

Merry Christmas



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SNOWMAGEDDON 2022

Winter Storm Causes Widespread Power Outages in Northwest Wisconsin; Local Communities Rally to Provide Help for Thousands

By Ross Pattermann

Winters in Wisconsin are an experience like none other. They can be breathtakingly beautiful, or terrible in their devastation. Last week, residents of Sawyer County experienced the full force of Mother Nature's wrath, with ice and snow leaving thousands without power for days, with many still waiting for the lights to turn on or the heat to battle back the cold.

In the wake of a storm that brought as much as 16 inches of snow and ice to some places, communities across Sawyer County rallied to help their neighbors, friends and families. Warming centers were opened at the Winter School District and in Hayward at the Sawyer County Assembly Room, the Wesleyan Church and Sevenwinds Casino.

And all through the night plowmen cleared roads of snow and debris, linemen from North Central Power, Jump River Electric and Xcel Energy worked tirelessly to get power back on, and volunteers cooked meals, brought blankets or shared gas and generators when their power returned.



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Collin Webb and Hunter Gleason from Rochester Power & Utilities work on lines just outside the Village of Couderay on Saturday. In addition to Rochester Power, linemen from Grantsburg, Shakopee, Solon Springs and Missouri are being brought into the area to provide assistance to North Central Power Company. At press time, many people are still without electric here in Sawyer County with another 4-5 inches added early Tuesday morning and another storm expected to hit later this week. Be advised that workers are doing everything possible to get everyone up and running again. To report a power outage to NCP please call 715-945-2630.



Ojibwa Home Destroyed by Fire



At 6:45 p.m. on Saturday, December 17, a dual call for response from Winter Fire Department and Draper Fire Department was issued for a chimney fire at the Bill Schleusner residence on Dam Road in Ojibwa Township. Upon arriving at the scene, a call was put out for mutual aid from Exeland, Radisson and Round Lake Fire Departments as the fire had spread to the attic and began to engulf the home. Crews battled the blaze until 3:30 a.m. on Sunday. The structure was deemed a total loss and thankfully there were no fatalities.

-Photo Courtesy of Winter Fire Chief, Larry Falk



2022 Christmas Church Services

Calvary & Zion Lutheran Churches

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Nativity of Our Lord Candlelight Communion Service 4 pm at Calvary in Draper;

6 pm at Zion in Winter

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day

The Nativity of our Lord in Scripture and Song with Communion - 10 am at Zion in Winter

Exeland First Lutheran Church

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve

8 pm Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day

9:30 am Christmas Day Service

Winter First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day

10 am Christmas Day Service

Radisson Evangelical Free Church

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve

6 pm Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Church Service

Saturday, December 31, New Year's Eve

6 pm with an evening of board games, food and fellowship!

Winter Evangelical Free Church

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve

4 pm Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day

9:30 a.m. Service

Exeland First United Methodist Church

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve

3 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion

Service - NO Christmas Day Worship

Birchwood First United Methodist Church

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve

4:30 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service -

NO Christmas Day Worship

St. Peter's - Sacred Heart

Catholic Churches

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve

3:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day

9 am at Sacred Heart Church

10:30 am at St. Peter's Church

Meteor Hills Bible Church, Exeland

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day

11 am Service

Living Faith Church, Exeland

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve

6 pm Candle Light Service

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day

10 am Service





Warm & Cozy Wishes

Thanks for showing us so much kindness this year. We really appreciate friends and customers like you, and we wish you all the best this Christmas season!

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Northwoods Humane Society News



By Deanna Persson, NHS President

Our pets bring smiles to our souls and sometime sorrow, when we have to say goodbye. So whether your pets have naughty or nice this year, focus on the smiles. Sing along and enjoy the following.

“MERRY CATNESS”

On the 12th day of Catness my human gave to me....

- 12 cardboard boxes
- 11 tins of tuna
- 10 lizards leaping
- 9 lasers dancing
- 8 mice-a-squeaking
- 7 salmon swimming
- 6 catnip mousies
- 5 SHINY THINGS
- 4 paper bags
- 3 scratch posts
- 2 belly rubs

(because the 3rd I'll bite)

Winter Pool League

AND A PAWTRIDGE IN A PURR TREE!
THE TWELVE DOGS OF CHRISTMAS

On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me....
A Poodle in a doghouse
Second Day – 2 St. Bernards sniffing
Third Day – 3 Cocker Spaniels sprinting
Fourth Day – 4 Basset Hounds abounding
Fifth Day – 5 Golden Retrievers licking
Sixth Day – 6 Boxers boxing
Seventh Day – 7 Huskies howling
Eighth Day – 8 Sheepdogs snoring
Ninth Day – 9 Chihuahuas chomping
Tenth Day – 10 Dalmatians Dancing
Eleventh – 11 Labs a Laughing
Twelfth – A CAT

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE DOGS AND CATS OF THE NORTHWOODS HUMANE SOCIETY!

12-14-22

	W	L
Patti's on 70-1	49	23
Bottom's Up-2	47	25
Trap 'N' Fish	42	30
Bucktail Lodge	39	33
Wannigan-1	37	35
The Blind Pig	32	40
Bottom's Up-1	31	41
Patti's on 70-2	30	42
Wannigan-2	29	43
North Country	24	48

Individual Standings

Ron Rambo Jr.	19	5
Bob Kulff	18	6
Jeff Kirkland	17	7
Roger Schmitt	17	7
Sonny Altman	16	8
Casey Bartold	16	8
Stosh Vaverka	16	8
Dave Jenkins	16	2
Marty Ewert	15	9
Joe Huth	14	10
Wayne Nelsen	13	11
Richard Herbst	13	8
Rich Bartold	12	12
Nancy Carter	12	12
Joe Johnson	12	12
Bev Kulff	12	12
John Minto	10	14
Ron Rambo Sr.	10	14
Jesse TenEyck	10	8
Larry Simpson	9	15
Ryan Wright	9	15
Rick Howard	9	12
John Peterson	8	16
Joe Schnering	8	16
Dave Zett	8	16
Tex Burt	7	17
Chuck Solem	6	15
Hunter Karaszewski	6	6
Alex Gillespie	4	20
Laurie Simon	4	2
Francis Kakazu	3	0
Patti Helsing	2	22
Andi Helsing	2	4
Derrik Kriesel	2	4
Keith Derovah	2	1
Bob Manke	2	1
Deven Blair	1	2
Jody Johnson	0	3

8 BALL RUN

Casey Bartold

Bob Kulff



Your News is Our News!

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All is Bright.

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Sheriff's REPORT

The Numerous City of Hayward Calls, EMS Calls & Traffic Stops have been omitted from the Sheriff's Report due to space

Monday, November 14

1:02:28 - A welfare check was made on Drytown Ave.

7:46:32 - A car vs. deer accident was reported on CTH W in Winter Township.

9:34:04 - An alarm was reported on STH 70 in Sand Lake Township.

11:21:59 - A paper service attempt was made on Stone Hill Rd. in Bass Lake Township.

12:18:59 - A theft complaint was reported on USH 63 in Hayward Township.

13:30:44 - An animal complaint was reported on CTH K in Bas Lake Township.

13:32:28 - A 911 hang-up call was reported on South Reserve Lane.

13:41:40 - A jail complaint was reported at the LCO Clinic on Trepania Rd. in Bass Lake Township.

14:34:00 - An alarm was reported on Moonahanis Dr. in Spider Lake Township.

15:43:53 - A wanted person was reported at the C-Store on CTH B in Hayward Township.

16:19:22 - A theft complaint was reported on Gouch Circle Rd. in Lenroot Township.

16:56:40 - A car vs. deer accident was reported in Hayward Township.

17:08:47 - A suspicious person/circumstance was reported on Elm Creek Lane in Radisson Township.

18:07:59 - An alarm was reported on Seagull Lane in Round Lake Township.

18:31:00 - A fire request was made on CTH E in Bass Lake Township.

18:39:19 - A property damage accident was reported on Polish Rd. in Weirgor Township.

19:00:05 - An intoxicated driver was reported on STH 27 in Bass Lake Township.

19:16:02 - A disabled vehicle was reported on STH 27/70 and Mapes Rd.

20:20:33 - An animal complaint was reported at the landfill on CTH NN.

23:37:09 - A vehicle was reported in the ditch on Wheeler Rd.

Tuesday, November 15

2:05:54 - A building/area check was made on Water Tower Lane in Hayward Township.

2:33:10 - A building/area check was made at the LCO School on Round Lake School Rd. in Bass Lake Township.

5:47:48 - A road hazard complaint was reported on USH 63 ¼ mile south of Seeley in Lenroot Township.

5:49:51 - A disabled vehicle was reported on Rainbow Rd. in Bass Lake Township.

5:50:39 - A disabled vehicle was reported on CTH B and Musky Tale in Hunter Township.

7:31:51 - A vehicle was reported in the ditch on CTH NN and Gurno Lake Rd. in Hayward Township.

9:02:06 - A suspicious vehicle was reported on STH 77/Forest Rd. in Spider Lake Township.

9:15:35 - A property damage accident was reported on Pasanen Rd. in Meadowbrook Township.

9:39:39 - A trespass complaint was reported in Round Lake Township.

11:13:57 - A disabled vehicle was reported on STH 27 and Old 27 Rd. in Bass LakeTownship.

13:02:34 - A paper service attempt was made on CTH CC in Hunter Township.

13:09:45 - A paper service attempt was made on Mukwa in Hayward Township.

13:17:41 - A paper service attempt was made on CTH W in Winter Township.

13:24:18 - An unwanted subject was reported on CTH K.

13:25:34 - A gunshot complaint

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was reported on Universal Dr. in Winter Township.

13:27:44 - A paper service attempt was made on Stone Hill Rd. in Bass Lake Township.

16:25:32 - An animal complaint was reported on Pit Rd. and STH 77 in Round Lake Township.

17:51:00 - A weapon offense was reported at the LCO PD on Gitigaan Rd. in Hayward Township.

18:31:29 - A property damage accident was reported on CTH B and Hollow Lane in Hayward Township.

18:45:30 - A car vs. deer accident was reported on STH 70 and Olson Rd. in Winter Township.

22:08:33 - Extra patrol was requested on Water St. near the 4 Plexes in Hayward Township.

23:36:53 - A battery complaint was reported on CTH E in Bass Lake Township.

23:43:04 - A battery complaint was reported on Ishkwaandem Rd. and Waawiyetoo Dr. in Bass Lake Township.

Wednesday, November 16

5:34:54 - A property damage accident was reported on CTH NN and CTH N.

11:13:15 - A paper service attempt was made on CTH W in Winter Township.

11:16:50 - A paper service attempt was made on Akikaandag Lane in Bass Lake Township.

11:19:48 - A disabled vehicle was reported on East Fork Rd. in Winter Township.

11:22:54 - A paper service attempt was made on Mukwa Dr. in Hayward Township.

11:39:12 - A threat complaint was reported on Mukwa Dr. in Hayward Township.

14:56:44 - A welfare check was made on Ogden Ave. in the Village of Radisson.

17:44:29 - A keep the peace request was made on Morning-side Lane in Sand Lake Township.

17:50:55 - A property damage accident was reported on USH 63 and Larsen Rd. in Lenroot Township.

18:53:59 - A car vs. deer accident was reported on CTH W and Cemetery Rd. in Winter Township.

19:22:26 - A wanted person was reported on STH 70 in Stone Lake.

19:48:37 - A suspicious vehicle was reported on Akikaandag Lane in Bass Lake Township.

23:29:26 - A juvenile runaway was reported on Nisway St. in Hayward Township.

Thursday, November 17

6:24:23 - A road hazard complaint was reported on STH 27 and Portage Terrace in Bass Lake Township.

7:20:14 - A disabled vehicle was reported on CTH W in Winter Township.

7:23:56 - A paper service attempt was made on CTH N in Winter Township.

7:52:28 - A property damage accident was reported on STH 77 and Twin Lake Rd. in Hayward Township.

8:18:14 - A property damage accident was reported on Chippewa Trail and Bender Rd.

8:22:07 - An animal complaint was reported on Somerville Rd. in Lenroot Township.

9:19:09 - A vehicle was reported in the ditch on CTH W and Fadness Rd.

11:30:11 - A paper service attempt was made on Old 70 in Winter Township.

12:06:57 - A truancy complaint was reported at the LCO School on Round Lake School Rd. in Bass Lake Township.

12:20:19 - A suspicious person/circumstance was reported on STH 40 in Radisson Township.

12:42:59 - An animal complaint was reported on CTH W in Winter Township.

13:07:46 - A jail complaint was reported on Gitigaan Rd. (LCO) in Hayward Township.

14:17:05 - An animal complaint was reported on Nisway St. in Hayward Township.

16:15:29 - A harassment complaint was reported on Zett Rd. in Draper Township.

16:33:20 - A vehicle was reported in the ditch on Chippewa Trail and Bender Rd. in Hayward Township.

16:33:45 - A neighbor dispute was reported on Clover Rd. in Draper Township.

16:45:21 - A disabled vehicle was reported on Chippewa Trail in Hayward Township.

17:23:28 - An alarm was reported on Bakemog St. in Bass Lake Township.

17:47:30 - An animal complaint was reported on Rainbow Rd. and Mud Lake Rd. in Bass Lake Township.

17:52:55 - A car vs. deer accident was reported on STH 27 in Meadowbrook Township.

18:00:02 - A disabled vehicle was reported on Bayzhig St. and Nisway St. in Hayward Township.

18:00:39 - A 911 hang-up call was reported on Sawyer Rd. in Hayward Township.

19:09:47 - An alarm was reported on Moonahanis Dr. in Spider Lake Township.

19:30:48 - A disturbance was reported on Catbird Lane in Round Lake Township.

19:46:40 - A building/area check was made on Haskins Rd. in Hayward Township.

19:56:54 - A vehicle was reported in the ditch on Lower Twin Lake Rd. and Kateri Lane in Round Lake Township.

21:33:09 - An unwanted subject was reported on Akikaandag Lane in Bass Lake Township.

21:51:55 - A juvenile issue was reported on Neezh St. in Hayward Township.

22:41:29 - A disabled vehicle was reported on Rainbow Rd. and STH 27 in Bass Lake Township.

Friday, November 18

0:29:42 - A wanted person was reported at the LCO Casino on CTH B in Hayward Township.

7:06:57 - A gunshot complaint was reported on Howard Lane in Weirgor Township.

8:00:43 - A vehicle was reported stolen on CTH K in Bass Lake Township.

8:43:59 - A water incident was reported on Corvus Lane in Winter Township.

8:46:37 - An animal complaint was reported on Nisway St. in Hayward Township.

8:57:34 - A property damage accident was reported on Twin Lake Rd. and STH 77 in Hayward Township.

10:09:52 - A paper service attempt was made on John Ericson Ave. in Bass Lake Township.

10:19:34 - A paper service attempt was made on Poplar Ave. in Bass Lake Township.

10:26:17 - A civil matter was reported on STH 27/70 in Sand Lake Township.

Multiple Vehicle Crash with Fatality in Hayward

By Sheriff Doug Mrotek

On December 10, 2022 at 3:21pm, the Sawyer County Sheriff's Office received a report of a multiple vehicle crash with injuries on State Highway 27 near the intersection of Henks Road in the Town of Bass Lake.

The Sawyer County Sheriff's Office, assisted by the Sawyer County Ambulance Service, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Bass Lake, Stone Lake, Town of Hayward and City of Hayward Fire Departments responded to the scene.

Initial investigation and eye witness statements indicated that a 2001 Mitsubishi Montero operated by Sarah M. Cleeton, 64, of Exeland traveled northbound on State Highway 27. Cleeton lost control of the vehicle, crossed the centerline and collided head-on with a southbound 2015 Chevrolet Malibu operated by Terrell J. Boettcher, 72, of Hayward. A 2008 Ford F-

150 operated by Jared T. Lane, 37, of Hayward, which was also northbound, collided with the rear of the Chevrolet Malibu and entered the ditch of State Highway 27.

A passenger in the Cleeton vehicle, John E. Peterson, 77, of Ojibwa sustained life threatening injuries and was transported to the Hayward Area Memorial Hospital where he was later pronounced deceased.

Due to the seriousness of their injuries, Cleeton and Boettcher were also transported to the Hayward Memorial Hospital and later transferred to a Duluth area hospital. The extent of their injuries are unknown at this time. The driver of the Ford F-150 was not injured in the crash.

Weather conditions appeared to be a factor in the crash, which remains under investigation by the Sawyer County Sheriff's Office and the Sawyer County Coroner's Office.

Card of Thanks

Thank you to everyone who sent cards with kind words and funny stories about Ken after his passing. I appreciate everyone's thoughtfulness.

Thank you,
Jackie Kinsley

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A Thrivent sponsored New Year's Eve afternoon party at Zion Lutheran Church for the community has been postponed until further notice due to the weather circumstances.

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WALDO News

by Carol Aumann

What a wonderful community we live in! It was so heartening to see so many pick-up trucks with plows on them out to help their neighbors during this last storm.

Dorinda had to cancel her "Grinch Party" and we hope to have more news about possibly rescheduling. She is without power and family concerns prevented her from going forward with the party.

Our "Senior Santa Party" is from 12:30pm to 3pm on the day this paper comes out, Wednesday the 21st. I hope we have a good turnout, but with so many without power, who knows.

On Thursday the 22nd, Brenda has scheduled massages for \$1 a minute. This has sold out. Maybe we can get her to do this again. Being mindful of the

weather watch What's Up in Winter for information on next week's classes.

Please feel free to take advantage of our "Food Pantry" if you are in need. We are open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 10am to 3pm. Normally we make our "Pantry" open on designated Saturdays, but since we still have many in the WALDO area without power we will gladly make an exception.

Next month we will schedule another Potluck Dinner and a Spaghetti Feed at Patti's on 70.

We hope everyone gets their power back on and this finds you safe in the days ahead. Feel free to stop in for coffee and a place to warm up.

The Spirit of Christmas will be, what I hope, will pull us through these trying times.

WEATHER

	Hi	Lo
Dec 11	35	30*
Dec 12	32	29
Dec 13	34	30*
Dec 14	32	27*
Dec 15	35	29*
Dec 16	28	14*
Dec 17	28	16*

**There was .08" of precip and .75" of snow on 12/11, .07" of precip and .75" of snow on 12/13, .68" of precip and 4.0" of snow on 12/14, .73" of precip and 8.5" of snow on 12/15, .28" of precip and 2.25" of snow on 12/16 and .02" of precip and .5" of snow on 12/17.

** 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.

WEEKLY TOTALS:

PRECIP: 1.86"

SNOW: 16.75"

WEEKEND FORECAST FOR WINTER WI.

Friday, December 23rd:

Chance of snow over 2 inches and possible drifting. Mostly cloudy and blustery with gusts as high as 35 mph. High near 5, low around -6.

Saturday, December 24th:

Partly sunny but cold, with a high near 5, low around -10. Blustery, with a northwest wind 10 to 30 mph.

Sunday, December 25th:

Partly sunny, high near 8, low just below zero.

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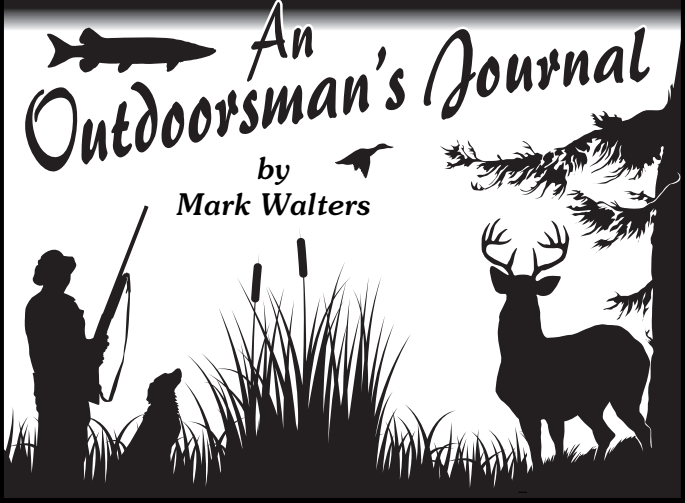
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An Outdoorsman's Journal

by **Mark Walters**



Camping & Ice fishing on Lake Puckaway



Front to back: Mike Walters and Roger Frank enjoying the good old days of retirement on Lake Puckaway.

By Mark Walters

Hello friends,

As I write this week's column, I have been without electricity due to a winter storm for 30-hours. About all I can say is that it feels like I am living back in 1800s'. Anyways this week's

column is about my first winter camping and ice fishing trip of the season and I went to where I usually start. That is on Green Lake County's 5000-acre Lake Puckaway and my goal was to catch some walleye and not fall through the very thin ice that I

was living on top of.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH
HIGH 34, LOW 32

Lots to write about on this expedition and it was a dandy. I put in at Miller's Resort near Marquette and would be hauling my gear in an Otter Sled in what would be three trips with each one being about 500-yards. Red, my 8-month old golden retriever would be along as would her mother Ruby and this would be Red's first time on the ice as she was born in April. Red and Ruby wrestle about 50% of their waking hours and Ruby kicked her butt as she had no idea how to use her claws to get traction on the ice.

I would be tip up fishing for walleye, northern pike, catfish, and striped bass and as soon as I set my last tip up it went up and I iced a 27-inch gator which I released as they have to be 32 inches on Puckaway. As I said I had to make three trips and had only two hours of daylight, so I was a busy man but in reality had no cares. I have headlamps and propane lanterns and that is how I built my camp.

I had each of my tip ups rigged with 12-pound test mono, a number 12 treble hook, a small split shot, chartreuse bead, and for bait I was using a medium golden shiner. I guess you could say this was the hot ticket as the flags just kept tripping and after dark it was like Christmas on the ice. I have lights on my tip ups that flash when I have a tip up trip and I just love to see the flashing lights.

This would be one of those trips where the air temperature almost stayed the same and with it being just over 32 degrees my holes did not freeze over. I built my camp in the dark which was made up of an Eskimo pop-up ice shack, a cot, table, cook stove, propane light, and a good mood. Once everything was rigged up the pups were either playing on the ice or sleeping on my cot.

Tonight, the fishing was excellent, I caught 4 legal walleye, a large striped bass, a catfish, and 3 northern pike and I missed several fish. I stayed up the entire night and really enjoyed myself.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
HIGH 34, LOW 31

Today my brother Mike who just retired after 38-years of working at Research Products in Poynette and our families long time, good friend Roger Frank who is also retired came out to my camp for a day of fishing. Each of us would have a line of 3 tip ups nearly 150-yards in length and it was kind of a learning day for these guys as they simply do not ice fish much and have a strong desire to get into it.

As is always the case we give each other a lot of BS and I have to admit I had the hot line of tip ups and Mike and Roger were living in SUCK CITY. In other words, they claimed I had put them in a rotten spot, and I claimed they couldn't catch a cold if they fell in the lake. Also, during the day as we sat in lawn chairs and shot the breeze several very damp lows blew through, and it was very interesting to experience how the temperature really did not change but the moisture in the air would make it very uncomfortable.

We fished a few hours after dark, the lights were flashing, and we were laughing especially because my buddy and my brother were going to starve to death on what they were catching.

Mikey who has had many nicknames over the years such as Farkel, Dark Cloud, Catfish and Musky Mike got extremely lucky and actually caught a fish which was a beautiful 21-inch walleye that was blind, starving to death and stupid. I declared Mikey's new name Walleye Mike and when Mikey, I mean Walleye Mike asked Roger who was still living in Skunk City if that could become his official name Roger clearly said "No".

These guys are going to need some fine tuning on several of their skills and they are practically begging yours truly, Master Guide Extrordinaire to please help them out.

My first camping trip on the ice was a pleasant one!

Sunset

Northwoods MUSIC SCENE



By Sean Okamoto

Hello music lovers,

It's holiday time. And I'm throwing in a sneak peek at New Years Eve,

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 21ST
Open Mike/Route 63/7PM/766-2244
Open Mike/The Somewhere Else Bar/7PM/558-7006

FRIDAY DECEMBER 23RD
Darrin Duncan/Phat Bobs/7PM/595-4284

SATURDAY DECEMBER 24TH
Sonofime!/Out of the Woods Winery/1PM/699-1709

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 28TH
Open Mike//The Somewhere Else Bar/7PM/558-7006
Open Mike/Route 63/7PM/766-2244

NEW YEARS EVE
Friday at the Gazebo/The Loon Saloon/3PM/794-2265
Duluth Transit Authority/Journeys Bar at Heartwood Resort/9PM/466-3339
Stranded/The Caberet/8:30PM/259-4440
Triple Rock/Sevenwinds Casino/9PM/833-479-4637
Malpractice/The Prime/8PM/635-3259

That's what we have this week. Enjoy and I'll catchya on the flipside.

The Postscript

Recipe for Christmas...



By Carrie Classon

I don't consider myself a person bound by tradition.

Usually, I'm all about change, encouraging people to change and looking for ways to change myself. I generally think that new experiences make life both more memorable and meaningful.

Except for Christmas. I want Christmas to remain exactly the same.

Nearly every year of my life, Christmas Eve has been celebrated with my father and his family. My dad has only one sister, my Auntie Jo, so this has been relatively easy. My father and his sister each had two children, and I am the oldest, so the logistics remained simple.

But this year, logistics finally caught up with us and I will celebrate with my parents and my sister and her family. Auntie Jo's family will have their own celebration, and at my age, I should be incredibly grateful that the tradition held as long as it did.

Instead, I'm a little sad.

If you read advice columns at this time of year (and I do), you know they are filled with families feuding over where to spend Christmas. The more distant and strained the family relations are, the more fiercely they fight. I read these columns every year and tut-tut along with the advice giver and yet I take for granted that my Christmas will remain unchanged. I like to imagine that—while everything in the world changes—Christmas somehow magically remains the same.

"I'm sad!" I told my mother when she told me the news.

"I know," my mom said. "But things change." Of course, my mother is right.

Hanging onto Christmas traditions is important. Letting them go is even more so.

Things change and that is not a good thing or a bad thing. It is simply what happens if you are lucky enough to live as long as I have lived. It is asking too much of Christmas to hold all the relationships and all the changes. It is asking too much of one short day.

Instead, on the 26th of December, we will get together for a brunch. My Auntie Jo is hosting, so I know it will be wonderful. Everyone will be there, and no one will be worried that they are neglecting some other part of the family, or that they will have to rush to another Christmas event. We will chat

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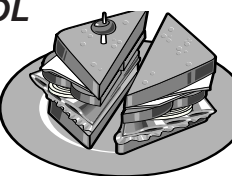
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Stone Lake NEWS



By Christine Maestri
BLUE SNOW

You might have noticed when walking in this deep, deep snow, the beautiful blue color in its depths. I love blue, so I was delighted. And yes, I love snow, so this is perfect for me. I looked it up and this is the science of how this happens. When light strikes a snowbank, it passes through snow. Every grain of snow that light passes through preferentially absorbs some of the red light; the more snow - the more red light is absorbed, and the bluer the remaining light becomes. So a sunny day and deep snow creates the beautiful blue.

TRADITIONS

We cherish our traditions and memories of holidays, especially Christmas. My sister and I were young enough to believe that the hoof prints on the snowy roof of our home in Chicago were made by Santa's reindeer. Yes, our Dad (he was an expert carpenter) made a specially designed long pole with a hoof print on the end. He fashioned the marks Christmas Eve after we were in bed.

Angel chimes were part of our holiday meals on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day as well. I still have the beautiful brass set. We light the candles and wait for the heat to build to set the angels spinning joyfully and ringing the chimes.

My sister and I continued this tradition with our children. Sometimes if a piece was inverted, the angels would not spin. It took patience to build the chime set. I just looked it up on google and now there actually is a U Tube video to show one how to build the chimes.

So why am I rambling about my memories? Well, to remind you that this is the time given to each of us to create new memories or remember the old. Use this time well.

GRATEFUL

After our huge snowfall and then power loss, roads are passable and homes are warm. We have so much to be grateful for. Community agencies and individual people opened their hearts and sometimes their doors to care for others. What true Christmas spirit.

THANK YOU, REPAIRMEN

Those of you who were without power know how many days and nights and hours ...repair people were working. I am not sure how to show our appreciation, but if the opportunity comes to you to say or show your appreciation, do so. We all do our jobs, and do them well, but this was above and beyond the call of duty. They were the heroes of the week.

Christmas Church Services

ICE SKATING?

The rink should be open soon. Be thinking about when some people would like to commit to skating a certain time each week. It's always more fun to skate with others. And especially with children, the more the merrier. For after all, you need others to race across the ice, or to play crack the whip, or Let me know, and I will let others know. Remember there are adult and child ice skates – 12 or so pair - in the shed. They are there for your use. One might want to test skating with their children without investing in a pair of skates, or if you have children visiting, there are extra skates. I was at the Salvation Army



German Postcard, circa 1890... Merry Christmas!

store last week and they had an excellent selection of ice skates – great condition and great prices. Looking forward to hearing from you.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK: GRANDMA THELMA'S APPLE COFFEE CAKE
(Pierce Co. Journal)

Ingredients for cake:

- 1 c. sugar
- ½ c. shortening
- ½ t. cinnamon
- ½ c. warm coffee
- 1 egg
- 1 ½ c. flour
- ½ t. soda
- 2 c. raw, sliced apples
- ½ t. salt

Topping:

- ½ c. brown sugar
- ½ t. cinnamon
- ½ c. chopped nuts

Preparation:
Mix in order given above.

QUOTATION OF THE WEEK:
“For it is in giving, that we receive.” Francis of Assisi

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Christmas Eve Church Services - Wesleyan – 4:00 PM, Lutheran – 4:30 PM
- Christmas Day Church Service - St. Philip – 8:00AM

Sand Lake Township Dump - Sat.&Sun. Dec. 24& 25 - Open -10 to 4

- Stone Lake Food Shelf - closed until Jan. 7 - 1 1-1PM Lions Hall
- Blue Grass & 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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Natural Connections: Monarch Magic



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

Air whooshed in and out of my lungs as we picked our way up the side of an old volcano on a narrow, rocky trail at 10,000 feet above sea level. This was the third day of the “Mexico: Mystical Migration of Monarchs” trip with twelve travelers from the Cable Natural History Museum, and the altitude was still a challenge.

Our butterfly reserve guide, Diego, identified Salvia flowers in a rainbow of scarlet, pink, and purple, dahlias in sunny yellow. They livened up the forest green—a novelty in December. Hummingbirds zipped from flower to flower, making the woods sound like summer, too. These flowers slowed our pace just enough to get my heart rate under control.

When a craggy outcrop afforded us a view, the expanse of valley below stole my breath again. The furry green lap of our mountain spilled into the arid brown plain, and there rose a herd of more hazy little volcanoes, flat-topped or dimpled at their summits, erupting only with thick green forests and the possibility of butterflies.

From somewhere in the valley, fireworks boomed (there’s always something to celebrate, our guide shrugged), dogs barked, cows bellowed, roosters crowded, and engines growled uphill. While these sounds intruded on our nature buzz, they were important reminders that many people live among these mountains and

rely on them for income, resources, and more. Our tourism dollars are part of that equation.

The trail leveled out, and we stepped into a sunny opening spiked with jagged, decorticated boles of wind-thrown trees. When an orange blur tracked across my vision I followed its path upward, and suddenly there was a dizzying frenzy of movement against the blue. Dozens of monarchs, their wings luminous filters of sun, traced wild paths across the sky while their shadows traced matching paths along the ground.

Then I remembered: monarchs are supposed to cluster on the trees. Looking past the swirling streaks of orange, I peered into the dark forest. Suddenly, I saw.

The oyamel fir branches didn’t droop low of their own accord. Instead, hundreds of butterflies—featherlight and delicate as individuals—became a weighty whole. Human hearts and fir trees both bowed in reverence to the mass of monarchs.

Every pair of gravity-defying wings, each metamorphosed body and magnetic navigational system is worthy of awe. But it is the collective action of an entire population that brought us here. Butterflies, and mariposas monarca specifically, live all over the globe. But no pollinator garden, no butterfly conservatory even comes close to hosting this many winged wonders. Somewhere in these clusters is every single surviving monarch born on our backyard milkweed. These volcanic mountains hold the most spectacular example of an insect migration we’ve ever encountered.

Snowflakes, I thought, incongruously. They are like the uncountable, unrepeatable snowflakes that alone are paragons of natural beauty and collectively make a blizzard that reshapes the forest.

And just like a heavy snowfall, if you can steady your breathing and get your heart to come down out of your ears, a phenomenon that at first seems silent becomes a rush of sound. Shhhhhhhhh...said hundreds of

thousands of wings as they brushed against each other, the trees, and the sky.

Shhhhh...said our trip leader Daniel, and we fell into silent meditations. Each of us warmed in the sunlight until we, too, could float above it all, the air that cradled their wings also entering our lungs, a little of their magic dust coming with it. The scratching of pencils and the rustle of paper added to the quiet din as we listened, looked, smelled, and felt, recording words, impressions, and magic.

Daniel gathered those thoughts and wove them into a poem, his accent tilting the words like butterfly wings as he read it to us later:

*soft light and soft whispers
shade shifting, sunlight
through tides and flows
of orange wings*

*Pendulous branches -
fluttering everywhere
amongst the lush green and
piercing blue*

*Soft rustle, flying shadows
Sweetness of expanding
valleys and soaring firs*

*smiles, awe, joy, gracious
and loving
quiet still and spiritual
awakening
tear drops of gratitude*

*Fireworks, rooster
and motors, and yet...
golden silence
caught in timelessness*

*A gateway to feeling
to this home inside and out*

Emily’s award-winning second book, Natural Connections: Dreaming of an Elfin 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.



Dozens of monarchs, their wings luminous filters of sun, traced wild paths across the sky. Photo by Emily Stone



A monarch perches on one of the vibrantly colored Salvia flowers in the oyamel fir forest. Photo by Emily Stone



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Down on the Farm



Fresh fallen snow covers Farmstead Creamery. Photo by Steve Barnes

White Christmas

By Laura Berlage

Coming up to “North Star” (the name my grandparents always called the old homestead) for Christmas was a tradition long before I was born. Grandma and Grandpa would often arrive first, thawing out the place as no one lived up here full-time yet. Depending on when Mom wasn’t on-call with her medical practice, we would head up north either Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, and magically, Santa always knew if we were at home or at the farm.

Even the year we lived in Arizona, we came up north for Christmas. I was ready for some winter, as Christmas lights on the cactus wasn’t really cutting it for this Wisconsin child. In the desert, one of the things we missed the most was the change of seasons in the type of climate drama we’d been accustomed to.

At the farm, winter was in full regalia. A huge snow had fallen, much like the one we just experienced, and there were massive, plowed banks of snow in the barnyard. I still remember digging and tunneling, transforming the snow piles into forts, lining the tops of the walls with spiky icicles. We still talk about those snow forts to this day.

But not every year was a white Christmas. One winter, not long after my family had moved full-time to the farm, the

snow was quite thin with strong blowing winds. A nearby farmer had plowed and disced his field, and the winds picked up that loose topsoil and blew it everywhere, to the point where it covered the dusting of snow on our pastures! We still remember that year as the brown Christmas because of that windblown soil. Nature doesn’t like uncovered soils in winter-time, as spring erosion is also a problem, hence the principle of “No Till November.” Much like “No Mow May” is to help the bees, not tilling late in the fall means roots in the soil help hold everything in place through the winter, preventing episodes like that brown Christmas we had here.

Having a good snowpack going into the cold snaps is critical on the farm, as this deep layer shelters perennials from the bitter conditions. It also adds insulation to coops and pig housing, like a fluffy igloo. The ice first, however, created troubles on the farm as this caused the snow to stick to everything and not let go when it needed to. This is especially troublesome for our plastic hooped structures like high tunnels and similarly constructed animal housing. Kara had a full-time job going underneath and bashing the ice free so the snow and ice could slide down instead of collapsing the structure. Just snow, rather than snow and ice, is much preferred on the farm.

As the whiteness piles high on the farm at Christmas, activities change. Fresh tracks appear, letting us know where the wildlife has been. Chickadees decide to come to the feeder as

their wild foods are covered by the snow. We find ourselves sticking to the deep paths we’ve dug out, with more frequent trips to the woodshed to keep the fires burning.

Outside, the transformation by the snow is quite magical as trees bend under the load. The depth of the snow is so intense, you can see arctic blue in its shadows. Because snow crystals have so many facets as they pile up next to each other, they also have the property of deadening sound (much like sound-proofing material in a recording studio), leaving the world feeling hushed outside. A chickadee sings from a birch tree, breaking the silence, but only for a moment.

In the deep snow, Christmas lights on the deck railing become dollops of color beneath the fluff. During chores, I break off an especially long icicle from a coop roof and poke it into the snow on top of a hay bale, like it’s a rotund unicorn. The dogs romp and stuff their faces into the snowbank, sniffing for something I’m sure.

Certainly, the snow makes for plenty of work on the farm, but it also creates scenes of magic and wonder. Christmas at

“North Star” just isn’t the same without it, and nature was certain we would have quite the white Christmas this year.

Wishing for you and your loved ones a happy and healthy holiday season! See you down on the farm sometime.



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Hayward Boys Basketball Overcomes Cardinal Challenge

By Ross Pattermann

The Hayward Hurricanes boys basketball team got one step closer to .500 on Monday, Dec. 12, fitting in a road game with South Shore before winter storms cancelled the majority of last week’s activities.

On paper the game appeared to be a mismatch, featuring a Division 2 program against a Division 5 team, but South Shore has proven to be one of the premier teams in their division over the years, and the Cardinals gave Hayward a challenge on their home court.

The game was tight through the first half, but Hayward held on for a 27-20 lead at the break. South Shore’s Carter Lulich did the heavy lifting for South Shore, dropping a game high 32 points on the Hurricanes.

Hayward responded with balanced offense as four Canes scored in double figures. Tyler Eaton finished with a double-double, scoring 13 points to go with 10 boards. Miles McCallum also had 13 points to guide Hayward to a 35-28 advantage for a 62-48 victory. Brody McConnell scored 12 points, and Kyle Gajewski added 10 as the Hurricanes moved to 2-3 on the season.

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Level: Intermediate

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Take weapons away from

6. Soviet Socialist Republic

9. Most ancient Hindu scriptures

13. Actress Lathan

14. Baseball's strikeout king

15. British codebreaker Turing

16. One who lives by disreputable dealings

17. Tropical American plant

18. Opposite of right

19. Importance

21. Monetary units

22. Lawmen

23. Cool!

24. Affirmative answer

25. Thrust horse power (abbr.)

28. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!

29. Muslim nobleman

31. About aviation

33. Scientific instrument

36. Protests strongly

38. Not polished

39. Grab
41. Alias

44. Large wrestler

45. Relative quantities

46. One who is big and awkward

48. Sunscreen rating

49. Atomic #90

51. Mock

52. Whales

54. Peoples

56. A state of being unclothed

60. Ottoman military commanders

61. Gatherer of fallen leaves

62. Norse personification of old age

63. Muslim mystic

64. German river

65. Measuring instrument

66. Have witnessed

67. Disallow

68. Proverb

CLUES DOWN

1. Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

2. The back side of the neck

3. A type of imine

4. Black bird

5. Partner to "Pa"

6. Puts together in time

7. Lucid

8. Transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm

9. Demonstrates the truth of

10. Ancient Greek City

11. Nishi language

12. Slang for fidgety

14. Southwestern farmers

17. Metric weight unit

20. Instant replay in soccer

21. Less polished

23. Popular pickup truck model

25. Slang for a cigarette

26. Large pile

27. Solid geometric figure

29. One from the Big Apple
30. Male admirers

32. Balsam is one

34. Local area network

35. Canadian law enforcers

37. Koran chapters

40. Cooperstown, NY museum (abbr.)

42. Certificate (abbr.)

43. An official who carries a mace of office

47. Briefly in fashion

49. Volcanic ash

50. Dutch city

52. Made of wood

53. Legendary golfer

55. Restaurant

56. None

57. Spanish city

58. Stony waste matter

59. Father

61. Confederate soldier

65. The ancient Egyptian sun god

Senior Citizen Lunch Menu
Winter & Exeland 715-943-2990 Stone Lake 715-865-2025 Hayward 715-634-4680 Alternative meals are available upon request. Please contact site manager at least one day advance ALL MEALS INCLUDE BREAD AND MILK
Monday, December 26 <i>Merry Christmas!</i> <i>All Sites Closed</i>
Tuesday, December 27 Breaded chicken breast, stuffing, coleslaw with craisins, Monte Carlo vegetables, small croissant and apple fritter.
Wednesday, December 28 Pork roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, squash, roasted brussel sprouts, marble rye bread and jello with fruit.
Thursday, December 29 Chicken noodle soup, vegetables, crackers, egg salad on croissant and fluffy fruit salad.
Friday, December 30 <i>Cook's Choice</i> <i>Happy New Year!</i>

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to farm safety.

A C R T O R T

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Answer: Tractor

CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

CAROLS
CELEBRATION
CHRISTIAN
CHRISTMAS
COOKIES
DECEMBER
EVE
EVERGREEN
FAMILY
GATHERING
HOLIDAY
JESUS
LIST
MIDNIGHT
ORNAMENT
PRESENTS
REINDEER
ROAST
SHOPPING
STORES
TINSEL
VACATION
WREATH
YULETIDE



Letters To Santa...



LETTERS TO SANTA FROM MRS. GRIMM'S 4K CLASS

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Evander. I am 5 years old. I live down the road, that way, and turn two times. This year I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me lots of Minecraft toys and a toy bow and arrow. Please also bring a heart (but not the real kind in your body) for Yesenia. Thank you!

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Evelyn. I am 4 years old. I live in Ojibwa. This year I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me an Elsa dress and high shoes, Elsa makeup and Elsa boots. Please also bring a cupcake maker for my mom. Thank you!

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Kinsley. I am 4 years old. I live in town. This year I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me stuffed animal dogs and Christmas books. Please also bring an RC car for Dad and books for Mom. Thank you!

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Aria. I am 4 years old. I live in my family's house. This year I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me a teddy bear, craft stamps and Christmas books. Please also bring purses for my mom. Thank you!

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Payton. I am 4 years old. I live in a white and brown house. This year I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me a big stuffed Care Bear and new shoes that glow. Please also bring a stuffed animal for my sister. Thank you!

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Brantley. I am 4 years old. I live in Radisson. This year I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me a truck, a chainsaw and a hat. Please also bring cookie dough for my mom. Thank you!

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Lily. I am 5 years old. I live in a blue house. This year I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me a phone. Please also bring a phone for my brother, sisters, mom and Eric. Thank you!

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is AJ. I am 5 years old. I live in Winter. This year I have been good. I would really like it if you could bring me scary stuff and a microscope. Please also bring a motorbike for my brother. Thank you!

LETTERS TO SANTA FROM MRS. WERGELAND'S KINDERS

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Sophia Nichols. I am 5 years old. I live in Radisson. This year, I have been really nice. I would really like it if you could bring me:
1. Sparkle makeup set
2. Rainbow unicorn pillow
3. Scribble spots vet office
Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Greyson. I am 6 years old. I live in Draper. This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me:
1. Realtree toy ATV
2. Red wagon
3. Kids tool bench
Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Renly B. I am 5 years old. I live in Radisson. This year, I have been really nice. I would really like it if you could bring me:
1. Minnie Mouse couch
2. Kids kitchen set
3. Kids BBQ set
Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Abby L. I am 6 years old. I live in Winter. This year, I have been really nice. I would really like it if you could bring me:
1. Barbie daycare center
2. Barbie pets slide
3. Barbie camper set
Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is James. I am 6 years old. I live in Winter. This year, I have been really nice. I would really like it if you could bring me:
1. Kids John Deere tractor
2. Toy lumber loader
3. Toy construction loader
Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Brayden. I am 5 years old. I live in Winter. This year, I have been really nice. I would really like it if you could bring me:
1. Toy construction truck hauler
2. Construction dozer set
3. More construction toys
Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Charlotte. I am 6 years old. I live in Radisson. This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me:
1. Soggy Doggy game
2. Makeup kits
3. TikTok video maker set
Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Dajoanne. I am 6 years old. I live in Couderay. This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me:
1. LOL Tween dolls
2. Harry Potter Dolls
3. Rainbow High Dolls
Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Suzy. I am 5 years old. I live in Winter. This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me:
1. Dollhouse Pet Vehicle
2. Wifi Video camera
3. Baby Alive Princess
Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Jawnnny. I am 5 years old.

I live in Winter. This year, I have been really nice. I would really like it if you could bring me:
1. Toy microwave
2. Mickey Mouse kids couch
3. Marble Run
Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Milo. I am 5 years old. I live in Radisson. This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me:
1. Roblox NERF gun
2. NERF Elite
3. More NERF
Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Austin. I am 5 years old. I live in Winter. This year, I have been really nice. I would really like it if you could bring me:
1. DC Superhero set
2. Remote Control police chase cars
3. Bluey playset
Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Kendalyn. I am 5 years old. I live in Radisson. This year, I have been really nice. I would really like it if you could bring me:
1. Orbeez foot spa
2. Barbies
3. Crayola Creat and Color set
Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Ryker. I am 5 years old. I live in Winter. This year, I have been really nice. I would really like it if you could bring me:
1. Realtree Archery set
2. Realtree Crossbow
3. Camo hunting toy playset
Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Lilith. I am 5 years old. I live in Winter. This year, I have been really good.

I would really like it if you could bring me:
1. Barbie cutie reveal doll
2. Barbie camping playset
3. More Barbie stuff
Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Sofia R. I am 6 years old. I live in Winter. This year, I have been really good. I would really like it if you could bring me:
1. Nursery Set
2. Doll stroller
3. Baby doll and swan
Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa Claus,
My name is Abigail W. I am 5 years old. I live in Ojibwa. This year, I have been really nice. I would really like it if you could bring me:
1. Doll Stroller
2. Doll Nursery
3. Twin baby dolls
Thank you and Merry Christmas!

No! No! No!
Merry Christmas



Wishing You All a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Barb Miller



God's Blessings...

Hope your Christmas is filled with meaning and joy!

Randy & Michele Hoeft

Just a little note to say,
We hope you have a great holiday!

Thanks for making this community such an inviting place to do business!
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WINTER, WI

Rejoice!

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, we hope your hearts are filled with the same wonderful feeling of abundant joy.

Come Home for Christmas...
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Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Radisson

Peace On Earth
may your dreams come true this Christmas!

Thank you for all the support you've given us. We are sincerely grateful.

Winter Area Lions Club

A NOTE TO SANTA FROM MISS SKILLE'S FIRST GRADERS

Dear Santa,

If my First Graders were only allowed to receive and give one present this year, this is what they all decided to do...

- Joshua would like a real truck. He would give his dad a new house.
- Santiago would like a real 4-wheeler. He would give his brother a new ipad.
- Olivia would like a real Mo-torcycle. She would give her sister a new computer.
- Julian would like a Jurassic World T-Rex toy. He would give his dad a real 4-wheeler.
- Princeton would like a di-nosaur. He would give his mom new clothes.
- Henry would like a real 4x4. He would give his dad a mo-torcycle.
- Cora would like a Crystal Hedgehog. She would give her mom a necklace.
- Alrik would like a Side by Side. He would give his mom a new snowmobile.
- Audrey would like an Elsa

Doll. She would give her Nana a diamond necklace.

- Bleezy would like a Barbie Doll House. She would give her mom a ring.
- Jordan would like a real dirt bike . He would give his grandma a new pair of real legs.
- Cooper would like a real gun. He would give his mom a diamond ring.
- Zoey would like a Diamond Hedgehog. She would give her mom earrings.
- Walter would like a new TV. He would give his sister a new computer.
- Godrick would like a color-ing set. He would give his oldest sister a real phone.
- Elias would like a Bey-blade. He would give his mom a Cleaning Set.
- Paul would like a real phone. He would give his dad a Love You Card.

Thank You Santa for all the presents. We wish you a Merry Christmas.

Winter First Grade.

LETTERS FROM MRS. SCHLEUSNER'S SECOND GRADE

Dear Santa,

I have been good for my mom and dad. I have helped my mom do the dishes, and I helped my dad fix his truck. I helped my friend Kiera learn how to ride a bike. I helped grandma pick veg-etables.

What I want for Christmas is unicorn bedding and a puppy. I would also like Little Live pets and a shirt that says BFF.

Love, Raleigh

Dear Santa Claus,

I've been trying my best to be nice to everyone I see so I get presents. I have been good at school. I've been good at home. I did my chores. I clean my room all the time. I've even shoveled the porch.

For Christmas can I please have black and white Rabbit and Pokemon cards? I would also like a guinea pig and two peeking ducks.

Love, Bryce

Dear Santa,

I have been a good student for my teacher this year. I have tried to be a good kid to my mom and dad. I have tried to be a good sister to Theodore. I do my chores and new chores too.

For Christmas can I please have an electric scooter, a hoverboard, a girl cat, Poke-mon cards, roller skates, some LOLs and a LOL doll house, a giant unicorn stuffy, a mermaid doll, and a Nerf Ultra Gun?

Love, Violet

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been really good this year! I have been listen-ing to my mom and dad. I help my mom and dad. We get ready for school quickly. I almost get every spelling test right. I work hard in school. I am good in church and I sit in church. When my cousins come over I let them do whatever they want.

Can I please have Poke-mon plushies, Pokemon cards, a stuffed cat, a Pikachu blanket, and a hov-erboard.

Love, Kensley

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a good girl. One day when I was clean-ing up the toys my mommy was smiling at me. I was

helping Suzi when she was mad. I was helping my broth-ers decorate the Christmas tree.

Santa Claus I want a toy rainbow unicorn, a climbing rope, and a shirt that says BFF. I would also like a real unicorn.

Love, Kiera

Dear Santa Claus,

I was good because I helped my mom cook. I helped my mom get the dishes. I am good at church with Nana and I am good with my sister's gecko.

Can I please have a com-puter for Christmas and a sewing machine? Could I also please have a best friend necklace? I would also like to have a puppy so] as a hoverboard.

Love, Kyleigh

Dear St. Nick,

I have been a good boy. I have been doing great at my homework. I have kept my room clean. I brush my teeth really well every day of the week. When I go to the store with my mom I stay next to my mom and I help pick out a new toy.

Santa, can I please have an elephant speaker with elephant sounds on it? I want to go to the movie the-ater to see Farcry4. I would like the video game. Can I please have a big big ele-phant stuffed animal to cud-dleCan I also get a trumpet so I can sound like an ele-phant?

Love, Camden

Dear Santa Claus,

I helped my grandma dec-orate her tree. I had my first basketball practice of the year and I worked hard all practice. I helped my dad shovel the deck. I like to do math with my class. I am a good helper to my sister at home.

Santa, can I please have a hoverboard with attach-ments? Can I also get a Nerf gun sniper rifle?

Thanks, Abe

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a good child! In class I help people follow along. I hug my baby sister when she is crying to make her happy. I have been good with my friends, at my house, and at school. I will

keep telling the truth and saying kind words. Then when I get home I will do my chores like dishes and clean my bedroom when it is dirty.

Can I please have the Minecraft game with two controllers so I can play with my sister? Can I have a stuffed dog with eyes that sparkle? I would also want a tablet and Pokemon cards?

Lots of love for Santa,

Erik

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been really good this year by helping my mom put up the Christmas tree and decorating cookies. I have been a good helper to the teacher at school. When my family goes to the store, I like to help pick out and buy things for everyone in my family.

Santa can I please have a hoverboard, Squishmellows and some poppets? Can I also have some squishies that glow? Can you please get me squishies that have slime that comes out of its mouth because I really like them? Can I have slime that clicks too? Can you also get me some stuffies?

Love, Lacy

Dear Father Chrishmas,

I helped my brother at home cleaning his bedroom. I helped grandma and grandpa clean the rug at Grandma's house. I helped mom and dad at home cleaning the couch.

For Christmas can I please have 1,000 Pokemon cards? I would really appreciate it.

Love, Collin

Dear Santa,

I have been good because I help my grandma make dinner and it is always good. I help my Grandpa put the firewood in the fireplace so we can get toasty. I help my Grandma do her makeup. I help my mom do her makeup and also do my sister's makeup.

Can I please have a hov-erboard this year for Christ-mas? Can I also have a real phone with a dolphin and storm case and a pop socket? Can I also have a toy car that I can ride in? I would also like a toy tree that I can decorate with a star for the top. I would like a toy wig to wear when I do my make up. I would also like a live turtle. Can I please have some rare Pokemon cards and pajamas to show my family and friends?

Love you Santa,

Vanessa

Dear Santa Claus,

I've been trying to do my best to be good in school as a 2nd grader. I have been trying to be friends with everyone in my class. I've been doing well in math. I try to help my brothers clean their room. I also help my mom do dishes.

Can I please have Poke-mon Pikachu Pajamas, Nin-tendo, Minecraft game, Purple Climbing Harness, Yoyo, giant stuffed Pikachu, candy, tie dye roller blades, Lol Dolls, and a climbing rope for Christmas this year.

Love, Graciela

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been really good this year! I have carried gro-ceries for my dad. I help other kids with math at school. I help my grandma throw wood downstairs.

I want a new electric gun for Christmas. I would also like a new toy bulldozer.

Love, Jacob

Dear Santa Claus,

I help mom do the dishes. I help dad wash the car. I help my sister clean her room. I help my grandma make her bed. I help keep papa happy by doing silly tricks. And I Love my family and friends.

Can I please have a Poke-

mon book and some Poke-mon cards? Can I also get a stretchy toy person? I would also like a baby Yoda blan-ket. I would also really want a werewolf costume.

Love, Scarlett

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been a really good girl this year by helping my mom clean the house. I have kept my room clean. I also wash the dishes, clean the table off after dinner, and clean my stuffed animal off my bedroom floor. I also helped clean the floor by sweeping. I kept my tablet clean by wiping it off when it was dirty.

Can I please have a hov-erboard and sewing ma-chine for Christmas this year? Can I also please have a computer? Can I also have a black or brown puppy this year? Could I please have a new backpack for school too?

Love, Aurora

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been so good. I help my mom wash the dishes, pick the toys up and pick the Pokemon cards up too. I cleaned the girls room and boys room. They were good jobs to help my mom!

For Christmas can I please have 4 packets of Pokemon cards with 100 rare cards, a mini puppy, and a fat cat? Could I please also have an Ipad, 10 poppets and 5 Among Us poppits? Can I also get an Eevee Pokemon stuffie and an Eevee dress? Phone.i

Love, Daliah

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been really good this year. I have been work-ing on my behavior at school. I have been working on getting better at my read-ing and math. I have also been working on being a better friend.

Can I please have a snow-moblie this year? Can I also have a sweatshirt with Santa on it? Can I also get a blue phone case with a Super-man Popssocket on it if you can please? I would really enjoy a new RPG Nurf gun? Can I please have a binder with the strongest Pokemon on it filled with cards? Can I please have a lettermans jacket like the high schoolers that fits me?

Love, Greggie

Dear Saint Nick,

I have been the best little sister because I made my big sister laugh. I have been helping grandma do the laundry. I help my mom with keeping the house clean and cleaning the dishes. I also helped my family pack and move to a new house.

Santa can I please get 20 hairbrushes, a hoverboard, and a PS-4? Can I also get an Iphone 14 and a tablet? Could I also get two picture frames to paint and one to put a picture of horses in?

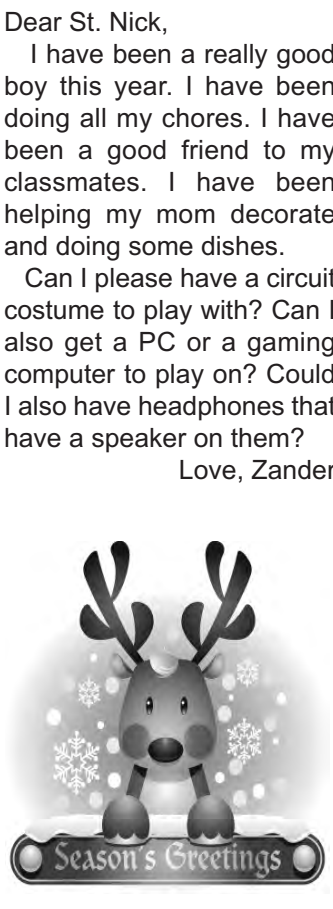
From, Emilia

Dear St. Nick,

I have been a really good boy this year. I have been doing all my chores. I have been a good friend to my classmates. I have been helping my mom decorate and doing some dishes.

Can I please have a circuit costume to play with? Can I also get a PC or a gaming computer to play on? Could I also have headphones that have a speaker on them?

Love, Zander



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS Visit the Winter Post Office



Last Tuesday, Winter 4K, Kindergarten, First and Sec-ond graders took a trip to the Winter Post Office. Stu-dents had a chance to mail their letters to Santa at the North Pole. Zoey Rademacher carefully places hers in the mail slot.



Each child decorated the Post Office Christmas tree with their own handmade ornaments.



After decorating the tree, students enjoyed some com-plimentary milk and cookies for their artistic efforts.



Before heading back to school, they showed their hol-iday spirit by singing Christmas carols for the postal workers.

-Photos Courtesy of Jeni Wergeland and Shoshana Grimm

LETTERS FROM
MRS. ADAM'S
THIRD GRADE

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? I want a Bowser Amiibo, a Lego Death Egg robot not the kid one. I want a Bowser ornament, a big AT-AT that is posable and an Ink Bendy plushy. I want a computer and Bendy and the Ink Machine 2021 Version. Merry Christmas.
Love, Ian Lindquist

Dear Santa,
Can you get my grandma's hearing a lot better for Christmas? And how do you get across the world in one night? How are you doing and what is your favorite cookie? What I want for Christmas are fidget dolls, a beanbag, and Crazy Slimey.
Love, Ella Roming

Dear Santa,
Santa, I wish for a fidget doll and a teddy bear because they're cute. A doll house because I can play with it, a pretty doll because maybe I can use it to play a lot. Is Rudolph having fun at the North Pole? And Santa, are you having fun too with Rudolph? Cause I think you

and Rudolph are having fun, and you and Rudolph and all the elves are working very hard making toys.
Love, Vanhiza Navarrosa

Dear Santa,
Hi! I am looking forward to Christmas. I love getting presents. It is so fun! I want a Pokemon elite trainer box and a Chaizard GX from hidden fates. I want LED's for my room and an X- box for my room.
Love, Adrian Magnuson

Dear Santa,
How is Snowflake? I hope she is good. I hope all the elves are good too? I only want a couple things for Christmas. Like a hoverboard. My brother had one, but he broke it. But before he broke it, it was really fun to ride. So I want one too. Another thing I want for Christmas is a Squishmallow. They are so soft. They are just like a pillow. You have to get one too! I want a pool to go in in the summer so my mom does not have to take me to Windfall.
Love, Marissa Shannon

Dear Santa,
What are your favorite cookies? How is Comet doing? What is your favorite reindeer? How many elves do you have? I wish you a Merry Christmas! I will tell you my wishes. I would like an Oculus, a new snowglobe, Alexa, and a watch. I want to see my cousin Austin for Christmas!
Love, Jaxon Nichols

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas! How are the elves doing? I've been bad and good. I love this holiday. Now I am going to ask you some things. Can you make my brother nice to me? His name is Xander. Can I have a Aphmau Meemeows plushy? Can I have Pokemon cards? Can I have a kitten? Hope you can make it here!
Love, Lillianna Korzenieski

Dear Santa,
I wasn't really good this year. Santa, I wish I could have a new kitten! I need a new kitten. So how are the elves? I hope they are good. I want a little piano for Christmas and a little doll. A toy cat too and a dollhouse.
Love, Aiyanna Baker

Dear Santa,
How have you been, Santa? How are the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus doing? How many days are there till

Christmas? What I want for Christmas is.... A Phone!!!!
Love, Delilah
Tweet-Sperber

Dear Santa,
How are you doing and how is the new reindeer too? How do you get into houses with no chimney? Was I good this year? I have my Christmas wish to share with you. For Christmas this year, I would like some things. I don't need too much because of two reasons. One: My parents got me things. And Two: I'll admit I've got a lot of toys and stuffed animals too! But I've got my list! So for my Christmas list, I would like Doorables, Squishmallows and LEGOS.
Love, Liesel S.

Dear Santa,
I was really good this year. How is Snowflake doing in her training so far? Do you think she is going to be a real reindeer? Santa, I know how hard you work. It must be hard to handle all of those elves and reindeer. I'm gonna make you not have to work so hard this year, so I don't want much at all. I want a phone, Pokemon, and a camera that has a cover and spits out the photo.
Love, Alexis Steinborn

Dear Santa,
Hi, Santa. So how are your reindeer? And can you say

hello to my dad and Uncle Carl and my great grandma? That is my first wish. My second wish is that my mom get more money so she can provide for her family. And my final wish is can I please get an Oculus Quest 2?
Sincerely, Ayden Beson

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa. How are the reindeer? What is the new reindeer's name? Am I a good kid? I wish I had an elf on a shelf, a Squishmallow for my bed, a phone, and a watch. I also wish I had gymnastics equipment like Jaxon Nichols has because I really want gymnastics equipment so I can practice. I would like to go to the gymnastics place. The Squishmallow is for my bed because my bed is uncomfortable. I want a phone so I can call my family and friends. The watch is for telling time.
From, Peyton Koch

Dear Santa,
I have been trying to be good this year. Lately, I have been good to my little brother. Santa, I wish you a merry Christmas. What treat do you want?
Love,
Jessie Armstrong

Dear Santa,
Please tell Buddy the Elf that I wish he was back here with us and Brownie. Brownie

misses him. Santa, I want new glasses for my dad. I want Five Nights at Freddy's plushies and an iPad.
Love, Sergio Alamilla

Dear Santa,
Thank you for working so hard for all of the kids, including me. Thank you for giving once a year, every year, without being asked. Writing a small thank you letter is a small thing I can give to you, besides the plate of cookies and milk. I've always wondered what you actually look like. I wish I could see you out my window on Christmas Eve. I've been looking out my window every Christmas Eve to try to see your sleigh. I thought I saw it one Christmas Eve, but I don't know if it was your sleigh for sure. Anyways, I just wanted to write a little thank you note.
Merry Christmas,
Jaxon Fuhrman



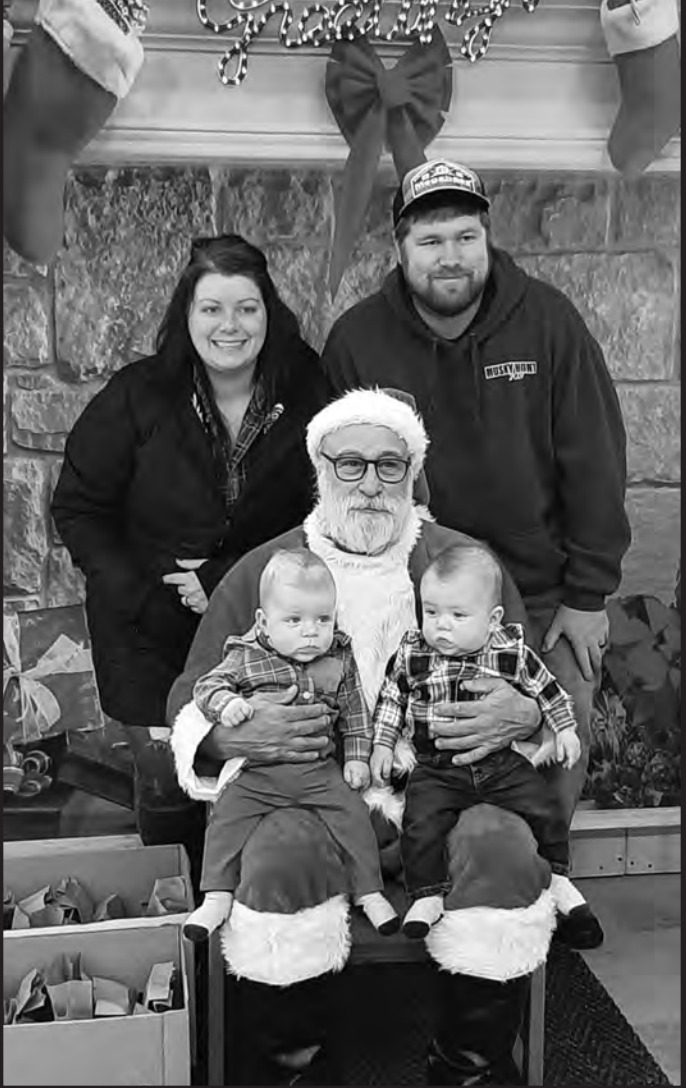
Santa Visits Winter Fire Hall



Santa Claus paid a visit to the Winter Fire Hall on Sunday to spread a little Christmas cheer and visit with good little girls and boys. His elves for the day were John Holm, Fire Chief Larry Falk, Chad Lynch and in front with Santa are Eric Anderson and Terry Pate-naude.



Parents relax while the children color pictures



Six-month-old twins, Blake and Holden Bement and parents Mercedie and Alex pose for a picture with the man in red.



Santa listens intently while Sofia Rynda whispers her Christmas wish list.



Looks like Mila found herself a cuddly new friend!



Daltin and Croix Lyngen enjoy some hot cocoa and treats before heading home.
-Photos by Marie Falk & Sue Johnston

Lady Canes Stopped by Cold and Comets

By Ross Pattermann

The Hayward Hurricanes girls basketball program was bidding for a third straight victory on Friday, Dec. 16, when they hosted the Cameron Comets. Hayward built on early lead, but could not hold it, falling to 2-2 on the year and 2-1 in league play with a 44-39 loss.

The game presented a contrast in styles. Cameron went into the match-up with superior size, boasting multiple Lady Comets who stood 5'10" or better. Hayward countered with their superior speed, forcing turnovers and points in transition, which made for a low-scoring affair.

"I think our rebounding was a part that we needed to improve on," senior post player Maekayla Cadotte said. "We didn't hit box-outs. But, in another aspect, we are fast. Once we get the hang of pushing the ball up, and passing it and finding open gaps, I think we'll really succeed."

Hayward led 15-10 with 7:45 left in the first half thanks to triples from Greta Schmitt and Alivia Poppe, but Cameron tied things up at 17-17 with 3:10 to go. Hayward had a chance to take the lead several times before the break, but Cameron hit a buzzer beater three to go up 20-17 at halftime.

Hayward got things back to even footing in the second half, tying things up 20-20 with 16:13 to play. But inclement winter weather that had led to several snow days meant Hayward was not nearly as sharp as they could be, and the Hurricanes finished 14 of 44 from the floor, and 4 of 12 from three.

"Us not getting into the gym for a few days before this game, and just not having any film time, was a big factor," Cadotte conceded.

Cameron found a winning pattern of attacking the paint, and went on a 16-5 run to take a 36-25 lead, but Hayward fought back. Schmitt continued to connect twice from three, Avery Poppe attacked inside, and Cadotte scored several times. Little by little, Hayward got back into the match, making it a single possession game.

"Chipping away point by point and possession by possession came down to the little things," Cadotte said about Hayward's comeback. "We found open shooters, forced some turnovers and fast break points. It was also a mentality, us not giving up when we were down."

Cameron recognized that time was of the essence, and the Comets played the waiting game, forcing Hayward to foul. The Lady Canes failed to score on their last two possessions, and Cameron put the game away for good with free throws.

Avery Poppe finished with a game high 16 points and nine rebounds. Schmitt tallied 12 points, and was three of six shooting from three. Cadotte added six points, and Alivia Poppe had three and Madi Bergschnieder recorded two points.

A victory would have put Hayward in a three way tie for first in the Heart O' North Conference with Barron and Saint Croix Falls, but the Lady Canes still took some lessons from their home court loss.

"We know that we have to double down and take good out of every situation," Cadotte said. "We just gotta keep pushing through, no matter what the situation is, and try to learn something from every game."

Town of Winter Bd. Proceedings

Chairman Barnaby called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. on November 9, 2022. Present were Supervisors Ronald Fandry and John Suralski, Clerk/Treasurer Lori Van Winkle and two audience members.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Chairman Barnaby welcomed everyone. Motion was made to move Donna Knuckey, Winter Public Library to item 4 on the agenda and with that change, the agenda was approved by Fandry/Suralski, motion carried.

Audience Recognition Donna Knuckey provided the board a current financial statement and comparison of previous years as well as the 2023 proposed budget and thanked the board for the Towns support each year. Donna also explained the numerous services the library offers for all ages and the building improvements done and that are still needed. The Board thanked Donna for all her work. Motions were made by Fandry/Suralski to approve release of 2022 support dollars to the library, motion carried.

Meeting minutes from October 12, 2022 regular meeting were approved by motions from Suralski/Fandry, motion carried. License/Zoning: None.

Highway/Road Report: The crew continues to haul gravel and has been grading roads and replaced a few more culverts.

Unfinished Business: None. New Business: None.

Correspondence/Contacts: There were four land use permits for new construction of buildings issued this month totaling \$568,500.00. Lori reported the TePaske Road final costs were approved by the DNR and the Town received the grant payment today in the amount of \$24,928.00. Sawyer County Public Safety approved opening County Highway G to W for ATV/UTV use 10-12-22 and has provided the letter of understanding to the Town and the Town has completed our ordinance for our share of County Highway G that lies within the Town of Winter.

Approval of Disbursements: There were no questions regarding the disbursements, motions were made by Suralski/Fandry to approve Check #21926 through Check #21948 in the amount of \$28,596.52, motion carried. Board Concerns: None.

The next Town monthly meeting was set for December 14, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Lori Van Winkle, Clerk
November 10, 2022
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SAWYER COUNTY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Sawyer County Highway Commissioner

Under administrative direction from the County Administrator, the Highway Commissioner is responsible for the administration, operation, and supervision of the Highway Department and personnel.

Responsible for carrying out duties as provided by Wisconsin Statutes 83.01, County Highway Commissioner, as well as other applicable state statutes; Plans, directs, and supervises the work of highway construction and maintenance projects; assists with the purchase of right-of-way; coordinates activities with state and local municipalities; Responsible for managing the preparation of designs, drawings, and specifications of construction and maintenance of highways and highway structures; Maintains records and prepares reports, as required; Prepares and monitors the annual budget; prepares department schedules and operating reports; Responsible for securing, coordinating and administering federal and state funds for county, town, village and city maintenance and construction projects including the LRIP Program, STP Urban, STP Rural and Local Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Programs; Prepares bid specifications and purchases department equipment and materials. Responsible for proper use, maintenance, and storage of all equipment; Investigates highway conditions. Prepares WISLR documents to determine maintenance of County highways and improvement plans; Ensures efficient direction and administration of all County and Highway Department policies and procedures; Responds to public inquiries and complaints. Participates in and makes presentations and reports to various community business and education groups, towns, cities, state, and County Board.

Bachelor's degree, from accredited four-year college or university, in Business Administration or Civil Engineering, preferred. Five or more years of management experience in highway maintenance OR any equivalent combination of education and experience that provides the necessary knowledge, skills and abilities. Must possess and maintain a valid Wisconsin driver's license. WI Professional Engineer License preferred. Sawyer County offers a generous fringe benefit package including health insurance, retirement, life insurance, vacation, sick leave, and holiday pay. Complete position description and application form may be obtained at the Sawyer County Human Resources Office of the Courthouse at 10610 Main St., Hayward, by calling 715 638-3223, or from the Sawyer County web site at www.sawyercountygov.org under Information/Employment.

Application, cover letter and resume may be returned to the Sawyer County Human Resources Office, Suite 13, Hayward, WI 54843, or may be submitted electronically through the Sawyer County web site. Position open until filled and applications will be reviewed as received.



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FOR RENT: Two rentals available starting Dec 1, 2022. Rental 1: Country Home with 2 bedrooms and 1 bath. Rental 2: Studio Loft Apartment with small kitchen and 3/4 Bath. Contact: Dave Reda at (702) 379-5431. 25tfc

FOR RENT: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, ranch style home. Out-of-town living south of Ojibwa. \$1,000. 262-631-9195. 28c

GALAXIE APARTMENTS: 2 bedroom-Radisson. Senior (62) or disabled. Rent starting at \$370.00. Call for application 715-634-3861. 27tfc

FOR RENT: 1 BR apt. located in the Village of Winter. Utilities included in rent. Elderly/handicapped subsidized. Call Mark at CCB Housing - 715-236-2366. 43tfc

FOR RENT: Two bedroom apartments in Radisson, Winter & Exeland. Rent based on tenant income. Utilities included in rent. Call Sawyer County Housing Authority at 715-634-4280. Equal Housing Opportunity. 17tfc

FOR SALE

FIREWOOD FOR SALE: Cut & split mixed hardwoods. Delivery available. Call 715-266-3802. 28tfc

WANTED

HELP WANTED: Part-time BOOKKEEPER and BAKERY. Apply at the Winter Co-op. 715-266-2611. 45tfc

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Journeyman plumber wanted. Call for details 715-492-3208. 25tfc

Winter Fire Board
Village Of Winter - Town Of Winter
Meeting Notice

The Regular Meeting of the Winter Fire Board will be held on Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. at the Fire Department Hall located at 5116N Crawford St., Winter, WI.

AGENDA

1. Call to order Business Meeting of the Winter Fire Board
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approve Agenda
4. Audience Recognition (Audience Members addressing the board must keep comments to agenda items only.)
5. Approve meeting minutes from October 19, 2022 meeting
6. Fire Chief's Report
7. Financial Report
8. Approval of Disbursements
9. Unfinished Business
 - a. Update on AED units
10. New Business
11. Board Concerns
12. Set next meeting date for February 22, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.
13. Adjourn

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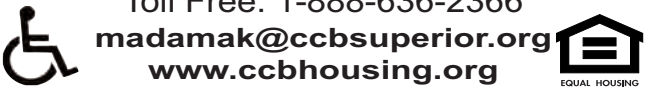
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Wrestling Co-op's Numbers Too Great for Ashland Kirkland Off to a Perfect Start

By Ross Pattermann

Trenton Kirkland could not have scripted a better start to his 2022-23 wrestling campaign. Through the first few weeks of competition the talented sophomore has remained white-hot, compiling a 12-0 record for the Hayward/Northwood wrestling co-op that includes titles from the John Roberts Invite and Barron Invite.

"I'm just trying to pound everybody and try to work on my positions," Kirkland says about his approach to matches. "Then when I get on top, or get in a good position, I just try to get the job done as fast as I can."

Kirkland did just that against Ashland's Gage Meierott, pinning his opponent in the 145 weight class in 2:23 in a home dual with the Oredockers on Tuesday, Dec. 13. Kirkland was the only Hurricane to win his match, but the Hurricanes prevailed 54-30 thanks to superior numbers.

Kirkland is aware his fast start puts a bulls-eye on his back, but he's not worried about that. His biggest opponent is himself, and his efforts to get better each and every day.

"Yeah, there's always some pressure from winning a tournament," Kirkland says. "So the next tournament I try to come back better. But that's the plan, to keep getting better in the wrestling room every day."

He spends at least once a week at Crass Trained, a wrestling club located in Altoona that allows him to compete against state champs and ranked wrestlers. He also benefits from the tutelage of his teammates, like senior Noah Christianson.

Christianson did not wrestle against Ashland, but did pick up six points via forfeit in the 132 weight class. Also picking up points via forfeit for Hayward/Northwood was Chris Cooper (132), Joe Froemel (182), Deangelo Sardina (195), Carter Roach (106), Eric Fish (113), Sawyer Rhea (120) and Dylan Miller (126).

Lane Hinkfuss (152) lost his match via pin. Also losing via pin was James Buckholtz (160), Anthony Aranda (170), Bradey Gottwald (220) and Micah Butler (285).

Kirkland ended last season at the WIAA D-2 Sectional meet in Amery. His goal coming into this year was to represent the Hurricanes at the WIAA state tournament. Thanks to his hot start, he's since changed that goal.

"Before the season started the main goal was to make it to state. But now that I've seen what I can do . . . I'm trying to go for a medal right now."

Yesteryears... Memories From The Bygone Days

December 10, 1997
Ken and Jan Neumann received an early Christmas gift on December 9th. Their first grandchild was born to Karen and Scott Kolpien in Stevens Point, WI. Kendal John weighed 7” 7 oz. Aunt Amy and Uncle Vince are thrilled! The paternal grandparents are Sue and Jack Kolpien of Stanley , WI.
Dick and Debbie Burt of Draper escaped serious injury when the vehicle Debbie was

driving went off County “B” between Highway 70 and W and rolled on its side, striking a utility pole. Dick was taken to the Park Falls Hospital by private vehicle for stitches to a scalp injury. The accident occurred Wednesday night and knocked out power for customers in the Barker Lake area. Several accidents occurred in Sawyer County Wednesday as roads became ice and snow covered.

Army Staff Sergeant Pat Williams returned from Korea this week after serving a one-year tour of duty, unaccompanied by family. After spending some time getting reunited with his wife, Janet, and children, alisha, Joshua and Adam, he will return to his duties at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky.
SSG Williams’ Korean tour achievements earned him his third Army Commendation Medal. While performing Master Sergeant duties as Production Control Non Commissioned Officer, he managed the aviation maintenance and logistics activities of the unit. His exceptional leadership style, managerial skills and technical ability have provided all units with a systematic and highly efficient aviation office that managed the Aviation Brigade budget of \$6.5 million. Also noted was his determination to succeed, coupled with his comprehensive knowledge of aviation maintenance procedures, enabled the aviation Brigade to consistently exceed Department of the Army’s readiness standards. His efforts contributed to the Brigade’s success at maintaining the operational readiness rate in excess of 85%.

SSG Williams enlisted in the Army in 1984 and has been in aviation through his career . Throughout most of those years he has been assigned to the 101st Airborne Aviation Regiment (Air Assault), based at Ft. Campbell, KY. He is the son of Jake and Eunice Williams of Winter.
January 4, 1973

The severe rain and sleet storm that hit the area on Friday night and Saturday caused many power outages in the Winter, Ojibwa, Loretta and Radisson areas.
Gottfried Hellgren, age 88, a former long time resident of Winter, passed away at St. Mary’s Hospital in Ladysmith on Friday, December 29th, where he had been hospitalized the past week.
Mr. Hellgren had resided at the Johanna Pinehaven Rest Home in Glen Flora the past ten years and at Ladysmith the two years prior to entering the nursing home.
He was born in Sweden on February 3, 1884. He came to Chicago when 27 years of age, where he was employed and also worked in Minneapolis before coming to Winter where he owned land and resided near the Axel Sundling farm.
Mrs. Mable Pippenger , 76, formerly of Boyceville, and a one-time resident of Winter, died Tuesday, December 26th at Palmdale, California.
Survivors include two sons, Willard, Palmdale, Calif., Raymond Modesto, Calif.; four daughters, Mrs. Ralph Buirge, San Clements, Calif., Mrs. Warren Asplund, Berrego Springs, Calif., Mrs. Paul Petit of Winter, Mrs. Deywayne Coey, Upland, Calif.; 17 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

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Margaret Sward was home four days the past week visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sward, and other members of that family. She has recently been serving in her missionary duties with the Chippewa Indians at Lac du Flambeau, but expects to be transferred to another location not yet announced in little more than a month from now.

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John E. Peterson

John E. Peterson, age 77, of Ojibwa, WI, passed away on Saturday, December 10, 2022.
A Mass of Christian Burial will be held for John at 1 1:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Radisson with Father Sunil Kumar Thumma officiating. Interment will be in the Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Beaver Brook Township, WI following the Mass. Military honors will be accorded by the Wisconsin Military Funeral Honors Program and American Legion Post #303 of Winter, WI.
Online condolences may be left for John’s family at: www.bratley-nelsonchapels.com.

Susan Rae Edington

Susan Rae Edington, 71, of Osseo, WI, passed away Monday, December 12, 2022, at her home.
Susan was born June 18, 1951 in St. Louis, Missouri the daughter of Stanton and Virginia (Potter) Porter.
Susan enjoyed her rides with Wes Farley of Black River, WI, they were good friends over the years.
Susan will be dearly missed by three children, Sonia Lee O’Neill of Couderay , WI, Pamela Sue Nelson, Stan Anthony Edington of Osseo, WI, seven grandchildren, Eugene, Cody, Siobhann, Britteny, Shay, Jessica, Natalie; nine great-grandchildren Chawntel, Jackson, Levi, Jameson, Willow, Aryaunna, Liam, Xaviar, Sara; three sisters, Cheryl Porter, of Neillsville, WI, Linda Porter and Kelly Jean, both of Florida; several nieces and nephews, Leeann, Eddy, Carmen, DJ.
She was preceded in death by her father Stanton in 2009; mother Virginia in 2011; sister Candy in 2014, sister Annette Carrington and nephew Stan in 2017.

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and eat all the cookies we want (because what else are you going to do with Christmas cookies on the 26th of December except eat them?) And it will be something new.
“Hey, Sister,” I said. “When are we going to make Christmas cookies?”
We made Christmas cookies together last year for the first time. We both mixed a huge amount of dough, and we made a giant mess of her kitchen and put her son to work minding the oven and her daughter sprinkling sugar and we ended up with an amazing pile of cookies.
This was how Christmas traditions survive—not by hanging onto one special thing, but by making new special moments. This tradition, now two years old, is part of Christmas. My job is to treat it with all the respect a two-year-old tradition requires—to honor it and celebrate it and make it the best day possible.
“Where did you get this recipe?” my mother asked, trying one of our cookies.
“From you!” I told her.
And it’s true. I got the recipe for Christmas from my mother, and my father, and my Auntie Jo. Now all I have to do is to remember to make it on my own every year.
*Till next time,
Carrie*

Photos from the column can be found at CarrieClasson.com.

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By Becky Moe
Here is this week's review...
BROOKLYN
BY COLM TOIBIN

It's hard to put a finger on what makes this story so beautiful. There's something magical about the linear and straight-forward writing used to convey characters and emotions in this award-winning novel. Eilis Lacey is a girl who has come of age in Ireland right after World War Two. It is decided by her family that she should cross the ocean to America in order to work and make money. This is all planned by Eilis's mother and older sister through a parish priest, none of whom check with Eilis about how she feels about it. Arrangements are made for her to live in a boarding house in Brooklyn, New York, amongst other Irish women and to work in a department store. Eilis experiences feelings of homesickness and despondency as she navigates her new life in America away from her family and everything she has ever known. Then at a dance one night Eilis meets Tony, a big-hearted, kind plumber. His large Italian family behaves very differently than her reticent Irish one, but Eilis eventually falls in love with Tony, and they begin to plan for the future. An unforeseen tragedy occurs in Ireland that results in Eilis making a return trip to her homeland. After being gone for two years, things in Ireland feel different but restoring all the same. Eilis's time there is spent helping her mother and catching up with old friends. She finds herself becoming close and romantic with a young man from her past. Eilis is then faced with an enormous conundrum. Return to Tony in America to whom she has made a solemn promise? Or pursue this new love interest in Ireland and live a very familiar, comfortable life near home, her mother and family? Brooklyn is an absorbing drama told with simple, graceful prose. It manages to transport the reader back in time and to become emotionally invested in the story. I wholeheartedly loved this book.

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AN OMINOUS BEGINNING

Experienced linemen and county workers knew a big storm was coming, but the extent of the damage would not be revealed until midway through last week. Freezing rain on Tuesday night made many nervous, but that rain eventually gave way to snow on Wednesday, Dec. 14. Even so, the severity of the storm took many residents by surprise.

"At first it was OK," Winter resident and school teacher Rebecca Erickson said via Facebook on Friday. "Tuesday into Wednesday we made it through; shoveled the driveway and still had power, but we did not get plowed out. Woke up yesterday with all of that snow and no power. It came back on briefly, and then went out and has not come back. We ran out of water about 3:00 p.m."

"We spent the night at a hotel in Shell Lake. It was the closest one. Still no power, so we ran around a lot. Don't know what we are going to do tonight. It is really cold. The most frustrating part is we are always last. We saw power trucks in the area, but nothing [is on at our home]."

This was an oft repeated lament last week. The reason for the delays has been because of complications every step of the way, which includes clearing roads of debris, plowing and moving massive piles of snow, clearing power lines of ice and snow, turning on power lines only to have a tree snap a line, and force linemen to start all over.

"It started out with that first initial round of wet, heavy snow on Tuesday night and into Wednesday morning," Sawyer County Highway Commissioner Gary Gedart said. "We got that and the roads were bare and everything was looking good. And then Thursday we got 11-15 inches in some parts of the county. Prior to plowing we had to contend with all the downed trees and debris."

The ice from freezing rains was hard enough, but the heavy snows sent trees crashing onto the roads and snapped power lines and blew out transformers across the state, resulting in thousands of people stranded without power at a time when temperatures can dip perilously into the single digits.

Clearing the roads of debris and snow was the first step in the process of getting power back on for residents of northern Wisconsin, and Gedart said that took several hours.

"Around 12:45 a.m. we started clearing trees, and that took until around 3 a.m., and then we started [plowing] on the state roads," Gedart said. "The county crews came in a little later and cleared trees and that was just to get the roads to barely open to plow them."

Once the roads were open and cleared of debris, linemen from Xcel Energy, Jump River and North Central Power worked long hours over many days to clear the lines and replace downed lines. From Wednesday morning until the time of this story's publication, linemen from Wisconsin and several neighboring states have been working through wicked winter conditions to get the lights running and the heat back on.

"Originally, it didn't start out that bad," said Winter Village Trustee and NCP employee Seth Coggins. "They were working outages on Wednesday during the day, and I actually had Wednesday off, but my foreman called me probably about 5:30 on Wednesday night, and said be ready to come in to relieve the guys that have been working all day. So me and my partner worked all night Wednesday and actually did 25 hours straight. We came in 7:30 Wednesday night and didn't go home until 8:30 Thursday night."

Once Coggins began to work on restoring power, he began to see the full scope of the problem. Thousands across Rusk, Sawyer, Washburn and Ashland County were without power.

"We cover some of Rusk, Sawyer, we have some Ashland customers, but at one point we were totally dark. We had every customer out on our system," Coggins said. "Our first night we went until 8:30 p.m. on Thursday night and went home, tried to sleep for a couple hours but the call center kept calling me. And then we were back out at six in the morning and worked till 11 at night. Now we've been on that six in the morning until ten at night shift."

Paul Zmuda, an employee of NCP and a member of the Draper Fire Department was amazed at the extent of the damage.

"It more or less started with outages on Wednesday morning with the rain, and then when it turned into snow, it started getting uglier from there. It ended up taking down our whole system on us sometime around Wednesday night or Thursday morning," Zmuda explained via a phone interview with the Gazette.

"So we lost everything, and we had to get our transmission lines back up and working and once we got them going we had to start picking up our substations, and start working circuits out from that. I've kinda been working on everything since then to try and get stuff on."

A HELPING HAND

As a result of the loss of power, schools across Sawyer County were closed for the week, and rural schools like the Winter School District were unable to teach, resulting in a true snow day.

"We do not have a virtual option for snow days," Winter superintendent Shana Lindquist said. "Too many of our students do not have internet at home. The state requires a certain number of minutes of instruction. We will be doing an updated count next week to determine our options for meeting the required numbers. It is possible that we will add days to the end of the school year, or extend the day, start at 8 am instead of 8:10."

Lindquist said the school district's facilities were some of the first to go back online, and as the severity of the storm was revealed, the district's buildings were opened up to provide a warm place to sleep during the night, with volunteers cooking food and helping to keep spirits up.

"Like anyone who has lived here awhile, I figured we'd get snow, but it would be like any other time... a bit of a nuisance... a snow day. A chance to get a few things caught up on for school and Christmas," Winter kindergarten teacher Jeni Wergeland said. "Then the lines started snapping. You could hear the trees break even from inside the house. When friends were going on 14 hours of no electricity is when I realized this wasn't the norm."

Wergeland and others in the community knew something had to be done, so they quickly sprang into action. Wergeland said Lindquist contacted her and other teachers to see if they could make it to the school and help those in need. That so many teachers and members of the community turned out did not come as a surprise.

"I have always said the people of this community are so generous and kind. This whole situation just proves my point," Wergeland said. "We've had multiple community members come in— EVEN not having power themselves donating! Food, blankets, time... anything that was needed. It was an outpouring of sharing. It didn't matter if they didn't choose to stay there, they got warm food, great company, water and a place to recharge in more ways than one."

Linda Magnuson, a lifetime resident of the county who has children in the Winter School



NCP Linemen, Seth Coggins and Paul Zmuda work through the tangled mess on Lagoon Road in Winter. The trees are so compromised by the weight of snow and ice, in many cases after the power has been restored another branch will fall and take it out again. This scene is indicative of what has occurred all over Sawyer County and what exactly these workers are up against. -Photo Courtesy of Paul Zmuda

District, said that volunteering was a very natural thing to do. Like others, Magnuson lost power for a full day, but busied herself with the usual activities.

"We were fortunate to only lose power for a full day at the house. I worked at the hospital during the storm so when I was home Wednesday and Thursday, I was working at unburying the deck, entertaining the boys, shoveling paths to the chickens, etc.," Magnuson said. "My boys didn't have school Wednesday through Friday, which is stressful for working parents. Without power, without school, heavy snow, I still have an obligation to work at the hospital."

Magnuson said thanks to the work of the snowplows she was able to get to work and home. As Gedart said, this was part of a coordinated effort for the highway department, and one that took a lot of work from the county on down to the towns and villages themselves.

"I thought we did a really good job of getting on the roads and getting open," Gedart said. "It was just a short time where the roads were impassable. Hats off to all the people, our crews, power crews, the towns too. It was an overall community effort to get through this - there were facilities open up for warming... I got nothing but good to say as far as the crew. They did me proud and put in long hours. They would work until the end of the day, and then a prearranged start at 3:30 in the morning, and then back at it. We had a couple equipment failures, but had enough spares. My crew was outstanding."

GETTING THE JOB DONE

As linemen and plowmen worked to get things up and running, volunteers at Winter cooked meals and kept residents entertained. Magnuson said she had no power on Thursday, but that her home has a generator and gas stove. While she was at work, her kids stayed at a neighbor's house, and she says that willingness to help during an emergency is what led her to volunteer last week.

"Thursday night I arrived back home around midnight to electricity at my house, a warm shower, my kids were safe, and THAT is what made me want to volunteer at the school. I knew I was going to bed with all of this, but most of my community was not," Magnuson said.

"I volunteered at the school Saturday morning getting breakfast ready for people who had been staying at the school overnight, and those who would trickle in and I wanted to help take a little burden off of their shoulders. I was happy to have helped and felt grateful to be able to serve my community in this way. When you live in a



Lacey Jane Olson peers over the fence of her enclosure. With 16 inches on the ground and more on the way later this week, it's going to be a tough winter for pets, farm animals and local wildlife. -Photo Courtesy of Sue Olson



Janet Thompson's daughter Julie, her grandson Brody and his fiance Rachel did a little snowsculpting... a rendition of Janet with her nine great grandchildren! -Photo Courtesy of Janet Thompson

community that has such a small population of people spread out so remotely, we all have to come together."

Even now, days after the storm there are people without power. It's not surprising to men like Gedart or Zmuda, who have been on the job for decades. In terms of where this snow storm ranks, nearly everyone said it's one of the worst in decades.

"My superintendent and I have been doing this for 32 years and 35 years," Gedart said. "I haven't seen a storm like this before. At one point the crew was out cutting trees, and then behind them more trees were falling. It was definitely an interesting and complex storm."

Zmuda, who has been with NCP since 1996, says he's seen worse storms in his time, but mostly during the summer. But when it comes to winter storms, he says this one ranks near the top.

"I'd put this at number two right after the 1996 ice storm for winter storms. We've had worse stuff for summer storms, but for cold temperature storms, I'd rate this probably number

two out of what I've seen since then."

Zmuda says he and the various other crews will continue to work on the problem. With more winter storms on the horizon he urges patience and understanding.

"Some people have been good, and some people are a little frustrated because they haven't had power for days. All they see is their piece of line where they live and there's one tree on it, but we got to do 20 miles of line to get power to that one tree. So, it's a matter of patience," Zmuda explained.

"We're doing the best we can, and you can only ask so much of people. You work them too hard and you might make a mistake, and that could kill somebody. But we've made a lot of progress, and we're going to keep working until the job's done."

NOT ABOUT TO LEAVE

And in spite of the storm, and more snow and cold temperatures likely in the coming months, Magnuson said she and her friends and family still love their life in the Northland.

"We don't have the amount of linemen and other workers to

tackle the huge job of restoring electricity, cutting trees, and clearing the roads. Our community has proven time and time again that we have many talented people," Magnuson said. "We have the ability to execute a plan to better serve one another. We reach out and help a neighbor in need, we check on our elderly, and we give our time and energy where it is warranted."

"Nature is a place to recharge - it is beautiful, it is serene, and being able to live in it like we do is truly a blessing. This storm was a great reminder of this. You could look out your window from the house that has no heat, no electricity, no idea when the power would be restored, and catch yourself mesmerized by the beauty of what nature has created."

"Living in such a caring community during unpredictable moments like this reminds me to practice patience and kindness, helps me be the person that makes living here something special, and refocuses my appreciation for the beauty all around me knowing that my neighbors have my back."



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