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Winter Knocks-Off Butternut in the Final Game of 2022 Warriors Enter New Year 3-3

By Ross Pattermann

The Winter Warriors boys basketball program is back to even footing as they head into 2023. Winter picked up consecutive wins for the first time this season after they dispatched the Butternut Midgets for a 79-34 non-conference victory on Thursday, Dec. 29.

The win improves Winter's record to 3-3, and is the perfect way to end 2022. Head coach Josh Hautamaki says 2023 holds a lot of promise for Winter, and after dismantling last year's offensive and defensive mindset, Hautamaki believes the Warriors have just begun to scratch the surface of their potential.

"The start of our 2022 season, we as coaches had a lot of work to do," Hautamaki explained. "We stripped down our athletes of everything they knew, and started from scratch. That way we could mold them into the team that we envisioned for this year. Old habits are hard to break, and new ideas are hard to embrace, but these kids gave us goals that they wanted to reach so we custom designed a plan of attack."

Attack is the perfect word to describe Winter's road game with Butternut. The Warriors up-tempo, fast paced game put the Midgets in total disarray. Winter's starting five got the Warriors off to a fast start, with Albert Blair forming a one man wrecking crew.

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Sawyer Melchert motors in for two during the Boys Basketball game against Butternut last Thursday. The Warriors outscored the Midgets by 79-34 for the non-conference win putting their overall record at 3-3. -Photo by Deb Steiner

GriefShare Sessions Offered by Local Churches

GriefShare Sessions will be held on Tuesdays, January 17 – April 11, beginning at 1:00 a.m. each week at Zion Lutheran Church, 5268N Cemetery Rd, Winter. Karen Hutton and Verdun Cecil will serve as facilitators for this 13-week series for the community for anyone experiencing grief. Come for support for yourself or to encourage others with hope along the journey – "so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God." Open to anyone in

the community, this ecumenical "GriefShare" series is registered under Evangelical Free Church of Winter and has been financially supported in partnership with Calvary/Zion Lutheran Church. You can register online by going to: www.GriefShare.org/findagroup or contact Verdun Cecil at 715-415-5758 or email Karen Hutton at: 2huttons@gmail.com for more information or to assist with registration.

Lady Warriors Bow to Butternut Winter Loses Bid for Back to Back Wins

By Ross Pattermann

Like the boys team, the Lady Warriors were looking to make it back to back victories for the first time this season when they travelled to Butternut to take on the Lady Midgets in an East Lakeland versus Indianhead Conference matchup.

Winter had dispatched the Birchwood Bobcats 61-37 on Tuesday, Dec. 20 for the first win of the season, and despite the Lady Midgets record of 4-4, the Lady Warriors liked their odds against Butternut in their Thursday, Dec. 29 meeting.

"Well, we matched up against Butternut very well," Winter head coach Mike Granica said. "Our game plan was to run and gun against them. Our defense had some holes in this game, and Butternut took advantage."

Butternut's Jersey Polencheck did most of the heavy lifting,

scoring a team high 18 points. She came into the contest as the only Lady Midget to average double-digits thus far in the 2022-23 season. Polencheck was able to get some help from teammate Pria Popowski, who finished with 10 points.

But the real story of the game was Butternut's supporting cast, as the Lady Midgets finished with six players scoring at least once, and several scoring multiple buckets. Winter was able to force 20 steals against Butternut's 14 steals, but Winter shot themselves in the foot by committing 22 total turnovers in the game. And after one half of play, Winter trailed 32-18.

"We were down by 14 at half. [We] switched up a few things and came out strong in the second half. We pulled

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Tuscobia Ultra Marathon Puts Participants to the Test



Jon Hailey of New Richmond, WI crosses the Tuscobia Trail Brunet River bridge on his way to the Ojibwa Park checkpoint during the Tuscobia Ultra Marathon this past weekend. The three-day annual event consists of biking, skiing or running 160 miles from Park Falls (Butternut Lake Resort) to Rice Lake and back, or 80 miles one way. The 160-mile requires completion of a qualifying event, and is itself a qualifier for the Iditarod Trail Invitational. Most racers agreed the first 20 miles were good, but as they neared the Winter area, the trail became much more challenging due to the winter storm before Christmas. In fact areas of the Tuscobia between Ojibwa and Couderay had numerous downed trees and limbs that had just been removed the day before the race! Warm weather also caused soft areas; many participants could be seen walking their bikes. In all, there were 199 entries with most finishing the race. More photos appear on page 10. -Photo by Sue Johnston

Your News Is Our News

21st Annual Dennis Dantzman Memorial Ride

The 21st Annual Dennis Dantzman Memorial Ride will be held on **Saturday, January 7th, 2023**. Anyone interested in going on the ride is to meet at Patti's on 70 in Winter. Registration is from 10 to 11 a.m. with the ride beginning at 11 a.m. Cost is \$20 and includes lunch at Musky Tale Resort and dinner at Patti's on 70. There will also be door prizes and 50/50 raffles at each stop.

The ride is sponsored by the Winter Huskies Snowmobile Club. Proceeds go to the Dantzman Scholarship fund. Bring your sled or join the group by vehicle.



Randi Roberts blocks a Butternut player from advancing towards the net. Randi had two points and six rebounds during the 53-40 loss last Thursday.

-Photo by Deb Steiner

Tuscobia Winter Ultra Marathon



The weather was warm and the trail was grueling for the Tuscobia Ultra Marathon held on the Tuscobia Trail over the weekend. The race runs from Park Falls to Rice Lake and participants can run, ski or bike 80 miles one way or the 160 mile round trip. The 160 mile race serves as a qualifying event for the Iditarod. Volunteers Megan Veldkamp, Chalayne Palmgren, Emily Wanless, Eric Weninger and Brian Kutz assisted with feeding and checking in racers at the Ojibwa Park pavillion.



Chad Weberg from Mazomanie, WI gives the Gazette Publisher a thumbs-up as he enters the Ojibwa check point.



Scott Pariseau of St. Mary's Point, MN switches out some gear before hopping back on his bike. Scott was competing in the 160.



A biker warms up with some delicious soup, compliments of Gayle Johnson.
-Photos by Sue Johnston
& Courtesy of Tuscobia Ultra Marathon



Nicholas Quinn of Edina, MN admitted the trail was a bit of a challenge but was having a blast nonetheless.



In front, Grant Hartley of Minneapolis, MN and Mark Seaburg of Hopkins, MN pass through Winter on their way to the Ojibwa checkpoint. Both competed in the 80-mile race.



Racers also had the opportunity to make a stop at the Winter Depot to warm up and grab a snack.



Brian Atkinson of Janesville took First Place in the 160 mile ski and set a course record of 31:14. Lots to smile about!



Lauren Weigel of Oronoco, MN
BIKE: 80 MILE WINNER (F).



Chase Wark of Winona, MN
BIKE: 80 MILE WINNER (M).



Daniel Perry from Manitoba
BIKE: 160 MILE WINNER (M).



Kate Coward of Golden Valley, MN
BIKE: 160 MILE WINNER (F).



Bethanie Holley of Spooner, WI
RUN: 80 MILE WINNER (F)

Obituaries



Harriet Amelia Mendelson

Harriet Amelia Mendelson, 90, passed away peacefully at her residence in Marshfield, WI on December 21st, 2022. She was surrounded by those who loved her.

Harriet was born August 1st, 1932 in Chicago IL. At the age of 1 her family moved to Ojibwa, WI where they farmed. When Harriet turned 17 she moved back to Chicago, where she met her first husband, Robert Degand. They married on September 20th, 1950 at the Roman Catholic Church in Chicago. They had two daughters together. While married, they ran a resort/tavern in Round Lake, Ill.

In 1965 she started working at United Airlines, Chicago IL. She retired from there in 1986. On December 4th, 1975 she married Martin Mendelson in Las Vegas, NV. Martin was an over the road truck driver, and after her retirement, Harriet joined him on many trips. Mostly to Texas. The couple became winter Texans and managed an RV park there for 5 years.

Harriet loved to travel. Working at United, enabled her to travel the globe. She loved to reminisce about all of her adventures. On Thanksgiving this past year, her granddaughter asked her who she thought the most important person in history was. Harriet immediately answered, Jesus. Then after a moment, she jokingly changed her answer to Elvis. Another love of hers. She saw him live 16 times.

Harriet had many passions and interests. The church, music, watching the Kentucky Derby, having a glass of Mogan David, telling stories, practical jokes, precious moments, to name a few. But her greatest passion was her family. She was happiest when spending time with them.

Harriet was truly one of a kind. She had the most loving and compassionate heart. She will be greatly missed by all.

Harriet was preceded in death by her father Harry Ladenthin, her mother Katherine (Scholtes) Ladenthin; brothers, Junior, Robert, Dick, sister Kate (Toots) and daughter Diana Sherwood.

Harriet is survived by her husband Martin; brothers Don, Tom, Otto (Butch), Nick and Jim; sisters, Pearl, Loretta, Betty Mae and Debbie; her daughter Christine Degand; grandson Mike Degand; granddaughters Lisa Rennhack, Amanda Kropiwek and Jennifer Rowedder; great grandson Troy Williams and Bjorn Rowedder; great granddaughters Chloe Rennhack, Rylee Rennhack and Fiona Huml and many other grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held in Winter, WI at a later date.

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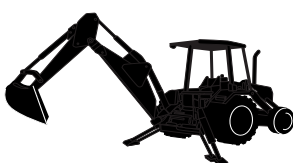
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Town of Ojibwa Meeting Notice

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town of Ojibwa Board of Supervisors will be held on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 4:00 P.M. at the Ojibwa Town Hall.

AGENDA

1. Call meeting to order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

4. Approve agenda

5. Approve December 20, 2022 monthly meeting minutes

6. Treasurer's report and approve vouchers

7. Old Business: None

8. New Business:

A-Discuss/Act on grader and plow truck

B-Discuss/Act on donated property to Town

9. Reports, Comments and Correspondence from the Town Board

10. Set next meeting date

11. Adjourn

Jill Petit, Clerk/Treasurer

Town of Ojibwa

WNAXLP

Winter School District Special Meeting Notice

A special meeting of the Winter School District Board of Education will be held on Monday, January 9, 2023 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Winter School Library.

AGENDA

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Certification of Agenda Posting and Approval of the Agenda

D. Committee of the Whole – Discussion only - no action will be taken

a. District Strategic Plan

b. Schedule Stay Interviews

E. Adjourn

Upon request to the District Administrator, submitted twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the meeting, the District shall make reasonable accommodations including the provision of informational material in an alternative format for a disabled person to attend this meeting. This notice is to be posted at: CO-OP, Winter, WI; Chippewa Valley Bank, Winter, WI; Each office in the School District of Winter and sent to The Gazette. WNAXLP

Town of Winter Meeting Notice

NOTICE OF RABIES VACCINATION AND DOG LICENSE REQUIREMENTS, LATE FEES TO BEASSESSED AFTER APRIL 1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Secs. 95.21(2),174.05 and 174.07(1)(b), Wisconsin Statutes, the owner of a dog more than five months of age on January 1, or five months of age within this year, shall annually, prior to April 1, or on or before the date the dog becomes five months of age, pay the dog license tax and obtain a license. Dog license fees are \$10.00 for neutered males or spayed females and \$15.00 for unneutered males or unsprayed females. Multiple dog license (up to 12 dogs) fees are \$75 (plus \$5 for each dog over 12).

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that evidence that the dog is currently immunized against rabies must be presented before a license can be issued. If the owner of a dog fails to obtain a license prior to April 1, or within 30 days of acquiring ownership of a licensable dog, or if the owner fails to obtain a license on or before the dog reaches licensable age, the following tiered late fee shall be assessed: April 1-April 30 - \$10; May 1 – May 31 - \$20; June 1 or later - \$30. YOU MAY ALSO BE SUBJECT TO A CITATION.

For additional licensing information or locations to obtain a license, please contact Sawyer County Animal Control at 715-634-5139 or Sawyer County Clerk at 715-634-4866.

Lynn Fitch,

Sawyer County Clerk

WNAXLP 30c

Town of Winter Meeting Notice

A Regular Business Meeting of the Town of Winter Board of Supervisors will be held on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 4:00 P.M. at the Winter Town Hall located at N4680 County Rd. W, Winter, WI 54896.

AGENDA

1. Call to order Business Meeting of the Town of Winter

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve Agenda

4. Audience Recognition (Agenda items only)

5. Approve meeting minutes from December 14, 2022 regular meeting

6. License / Zoning

7. Highway / Road Report

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

10. Correspondence / Contacts

11. Approval of Disbursements

12. Board Concerns

13. Set Next Regular Meeting date for February 8, 2023.

14. Adjourn

Lori Van Winkle, Clerk

January 2, 2023

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MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 20TH MEETING OF THE SAWYER COUNTYBOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Large Courtroom: Sawyer County Courthouse/Virtual

Voting Committee Members Present (X)

☒ Dale Schleeter

☒ Jesse Boettcher

☒ Tweed Shuman

☒ Stacey Hessel

☒ Jason Weaver

☒ Marc D. Helwig

☐ Thomas W. Duffy

☒ Marshal Savitski

☐ Brian Bisonette

☐ Michael Maestri

☒ Chris Rusk virtual

☒ John Righaimer

☐ Ron Kinsley

☒ Ron Buckholtz

☒ Ed Peters - virtual

Municode – Mr. Albarado advised that the most current version of Municode in the packet is for documents recorded through December 16, 2021. Additional ordinances approved since that date have been submitted for recording and new ordinances will be submitted as they are approved. Zoning ordinances will remain in the appendix at this time. This is a living document that will constantly change. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz; second by Mr. Helwig to approve this ordinance. Voice vote was taken and passed 10-0. No vote was cast by Mr. Rusk; he had left the meeting.

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the County Board of Supervisors will be Thursday, January 19, at 6:30 pm in the Large Courtroom.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 22.20.12

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR SAWYER COUNTY, WISCONSIN; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE SAWYER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

SECTION 1. The Code entitled "Code of Ordinances of Sawyer County, Wisconsin," published by Municipal Code Corporation, consisting of chapters 1 through 28, each inclusive, is adopted.

SECTION 2. All ordinances of a general and permanent nature enacted on or before December 16, 2021, and not included in the Code or recognized and continued in force by reference therein, are repealed. In addition, the peace and good order bond schedule for the ordinance adopted on December 19, 2019, shall continue in full force and effect as if set out at length in the Code.

SECTION 3. The repeal provided for in section 2 hereof shall not be construed to revive any ordinance or part thereof that has been repealed by a subsequent ordinance that is repealed by this ordinance.

SECTION 4. Unless another penalty is expressly provided, every person convicted of a violation of any provision of the Code or any ordinance, rule or regulation adopted or issued in pursuance thereof shall forfeit not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$500.00 and the costs of prosecution, and in default of payment of such forfeiture and costs of prosecution shall be imprisoned in the County jail of the County until payment of such forfeiture and the costs of prosecution, but not exceeding 30 days for each violation, provided, however, that in no case shall the forfeiture imposed for a violation of any provision of this section exceed the maximum fine for the same offense under the laws of the state Each act of violation and each day upon which any such violation shall continue or occur shall constitute a separate offense. The penalty provided by this section, unless another penalty is expressly provided, shall apply to the amendment of any Code section, whether or not such penalty is reenacted in the amendatory ordinance. In addition to the penalty prescribed above, the County may pursue other remedies such as abatement of nuisances, injunctive relief and revocation of licenses or permits.

SECTION 5. Additions or amendments to the Code when passed in such form as to indicate the intention to make the same a part of the Code shall be deemed to be incorporated in the Code, so that reference to the Code includes the additions and amendments.

SECTION 6. Ordinances adopted after December 16, 2021, that amend or refer to ordinances that have been codified in the Code shall be construed as if they amend or refer to like provisions of the Code.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall become effective December 20, 2022

Lynn Fitch,

Sawyer County Clerk

TOWN OF OJIBWA

STATE OF WISCONSIN, SAWYER COUNTY

ATV/UTV ROUTE,

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-02

The Town of Ojibwa ordains as follows:

A. This ordinance supersedes any and all previous ATV/UTV ordinances in the Township of Ojibwa.

B. The following roads shall be authorized for ATV/UTV use:

1. All township owned roads within the Township of Ojibwa.

2. All of County Highway G, beginning at the intersection of State Highway 70 to the intersection of the common border of the Town of Ojibwa and the Town of Winter.

C. The speed limit for ATV/UTV use shall be 35 miles per hour, except for certain designated areas, because of safety or noise reasons; the speed is posted at 10 miles per hour. Operators shall obey the 10 miles per hour speed limit in these designated areas.

D. All ATV/UTV units shall operate to the extreme right side of the paved portion of the road going in the same direction as the flow of automotive traffic.

E. ATV/UTV units shall operate in single file.

F. All ATV/UTV units shall operate with the factory installed exhaust suppressor in place, without any modifications what so ever.

G. ATV/UTV operators shall yield right-of-way to all other vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

H. At least one headlight and one taillight must be illuminated at all times when operating on roads described in this ordinance.

I. ATV/UTV operators and passengers travel at their own risk when operating on Town of Ojibwa roads. The Town of Ojibwa shall not be liable for damages or injuries.

J. The Sawyer County Sheriff's Department and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources have authority to, and shall enforce ATV/UTV laws when these vehicles are operating on Town of Ojibwa roads.

K. If any provision of this ordinance is found to be invalid, it shall not affect any other provisions of this ordinance.

L. The Township of Ojibwa has the exclusive right and authority to post signs regulating ATV/UTV operation and speeds on township owned roads. The Town of Ojibwa reserves the right to remove ATV/UTV signs posted without the consent of the Town of Ojibwa-Board of Supervisors. The Town of Ojibwa shall post all signs consistent with Wisconsin Statutes-Conservation Code.

M. As depicted in Wis. Stats. Ch. 23.33(8)(f)1, no person may intentionally remove, damage, deface, move, obstruct, or interfere with the effective operation of any uniform all-terrain vehicle route or trail sign or standard or any uniform sign or standard for the operation of a utility terrain vehicle on an all-terrain vehicle route or trail if the sign or standard is legally placed by the state, any municipality or any authorized individual.

N. This ordinance is effective upon publication and posting.

O. The town clerk shall properly post or publish this ordinance as required under s. 60.80, Wis. stats.

Adopted by:

Chairman, Daniel Granica

Supervisor, Robert Granica

Supervisor, Randall Niederkorn

Attest: I hereby certify that the above ordinance was adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the Town of Ojibwa on this 20th day of December, 2022.

Jill Petit, Clerk

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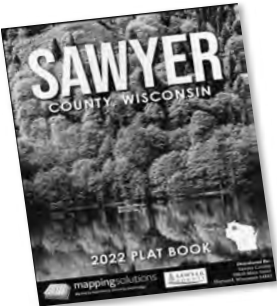
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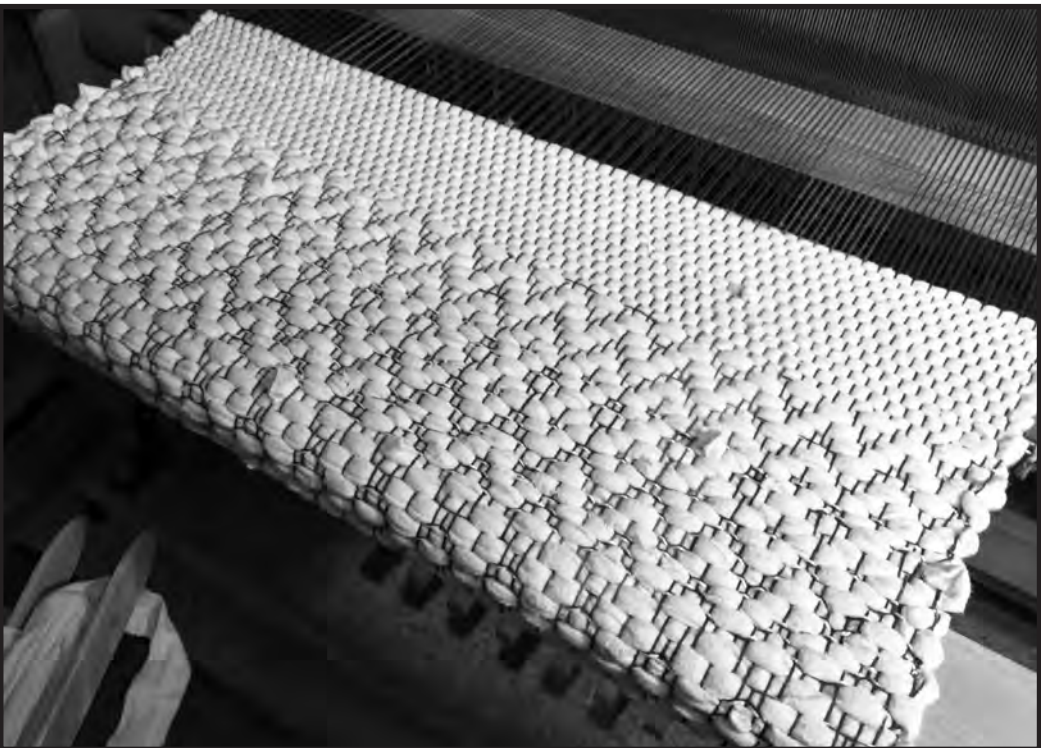
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Down on the Farm



Decorative woven rag rug in Swedish rosepath motif. Photo by Laura Berlage

New Projects for a New Year

By Laura Berlage

The New Year is here, and with it a chance to start something new. In my fiber arts studio, I’m always excited to start new projects (indeed, works in progress are everywhere around here!) as well as share them virtually in Zoom classes.

Earlier this winter, students were nudging me to offer floor loom instruction via Zoom, so they could feel supported as they got their looms weaving again. I had been offering these classes in-person on the farm before the pandemic but had since shelved the project. The looms sat on the glassed-in farmhouse porch, waiting.

At first, I wasn’t certain how to make something as extensive as warping and weaving on a floor loom work for an online class, but as my confidence has grown through needle felting, tapestry weaving, loom beading, and punch needle rug hooking mediums, I finally felt ready to give it a try. The schedule lull over the holidays seemed like the perfect time to begin.

New Years Eve, I shoveled a canyon through the plowed bank, up the couple of steps, and the small deck that leads to the loom porch door. Inside was a forlorn time capsule from that final class, plus the accumulation of supplies and materials that had simply been stashed in the space. In true old farmhouse fashion, collected dead flies and ladybugs were everywhere, and it all needed a

thorough cleaning out. I rolled up my sleeves, plugged in the vacuum and started at one corner.

When you look at the whole mess of the problem all at once, it can become exceedingly overwhelming. We come up to a daunting task, realize the magnitude, and decide that procrastinating sounds much easier. Instead, resolutions to declutter, to reclaim, or to organize start best at one corner, a trick I doubtless learned from my mother.

Floor looms are hefty pieces of equipment, and I have four of them in the farmhouse porch. This meant clearing enough space to move a loom, clean its spot, then drag it back. Piles became organized into boxes, tools were put away, good objects were sorted from trash, which was then removed.

Cobwebs in the corner were demolished, and piles and piles of bugs meticulously vacuumed. Inch by inch, the space became transformed from

chaos into order, from neglect into an inviting, working space. By suppertime, the space was ready.

Meanwhile I’d been dusting off and updating the course handout for weaving a rag rug in a point twill style from Sweden known as “rosepath.” Rag rugs can be quite fun (and fast) just as plain weave (also called “tabby”), but adding decorative designs in the warping and how you weave it makes the process and the project extra special.

I gathered up my materials and tools, stripped up old flannel sheets, and prepared my warp in deep rose colors. It was time to haul in the recording equipment and film the tutorials that would help students translate the project onto their own looms at home.

Videography instruction was not a hat I’d anticipated wearing in January of 2020, but I’m grateful that I took the leap then, just as I’m taking the leap

with floor loom weaving classes now. With every stretch, we learn so much. With every stretch, we grow as a person.

Just as cleaning and organizing the space takes time, warping a floor loom takes time and attention to detail. Once warped, floor loom weaving goes quickly (especially compared with tapestry weaving!), with the tedium spent on threading each warp string appropriately through all the various working pieces of the loom. Errors in this process will mar the design, so you take your time and double-check your work often.

It’s not about perfection, however. If we focus on being perfect, we will always disappoint ourselves. Instead, we can focus on precision, which is a skill we all can learn. Little idiosyncrasies can often be forgiven in the weaving of a rag rug, just as little idiosyncrasies in ourselves makes us unique and interesting.

New Year’s Day, I filmed warping and weaving on my Macomber 4-harness floor loom. It was well past dark when I finished. Today, I’ll weave the header and take it off the loom. What once was old sheets, spools of cotton, and an empty loom in a musty room will now be a finished, beautiful piece in a working, cozy weaving space.

As you think on your new endeavors for the New Year, remember to start in one corner, take it a piece at a time, let go of perfectionism, and celebrate the wins. Time to head to the studio to finish filming! See you down on the farm sometime.



Laura Berlage is a co-owner of North Star Homestead Farms, LLC and Farmstead Creamery & Café. 715-462-3453 www.northstarhomestead.com

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10. Actress Lathan

11. A metric for athletes

12. Food storage location

13. Colossus

15. Desolations

16. Accustom to something unpleasant

17. ___ Kubrick, filmmaker

18. You might ask this at Thanksgiving

21. Arkansas city

22. Gave food to

23. Request
24. V-shaped open trough

25. Make lively

26. It accompanies feather

27. Blonde bombshell

34. One who revolves

35. Bluish greens

36. Charity

37. Having the shape of a cube

38. Unwind

39. Believed by some to be the supreme being

40. Checks or guides

41. Leak slowly through

42. Top-quality

43. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

1. Part of your foot

2. It’s at the back of the eyeball

3. Where things stand

4. Offered

5. Contains pollen

6. Boisterous get-together

7. Asserts out loud

9. They’re in the sky

10. Canonized

12. A politician’s official stances

14. It can catch fish

15. British thermal unit

17. Helps little firms

19. Where patients go for treatment
20. Large red deer

23. Pokes holes in

24. “Star Wars” hero Solo

25. One in a hospital

26. Scandinavian god of battle

27. Famous cat

28. ___ Angeles; City of Angels

29. Type of drug (abbr.)

30. City along the Rhine

31. Animal disease

32. Martini ingredients

33. Get away

34. Rare species of rodent

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Stone Lake NEWS



By Christine Maestri
COUNTRY & BLUEGRASS
So Gerald and Al Hershey will be hosting Country/Blue Grass Evening at the Lions Hall. If you remember, Gerald Hershey plays the base fiddle—that huge fiddle that is taller than him. Al plays the fiddle

and both of them sing and these are just of their talents. Add the presence of their musician friends and you have a country/blue grass evening. You will recognize the other musicians as they have played at the Lions Hall with Steve Trude. So look forward to another evening of great music and camaraderie. Mark your calendar for the first Saturday of January, February, March and April. Hope to see you there.

TOYS FOR ZURI, THE TIGER
You might have seen this on Facebook. Wilderness Walk showed a picture of their tiger playing with a balsam fir tree—the classic Christmas tree. It was so sweet to see Zuri rolling about and playing with the tree—like a kitten with a ball of yarn. He plays with the trees until all the needles eventually fall off. Just so you know, Zuri

is 11 years old and has been at Wilderness Walk since 2020. They asked that you bring your Christmas tree to Wilderness Walk to fill his toy box. So if you still have your tree, when you take it down, bring it to Wilderness Walk. There is a pole building at the east of the main entrance building. You will see many stacked there. Add yours so Zuri will have many trees to play with.

POINSETTIAS
There might be 8 beautiful poinsettias available to someone for their winter garden. If you are interested, email me and we will proceed on this.

CAROLERS
Thank you to the folks who caroled in Stone Lake, now a few weeks ago. Several people commented on Facebook how their children loved it, and also how great their singing was. I don't know who these Christmas cheer people were, but thank you!

I love thinking of a family or group of friends sitting together one evening. And someone says, “Let's go caroling.” And everyone smiled and of f they went. It was one of those spontaneous occurrences that happen, and work so well. Let's remember this next December. I know you have to have neighbors to make this work. Well, if you live out in the country, drive into town. If you live in town, out the door and down the street you go. I had friends who lived in the country and we had 2 car loads of people, driving from one house to another. We piled out of the car, knocked on the door, sang a

few carols, and hopped back into the car. Onto the next house. It was special for all.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
HALUSKI KAPUSTI
(pronounced 'halooshki kapoosti)
This is a 100 year old Slovak dumplings and cabbage recipe that is a Christmas Eve tradition.

Dumplings (haluski):
Combine:
2 c. flour
4 eggs
1 t. salt
1/2 c. water
Bring large pot of water to a vigorous boil, quickly spoon in dumplings. Once all dumplings are floating after 4-5 minutes, drain and rinse.

Cabbage (kapusti):
½ stick butter
1 small onion - chopped
1 small cabbage - chopped
good pinch salt & pepper
2 T. water

Melt butter in pan. Add all ingredients. Cover & simmer for 15-20 minutes. Place kapusti on top of the haluski. Serve with polish sausage, rye bread & cottage cheese on the side. Serves 4-6.

DATES TO REMEMBER
• Stone Lake Food Shelf - Sat. Jan. 7 - 11-1PM Lions Hall
• Bluegrass & Country Evening - Sat. Jan. 7 - 6-9PM Lions Hall
• Square Dance - Sat. Jan 14 - 7-9PM Lions Hall
• Music Nite - Sat. Jan 21 - 6-9PM Lions Hall

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WALDO News



By Carol Aumann
We can all relax a bit now that the holidays are over. I would like to remind you that we are next to the Dollar Store and we are open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 3pm. Our “Food Pantry” will be open from 10am to 12pm on the 21st of January. If you are in need, please get in touch with Laurie Martin at 715 651-6012 and we will open for you. You can also schedule events by calling Laurie. We are look-

ing forward to having a Pot Luck and a Spaghetti Feed sometime this month. We do have an Open Board Meeting on the second Thursday of the month which would be on the 12th at 6:30pm. Please come and let us know how we can better serve you and the community. Brenda Montero did an awesome job giving massages last month. I know, I got one. Great massage! She will be giving her Yoga class on Tuesdays at 10am and Qi Gong at 10am on Thursdays. Give it a try. It feels good to get up and move around. No judgements. I know it's easier to be a couch potato and go into hibernation these winter months. A little socialization and exercise will do all of us good. I should also mention that if the school is closed, we are also closed. We hope you will stop in for coffee and a chat. We have games, books and movies available. The coffee is always on and we would love to see you.

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Natural Connections: Wings on the Ground



By Emily Stone
Naturalist/Education Director at the Cable Natural History Museum

Bright orange wings lay like confetti among the dry brown fir needles and volcanic soil of the monarch butterfly sanctuaries we visited last month in Michoacán, Mexico. I'd read that many of the millions of butterflies who overwinter in the high-altitude forests of the Trans-Mexican Volcanic Belt don't survive, but the sight of the grounded wings really drove that home. Winter storms are a well-publicized source of mortality for monarchs in the preserves. Rain or snow, wind, and freezing temperatures combine to blow through the tenuous protections that oyamel fir forests provide. One particularly terrible storm in 2002 killed an estimated 200-272 million butterflies—75% of the population. Paradoxically, the deaths allowed researchers to count butterflies thoroughly, and get a more accurate calculation of their population numbers. While the previous best estimate was that butterflies congregate in a density of 10 million per hectare, scientists revised that upward to 50 million butterflies per hectare. In comparison to those densities, and that death rate, the scattering of delicate wings we carefully stepped around, or lifted gently for close examination, or held up to watch the sunlight play across their colors, was insignificant. In fact, the condition of each

fallen butterfly gave us a little window into the ecology of the forest. While butterflies find refuge from weather in these forests, not everyone here reveres them as a protected treasure. Several other forest residents see them as a fatty feast that arrives on schedule every November. During the Museum group's visit to El Rosario Monarch Butterfly Preserve, our guide Daniel called me over to an educational display he'd laid out on a stump. Each of the three butterflies had been eaten by a different predator, and their bodies bore tell-tale clues. The male butterfly at the top of the display was mangled and chewed. This mess indicated a black-eared mouse as the murderer. Several types of mice will include monarchs in their diet in small numbers, but only Peromyscus melanotis migrates seasonally into the monarch preserves and may consume 40 butterflies in a single night. Female mice seem especially voracious, and this may fuel their winter reproduction. Butterflies who are too cold to crawl up vegetation to get off the ground are at highest risk of mouse predation. Over the course of the winter, mice consume an estimated 4-5.7% of the colony. A female butterfly with her abdomen completely missing was the victim of a black-headed grosbeak, explained Daniel. These birds seem to have a very high tolerance for cardiac glycosides. Those milkweed toxins are ingested by monarch caterpillars and conserved through metamorphosis into butterfly adulthood. The chemicals make most birds puke, but not grosbeaks! In contrast to the neat bite of the grosbeak, the abdomen of the butterfly on the left had been sliced open to reveal pale goo. Black-backed orioles, with their delicately pointed beaks, slit open the monarchs' abdomens and eat only the most fat-rich innards while avoiding the toxin-filled husk. They feed more heavily on cold days when the butterflies are easier to catch.

Each of these predators—the mice, the grosbeaks, and the orioles—have something in common with the monarchs themselves: they can ingest milkweed toxins and survive. In fact, various beetles, aphids and butterflies who eat milkweed, and the parasitoid wasps, nematodes, grosbeaks, and mice who eat the herbivores, have all converged on parallel genetic changes to the sodium-potassium pump inside their cells. These adaptations make them insensitive to cardiac glycosides, and allow them to store the toxins to poison their predators. Using these adaptations, black-headed grosbeaks and black-backed orioles kill somewhere between 4,550 to 34,300 overwintering butterflies per day, which adds up to two million butterflies per winter. That's about 9% of the monarchs in the Mexican preserves. Big, dense fir forests protect butterflies from this predation as well as from the weather. In logged areas, where butterfly clusters on branches are more exposed, birds munch on up to 15% of the population. While it's tempting to mourn the butterflies and villainize the hungry birds, ecological thinking doesn't really allow for picking sides in a food web. Black and orange are the team colors all around, anyway. What I do hope for is enough trees to shield the butterflies, enough butterflies to feed the birds, and enough winged confetti still up in the sky to celebrate a healthy forest. Emily's award-winning second book, Natural Connections: Dreaming of an Elfín Skimmer, is now available to purchase at www.cablemuseum.org/books and at your local independent bookstore, too.

For more than 50 years, the Cable Natural History Museum has served to connect you to the Northwoods. The Museum is now open with our exciting Growing Up WILD exhibit. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and cablemuseum.org to see what we are up to.



Monarchs face three main predators in their winter habitat. The male monarch at the top of this photo (the black dot on his hind wing indicates sex) was eaten messily by a black-eared mouse. The butterfly on the right, a female, had her abdomen bitten cleanly off by a black-headed grosbeak. A black-backed oriole slit open the abdomen on the female on the lower left. Both the monarchs and their predators have genetic adaptations that make them resistant to milkweed toxins. Photo by Emily Stone



One of the participants on the Museum's trip to Mexico holds a female monarch butterfly whose abdomen was eaten by a black-headed grosbeak. Photo by Emily Stone



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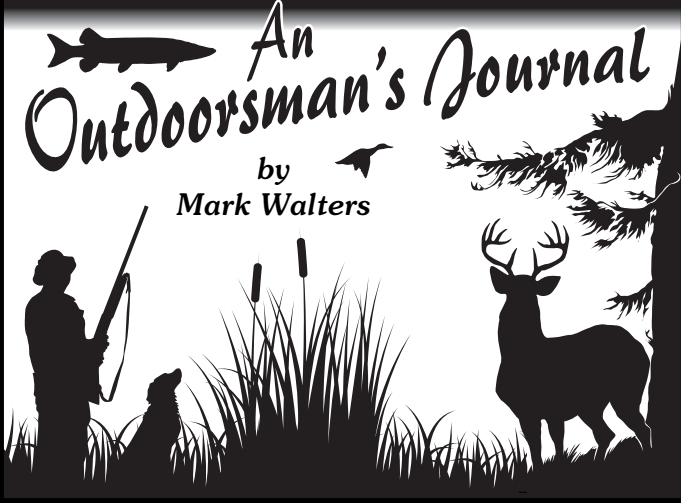
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by **Mark Walters**



Looking Back at 2022 THE BEST OF TIMES; THE WORST OF TIMES



Michelle Chiaro was an incredible mother, nurse and soulmate.

By Mark Walters

Hello friends,

This is my annual summing up of the last years experiences in the outdoors, which in reality I have been writing for 33 years and with the love I have for my job and with the current, steadily fading numbers on my retirement I will be writing for another 33. One other thing, thank the folks who run this column in the newspaper that you are reading it in and shop local.

Let’s skip the 8-ice fishing, winter camping trips that I went on and just say that they were all fun and I am looking forward to lots of them between now and ice out.

It's April 1st, I am in Canada and my girlfriend Michelle Chiaro, her 16-year-old daughter Kylie and my daughter Selina are overseeing the Ruby having pups project. One of the pups became stuck in the birth canal and these three ladies saved the day and long story short, Ruby gave birth to "Red" who would become my 8th golden retriever.

It was mid-April when I was on my annual turkey hunt with Selina. She just finished her 7th semester at UWSP with a double major, a minor, Vice President of the Fisheries Society and a job in the Aquatic Bio-monitoring Lab. About all I can say is this girl knows how to

take care of a full schedule and put an annual hurting on the local turkey flock and what’s crazy is she always whacks big birds.

It was also in mid-April that Michelle and I started our annual pilgrimage of baiting bear in the forests and marshes of northern Juneau County. Michelle loved baiting bear as I do and it was always because of the outdoor adventure.

Also in April, Michelle and I began planting our gardens which were designed to feed 6 people with a host of veggies to feed us year round in several ways.

On June 12th Michelle became ill, several people in the medical field who loved her thought it was something like a virus, as did Michelle who was a 26-year ICU nurse. On June 14th, Michelle's condition worsened and I called an ambulance that took her to Hess Memorial Hospital in Mauston. I was told Michelle was very ill and she was immediately put into a coma and that moment I was told there was a strong possibility that she would not come out of it. No matter how I triumph or how many years pass, I will never get over the loss of Michelle Chiaro.

July 2022. Family, friends, neighbors, readers of this column and people in the newspaper industry, literally at least 500-different people did their best to comfort me and I am thankful for that.

Though to this day I am a wreck, I will heal as that is the only option. My main cure other than what I just mentioned was to immerse myself into bear baiting and hobby farming. Until 3-months after Michelle passed all I could do was move my body or sit by my campfire. If I sat in my house, I lost it.

Our gardens were planted for six with the plan of four workers, I lost all workers as Michelle's children went to Arkansas and then California to be with her family.

Though I was not going to do it, three influential people in my life talked me into going on our annual fly in fishing trip to Shultz Lake near Red Lake, Ontario. That trip also would help with the healing.

The bear baiting was probably my biggest soul saver and I know she was with me. Hard work and hard thinking got me into the best physical shape I have been in, in at least 20-years.

September, I am in my bear stand, it is my 12th afternoon in a row of sitting in a tree. I think it was Michelle who helped, a large boar had crossed a swamp behind me and was about to

enter a willow thicket 100-yards away. My shot hit its mark and I had a downed 310-pound, "dressed" boar.

My other big challenge of the year was a solo elk hunt near Bozeman, Montana. This would be a public land hunt and I did it before I was too old to do it. I arrived three days before the season, scouted, built a very comfortable base camp down low and a very basic camp up high. I found elk two days before the season opened and slept in major grizzly bear country up high.

On opening day, a blizzard hit my camp just as I was heading up to my stand in the darkness. As night became day, I saw three elk but could not deter - mine if one had big enough antlers to be a legal shooter. An hour later four cows came through and behind them was a beautiful 6x6 with a huge body. I put three rounds from my 300 BAR in his chest and I had my bull.

Once again and a hundred times since June 15th, I know Michelle was with me.

I am not exceptionally happy anymore but I am rebounding and working hard in KAMO and also helping to start an Outdoor Youth Club in Necedah. We just had our 3rd meeting and this kids/adults or ganization is going to do good things.

I will get my laugh back and someday I will see Michelle Chiaro again!

Sunset

WEATHER

	Hi	Lo
Dec 25	3	-7*
Dec 26	16	-4
Dec 27	21	6
Dec 28	35	20
Dec 29	39	28*
Dec 30	34	16
Dec 31	31	10

**There was a dusting of snow on 12/25 and .02" of precip and .15" of snow on 12/29

WEEKLY TOTALS:
PRECIP: .02"
SNOW: .15"

** Precip (Rain & Snow) includes the daily snowfall accumulation melted then measured as liquid inches of precip. Snowfall daily accumulation is snow depth measured with a ruler and reset daily.

WEEKEND FORECAST FOR WINTER WI.
Friday, January 6th: Mostly sunny, high near 24, low around 16.
Saturday, January 7th: Slight chance of snow, mostly cloudy, high near 31, low 21.
Sunday, January 8th: Cloudy, high near 30, low around 21.

Northwoods MUSIC SCENE



By Sean Okamoto
Hello music lovers,
It's a new year so let's jump right in with some live music.

FRIDAY JANUARY 6TH
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SATURDAY JANUARY 7TH
Sonofmel/Out of The Woods Winery/2PM/699-1709
Ledfoot Larry/Sevenwinds Casino/9PM/833-479-4637

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 11TH
Open Mike/The Somewhere Else Bar/7PM/558-7006
Open Mike/Route 63/7PM/766-2244

That's all I have right now. Stay tuned next week to see whats coming down the pike. Have a great week and I'll catchya on the flipside.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 4TH
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Open Mike/The Somewhere Else Bar/7PM/558-7006

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The Postscript A Letter to Krissy...



By Carrie Classon

A couple of days ago, a friend of mine posted something written by a friend of his on Facebook. This is what she had to say:

“I’ve been contemplating what I really miss in life. Why do I feel this empty space? I have not felt completely full in a very long time. I miss the outdoors... a good hike, fishing or camping. No radio, cellphone, TV, movies or internet. Just the birds, the river running...just the sound of crickets.

“I miss a good, deep, solid conversation about life, God and love. All the things that truly matter! The world has changed so much with technology that we don’t even know each other anymore. We don’t have time for each other anymore. You turn on the evening news and all you hear is bad news. Shootings and crime have skyrocketed, and it’s become the norm.

“We can no longer trust emails or use our debit cards without worry of scams or fraud. We can no longer leave a door unlocked or a window open.

“I miss the world I grew up in. Where people had time for each other. Where conversations mattered. Where there was respect for each other. When people knew what was right and wrong. Sometimes I honestly want to throw my cellphone out the window, but realize I have to use it to contact the ones I love.

“This new world has swallowed us up and there is not a damn thing we can do about it. Am I the only one who ever feels this way?”

“Signed, “Krissy”

I don’t know Krissy, but I wrote a letter to her anyway. This is what I said:

“Dear Krissy,

“I think you should pull your tent out of storage and go camping this week. Unless you live up north. Then you might go snowshoeing in the woods. That’s fun, too.

“Shootings and crime have not skyrocketed—although reporting of them has. If you look at the statistics, you are actually far less likely to come to a violent end or die of disease than at any time in human history.

“But it does not sound like you are enjoying your smartphone. Maybe you should get a simple phone instead. They cost less, and you can still make phone calls. And use a credit card for online purchases instead of a debit card. Then you don’t need to worry so much.

“Meaningful conversations are there to be had. Sometimes you have to start them. I think

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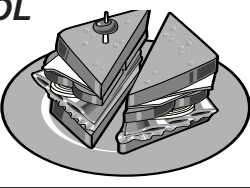
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Northwoods Humane Society News



By Deanna Persson, NHS President

THANK YOU! Thank you to all of the individuals and businesses that generously gave to the Northwoods Humane Society this holiday season to help us meet the goal of matching a \$25,000 challenge. The challenge was met and exceeded the goal. What a beautiful way to start 2023.

The following has been taken from my 2022 December Board Report. It recaps some of the accomplishments, improvements and functions of the Northwoods Humane Society. This is part of the first half of the report and next week will have the other half.

The Northwoods Humane Society is guided by a Board of Directors that bring a variety of skills and share their time and resources to ensure the care of the animals at the shelter and thru community outreach. Board members include Gil Zych, Michelle Forrester, Linda Graham, Shirley Armstrong, Chuck Newton, Steve Menke, Kim Kral, Barbara Hoeft, Lori Butala, Susan Sams, CherieArzola and myself. I am grateful to be able to work with such sincere people. Along with the Board members we are helped by our treasurer Marcia McIntosh, recording secretary Barbara Sealey and corresponding secretary Charmain Metzinger.

The Mission of the Northwoods Humane Society (NHS) is to provide a sheltered environment for unwanted animals.

NHS will work to find appropriate homes for animals, provide medical care as needed and work to socialize and train to increase their success in a home situation. The Northwoods Humane Society will actively work to promote responsible pet ownership with an emphasis on the need for spay and neutering of pets. NHS will work with all factions of the community to address the needs of animals in the community.

The Northwoods Humane Society has been true to our stated mission. NHS served 644 animals this year at the shelter. There were 183 dogs, 122 puppies, 103 cats and 135 Kittens adopted. We had one dog euthanized because of aggression, one for kidney failure and one with cancer. Two cats passed away. A loss of less than ½ percent. At the time of the report there were 28 dogs and 73 cats waiting for homes at the shelter.

This past fiscal year we met our financial needs through the generosity of members, donors, adoption feeds, fundraisers, grants and bequests and the proceeds from the NHS Thrift Shop.

Grants have been more difficult to get recently. Alecia Austin, our shelter manager, was successful with a grant from St. Croix Foundation for micro-chips and from the Kenneth Scott Foundation for new fencing for the shelter exercise area.

NHS continues to be proactive with spay and neutering of owned animals. We received some designated donations that may only be used for spay and neutering and have pulled from the general fund to cover the others. NHS has made such great progress in the community preventing unwanted litters; it is not an area we want to neglect.

Because of the gift of the Purple Cat Van and Dr. Rupel we have been very pro-active with the cat population. The two clinics held this year did over 100 cats – the majority were

owned cats, some shelter cats and some feral cats. The clinics have been sponsored by donors, including the rabies vaccinations.

Community outreach provides pet food to area foodshelves as well for those that pickup directly from the shelter. Housing for outdoor pets and some medical assistance for owned pet when grant money is available. Lisa Lew, assistant shelter manager, facilitates a TNR program for feral cats.

The Northwoods Humane Society continues to work with rescue groups throughout the United States. Because of our excellent adoption rates, we are able to not only meet the needs of our area animals, but embrace those that would otherwise be euthanized due to overpopulation. Area shelters also help one another when needed. Currently the Austin, Texas rescue group is the primary source of dogs for – we took in 145 dogs from Austin, Texas.

NHS is one of 350 rescue shelters approved by the Humane Society of the United States. NHS was asked to participate in the rescue of 4,000 beagles that were being bred for research facilities. NHS received 30 beagles. The staff did an outstanding job of organizing the care, assessments, medical needs and foster homes. It was a huge challenge but it went very, very well. All have been placed in successful homes.

(To be continued next week).

Winter School Lunch Menu	
Monday, January 9	Breakfast
Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice and milk.	
	Lunch
Chicken nuggets, veggie, fruit and milk.	
Tuesday, January 10	Breakfast
Cook's choice, fruit, juice and milk.	
	Lunch
Pizza dippers, veggie, fruit and milk.	
Wednesday, January 11	Breakfast
Egg and cheese sandwich, fruit, juice and milk.	
	Lunch
Orange chicken, veggie, fruit and milk.	
Thursday, January 12	Breakfast
Cinnamon roll, string cheese, fruit, juice and milk.	
	Lunch
Cook's choice, veggie, fruit and milk.	
Friday January 13	Breakfast
Biscuit and gravy, fruit, juice and milk.	
	Lunch
Cold sub, veggie, fruit and milk.	

Winter Public Library News



By Donna M. Knuckey Library Director

Thank you to the community for your generosity towards the Book Giving Tree this year. We fulfilled all of the 101 requests for books from youth.

We are excited for a New Year at the library and another year to offer programs for the community and visitors. We have 2 Hotspots available for checkout. You must be a library patron with an account in good standing. Hotspots are available for a two week checkout period.

The library is part of a pilot

program with the Wisconsin DNR. We have 50 State Park FREE day passes that must be used by March 31st. This is a first come, first serve basis. Not only do you get a park pass but also a packet of maps, fun activities, and more.

StrongBodies Strength Building classes will be resuming on January 10th and ending March 23, 2023. This is a class provided by UW-Madison Extension FoodWISE program. The classes are low impact classes that can be done at the Winter Public Library or from the comforts of your home. Classes are each Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00-10:15 a.m. Register ahead of time to ensure your spot.

Our Annual January Book sale will begin January 9th and ends on January 28th. We will have a sale of \$5 for a bag of books or \$15 for a flat. There are books, DVDs, CDs, puzzles and more for sale. Don't miss out!

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Norvado Breaks Ground on New Facility



Last Wednesday, work crews broke ground on Hwy 70 in the Village of Winter for the new Norvado facility. The \$9.8 million project is exciting news for businesses and residents of the area between Winter and Clam Lake as it marks a major step in the transition from the legacy copper DSL network to Norvado’s state-of-the-art, high-speed fiber broadband network. With the new fiber network, residents will now be able to select from speed tiers ranging from 300/300 Mbps to 1/1 Gbps—compared to maximum speeds of 20/2 Mbps on copper—while businesses can start at 500/500 Mbps and go up to 2/2 Gbps. The project is scheduled for completion in 2024. Full details on Norvado’s residential and business offerings are available at norvado.com. -Photos by Sue Johnston

Lady Warriors Continued From Page 1

within six points, but we couldn't quite get caught up to them," Granica said.

Senior guard Kate Pasanen had a great game for Winter, scoring a game high 23 points. Senior post Cassie Bishop added 13 points and had a team high 12 rebounds and seven steals, and Winter out-scored Butternut 22-21 in the second half.

However, the Lady Warriors did not have a balanced offense like Butternut, and the rest of Winter combined for just four points as Winter fell 53-40. Winter finished just 16 of 68 from the floor with Randi Roberts adding two points and

Kaydance Granica and Arianna Patenaude finishing with one point apiece.

Holly Cecil and Roberts did pull down six rebounds each, and Gwendolyn Greuel and Raelyn Bishop had four and three rebounds. Winter is hoping that with a new year, it will lead to new beginnings.

"We are looking to turn things around in the new year with a lot of games coming up," says Granica.



Holly Cecil brings the ball into Butternut territory after pulling down one of the six rebounds during the game.



Carter Petit out-manuevers a block during the game against Butternut last week. Carter had eight points in the first half, mostly from steals.



Jared Melton sprints towards the net to take a shot. Jared knocked down two three-pointers in the second half contributing to the 79-34 victory for Winter. -Photos by Deb Steiner

God's Blessings to you in...

As you unwrap a new year, we hope it's filled with the most wonderful things!

Michele & Randy Hoeft



Cassie Bishop knocks it off the backboard for two points. Cassie added 13 points and had a team high 12 rebounds and seven steals despite the loss. -Photos by Deb Steiner

Winter Knocks-Off ButternutContinued From Page 1

Blair was an excellent 12 of 19 from the floor, dropping a game high 30 points on Butternut as the Warriors raced out to a 43-14 advantage heading into the break.

"Our starters set the tone early on in the first half," Hautamaki said. "Albert Blair had 24 of the 43, including four threes. Gunnar Greuel dominated the boards, and was throwing dimes down the court. Carter Petit had eight points in the first half, mostly from steals."

Winter dominated on both sides of the ball, picking Butternut's pockets for a season high 22 steals. Those extra possessions led to more points, and by the second half Gunnar Greuel, Carter Petit and Albert Blair were well into double digits. The Warriors extended their lead over the Midgets, and Hautamaki used the second half to put several of his reserves in.

"The second half we pulled our starters, and kept Carter Roberts in the game to lead the offense with Sawyer Melchert, Dakota Holm, Cole Petit and Jared Melton," Hautamaki noted. "Roberts had seven points, Jared knocked down two threes, Dakota had a three, and Sawyer had two. Cole Petit was the only Warrior on our roster that didn't score but his time is coming. Cole is a beast on defense and his hustle is next level."

Winter continued to out-play their hosts, holding a 36-20 scoring advantage in the second half. Eight Warriors finished

with points, with Blair leading the way with his 30. Petit scored 13 points, followed by Greuel with 12. Greuel continues to dominate the glass, pulling down a game high 17 rebounds, and maintains his spot as one of the top rebounders in the state.

Carter Roberts' seven points was followed by Melton's six, Melchert and Rudnicki's four points and Holm's three. Getting to .500 was a focus for Hautamaki and assistant coach Curtis DeCora, and the game against Butternut was the perfect way to end 2022.

"Leading up to the end of the year, it took some time to get all the moving pieces to fit and work as they should," Hautamaki said. "Each practice and each game they improved, and we couldn't be more excited coming into 2023. Our last game against Butternut was exactly what the entire team needed. The Warriors came in confident and ready to work."

Winter's depth and experience have taken great leaps, and an offense mired in the low 40s last year is now putting up nearly 80 points a night. Those are welcome sights for Hautamaki, but he's quick to point out that the basketball season is a marathon, not a sprint.

"We continue to develop each of these athletes as there are many different levels of skill. 2023 is going to be exciting for Winter as we continue our "fast and furious" concept while dialing in each kid's strengths and working with them on their weaknesses."

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