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Winter Picks Up Conference Victory

Six Warriors Score in Double Digits Against Bobcats

By Ross Pattermann

If you haven't seen the Winter Warriors boys basketball team play live this season, you're missing out. Win or lose, the Warriors have been putting on a show game after game, and a year after averaging just north of 40 points a game, Winter is averaging almost double thanks to the run-and-gun style adopted by coaches Josh Hautamaki and Curtis DeCora.

Winter needed every point on Tuesday, Dec. 20, when they travelled to Birchwood to take on the Bobcats in an East Lakeland showdown just before the holiday break. In spite of Birchwood's 0-3 record coming in, they are a formidable opponent, and boast a tall line-up highlighted by 6'7" Ethan Meyer and 6'4" Noah Lobitz.

"We play a lot of ball and co-op with a lot of sports with Birchwood, so it was really nice to go up against a team that we know really well," Hautamaki said. "We kinda know their strengths and weaknesses as they know ours, so it was a good battle."

But just because you know what a team can do, doesn't mean you can always stop it. And for the first minutes of the first half, Winter struggled to contain Meyer underneath, and

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Winter's Gunnar Greuel attempts to score inside against Birchwood's 6'7" Ethan Meyer on Tuesday, Dec. 20. Greuel finished with another double-double on Tuesday, scoring 15 points and pulling down 19 rebounds to help propel Winter to its second victory, and first in the East Lakeland.



CJ Thompson steps to the line to shoot a pair of free throws during the second half of Winter's meeting with Birchwood on Tuesday, Dec. 20. Thompson's defense and offense proved instrumental in helping Winter top the Bobcats, as Thompson was one of six Warriors to notch double digits. -Photos by Ross Pattermann

County Board Adopts New Disaster Resolution

By Ross Pattermann

In light of the recent winter storm that battered much of Sawyer County and left thousands without power for days, the board of supervisors passed a resolution to help in future emergency situations during its monthly board meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 20.

Sawyer County public health officer Julia Lyons, along with county sheriff Doug Mrotek, gave the board an update on the winter storm emergency disaster response, and included a brief overview of the timeline and the extent of the damage and efforts the county has made to remove snow and restore power to its residents.

"On Thursday we started to assess ETA on when that power was going to be up and running, and one of the first things we found out was that it was really hard to get a good assessment from the power companies at that time," Lyons told the board. "So we're starting to get better communication methods as we move forward."

Lyons told the board that during the disaster Sevenwinds Casino, the Meteor town hall and the Winter school district were opened up as warming

centers. Lyons said both Galaxie Apartments in Hayward and Queen of Angels in Radisson were without power, but the county was able to find housing for those residents in the various warming centers.

Lyons said that through Friday more areas within the county were experiencing power outages, leading to the Wesleyan Church to open its facilities up as an additional warming shelter. Lyons said the county continues to receive calls and perform wellness checks.

Lyons said that the county was still having issues determining who was still without power, and that the county set up their own call line, in addition to NCP's hotline, to refer people to NCP in order to help those who do not have power and to assess wellness.

"The next steps that we're really working on is that North Central was having communication issues when they were working with other lines that were coming in," Lyons informed the board. "So we're working on getting some radios brought so they can communicate with other line crews better."

Lyons said she spoke with Jump River and Xcel Energy, and both companies said they do not anticipate any major outages at this time. Lyons said the county continues to receive reports of town roads and county roads that remain obstructed, but many are likely private dwellings that belong to out of town residents.

Sheriff Mrotek said his dispatch center received numerous calls and complaints last week, and said his dispatchers "did an outstanding job." Mrotek urged the public to be patient.

"The challenge they have is that it takes that trained personnel linemen to deal with the power issues. Not just anybody can go out there and clear lines to make sure it's safe and someone does not get hurt . . . and sometimes the public perception is different and they don't totally understand those safety concerns."

In light of the scope of the disaster, supervisor Dale Schleeter wondered if the extent of the damage was due to the storm itself, or inadequate preparation on the part of power companies and the county. Mrotek was of the opinion the delay in turning power



At the Sawyer County Board meeting last Tuesday, Sheriff Doug Mrotek recognized and awarded Deputy Halbur, Deputy Price, and Jail Sgt. Spurlock with Lifesaving Achievement awards. Pictured L-R are Patrol Administrator, Lt. Greg Ripczinski, Jail Administrator, Lt. Mike Woller, Deputy Matt Halbur, Deputy Jordan Price, Jail Sgt., Joey Spurlock, Sawyer County Sheriff Doug Mrotek and Chief Deputy, Joe Sajdera.

back on was due to the severity of the storm.

"It's just one of those unique weather conditions where the freezing rain and wet heavy snow was so heavy that the damage was just unexpected," Mrotek said.

As a result of the storm, the

county drafted and approved a new resolution to help better prepared for another storm, and to help recoup funds for the county related to expenses incurred from natural disasters.

"On the afternoon of December 15 . . . we discussed declaring a state of emergency,"

county administrator Andy Albarado said. "We talked to the

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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

Thursday, December 1
0:29:41 - An alarm was reported on Sandy Beach Rd. in Round Lake Township.
5:05:02 - A disabled vehicle was reported on Round Lake School Rd.
6:54:29 - A 911 hang-up call was reported on CTH E in Bass

Lake Township.
7:32:44 - A paper service attempt was made on Water St. in Hayward Township.
8:17:37 - An animal complaint was reported on Skunawong Lane in Bass Lake Township.
8:59:36 - A fire request was made on Trepania Rd. in Bass Lake Township.
9:13:56 - A fire request was made on Indian Dr. in Hunter Township.
11:42:21 - An alarm was reported on Moonahanis Dr. in Spider Lake Township.
13:50:29 - An animal complaint was reported on Bacon Square in Hayward Township.
14:17:57 - A paper service at-

tempt was made on STH 70 in Draper Township.
14:49:42 - An animal complaint was reported on STH 40 in Radisson Township.
15:38:37 - An animal complaint was reported on Woodland Hills Dr. in Hayward Township.
16:23:11 - A trespass complaint was reported on Thompson Rd. in Winter Township.
18:33:40 - A car vs. deer accident was reported on Pfeifer Rd. in Lenroot Township.
19:00:17 - An intoxicated driver was reported on STH 27/70 in Radisson Township.
19:12:45 - A car vs. deer accident was reported on STH 70 in Ojibwa Township.
20:22:53 - A car vs. deer accident was reported on Olker Rd. and Pfister Dr. in Hayward Township.
20:47:54 - A fire request was made on Tanning Point Rd. in Lenroot Township.
21:19:28 - Extra patrol was requested on Dam Rd. in Lenroot Township.
22:24:55 - A search warrant was issued on Zhaawanong St. in Bass Lake Township.
22:54:49 - A driving complaint was reported on CTH B and CTH NN in Hayward Township.
Friday, December 2
6:40:27 - A road hazard complaint was reported on STH 27 north of the Rusk County line in Meadowbrook Township.
9:42:45 - A mental health issue was reported on CTH G in

Ojibwa Township.
11:15:09 - A truancy complaint was reported at the LCO School on Round Lake School Rd. in Bass Lake Township.
11:15:33 - A truancy complaint was reported at the LCO School on Round Lake School Rd. in Bass Lake Township.
11:15:57 - A truancy complaint was reported at the LCO School on Round Lake School Rd. in Bass Lake Township.
11:16:11 - A truancy complaint was reported at the LCO School on Round Lake School Rd. in Bass Lake Township.
11:21:27 - A paper service attempt was made in New Post in Hunter Township.
13:21:35 - A suspicious person was reported on STH 27 in Hayward Township.
14:11:25 - A disturbance was reported on STH 27/70 in Radisson Township.
14:47:51 - An animal complaint was reported on STH 27 and Stone Hill Rd. in Bass Lake Township.
15:08:16 - A jail complaint was reported on Gitigaan Rd. (LCO) in Hayward Township.
16:21:06 - Another agency requested assistance at the LCO Casino on CTH B in Hayward Township.
16:23:08 - A theft complaint was reported on STH 27 in Hayward Township.
16:42:44 - A driving complaint was reported on USH 63 and Nelson Lake Rd. in Lenroot Township.

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Winter Co-op Freezer Drawing



The drawing for the Winter Coop fundraiser for the chest freezer which was donated by Amundsons Appliance and groceries from the Coop, was held on Dec 21, 2022 at Patti's on 70. Joe Kinnear from Chippewa Valley Bank drew the winning ticket as Patti Helsing gives the bucket a swirl.



The Winner is Gary Roose. Proceeds will go toward the compressor project. Thanks to all who bought tickets.



All Are Welcome to join us!

New Year's Celebration

Saturday, December 31st

BINGO & POT LUCK DINNER

at the Winter American Legion Hall

Dinner at 5 p.m. • Bring a Dish to Pass
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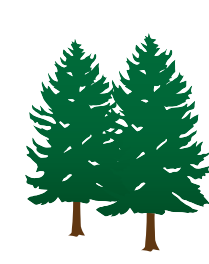
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Northwoods Humane Society News



By Deanna Persson, NHS President

My last article for 2022 and I am looking forward to 2023. This was a good year for the animals in the care of the Northwoods Humane Society. It was a hard year for our staff due to a broken leg, the loss of two loved ones, ankle surgery and covid. The good news is our staff worked to support one another in all the ups and downs. This might be the year that is remembered as the ‘Year of the Beagles!’ A rescue that was handled beautifully by our staff. The Northwoods Humane Society was gifted with a Holiday matching Gift Challenger - \$ for \$ up to \$25,000. THANK YOU! Our donors and supporters have made it possible to meet this challenge. We thank you for the positive and generous response and for the many kind words of support! Both put a smile on our faces. We would love to surpass this challenge! Donations may still be sent to NHS, P . O. Box 82, Hayward, WI 54843 or made on-line at: www.northwoodshumane.society.org. Our thanks to Kevin and Danielle, owners of Revelle’s Resort, on Nelson Lake in Hayward, for helping the ‘match’

with the proceeds from their holiday party. Thank you also to Concor Tools for selecting the Northwoods Humane Society as their holiday giving charity. The Northwoods Humane Society shelter has been a very busy place. Currently there are 17 dogs waiting for homes at the shelter and mommy and 10 puppies in foster care. This mommy was a stray and gave birth to her little ones in the foster home. They appear to be German Shepherd – may be mixes and are about 4 weeks old. You may have heard about Missy and Dexy. These two little seven year old dogs came to us from Texas. They are very bonded. Dexy has glaucoma and her eyes were causing her a great deal of pain. Her eyes were removed and she was a happy girl. Missy howled while she was gone – more like she cried and moaned. When Dexy returned from her surgery both were at peace with the world and both have gone to a great forever home. Lisa Lew, our assistant shelter manager said we have 58 cats waiting for homes at the shelter. To help with adoptions Musky Tale Resort has sponsored nine cat adoption fees. They have selected some of our older cats and ones that have been with us for a while. The staff at White Stag Tavern and McCormick house gifted owners Jeff and Michelle DeYoung with two sponsorships in their honor. They chose two kittens – Trinity and Teddy – litter mates. Trinity is a little special needs. She had been hit by a car and her little leg was broken in 3 places and her pelvis was broken. The choice was made to amputate her leg as the prognosis for repair was poor. Trinity is doing well and a little shy but Teddy is right by her side. Our hope is to place them to-

gether. Musky Hoeft still has two sponsored adoption fees – Doreen and Angel. Last Wednesday – we all remember that day – sleet, snow and more snow, was a challenge for all. Staff member Mark Anderson spent the night at the shelter to insure that all animals would be cared for. Lisa Lew made it through to care for the cats and to take five to Hayward Animal Hospital for spay and neuters. NHS Shelter guests were Hayward High School Future Business Leaders of America. Club President, Brock Titus, along with Henry Dressler , Myles McCallum, Avery Poppe, Breanna Hexum and Brook Brennan donated dog biscuits made with the NHS recipe. They were so appreciated! A surprise package came from Karen Richards of Texas, which was full of hand crocheted cat toys. Thank you to those that shopped on: smile.amazon.com and sent items from our wish list. Thank you to our fabulous Thrift Shop volunteers and shoppers. The shop has been busy and merry and bright. Customers are enjoying the Holiday item 50% off sale and finding gifts and other items they did not know they needed. We have one item on our list that we need help with. We have a 5 hour a week position that needs to be filled. We are in need of someone to help with maintenance at the shelter. It can be a paid position or a volunteer position. The work can be done in the evening, the day time on any day or days that work for this person. If this sounds good to you, please give Alecia Austin a call at the shelter – 715-634-5394. THANK YOU to the many, many people that embrace and support the mission of the Northwoods Humane Society – “to help animals in need.”

Winter Pool League

12-21-22		W	L
Patti’s on 70-1	56	25	
Bottom’s Up-2	53	28	
Trap ‘N’ Fish	48	33	
Wannigan-1	46	35	
Bucktail Lodge	42	39	
Bottom’s Up-1	35	46	
The Blind Pig	34	47	
Wannigan-2	34	47	
Patti’s on 70-2	33	48	
North Country	24	57	
Individual Standings			
Ron Rambo Jr.	21	6	
Bob Kulff	20	7	
Casey Bartold	19	8	
Jeff Kirkland	19	8	
Stosh Vaverka	19	8	
Dave Jenkins	19	2	
Sonny Altman	18	9	
Marty Ewert	17	10	
Roger Schmitt	17	10	
Wayne Nelsen	16	11	
Rich Bartold	15	12	
Richard Herbst	15	9	
Joe Huth	14	13	
Joe Johnson	14	13	
Bev Kulff	14	13	
Nancy Carter	12	15	
Jesse TenEyck	12	9	
John Peterson	11	16	
Ron Rambo Sr.	11	16	
John Minto	10	14	
Joe Schnering	9	18	
Larry Simpson	9	18	
Ryan Wright	9	18	
Rick Howard	9	12	
Dave Zett	8	19	
Tex Burt	7	20	
Alex Gillespie	6	21	
Chuck Solem	6	18	
Hunter Karaszewski	6	6	
Patti Helsing	4	23	
Laurie Simon	4	2	
Bob Manke	3	3	
Francis Kakazu	3	0	
Deven Blair	2	4	
Andi Helsing	2	4	
Derrick Kriesel	2	4	
Keith Deroval	2	1	
Tim Hochmuth	1	2	
Jody Johnson	0	3	

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor & Readers,
How are you getting ready for the Tuesday, February 21, 2023 primary election? Oh, you had no clue there may be a primary election. These primary elections are often called “sleepers.” Do not “sleep” your future away!
The Justice of the State Supreme Court is the next key race in getting Wisconsin back on track, including stronger and more representative maps and ensuring fair voting practices around the state.
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Happy New Year!

from Your Friends at North Country's Hardwood Cafe

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An

Outdoorsman's Journal

by

Mark Walters

Back to "The Joe"



Braedyn McMullen of Winneconne with the 8 point buck he put in work for.

By Mark Walters
Hello friends,
This week's column is all over the map on a very positive subject. Back in 2006 I had an idea to start an organization through this column to get kids outside. In 2007 that thought became action and would become KAMO "Kids and Mentors Outdoors" www.kamokids.org.

These days we have chapters in Poynette, Wisconsin Dells, Marshfield, New Lisbon, LaCrosse, and Beaver Dam of which each chapter covers the region. What we do is offer kids, hunting, fishing, outdoor education, and just about anything under the sun type of experiences.
To be perfectly honest Covid

really hit us hard, but we are currently on what may be our most positive and energetic path ever.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH HIGH 32, LOW 21
The Joe is a hunt which is based out of the MacKenzie Environmental Education Center near Poynette. This year, 17 youth and 3 adult, first time hunters were given a weekend to remember at a simulated deer camp with mentors from KAMO is guiding each hunter on properties as far as 20-miles away. We receive support from staff in the kitchen and maintaining law and order at our camp. Our first "Joe" was held back in 2008 and we had to take the last two years off due to Covid.

I have become friends with the Tyler and Patsy Thiede family out of Mayville and have been helping mentor two of their children Conner 11 and Carsyn 12 in youth turkey hunts and this year's youth deer hunt. For "The Joe" Tanner Webber, Tyler's 19-year-old stepson would be mentoring Carsyn and I would be mentoring Conner. These kids are tough, polite, and fun. We would be hunting on the Eugene and Marcia Vangen farm near Otsego. The Vangens are brother and sister, old family friends and have the prettiest farm this side of the Mississippi.

Last weekend, KAMO members held a 3 hour safety class for the mentees and then Tyler, Carsyn, Conner and myself came here to scout. Today we all drove here in a very challenging snowstorm and it was day one of our hunt. To make a long story short, Conner and I were hunting a well managed food plot and just before dark a 2.5 year old buck made the mistake of standing in some corn stalks at 90-yards for a bit to long and Conner made an excellent shot. The buck had already shed its horns but would be aged and checked for CWD at the end of the weekend.

Tonight at camp it was the start of fun and games. These kids come from all over the state and like a bunch of puppies are always playing in the snow and getting to know each other. Two does were also harvested and day one had three deer on the pole.

Volunteers and donations are a must as not even counting the donations this is about a \$4000 endeavor. Volunteers that I want to give a shout out to, Jeff and Patti Rouse who run our kitchen and have never missed a year. Peppermint Patti and I were great friends growing up and we would be starving without these two ordering and cooking our food. Another quality shout out is due to the Sassy Cow Creamery out of Sun Prairie. They give us all of our chocolate and white milk as well as ice cream for the weekend and we are feeding 50-people, 5 meals.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH HIGH 27, LOW 18
We all sleep in dorms at this facility and the place is a classic that is owned and managed by the WDNR. Breakfast is served from about 4:30 to maybe 7:00 and then every mentor and mentee hits the woods for a morning hunt, lunch, an afternoon hunt. Then tonight lasagna and a bingo party for the kids where a ton of donations create the prizes. Today, six more deer were added to the pole and tonight 12-year-old Jameson Brodeur of The Lake Wisconsin Chapter "Poynette/Lodi" won the nights final game which was emceed by Greg Wagner of The Baraboo River Chapter and that was a Savage 308. I started this column saying that Covid really kicked KAMOs behind, but we are on a major rebound and one example would be Bob Brodeur's, Lake Wisconsin Chapter. Bob has been a friend since we were kids in high school and this event brought a bunch of new energy people to his chapter and they will be holding a meeting every 2nd Wed of the month at 7:00 pm at the American Legion in Poynette.

The last day of our hunt was Sunday and by then everyone is physically and mentally exhausted. Today we had a special story when 17-year-old Braedyn McMullen of Winneconne who was being mentored by Randy Hines who is from The Coulee Chapter of KAMO spotted a real nice 8-point buck that was bedded down. When they spotted the buck there was not a good shot and Randy told Braedyn to try and sneak up a bit closer. Randy was able to watch the entire experience and Braedyn was smooth on his stalk, put the bullet where it had to go, and both of these guys and later Braedyn's mother Whitney were about as happy as 3 people could be.

KAMO is always looking for mentors, mentees and financial help. We are open to starting new chapters and are a 100 percent volunteer or ganization dedicated to getting kids outside.

I had backed off as President due to the loss of the love of my life, Michelle Chiaro last June. I never left, the position was never filled, and I will fill it until we do if everyone in KAMO is good with that.

Sunset

Your News is Our News!

Northwoods Music Scene



By Sean Okamoto
Hello music lovers,
We made it to the end of the year, One last chance for some 2022 music. Let's see whats out there.

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

FRIDAY DECEMBER 30TH
Chad Kostner/The Whistle Punk/5PM/957-0222

SATURDAY DECEMBER 31ST
Friday in the Gazebo/The Loon Saloon/3PM/794-2265
Duluth Transit Authority/Journeys Bar/9PM/466-6300
Stranded/The Caberet/8:30PM/259-4440
Triple Rock/Sevenwinds Casino/9PM/833-479-4637
Malpractice/The Prime/8PM/635-3259
Jennifer Reisch/Coops Pizza/6PM/634-3027
The Old Fashioneds/MC-Cormick House Inn/6PM/934-3339
Sonofmel/Out of the Woods Winery/2PM/699-1709
Jeff Loven/Lakewoods Resort/8PM/794-2561
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WEDNESDAY JANUARY 4TH
Open Mike/The Somewhere Else Bar/7PM/558-7006
Open Mike/Route 63/7PM/766-2244

That's all I have this year looking forward to next year and I'll catchya on the flipside.

The Postscript

A Good Bar of Soap...



It all started with my soap. Every day, I wash my hands several times and, every day, I use whatever soap I found that was on sale. If a package of six bars cost 50 cents less, that was the one I would buy. But while I was in Mexico, I bought a good bar of soap that cost a lot more—still less than a cup of coffee—but much more than I usually paid.

"Wow! My hands smell good."

They felt good, too. I wondered why the heck I hadn't done this long ago. I thought of all the years I never got one moment's enjoyment out of washing my hands, and I wondered why on Earth that was. I went back to the store. I bought six bars. I gave some as gifts at Christmas. I stockpiled some for my own use. I decided—in this new year—I was going to treat myself to a wonderful bar of soap every time I washed my hands. Then I got a new coffee cup.

Why did I go for so many years using whatever old cup was in the cupboard instead of realizing what a nice thing it is to have a pretty cup? My new cup is lovely. It doesn't drip when I drink from it. It is brightly painted and handmade. It gives me a little pleasure

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Stone Lake NEWS



By Christine Maestri
THE GERMAN CHRISTMAS POSTCARD
Thank you to all the editors who included this beautiful artistic rendition of Christmas. I have to tell you how this card came to me. My dear friend

was in Munich, Germany 30 years ago and found it in an antique store. She knew it was to be mine, as she knew how much I loved Christmas and gave it to oh so many Christmases ago. Yes, the Stone Lake Children's Christmas Party and the alternate explanation of my name explains some of this Christmas cheer. So Chris Maestri = Chrismaes Tri= Christmas Tree!

ICE SKATING RINK
It may be a week or two before the rink is ready. The vast amount of snow has to be plowed off (in between all the plowing that has to be done throughout the township) and the ground isn't frozen – not a hard, hard freeze. I know how this works. I kept a rink in my yard for my school. I was shocked at how all this water was poured onto the rink

area and the next morning, it was gone! No ice! Where did it go? Yes, the water just seeped down into the ground. A dear friend helped me with creating the school ice skating rink. We waited for a hard, hard freeze, poured the water and yes, there was a rink! So be patient and watch for a shining piece of ice at the rink site in the near future.

FOOD SHELF CORRECTION:
The food shelf WILL be open on New Year's Eve, December 31st from 11 to 1PM. Our community is grateful to all those that volunteer to make the food shelf work. And it is a lot of work: ordering items, receiving the big truck with boxes and boxes of items and sometime palettes, cutting boxes open, stacking food, rearranging food, inspecting and preparing fresh items, cleaning the space, cutting down all those boxes for recycle and even shoveling off the two feet of snow on the dumpster lid! Thank you volunteers!

PIANO PLAYER NEEDED!
The Lutheran Church is looking for a person to play the piano on Sunday mornings. The church service is at 9:00 AM.

Beginner to advanced, a young to old person, would be most appreciated. Jill Fries, the minister, would be happy to work with that person. Please call her in the evening at 715-865-2404 to talk with her.

QUOTATION OF THE WEEK:
“Frank Cross: It's Christmas Eve. It's-it's the one night of the year when we all act a little nicer, we-we-we smile a little easier, we-w-w-we-we-we cheer a little more. For a couple of hours out of the whole year we are the people that we always hoped we would be.” Bill Murray, from the movie Scrooged.
I asked several people which quote should be in last week's paper. This quote or the Francis of Assisi quote “It is in giving, that we receive”. So this is the great runner up of Christmas quotes.
I can't read this week's quote without crying, the other , makes my heart listen.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK:
Grandma Headley's Brown Sugar Cake
(Five generation recipe)
Ingredients:
2 c. brown sugar packed

2 c. flour, sifted
½ c. butter
Cut in together until fine. Take 1 cup out for topping. Then to remaining batter add:
2 eggs,
½ T. soda,
2 pinches salt,
1 c. sour cream.

Beat 350 strokes or until most lumps are out. Put batter in 9” x 13” cake pan, sprinkle topping on. Bake at 350 °- 45-50 minutes or until when knife inserted comes out clean.

DATES TO REMEMBER
Stone Lake Food Shelf - Sat. Dec. 31 - 11-1PM 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

Christine Maestri can be reached at 715-865-4131 or chmaestri@gmail.com

Read the Gazette... Stay Informed!

WEATHER

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Dec 18	17	6*
Dec 19	14	2*
Dec 20	7	-10
Dec 21	2	-15*
Dec 22	4	-11*
Dec 23	3	-13*
Dec 24	6	-4*

**There was .03" of precip and .75" of snow on 12/18, .13" of precip and 5.0" of snow on 12/19, .20" of precip and 6.0" of snow on 12/21, .02" of precip and .5" of snow on 12/22, .05" of precip and 1.0" of snow on 12/23 and .11" of precip and 1.75" of snow on 12/24.

** 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: .53"
SNOW: 15.0"

WEEKEND FORECAST FOR WINTER WI.

Friday, December 30th:
Slight chance of morning snow, then partly sunny and calm, with a high near 36, low around 22.
Saturday, December 31st:
Chance of light snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 34, low around 24.
Sunday, January 1st:
Cloudy, high near 33, low around 24.

Natural Connections: Monarch’s Sacred Trees



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

Monarch butterflies as we know them in the Northwoods—gliding gently on the humid swirl of summer—are intimately tied to milkweed plants. It’s not easy for tiny monarch caterpillars to eat milkweed leaves, with their sticky, toxic sap, but the caterpillars who survive become little packets of bitter poison. While the cardiac glycosides that monarch caterpillars glean from milkweed leaves do not make them completely immune to predation or parasitism, they are protected from all but the most well-adapted mouths. But milkweeds aren’t the only plant that monarchs rely on. Monarch butterflies as I recently experienced them in Mexico—gathering by the millions in their winter sanctuaries—are intimately tied to fir trees. Abies religiosa, the oyamel fir, also known as the sacred fir due to the way their oppositely arranged twigs make the shape of a cross, are essential to monarchs’ winter survival. The fir forests began with volcanoes, as I wrote a few weeks ago. Rising from the surrounding deserts, the high peaks of the Trans-Mexican Volcanic Belt scrape moisture from the sky, creating relatively cool, humid summers, and moderate winters, between 8,000 and 12,000 feet above sea level. Here, the firs, which blanketed most of Mexico during the last ice age, reside in a series of shrinking refuges, just 12 of which hold monarchs. While it isn’t known when or how monarch butterflies first came to the oyamel fir forests to overwinter, or precisely how the individual butterflies find their way back, scientists have measured in detail what benefits the insects receive during their stay from November through March.

During the final stages of their southward migration, monarchs sip enough nectar to increase their bodyfat by 500%. That fat has to last them all the way through winter, spring mating, the northward migration, and egg laying in Texas. Being warm increases calorie use. Temperature moderation—effectively being refrigerated—is essential to butterfly survival. That’s where the firs come in. Oyamel firs provide butterflies with buffers similar to white-tailed deer yarding up under conifers in the Northwoods. The boughs act as a blanket that prevents heat from escaping to the sky, and as an umbrella that reduces the amount of precipitation hitting the ground—or their bodies. By forming clusters at intermediate heights above the ground (something deer can’t do!) butterflies further avoid the sinking cold, the rain, or the clear night sky. Like flying squirrels huddling for warmth, the butterflies further increase their temperature moderation by forming thick clusters on the fir boughs. Monarchs at the center of the cluster stay warmer overnight, protected from freezing. In contrast, daytime temperatures inside the clusters are cooler than on the surface, which results in a lower body temperature, and—like a hibernating bear—fewer calories burned. Researchers have found that big diameter trees are better for temperature moderation than either bough clusters or small trees. Their trunks heat up and cool down slowly, resulting in temperatures that are 8 ° F warmer than ambient at night and 11° F cooler during the day. They also have more surface area for butterflies to cling to. Even though 90% of monarchs form clusters on the more-abundant fir boughs, butterflies who spend their time on the trunks of oyamels have substantially higher survival rates, especially after bad weather. In the past, thick old growth forests with big trees likely provided much better protection for butterflies. While managing for big trees could help improve habitat in the butterfly reserves, there’s only so much foresters can do in the face of climate change. The temperatures and moisture levels that the trees need to survive will soon be

found much higher up the mountains. A study done in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service projected that “by the end of the century, suitable habitat for the monarch butterfly may no longer occur inside the Biosphere Reserve.” While the end of the century seems far off, Cuauhtémoc Sáenz-Romero, lead author of the U.S. Forest Service paper, has forecasted that “rising temperatures will shrink the habitat suited to oyamel fir trees in Mexico nearly 70% between 2025 and 2035.” In response, local researchers, conservation groups, and even school kids, are growing oyamel fir seedlings and planting them up to 1,300 feet higher on mountains in the existing sanctuaries, and also on Nevado de Toluca, a much higher peak in the Trans-Mexican Volcanic Belt that does not yet host butterflies. At those elevations, the fragile seedlings need shelter of their own to get established. Bushes and shrubs can help, as well as planting Mexican pines at the same time. But monarchs need big trees, not baby ones. Can the forests grow fast enough? Visiting the monarch sanctuaries in Mexico and seeing uncountable numbers of these amazing insects all in one place was awe-inspiring. The tight relationship forged between the butterfly and the tree, and the volcanically created climate zone they share, represents everything I love learning about in nature.

Unfortunately, their plight is also a perfect example of the ways our too-rapid climate change is already leading to heart-wrenching loss. My biggest buffer against despair in times like these is not so different than the butterflies’—if you need me, I’ll be in the woods. 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.



Monarch butterflies form clusters on oyamel fir boughs to protect themselves from getting either too warm or too cold in their winter habitat. Photo by Emily Stone



Monarchs who roost on the trunks of fir trees stay warmer at night and cooler during the day than monarchs who cluster on fir boughs. Photo by Emily Stone



Down on the Farm



The sheep eye up the snow drift outside their shelter. Photo by Kara Berlage

Snowed in at the Farm

By Laura Berlage

While the weather outside was at times quite frightful over the past couple weeks, we do count ourselves terribly lucky here at the farm. The power stayed on, the ice was immediately blanketed in snow, and all our buildings have stayed up-right.

Winds blew a bit and drifted the top layer of cold, dry snow, but they never neared the predicted 66-mile-an-hour gusts in the forecast. Threading the needle through the bomb cyclone in one of the only counties not labeled with a blizzard warning was much welcomed. The wintry situation was plenty challenging enough as it was!

With total accumulations over the past two storms nearing three feet, we found ourselves rather snowed in! Digging, shoveling, plowing, scraping, and pounding have been a full-time job just to reach all the animals. Paths wind, sometimes cut like a trench in the banks, which then fill in with drifts and have to be dug out again. Coop doors that are a step up in the summertime become a step down, as I kick and scrape away the hardened snow in order to open the door for morning chores.

For a couple of days, the wind chill was too fierce for me to let the birds out, and they hunkered down in their fresh layer of straw, happy for a “breakfast in bed” accommodations. But they also can quickly become bored, which usually results in them picking fights with each other (know some people who get this way too?), so once the wind had calmed a bit, it was time to let them out again. The ducks catapulted outside, literally swimming around in the snow in glee. The turkeys waded through, shaking their lanky legs like, “ew, this is cold!,” while the hens just poked their heads out, ate some snow, and called that good enough.

All the sheep have cozy barns and shelters against the winds and weather, but some of them would rather be outside. Their thick, wooly coats keep them warm—so warm that the snow accumulates on their backs, unmelted. They parade about as if nothing’s amiss, unless there’s wind. Then they usually head back inside for a warm-up.

While the sheep are cozy and warm, the chore-goers struggle. Chopping ice in water buckets, excavating and hauling bales of hay, and lugging fresh bedding has kept Kara outside most of the day these weeks. Chores and snow-removal have been full-time occupations. As the hard-packed drifts blew in, she switched over from the plow on the ATV (which can handle fluffy snow) to the skid steer she uses for barn cleaning, pushing back the banks and piling the icy crystals high. Walking the lane from Farmstead Creamery back to our house feels like I’m in the bottom of a snowy canyon!

As the drifting continued, other

happen to many other green-houses in the Northland. Kara’s been regularly digging her way into the high tunnels and pounding at the snow from inside to bust it free so it falls off. Sometimes she has to dig the snow away from the sides as it accumulates, so the snow on the top has somewhere to go!

While all this fallen and wind-blown snow creates challenges on the homestead, it’s also incredibly beautiful. One evening, while locking in the birds, the crystals caught in my head lamp looked like the world had been showered in glittering diamonds. It was incredibly magical. And, as we’ve drifted in and out of droughts over the years, we’re not complaining about receiving the moisture. When it is time to melt, may it melt slowly and seep deeply into the ground, regenerating the earth.

How has your snowy week been? If you have animals, I hope that they have fared well through these conditions. Time to go dig out the chicken coop again. See you down on the farm sometime.



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WORD SCRAMBLE

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Answer: Holly

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

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Product or __ (abbr.)

4. Zodiac sign

9. S. China seaport

14. Former OSS

15. Early English printer

16. Aphid genus

17. General's assistant (abbr.)

18. Aussies

20. Dissuades

22. Make law

23. Drench

24. Soak in a liquid

28. Male child

29. It cools your home

30. Small constellation

31. To call (archaic)

33. Explores beneath the Earth

37. Commercial

38. W. hemisphere organization

39. You can find it in a can
41. “Land of the free”

42 36 inches

43. Footwear

44. Challenges

46. They hold things together

49. Of I

50. Partner to flow

51. Not connected by kinship

55. Worries

58. Garlic mayonnaise

59. A way to take by force

60. Legendary English rockers

64. Your consciousness of your own identity

65. Fencing swords

66. Silly

67. Actor DiCaprio

68. Encircles with a belt

69. Mails a message

70. Longing

CLUES DOWN

1. Horse mackerels

2. It can be viral

3. Prickly plants

4. Consciousness

5. Type of sarcoma

6. Tax collector

7. Sun up in New York

8. One who scorches

9. Influential psychotherapist

10. Situated at an apex

11. Communicative

12. Forearm nerve

13. Former CIA

19. Folk singer DiFranco

21. Employee stock ownership plan

24. Large-scale

25. School environment

26. Remove

27. Male parents

28. A type of fish
32. Weighed down

34. Held tightly

35. __ route: going there

36. Explains again

40. Exclamation of surprise

41. Courteously

45. Lying down

47. Judge

48. Forcefully took

52. Loosely compacted sediment

53. High mountain

54. Portable conical tents

56. Cereal grass

57. Dining utensil

59. Thoughtful

60. Helps you walk

61. Indicates near

62. Midway between northeast and east

63. Local area network

WORDS

AFRESH
ASIA
CALENDAR
CELEBRATION
CLEANING
CULTURES
DECORATE
ENVELOPES
FESTIVAL
FIREWORKS
GATHERING
HOROSCOPE
LANTERNS
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Sheriff's Report Continued From Page 2

16:43:19 - A wanted person was reported on Haskins Rd. in Hayward Township.
17:08:11 - A fraud complaint was reported on Victory Heights Circle in Sand Lake Township.
17:31:03 - A 911 hang-up call

was reported on STH 27 in Meadowbrook Township.
17:46:38 - A theft complaint was reported on Poplar Lane in Bass Lake Township.
19:54:47 - A juvenile issue was reported on Weirgor Rd. in Radisson Township.
21:12:25 - A vehicle was reported in the ditch on Murphy Blvd. and Moonahanis Dr. in

Spider Lake Township.
23:15:29 - A 911 hang up call was reported on STH 27/70 in Sand Lake Township.
Saturday, December 3
5:08:35 - A 911 hang-up call was reported on Stubbins Ave. in Sand Lake Township.
8:02:37 - A theft complaint was reported on Comstock Rd. in Hayward Township.

Conference Win Continued From Page 1

found themselves trailing 9-2 with 15:15 to go before the break.
Jacob Rudnicki, Carter Petit, Carter Roberts and Gunnar Greuel got the game back to even footing, and a Rudnicki basket gave Winter a 14-12 lead with 12:42 to play. But the Bobcats had no intention of going away.
The two teams traded shots midway through the first, but Winter's defense and balanced offense allowed the Warriors to score from all parts of the court, and the Warriors built a 34-24 lead with 3:49 to play. But basketball is a game of runs, and the Bobcats put on a 10-0 run in the final minutes to close the gap to 34-34.
Albert Blair ensured Winter went into the break with the lead. With five seconds left in the half, Blair let loose a shot from near the Bobcat logo. The ball snapped through the net for three to give Winter a 38-36 lead.
The back and forth pattern repeated in the second half. Birchwood and Winter were all tied up at 44-44 with 15:20 to play, and numerous times the two rivals traded leads. Meyer gashed Winter inside, only for Greuel or Petit or CJ Thompson to answer back.

Lobitz and Meyer formed a devastating duo, lighting up Winter numerous times. Meyer would score inside, while Lobitz hit from outside, connecting on seven threes as the two led Birchwood with 31 and 27 points. But for every Bobcat bucket, Winter had the answer, and relied on their balanced offense that saw multiple Warriors score in double figures.
"That's been our strategy from the beginning," Hautamaki explained. "We can't have one or two people score all our points. We've been trying to get multiple players involved and develop their confidence to shoot the ball. We also have a great bench, and we balanced that out with the starters, and it came out great."
Rudnicki and Carter Roberts splashed threes to put Winter atop 56-57 with 9:54 to go, but a Lobitz three made it 59-56. A Rudnicki putback followed by a Thompson offensive board and putback made it 60-60, and the game continued to go back and forth like a teeter-totter.
A deep Carter Roberts three gave Winter a 71-65 lead but Lobitz and Meyer kept things close. Greuel snapped off a three to make 76-70, but Meyer had the answer, pulling the Bobcats to within one point, as Winter led 76-75 with 1:38 remaining.
Roberts struck the shot that

broke the Bobcats' back seconds later, hitting a bomb from deep that made it 79-75. Blair found Greuel underneath for one more bucket, and Birchwood ran out of time as Winter picked up their second win of the year by a score of 81-77.
"It feels really good. It's a win that we needed for sure to light a spark under these boys," Hautamaki said afterwards.
Roberts, Petit and Greuel finished with 15 points apiece. Greuel recorded another double-double with a team high 19 rebounds. Rudnicki scored 13 points, Blair added 12, and a team high six assists and five steals. Thompson had his best game of the year, finishing with 11 points on five of six shooting.
As much as Hautamaki enjoyed the win, it was his player's mental composure that made him happy. Hautamaki said his team never lost their mental toughness, and remained focused on the next play.
"We try to execute that in practice, that next play, that 'NFP' as coach DeCora puts it. That is, not getting stuck in our own heads about what just happened," Hautamaki replied. "It's focus on the next play, and they really implemented that tonight. I'm really proud of them tonight for that because that takes a lot of mental strength."

8:14:39 - An alarm was reported at the LCO Boys and Girls Club on Trepania Rd. in Bass Lake Township.
9:22:10 - A vehicle was reported in the ditch on STH 27 in Meadowbrook Township.
10:41:46 - A vehicle was reported in the ditch on Polish Rd. in Weirgor Township.
11:12:41 - Another agency requested assistance on Murphy Blvd. and Moonahanis Dr. in Spider Lake Township.
12:49:28 - An alarm was reported on Clayton Rd. in Winter Township.
13:18:25 - A threat complaint was reported at the Casino in Hayward Township.
15:30:49 - An animal complaint was reported on Lincoln Ave. in the Village of Exeland.
16:13:38 - A citizen requested assistance on Gitigaan Rd. (LCO PD) in Hayward Township.
16:20:31 - A trespass complaint was reported on Arrowhead Lane in Edgewater Township.
17:23:37 - An animal complaint was reported on CTH CC in Hunter Township.
17:33:14 - A 911 hang-up call was reported on CTH B and Holcombe Rd. in Hayward Township.
17:45:47 - A 911 hang-up call was reported on Peninsula Rd. in Hayward Township.
18:19:49 - A car vs. deer accident was reported on USH 63 and Stress Rd. in Hayward Township.
20:24:09 - A disabled vehicle was reported on Moose Lake Rd. and Fullington Rd. in Round Lake Township.
21:18:30 - A domestic disturbance was reported on Bacon Square in Hayward Township.
22:19:53 - A fight was reported on CTH B in Round Lake Township.
22:22:19 - A vehicle was reported in the ditch on Round Lake School Rd. and Waawiyetoo Dr. in Hayward Township.
22:53:53 - A 911 hang-up call was reported at the LCO Casino on CTH B in Hayward Township.
Sunday, December 4
3:03:23 - A domestic disturbance was reported on CTH NN.
3:27:31 - A vehicle was reported in the ditch on CTH N and CTH E.
8:52:19 - A paper service attempt was made on Short Valley Rd. in Lenroot Township.
13:13:07 - A property damage accident was reported on STH 77 and CTH K in Hayward Township.
15:23:30 - An animal complaint was reported on Universal Dr. in Winter Township.
15:32:57 - An unwanted subject was reported on CTH K in Bass Lake Township.
16:40:18 - A theft complaint was reported on Stark Rd. in Lenroot Township.
16:47:32 - A motorist requested assistance on Pierce Lane in Sand Lake Township.
17:02:08 - A disturbance was

reported on Marion St. in the Village of Winter.
18:46:24 - A car vs. deer accident was reported on STH 27 and Landon Rd. in Meadowbrook Township.
19:13:48 - A suspicious person/circumstance was reported on Eytcheson Rd. in Lenroot Township.
21:06:17 - A welfare check was made on Ruch Rd. in Meteor Township.
21:06:47 - A fraud complaint was reported on Bethel Rd. in Round Lake Township.
Monday, December 5
8:16:29 - A fraud complaint was reported on Phipps Fire Lane in Lenroot Township.
9:18:19 - A sexual assault complaint was reported on Ogilvie St. in the Village of Radisson.
9:26:40 - A trespass complaint was reported on Ol' Hays Rd. in Edgewater Township.
9:57:13 - An animal complaint was reported on Bacon Strip Lane in Hayward Township.
11:18:05 - A theft complaint was reported on CTH NN in Hayward Township.
11:47:51 - A paper service attempt was made on Gorud Rd. in Hayward Township.
12:34:14 - A property damage accident was reported on Giuwedin Dr. in Bass Lake Township.
13:34:22 - A suspicious vehicle was reported on Hospital Rd. and USH 63 in Hayward Township.
14:13:01 - A 911 hang-up call was reported on Fun Valley Rd. in Bass Lake Township.
14:47:04 - A welfare check was made on School House Lane in Bass Lake Township.
15:36:10 - A citizen requested assistance on CTH CC in Hunter Township.
15:46:10 - An intoxicated driver was reported on STH 27/70 in Radisson Township.
17:05:07 - A 911 hang-up call was reported on Huckleberry Lane in Hayward Township.
17:37:31 - A car vs. deer accident was reported on CTH B in Round Lake Township.
19:13:41 - A 911 hang-up call was reported on Linden Rd. in Hayward Township.
19:38:26 - A 911 hang-up call was reported on STH 27 in Bass Lake Township.
23:17:33 - A drug complaint was reported at S&J Lot 55 on USH 63 in Hayward Township.
Tuesday, December 6
0:34:46 - A vehicle was reported in the ditch on CTH NN and Haskins Rd. in Hayward Township.
5:49:18 - An alarm was reported at the LCO Boys and Girls Club on Trepania Rd. in Bass Lake Township.
8:21:53 - An animal complaint was reported on CTH K in Bass Lake Township.
8:37:30 - A death investigation was made on Akikaandag Lane in Bass Lake Township.
9:18:23 - A juvenile issue was reported at the LCO School on Round Lake School Rd. in Bass Lake Township.
9:42:13 - A paper service at-

tempt was made on Day Care Dr. in Hayward Township.
13:52:17 - A disabled vehicle was reported on Water Tower Lane and Nisway St. in Hayward Township.
14:49:56 - A paper service attempt was made on Gorud Rd. in Hayward Township.
15:22:02 - A paper service attempt was made at Oakwood Haven on CTH K in Hayward Township.
15:49:11 - A paper service attempt was made on Water Tower Lane in Hayward Township.
16:31:19 - A keep the peace request was made at S&J Trailer Park, Lot 47 on USH 63 in Hayward Township.
17:00:02 - Another agency requested assistance on Airport Rd. and STH 77 in Hayward Township.
17:06:49 - A 911 hang-up call was reported on CTH NN in Hayward Township.
18:38:40 - A fire request was made on Birch Lane in Radisson Township.
18:48:17 - A 911 hang-up call was reported on Mutters Rd. in Sand Lake Township.
18:52:32 - A car vs. deer accident was reported on CTH B and Felsler Rd. in Hayward Township.
19:33:08 - A car vs. deer accident was reported on USH 63 in Hayward Township.
20:25:03 - A building/area check was made on Mukwa Dr. in Hayward Township.
20:53:57 - A paper service attempt was made on Water Tower Lane in Hayward Township.
22:43:49 - A vehicle was reported in the ditch on STH 27 and Rainbow Rd. in Bass Lake Township.
23:46:07 - A citizen requested assistance on CTH H in the Village of Radisson.
Wednesday, December 7
0:37:19 - An alarm was reported on CTH K in Bass Lake Township.
0:39:16 - A pornography complaint was reported on Bacon Square in Hayward Township.
3:46:12 - A disturbance was reported at S&J Apt. 18 on USH 63 in Hayward Township.
6:13:21 - An alarm was reported on Carlson Lane in Hayward Township.
6:17:44 - An alarm was reported on Moonahanis Dr. in Spider Lake Township.
8:17:28 - A car vs. deer accident was reported on STH 77 in Spider Lake Township.
8:32:54 - An animal complaint was reported on STH 77 in Hayward Township.
9:01:39 - A road hazard complaint was reported on STH 77 and Peninsula Rd. in Hayward Township.
10:21:07 - A property damage accident was reported on STH 27/77 in Hayward Township.
11:13:58 - An alarm was reported on Morgan Rd. in Spider Lake Township.
12:02:47 - Another agency re-

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Carter Petit fights his way through traffic to get a shot off during the second half of Winter's East Lakeland match with Birchwood on Tuesday, Dec. 20. Petit was one of six Warriors to score double digits in the Warriors' 81-77 victory over their cross-town rivals. -Photo by Ross Pattermann

WALDO Community Center Santa Visit and Thank You

By Laurie Martin
The WALDO Community Center board would like to thank the following people and businesses for their support:
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Our Local Santa
Although our area had experienced some severely trying times in the days previous, Senior Santa went on as planned. Thank you all that came to the Center for this special event. We wish the whole community a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Pictured above, The Winter School Choir gave a performance during Santa's visit at the WALDO Community Center last week. At right, WALDO board members, L-R, Ruth Brad, Sharon Reynolds, Carol Aumann and Laurie Martin cozy up with the man in red and send wishes to you all for a bright and happy 2023!



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Winter School District

Bd. Proceedings

The monthly meeting of the Winter School District Board of Education was held on Monday, November 28, 2022.

MINUTES

Call to order and roll call: The meeting was called to order by President Kinsley at 7:00 p.m. Roll call: Members present: All present. Members in the Audience: 5.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was recited

Certification of agenda posting and approval of agenda: Motion by Armstrong to certify agenda posting, Second by Bodo. All in favor. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of previous meeting minutes: Fuhrman moved to approve October 24, 2022, October 25, 2022 and November 15, 2022 board meeting minutes. Second by Heath. All in favor. Motion carried. 7-0.

Audience recognition: None.

Executive session: Motion by Kinsley at: 7:01 pm to Convene into Executive Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85(1) (a) (f) to conduct a quasi-judicial hearing and to consider personal information of a specific person which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect on the reputation of the person: to discuss board governance best practices and district financial status (1) (c) to consider the employment, promotion, compensation and performance evaluations of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility: discuss district administrator evaluation and contract. The board will deliberate and possibly act at the conclusion of this meeting. Second by Winiarczyk. Roll call vote: Heath-yes, Armstrong-yes, Fuhrman-yes, Brad-yes, Bodo-yes Kinsley-yes and Winiarczyk-yes. Motion carried 7-0. Discussion.

Motion by Winiarczyk to reconvene into open session at 7:31 p.m. Second by Heath. Roll call vote: Fuhrman-yes, Armstrong-yes, Winiarczyk-yes, Heath-yes, Brad-yes, Kinsley-yes and Bodo-yes. Motion carried. 7-0.

Communications: None.

Administration and committee reports:

4K-12 Principal Report: Attendance: Elementary - 94.62%, Middle School - 92.64%, High School - 91.28%. Time-Keeping Update: Time-keeping management software will roll out by January 2023. Evaluation System: All staff members have had their first round of evaluations. Second round will begin on November 30.

Community and Staff Outreach: STAR After school program began its second session on November 28. The Veterans Day program was successful. Winter Concerts - Elementary concert will be on December 8 from 1 pm to 3 pm, and Middle School and High School will be on December 15 from 7 pm to 8 pm. The staff has formed a Community Outreach Committee that will meet on Tuesday, November 29.

Accountability: A process has been developed to start tracking referrals more effectively from month to month.

Athletics: Fall sports were concluded with a banquet at the end of October. There were 4 all-conference honors in volleyball, a conference player of the year was Kate Pasanen, and 1 all-conference honor in football. Both boys and girls basketball will have varsity only teams with 11 and 12 players, respectively. The boys' team has a strong senior group and a new coach Josh Hautamaki, who is creating a great environment for the boys. Middle school boys will end their season in the next couple of weeks. Middle School Girls' basketball is set to start at

the end of December.

Discipline Update: (As of November 18) Elementary: 13 (disrespectful behavior), Middle School: 7 (minor), High School: 17 (disrespectful behavior, tobacco, alcohol) 10 less than last month at this time.

Scheduling for Next Year: On the November 18th in-service, there was discussion about switching to a Trimester system. Benefits for the trimester for staff: fewer preps at the high school and middle school at one time, longer class periods for labs and other project-based learning. Benefits for the students: high school internship opportunities increase along with an early start to college/tech programs, less homework because of fewer classes (5 versus 8).

District Administrator Report: Finance: Currently working with Rachel Zeller from DPI on the District's MOE. The WiseStaff report is uploaded to DPI. Madeline has agreed to assist Kelli Loser as needed. Communication: Staff were given a presentation on classroom management and discipline. A family engagement committee has been formed. We need to begin the process of Strategic Planning. A quote from WASB has been requested.

SPED Update: A job posting was posted for a new paraprofessional. New students with high needs have transferred into the district.

State Testing/Star Testing: The district's state report card is in and the district meets expectations with a score of 59.4. Elementary meets expectations with a score of 65.8. Middle school meets few expectations at 52.8. High school meets expectations at 63.5. Math scores in both middle and high school were rather low, which brought down the scores. The Elementary is scoring well in math but low in reading. Winter benchmarking will begin after Thanksgiving break.

Action items:

Academic and Career Planning Report: Kinsley moved to approve the academic and career planning report. Second by Armstrong. Motion carried. 7-0.

Out of State Student Field Trip: Armstrong moved to approve the out of state field trip to the Science Museum in Minnesota. Second by Fuhrman. Motion carried. 7-0.

Early Graduation Request: Table for December Meeting.

Full Time Substitute: Table for December Meeting. Board requested to present a job description for the position.

Resignation: Kinsley moved to accept the resignation of Patti Conley, intervention teacher, effective December 18, 2022 and to waive the Second by Winiarczyk. Motion carried. 7-0.

Employment: Heath moved to hire Curtis DeCorra, assistant boys basketball coach. Second by Fuhrman. All in favor. Motion carried. 7-0

Entry Door Security: Table to December meeting.

Copier Lease Proposal: Table to December meeting.

Hudl Athletic Software Purchase: Armstrong moved to accept a three year contract for a total of \$8,000 per year. Second by Winiarczyk. Motion carried. 7-0.

On to College Contract Renewal: Winiarczyk moved to accept a three year contract for the amount of \$1260 per year. Second by Fuhrman. Motion carried. 7-0.

Scholarship Accounts Review: Discussion.

Youth Apprenticeship Program: Heath moved to approve. Second by Armstrong. Motion carried. 7-0.

Financial Report and Bills Payable: Motion by Winiarczyk to approve vouchers 121101-121210 and wires 202200076-109 for a total aggregated amount of \$638,339.75 Referendum: 1172-73 - \$81,704.50. Second by Armstrong. All in favor. Motion carried. 7-0.

Suggested items for December 2022: Full-time substitute teacher, early graduation request, Copier Lease Proposal, and Entry Door Security.

Adjournment: Motion by Kinsley to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. Second by Heath. Motion carried. 7-0.

Respectfully submitted:
Ruth Brad, Clerk
Mike Kinsley, President
WNAXLP

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state emergency management and I made that declaration primarily just to get that taken care of so down the road here if we can recover any costs we can do that."

Albarado said there was no guarantee the county could recoup their costs, and said the governor has to make a declaration, as well as the county has to meet the thresholds for the costs that are incurred. Albarado said the new resolution would also give the county the ability under the state of emergency to assign additional powers to the sheriff, and the authorization to make necessary purchases in times of disaster.

OTHER BUSINESS

- The board made a motion approving John Froemel as the county's ambulance director/medical examiner.

- The board approved a resolution for a cooperative tribal law enforcement grant of \$38,000 that will be used towards animal control.
- The board was informed that Sawyer County highway commissioner Gary Gedart will be retiring on Jan. 6, 2023. Brad Beise will act as interim director while the county searches for Gedart's replacement.
- The board toured the new courthouse and was told that construction is on schedule, with the facility to be operational this spring.
- The county's child protective caseworkers have experienced a 40 percent drop, falling from five caseworkers to just three.
- The board passed resolutions approving county signatory authorization and to establish a county investment policy.
- Sheriff Doug Mrotek recognized and awarded Deputy Halbur, Deputy Price, and Jail Sgt Spurlock with Lifesaving Achievement awards.

Obituaries



Deanna L. Jaeckel

Deanna L. Jaeckel, age 65, of Cherry Valley, IL and formerly of Hayward, WI, passed away on Sunday, December 18, 2022, at Mercy Health Riverside Campus in Rockford, IL.

Deanna Lynne was born September 16, 1957, in Elgin, IL, the daughter of Michael and Mary Lou (Kenyon) Szula. She was raised in Elgin and attended school there until moving to Winter, WI before her senior year of high school. Deanna graduated from Winter High School in 1975 and then attended technical school in Rice Lake, WI where she would receive an associate degree. Deanna moved to California for several years before moving to Hayward, WI in 1984. Deanna began working with the local Head Start Program and also worked as a waitress at the Hayward Co-op restaurant where she made many lifelong friendships. On June 18, 1988, Deanna married John Jaeckel at the Hayward Congregational Church. Shortly after they welcomed their daughter, Sara, beginning her most important and favorite role as a mom. Deanna then began work with Arrow Building Center where she would spend over twenty years as an inside sales associate. During her time at ABC, she acquired the nickname of "Bubbles" because of her bubbly personality. She then worked with Glassworks and later L&M Fleet Supply in Hayward. Deanna had the ability to make people feel incredibly special, even creating a reputation where people would wait in line to speak with her directly. Deanna retired in 2010 when

her husband was diagnosed with ALS. Deanna became a tireless ALS Association advocate, volunteer, and organizer. Deanna and John created the Jaeckel Walk to beat ALS, an event that has become the largest fundraiser to fight ALS in Wisconsin. Deanna lived to help people and enjoyed connecting others in service. She fearlessly approached any challenge and would always find a creative way to solve a problem. Deanna loved her annual trips to Florida with friends and family. Deanna and John were members of First Lutheran Church in Hayward. They moved to Rockford, IL in 2015 to be closer to Sara, Ryan, and their beloved grand puppy Sampson, of whom she had a very special bond with. She was an exceptional mother to not only Sara, but everyone she encountered. Deanna had a zest for life, she could make the most mundane things enjoyable—"joy" was one of her favorite words and she radiated it consistently. She will be greatly missed by all those that knew her, loved her, and were fortunate enough to have her in their lives.

Deanna is survived by her husband of 34 years, John; one daughter, Sara (Ryan) Ignace of Rockford, IL; mother, Mary Lou Myers of Rockford; three siblings, Debi Hornburg of Pewaukee, WI, Michael (Shren) Szula of DeKalb, IL, Mark Szula of Roscoe, IL; many nieces and nephews; and grand puppy, Sampson.

She was preceded in death by her father, Michael Szula Sr.

A memorial service celebrating Deanna's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 30, 2022, at First Lutheran Church in Hayward with Pastor Joel Bacon officiating. A time of gathering with family and friends will be held from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Friday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to First Lutheran Church, PO Box 346, Hayward, WI 54843 or the ALS Association, Wisconsin Chapter, 3332 N. Mayfair Road, Suite 104, Wauwatosa, WI 53222.



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Yesteryears... Memories From The Bygone Days

December 17, 1997
The 1997 Community Choir Presents “Rejoice In His Coming.” Members of the Choir included Narrator Jake Williams, Shannon Whittington, Jeni Adams, Karen Jones, Cherie Kaufman, Andrea Kaufman, Nancy Gerber, accompanist and singer Jeff Rudi, Director Karen Nielsen, Deloris Pischke, Sue Martin, Burklin Nielsen, Donna Knuckey, Connie Krueger, accompanist and singer Linda Kaufman, Dave Herndon, Tiffany Pischke, Bob Phelps, Elaine Grant, Sue Hes-

selberg, Jack Peterson, Dan Jones, Dale Whittington, Nanci Rickert and Vince Mussehl.
Members of the Children’s Community Choir were Evan Zaborski, Becky Lueloff, Elizabeth Berrens, Elizabeth Horne, Amanda Granica, Bryce Nielsen, Vince Scarpino, Andy Engebretson, Bryna Nielsen, Rikki Ladenthin, David Rickert, Melissa Kaufman and Director Karen Jones.
Corey Knutson of Ojibwa graduated from Basic Training at the Recruit Training Center in Great Lakes, IL on Novem-

ber 28, 1997. Corey is the son of Gary Knutson of El Paso, TX and Yvonne Saunders of Virginia Beach, VA. Following graduation, Corey was sent to Groton, CT, where he will attend school and then spend time working on a submarine. Jeff Rudi, Kendra Knutson, Ken, Carol and Joey Rudi and Terri and Ashlynn Roberts all attended the graduation services.
January 11, 1973
Fran O. Burley, age 70, a resident of Winter, died in the Indianhead Memorial Hospital in Shell Lake on Tuesday, January 2.

He was born in Chicago Heights, IL, on October 15, 1902. When a small child he moved with his parents to Hammond, Indiana. On October 17, 1934, he was married to Leota Minnick in Shawneetown, IL. The couple made their home in Hammond, Indiana. Mr. Burley was employed as a hard master for the General American Corporation Railroad in East Chicago for several years. In 1961 he retired and he and his wife moved to Winter, Wisconsin to make their home.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carlson and children of Milwaukee spent the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wiley and family, and with other relatives and friends. On Sunday they in company with Mr and Mrs. John Martin went to Hayward to visit their grandmother Mrs. Louise Wiley.
Tom O’Brien, Mrs. Carpenter’s son, left Sunday to return to his studies and teaching position at the University of Missouri after spending New Year’s

and the past two weeks with Wayne and Bea at Rainbow Lodge.
Word received from Elmer and Jaretta Swanson from Windsor, Calif., is that they did not have a good holiday. Her doctor ordered her to bed for at least a month due to a back injury she suffered in the wreck they were in on Sept. 6th with their camper.
We note Jerry Gerber was using crutches Monday as a result of a sprained ankle received while playing basketball the past week.

The Radisson Post Office is now 70 years old. It was established on December 24, 1902. Your present Postmaster was commissioned on May 1, 1941.
The Winter Warriors, in a showdown battle for first place with the Prentice Buccaneers, came away with a 70-67 victory. It was a sweet victory for the Warriors as they rebounded from their tough loss to Lady-smith and took sole possession of first place with a 5-0 mark.
January 8, 1948
It was on January 5th, 1881, that Alfred Soldal, who for about 25 years was a resident of the Draper-Loretta community, was born in Norway, and it was Monday of this past week that word came from Chicago advising that he had died in that city - on his sixty-seventh birthday.

Death has summoned Sawyer County’s oldest earliest resident lady, this being with Mrs. Etta Jordan passing away Monday, December 29th, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E.L. Bean, in Stone Lake, as result of an unexpected heart attack. The deceased was Wisconsin native born Ameretta Ellis, at Springfield, Dane County, on July 19th, 1857, and would have reached the age of ninety years had she lived until coming July.
Announcement has come to this newspaper with other information concerning wedding which united a former local young man, William C. Ekman, son of Otto Ekman, Sr., this community, and Miss Beverly E. Kruschke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Kruschke, Eau Claire. The young people were married Monday, December 29th, at 2:30 o’clock in afternoon at Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, Council Bluffs, Iowa, with the Rev. Lawrence Seirbeck officiating.

BECKY’S BOOKS



By Becky Moe

Here is this week’s review...
PEOPLE PERSON
BY CANDICE
CARTY-WILLIAMS

I have to admit that it took me a minute to get into this novel. But once I did, I really did. In the first pages we meet Cyril Pennington, the father of five children. These five children have four different mothers who are each raising their children on their own, because Cyril doesn't pitch in, either with money or time. It was hard to view Cyril with sympathetic eyes, since he seems to care more about his flashy jeep than about his kids. But later in the book we learn of his childhood where he is left by his mother in Jamaica to be raised in a literal shack when he is two years old. Cyril is then brought to London to live with his mother when he is fifteen, but he doesn't remember her at all.

The five offspring of Cyril really only meet once as young kids, when he picks them each up and takes them out for ice cream together. They don't all come together again until adulthood when one of Cyril's daughters, Dimple (now thirty years old) finds herself in a predicament. She thinks that she has killed her abusive boyfriend out of self-defense, and all of her siblings are drawn in to help her with this terrible situation.
Told with dark comedic flair, the reader learns about each of Cyril's children through their role in helping Dimple. Nikisha, the oldest, no-nonsense and managerial, is now a mother of two. Then there's Danny, an ex-con plumber who

is determined to be the kind of present, loving dad to his one-year-old that Cyril never was to him. There's Lizzie, born one week apart from Dimple but from a different mother, an intelligent med-school student who comes across as judgmental and superior to her siblings. The youngest is Prince, Nikisha's full-blood baby brother who is in his early twenties and juggles multiple girlfriends. Dimple still lives with her mother (whom she considers her best and only friend) and is the main protagonist in this story. Dimple is an "influencer", and her sisters and brothers see her as a general pushover and "obsessed with playing a victim". The five siblings become acquainted and grow more aware of their similarities and differences. Cyril's adult children are drawn together in this dark comedy not only by Dimple's predicament but by their shared blood and their abandonment issues. At one point when Cyril is asked by his offspring if he is prepared to be there as their dad he responds, "No, because I don't have it in me". Their eventual acceptance and love for their father as he is along with the connectivity to family that all humans crave, even when those very people might not be ones they would hand-pick, make for a cast of very compelling characters.

The twist that happens midway through the novel leads to some dramatic, exciting circumstances that these five people need to navigate through. This lively plotline along with its appealing characters, laid bare by their vulnerabilities, are what make People Person stand out.

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every time I use it and I use it all morning long.
I thought of some of the larger purchases I'd made over the years that had given me very little pleasure. I thought of the purses and dresses that I rarely use, always imagining some special occasion when I would need them. The special occasion either never comes, or it ends up being a lot less special than I imagined. But a nice coffee cup? That cup gives me pleasure every day all day long. Big stuff, I have decided, is overrated.
The little place we rent in Mexico with the slightly worse-for-wear Formica countertop and the mismatched furniture is perfect. It is not fancy. It is small. It reminds me that simple is easier and I don't need big. It reminds me how little is enough.

So, in this new year, I am focusing on the small things—both the little things I do and the little things that surround me every day. I'm focusing on the things that consistently bring me joy—the fresh flowers on my desk, my colorful new coffee cup, the smell of good soap. The moments of joy add up and make my day better. The days add up to make a happier life.
Now I just have to figure out what to do with a year's supply of cheap soap.

Till next time,
Carrie

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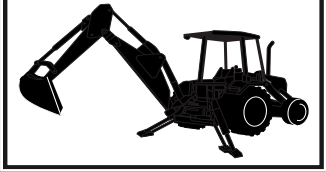
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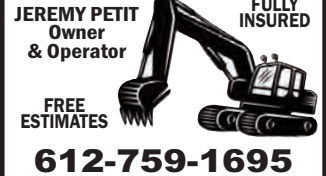
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Lady Warriors Defeat Lady Bobcats

Winter Snaps Five Game Losing Streak



Arianna Patenaude is locked in as she prepares to shoot free throws during the first half of Winter's game with Birchwood on Tuesday, Dec. 20. Patenaude finished in double figures as Winter downed the Bobcats for their first win of their 2022-23 campaign.

By Ross Pattermann

The Winter Warriors girls basketball program picked up their first win of the season, and it came at just the right moment, with the holiday break looming large. The Lady Warriors were hoping to have last year's all-conference trio of Kate Pasanen, Hailey Coss and Cassie Bishop as the backbone of the team, but an injury to Coss has sidelined the talented senior, and it will be weeks before she returns.

Coss averaged 15.6 points a game last year, and her absence has been felt throughout the first quarter of the 2022-23 season. But her loss has led to other Lady Warriors getting playing time, and on Tuesday, Dec. 20, every Lady Warrior was able to play and score in a 61-37 victory over the Birchwood Bobcats that snapped a five game losing skid.

"It feels really nice to finally get the W," head coach Mike Granica said. "It feels like it's been a long season for us, so it's nice to get a win before the holidays."

Birchwood possessed a height advantage, with three players all standing 5'9" or taller, but Winter's speed proved too much for the Lady Bobcats as the Lady Warriors pulled down rebounds, forced turnovers and quickly jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the opening minutes.

"When you can out rebound the other team and get turnovers, it sure makes a huge difference," Granica remarked. "You can set up your offense really fast, so that was our main thing coming in tonight. We knew if we won the rebounds, we'd win the game."

Birchwood closed the gap to 7-6 with 14:39 to play before the break, but Kate Pasanen,

Cassie Bishop and Arianna Patenaude built the lead back up thanks to a 14-1 run that made it 21-8 with 11:34 to go, and from there the Lady Warriors never looked back.

"Our starting group got us off a great start to this game, and that gave opportunities to our younger players tonight," Granica said. "They got a lot of playing time, and played pretty well for what we needed to do."

With Winter holding a double-digit lead, Granica was able to sub in several of his younger players, and they continued to go to work against Birchwood, and after one half of play Winter led 41-18. Winter's junior varsity played for much of the second half, and allowed less than 20 points.

Morgan Lobitz scored a team 14 points for Birchwood, but she was the only player Winter allowed to finish with double digits. Winter had three players finish with double figures, and all nine available Lady Warriors scored at least once.

Kate Pasanen led Winter with 16 points on six of 12 shooting, and had a team high three steals. Arianna Patenaude and Reiley Kavanaugh added 11 points apiece. Cassie Bishop and Raelynn Bishop scored six points each, with C. Bishop pulling down a team high 12 rebounds.

Gwendolyn Greuel scored five points and had eight boards. Holly Cecil, Randi Roberts and Kaydance Granica chipped in with two points each. Granica collected 11 rebounds. Winter will return to action this Thursday when the boys and girls teams travel to Butternut for a non-conference game. The boys game will begin at 1 p.m. and the girls will play at 3 p.m.



Randi Roberts prepares to attack the basket against several Birchwood defenders during the second half of the Lady Warriors road game with the Bobcats on Tuesday, Dec. 20. All nine players for Winter scored in the 61-37 victory.



Reiley Kavanaugh pushes the ball up court during the first half of the Lady Warriors 61-37 victory over Birchwood. Kavanaugh was one of three Lady Warriors to score in double figures, finishing with 11 points as Winter snapped a five game losing skid.



Cassie Bishop gets ready to post up and score on Birchwood during the second half of Winter's game with the Bobcats. Bishop scored six points and had a team high 12 rebounds. -Photos by Ross Pattermann

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13:29:34 - A hit and run accident was reported on Carlson Lane in Hayward Township.
14:09:42 - A building/area check was made on CTH CC in Hunter Township.
14:15:12 - A theft complaint was reported on Billy Boy Rd. and STH 27/70 in Sand Lake Township.
17:18:33 - A car vs. deer accident was reported on Breezy Point Lane in Sand Lake Township.
19:27:01 - A paper service attempt was made on Eaton Rd. in Lenroot Township.
21:04:30 - A fire request was made at the Storage Units on 27 South.

Thursday, December 8
0:19:06 - A citizen requested assistance on CTH K in Bass Lake Township.
1:02:13 - A building/area check was made at G-1 on Omaha St. in the Village of Radisson.
1:22:36 - A building/area check was made at Phillips 66 on STH 70 in the Village of Winter.
3:12:30 - A fire request was made on STH 77 in Hayward Township.
8:20:11 - A citizen requested assistance on STH 27 in Hayward Township.
8:58:43 - A paper service attempt was made on Ogilvie Ave. in the Village of Radisson.
9:21:52 - A suspicious person/circumstance was reported on Farnsworth Rd. in Spider Lake Township.
12:26:23 - A suicidal person was reported on Phipps Fire Lane in Lenroot Township.
13:15:54 - A drug complaint was reported at the Casino on

CTH B in Hayward Township.
14:29:16 - A welfare check was made on Delap Lane.
14:39:03 - A suspicious person/circumstance was reported on CTH K in Bass Lake Township.
15:20:40 - An animal complaint was reported on CTH B in Hayward Township.
15:33:07 - A 911 hang-up call was reported on Knapp Rd. in Ojibwa Township.
15:34:07 - A property damage accident was reported on USH 63 and Mosquito Brook Rd. in Lenroot Township.
16:02:38 - A citizen requested assistance on Main St. in Edgewater Township.
16:38:47 - An animal complaint was reported on STH 70 and Olson Rd. in Winter Township.
16:41:47 - A paper service attempt was made on Rockford Ave. in Bass Lake Township.
17:16:56 - A car vs. deer acci-

dent was reported on STH 27/77 and Sleepy Hollow Dr. in Hayward Township.
18:20:29 - A paper service attempt was made on Lake Winter Rd. in Winter Township.
18:31:43 - A disabled vehicle was reported on STH 70 in Winter Township.
21:33:50 - A car vs. deer accident was reported on Somerville Rd. and USH 63 in Lenroot Township.
22:02:02 - A domestic disturbance was reported on Fourth St. in Draper Township.
Friday, December 9
2:18:59 - A citizen requested assistance on Atkins Ave. in Bass Lake Township.
8:36:28 - A paper service attempt was made on Rockford Ave. in Bass Lake Township.
10:24:40 - A welfare check was made on Koeppler Rd. in Ojibwa Township.
10:29:15 - A jail complaint was reported on Gitigaan Rd.

(LCO) in Hayward Township.
11:47:34 - An unwanted subject was reported on Fourth St. in Draper Township.
12:46:46 - An animal complaint was reported on USH 63 and Stress Rd. in Hayward Township.
12:51:04 - A citizen requested assistance on Connors Lake in Winter Township.
13:03:45 - A truancy complaint was reported at the Winter School on Grove St. in the Village of Winter.
14:14:37 - An intoxicated person was reported on Pine St. in Bass Lake Township.
14:16:56 - A request was made for assistance directing traffic on CTH CC and CTH B in Hunter Township.
14:41:52 - An unwanted subject was reported on Balsam Lane in Lenroot Township.
15:59:30 - A suspicious person/circumstance was reported on STH 27/70 and Marion Lane

in Radisson Township.
17:02:40 - A juvenile issue was reported on CTH B in Hayward Township.
17:32:47 - An animal complaint was reported on Lake Winter Rd. (Dix's) in Winter Township.
18:18:42 - A property damage accident was reported on Anderson Rd. in Bass Lake Township.
18:57:12 - A 911 hang-up call was reported on Namekagon Trail in Hayward Township.
19:39:21 - An animal complaint was reported on Nisway St. in Hayward Township.
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