces and nephews.

Lifelong hunter

Devin Danielsen, of Spooner, with a nice-looking buck she shot this past gun season. In sixth grade at St. Francis School and after shooting this buck she will be a lifelong hunter. -- Photo provided

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WASHBURN COUNTY - Twenty-five years ago, caring people with big hearts felt a need for a humane society animal shelter in Washburn County, so they organized and carried out their plan. The establishment of their ideas was faithfully supported through financial donations, volunteer hours, hard work and dedication which created a safe, loving atmosphere for animals needing a temporary home in the Washburn County area.

Prior to building the first Washburn County Area Humane Society animal shelter, however, good and thoughtful people cared for needy animals by fostering them. From then until now, the humane society’s kindness-to-animals concept continues to exist in Washburn County because of these people.

To honor the significant number of years of this organization and the caring people who started it, and also those who continue to keep it going, it was decided to coordinate an anniversary celebration with this year’s Tree of Lights ceremony. This Tree of Lights event has each year given animals a heartfelt way to honor or memorialize a pet and also a way to financially support the shelter at this gift-giving time of year. Donation forms are available at the shelter and also on the website, wcahs.com, to be printed out and brought to the event, dropped off at the shelter or mailed to P.O. Box 328, Spooner, WI 54801.

All are invited to be a part of this commented, annual event which continues to bring the public together and to coordinate an anniversary celebration at the Washburn County Area Humane Society’s animal shelter located on 1300 Roundhouse Road, in Spooner, on Sunday, Dec. 8, from 1 to 4 p.m. Prizes to win and free treats and beverages will be available to enjoy that day.

This annual event is also held as a very special way to thank each thoughtful person who has donated in any way, whether it be financially or with shelter supplies, as a volunteer, an employee, an adopter or a responsible pet owner or animal rescuer.
Advent concert rescheduled

SPOONER - Due to inclement weather on Dec. 1, the Intermezzo Music Club’s Advent concert is rescheduled for Sunday, Dec. 8, 5 p.m. at the Spooner Wesleyan Church.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
WASHBURN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
LEONA KESS
Case No. 2019PR40

THE COURT FINDS:
1. The decedent, with date of birth December 8, 1931, and date of death November 23, 2018, was domiciled in Washburn County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1014 Grant Street, Spooner, WI 54801.

2. The deadline for filing a Petition for Administration (Formal Administration) was filed.

3. A claim may be filed at the Washburn County Courthouse, Shell Lake, Wisconsin, before Circuit Court Judge, Honorable Angeline Winton, on December 13, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

4. Heirship will be determined at the hearing on petition for administration.

5. Publication of this notice is necessary.

THE COURT ORDERS:
1. Order Setting Time to Hear Petition for Administration and Deadline for Filing Claims (Formal Administration) Case No. 2019PRR40

2. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent’s estate is March 14, 2019.

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4. The court does not provide transportation. If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-468-4677 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

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This has been quite the Thanksgiving weekend, hasn’t it? I can only remember one worse than this, and that was back in 1956. We had so much snow that it was hard to see the road. The roofs of the buildings were as high as the roof on the lean-to by my grandpa’s barn. We had so much snow that we had to shovel it off the roof. We had so much snow that it was hard to see the road. The roofs of the buildings were as high as the roof on the lean-to by my grandpa’s barn. We had so much snow that we had to shovel it off the roof. We had so much snow that it was hard to see the road. The roofs of the buildings were as high as the roof on the lean-to by my grandpa’s barn. We had so much snow that we had to shovel it off the roof.

The congregation of Barronett Lutheran would like to thank our neighbors, Tatum and Jessica Schranzel, for helping shovel the snow off the ramp on Sunday morning. There must have been about a foot of snow covering it, and the girls worked tirelessly until it was finished. We didn’t have anyone use the ramp Sunday morning because there was too much snow. Thank you again, Tatum and Jessica, for all the help.

Barronett Lutheran was celebrating their annual Christmas party this Saturday, Dec. 7, starting at noon. All women are invited. So, even if you are not a member of our church, please feel free to stop by for a fun-filled afternoon. We sing Christmas carols, have great food and desserts, and steal gifts. You know, the usual church basement ladies stuff. Please bring a couple of very inexpensive, wrapped gifts for the dice game. (Inexpensive being the key word here.) Join us, we really do have a great time.

Rick Kreuger and I have been trying to get together to do some baking for the past three years, at least. Well, we finally managed to make time to do just that on Wednesday, Nov. 20. Rick and Dale came over, and I had invited Bill Gill too. While Dale watched the news and Bill biked it, Rick and I tried to duplicate the recipe for that Ricky’s mom used to make at Christmas time. We had a really nice day visiting and baking, and Rick and I had a really good time doing it. In fact, Duane likes it so much that I think it will become a Christmas tradition at our house. Next we are planning to get together to go to the movies and do some baking. Duane and I had Brian (Gus) Horton come over to the old Katy Wallace house to build a roof over the back porch. We are very happy with the work, he did. We know nothing about carpentry work, and Gus came over, told us what he would do and how he would do it. All he did was the materials came in. It looks very nice and will keep most of the snow off the porch.

Terry Goodrich called and said that one of his friends, Karen, had a story about toy guns from her childhood. I remember the story last year when I was up north with Barronett and went to Lakeland Grade School. When Karen was about 10 years old, she and her sister, Barb, saved up their money to buy toy pistols. When they had enough saved, they walked the 3 miles into Cumberland to go shopping. Karen bought a Roy Rogers single shot and Karen bought a Lone Ranger repeating six-shooter. Karen said that they had a great time pretending to ride horses and being cowboys. She also said that the boys at Lakeland School would bring their BB guns to school. They were not allowed to shoot on the school grounds, but they did shoot them on the way to and from school. My kids have changed.

Diane and I spent Thanksgiving Day with Richard, Dawn and Debbie Pietter and Lynn Thon. We had a very nice dinner, ate too much and enjoyed visiting. After we took Dawn and Debbie home, Richard, Duane and I went to visit Delores Schult at her home, however, she wasn’t home. We did get to see her. She is doing very well and is able to get around with a walker without any problem. We had supper with Delores and then had to get back home. It was a wonderful day.

On Friday, Jerry Marsh, his girlfriend, Hallie, his daughters, Sanara and Savanna, and her boyfriend, Alex Caracappa, hosted Thanksgiving dinner at Susy and Ryan Lohman’s home. It was great. Almost all of my kids, grandkids and great-grandkids were there. It was a little chaotic with all the little ones running around, but it didn’t go too bad. The meal was absolutely delicious. Everyone had a great time eating to the point of being uncomfortable. Why do we do that? Alex and Samara’s flight back to Boston left on Sunday morning and they were back at home before the big storm hit the East Coast. We were very happy to have them before they didn’t have any problems getting home.

That’s about all I know from Barronett this week. I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Remember, the women’s Christmas party is Saturday at noon. Hope to see you there.

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NOTICE OF MEETING – TOWN OF SARONA

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Town Meeting of the Town of Sarona will be held on Monday, December 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be in the meeting room in the Municipal Building at 26 Ridgeway Dr. Shell Lake, WI 54871-9794

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The Shell Lake Arts Center light display wishes you a Merry Christmas. The simple message is one of many at the Shell Lake Lions Club Celebration of Lights. The annual tradition was put up over the Thanksgiving weekend. A few displays are yet to go up and were delayed because of the storm.

The Shell Lake American Legion display is a reminder of the servicemen and servicewomen who celebrate Christmas in lands far away from home and loved ones. Seven panels, created by Shell Lake art students over the past several years, each show a different scene from a different conflict.

The Love Light tree is front and center in the Celebration of Lights. The memorial tree’s position was moved this year from the Shell Lake State Bank ATM Park to its new location in the campground.

Once a year a moose roams the campgrounds, due to the efforts of the Shell Lake State Bank. There are many lighting displays to see and you can enjoy them from the comfort of your car.

The 4-H clover leaf is a very recognizable icon in our culture and brings up warm feelings in many at any time of year.
This old Case tractor was made in Wisconsin by the J. I. Case Co. The tractor was an iron workhorse. Today it sits peacefully in a small valley surrounded by farmland and woods.

This old McCormick Deering tractor was a dependable workhorse in its day. Built in the 1920s, tractors like this one transformed farm work from horse to tractors.

The Co-op tractor was built by Huber Manufacturing, of Marion, Ohio, and sold by many local co-ops in the Midwest. It was a dependable and affordable tractor that could be ordered in many small communities.

The Scribner Rest Home For Old Tractors is the final resting place for many of the tractors and pieces of farm equipment that converted cutover pine forests to valuable farmland. The “rest home” is on the corner of Green Valley Road and Tozer Lake Road.

Two snowstorms blasted through in the past week or so, dumping up to 18 inches of snow in the area. The Thanksgiving week snowstorms turned the landscape into a winter wonderland scene. – Photo by Larry Samson