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It takes a county to raise a child

By Nancy Curtin

There is a saying: "It takes a village to raise a child."

During the holiday season, it takes an entire county to provide presents and other essentials to families in need, and the Christmas Angel Project (CAP) is making it happen.

Angel trees are out in the community, a task requiring effort all year round.

"We help needy families in Neillsville, Humbird, Granton and Chili, serving approximately 90 families with 250 children," said Stacy Schilling, CAP coordinator. "CAP also uses this as an opportunity to educate people in these communities of the needy people in the area."

"My mom started this back in 2003 and I took over for her."

While a lot of work is needed during the month of November and early December, it is what happens throughout the year—the shopping and making of items—that supports the bulk of the efforts of the project.

"I have two really good volunteers that I've worked with for many years," Schilling said, "good friends of mine, and they come back every year and help. One lives in Unity and the other comes from Rib Lake. We all used to work together."

"We have people who shop all-year-round looking for deals on [pajamas], coats and boots. Throughout the year, we are always looking for clearance underwear and [pajamas]. We have five totes of [pajamas] to be wrapped this year."

Schilling conveyed the day after Christmas is a "great day to shop for wrapping paper," especially from Walmart because the store had "the



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Three sisters from Granton, (l-r) Olivia, Ella and Ashlee Piskow, take time to help wrap gifts. "I've been helping since I was in seventh grade and I'm now 20," Ashlee Piskow said. The Piskow sisters enjoy giving back to the community as a team effort.

nice big rolls and its such nice paper." Leftover wrapping paper and gift bags are also donated once the holiday is over.

Deb, a volunteer, loves to shop.

"I buy from ThredUp or

Zulilly," Deb said.

"I love opening Deb's boxes," Schilling said. "She finds the most interesting stuff. She brought me a pair of slippers today with big green happy faces on them. Just random stuff and the

kids just love it because it's so interesting."

An anonymous volunteer, formerly from Chili, donated 75 little quilt blankets which were handmade from a quilt

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Neillsville PD welcomes new officer

By Edward DuBois

During the Dec. 12 Neillsville Common Council, Duane Poeschel, mayor, swore in Jacob Mertzig to the Neillsville Police Department (NVPD) as a parttime patrol officer. Also in attendance were Mertzig's parents: his father, Tanny, and his mother, Laura.

Mertzig's field training will begin in January.

After, the council discussed

the 2023 vacation carryover for police department employees. Jim Mankowski, Neillsville Chief of Police, reported he and a few officers had time to carry over into 2024. Julie Counsell, council member, motioned to allow the officers to carry over their vacation time until March 31, 2024, seconded by Clarissa Rochester, councilmember. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

After the other items of new business were discussed, Mankowski gave his report of officers.

"As I end my fourth year as [the Neillsville Chief of Police]," Mankowski said, "I have a few comments I want the council and public to hear."

"I spent the last four years building a team of officers for the city's best interests. I've worked hundreds of patrol shifts without pay, so

my officers can take time off or attend advanced training. I've worked tirelessly to defend myself and my officers, because we are making a difference."

"As I start my fifth year, I need something from the city council. It's not more money, equipment or personnel: it's trust. Trust when I say we are doing things correctly and be thankful for having a dedicated group of police officers who police for the city's best interest, not their agenda or the way we've always done it."

"I promised change when I was hired and I continue to deliver it. Next time you see one of my police officers, please take time and thank them for what they do."

"To continue with their training for the month: officer [Trey Larson] completed

four hours of vehicle pursuit, handgun qualification. Investigator [Hunter Imm]: handgun qualification. [Isaac Guyer]: handgun qualification, child abuse investigation. [Derek Wheatley]: handgun qualification, child abuse investigation. Myself: handgun qualification and I completed the FBI-LEEDA 678: Executive Leadership, which completes the requirements for the FBI Trilogy Award.

"I am the first chief of police in department history to achieve this training award."

"Officer [Halle Fecker] is scheduled to graduate from the Police Academy on [Dec. 19]. She will begin her field training the week of Dec. 25. The last week of the academy

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Cops bring smiles to young faces

By Nancy Curtin

Smiles and laughter filled the aisles at Russell's of Neillsville and Wolf's Tru-

Value in Greenwood on Dec. 9 as members of law enforcement paired up with children of Clark County for

a quick shopping trip to check off items on their Christmas list.

For over 10 years, the Clark County Law Enforcement Association (CCLEA) has organized this event to bring cheer to the kids in the county this holiday season. The participating children are ages four to 11 years old and nominated by schools within the county.

The CCLEA's goal is to have kids from each school and each city within the county represented. The participating retailers are contacted in advance in preparation to order enough extra toys for the event.

Once at the store, the child and their family member(s) are paired with an officer, given a gift card with a preset amount and told to shop for whatever they wanted.

Afterward, the families and officers gathered at the Loyal Fire Department for walking tacos and ice cream. A member of the community dressed as Santa Claus made a surprise visit with some much "needed gifts for the children."

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Nancy Curtin/Clark County Press
Benni (right) bagged up the purchases from the Shop with a Cop participants. "This is my third year helping. I like to help out," Benni said.

Ad hoc committee members discuss department merger

By Edward DuBois

The Clark County Human Services Ad Hoc Committee met Dec. 14; all members were present.

The committee went to item #4 on the agenda, concerning a presentation from Blue Collar Consulting. Its owner/consultant, Chuck Price, was present to speak to the committee. Blue Collar Consulting will provide consultation services for Clark County throughout the potential merger of the Community Services and Social Services into a Human Services Department.

Jane Schmitz, executive director of the Clark County Rehab and Living Center, began the discussion.

"I think one of the things that we were talking about at our [Nov. 1] meeting," Schmitz said, "was kind of the timeframe, the schedule, what makes sense for the process."

"We sent a draft timeline,"

Price said. "When we crafted that, last time that we all had spoken, [I] got the sense that there was a bit of urgency and sort of like, 'Okay, let's put something together soon.'"

"I think what we can do is think about: regardless of what the months are, does the time frame beginning to end, seem to make sense for you all? And then is there the ability to just kind of shift what we have there over into 2024?"

"We're targeting, for budget purposes, for Jan. 2, 2025 for the merge," Chuck Rueth said, Clark County Board supervisor.

For the merger, Rueth stated the process was "right on target."

"How much discussion has been had either at county level or at staff level or departmental level that this is the direction, or is that still in a feasibility state?" Price asked.

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Edward DuBois/Clark County Press
Jim Mankowski (left) welcomed Jacob Mertzig (right) to the Neillsville Police Department with a handshake before he was sworn in by Duane Poeschel (not pictured). Mankowski expressed gratitude to the council for bringing Mertzig on board during his report of officers.



Giving to those in need



Edward DuBois/Clark County Press
Above, Dec. 13, almost 20 volunteers and staff of the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Clark County met in the Neillsville Senior Center to pack a goal of 170 packages for the ADRC and Meals for Wheels. Below, boxes contained non-perishable foods and basic amenities like toilet paper, provided via funds from Thrivent and both monetary and other donations. “The people love it,” Lynne McDonald said, the current head of the annual event which has continued for around 40 years.

Cops

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This year, 20 officers volunteered their time to be a positive role model for 45 children. Jake Haugstad, Owen’s K-9 officer, has been involved with the Shop With a Cop program for four years and ‘enjoys seeing all their smiles.’ “It’s always a good time with the kids,” Haugstad said. Tasha Davis of the Clark County Sheriff’s Department was the event’s organizer. “This event is so important

Merger

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“I think the departments have to get to a point that they’re accepting of this concept,” Schmitz said. Schmitz talked about the anonymous survey the Community Services and Social Services department employees were asked to complete. The responses were reviewed and two ‘themes’ were identified, as explained by Sue Voigt, director of Clark County Community Services. The two departments have staff with different expertise and scopes of practice. Staff expressed a concern that merging may blur roles between distinct positions or negatively impact the work

the Community Services and Social Services department employees do. There is an identified need for clear and defined roles and expectations of both leadership and staff. Differences between the departments’ statutes, philosophies and roles have created conflict, frustration and ineffective collaboration at times. There is an identified need for trust building among employees and the development of a strong organizational culture that fosters collaboration and communication. “We know that this is feasible because other companies are doing it,” Shauna O’Keefe said, director of the Clark County Department of Social Services. “How can we do it in a way that is successful and supportive of our community and our staff?” “Other counties have Health and Human Services,” Rueth said. “At this point, this is all we want: to combine these two [departments].” Voigt said she thought Price’s tentative calendar, shifting the merger’s planning into 2024, looked like a good plan. Price wanted to know what the committee was thinking as far as a start date for planning, and suggested February. Rueth

proposed O’Keefe and Voigt meeting with Price every other month without the committee present. Schmitz mentioned the workgroups, later in the agenda, which should start in January. Price said he would not push a starting date further than in March. There was some more hashing out of when things would take place, but no specific dates were set yet, as there were still uncertainties floating about of subjects like figuring out who exactly would be involved with the process. “I’m excited to be able to help,” Price said, “because I think just having the awareness of how systems work and all those types of things [...] and kind of everything that kind of plays into a huge decision like this—from the practice standpoint, from the efficiency standpoint, but certainly from the human element of how this impacts your staff, that’s going to be a big thing.” “I heard the word ‘trust’ pop up. Talking [is] going to be huge as we move forward, because this is such a shift for folks. Things may look very similar and some things may look a lot different. How do we help just kind of prepare folks for the big deal? But I think the insight you all have already [...] is key.”

The community cafes on Price’s agenda were brought up, which Schmitz thought was important. “If we find, along the way,” Schmitz said, “that we might need another round of the community cafes, is that is that something that we can build into this?” Prince confirmed it was. “And when you think about community cafes,” Price said, “you will have [...], let’s just say, three groups and we had a certain set of questions that we’re asking each of those tables. “We’ll definitely get answers to those questions, but then we’ll also be keeping a thing on the side we’ll just call ‘the parking lot’—because I’m sure we’re going to get lots of other kinds of information or folks are going to want to tell us other things, maybe not directly related to the question, because that happens the time—and so then we’ll keep a running list of things like on the side.” O’Keefe asked if there was any information or data Price would need the committee to gather and share with prior to the January meeting. “Whether that’s like our organizational structure or maybe the survey results (or at least a summary of)?” O’Keefe asked. Price said those items would be helpful. Ashley Schmitt, corporation counsel, asked if Price had seen the physical layout of the departments’ offices to see any challenges that might present to the merger. Previous talks of remodeling were also brought up. Price said he, at the end of the process, would be giving recommendations through a comprehensive report. There was the question of bringing this matter to the Clark County Board of Supervisors, who will need to approve this entire matter. It was suggested to give the board midway updates. Rueth wanted an update for the board in June or July, after the April elections but before the 2025 budget talks begin. The committee decided the ad hoc committee would be intermittently involved with the process, in case the merger was having problems or outright not working at all. Voigt and O’Keefe said how the directors have already been talking with their staff and providing informal updates to help soothe concerns. A concern was brought up about this potentially costing the county more money, with the organizational structure still up in the air, merger potentially adding a new layer of organization to oversee the unified Human Services

department. Voigt said the organization of the unified department had yet to be “teased out,” but hoped this will not cost the county more money. Price said the point of the merger is about addressing efficiencies, and could potentially save the county money with positions that would no longer be filled. With citations of Wisconsin law from O’Keefe and Schmitt, the committee was assured that no personnel could be demoted or let go of due to the merger. Positions would just not be filled once vacant due to a transfer, retirement, etc., more akin to “attrition” as opposed to “elimination.” And with any transfers, personnel would need to suffer no loss of seniority or benefits.

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is pretty intense, so I give her a week off, without pay, to get her affairs in order before she starts working shift work. “I will not be filling the vacant full time position at this time. I will be advertising for a full time officer on

or about [July 1, 2024]. My reason for doing so is the police department is razor-thin, and to balance the budget, my only solution is to leave that spot open.” Mankowski reported the 2019 utility squad car will be placed in service soon. The 2013 Dodge Charger is being stripped to be given to Luke Friemoth, director of the Neillsville Public Works Department. Mankowski reported November the first month the NVPD went without a traffic crash. The NVPD’s office had 201 calls for service in November, with 24 reportable incidents (not including four sexual assault reports the Clark County Sheriff’s Department handled for the department). Mankowski also did a confidential investigation for another agency. Guyer continues to work 10 hours a month in Mentor, which will increase to 15 hours Jan. 1. “I would like to say,” Counsell said, “that I really do appreciate the fact that our officers are being trained as well as they are. I don’t think that always happened in the past, so it’s important.”



Edward DuBois/Clark County Press
Jacob Mertz (center) was sworn into the Neillsville Police Department during the Dec. 12 Neillsville Common Council. There to see it were his parents Tanny (left) and Laura (right).

Corrections

In the Dec. 13 issue of The Press, Vol. 157, No. 50, concerning the page 4 press release entitled “Bauernfeind Business Technologies, Marshfield Insurance donate to CART” photo cutline, Barb Petkovsek’s last name was misspelled as “Petkosvek.” Since September, The

Press has published the Jail Bookings as formatted to begin on Fridays, which has caused several weeks’ worth of incorrect dates. While the name of each day was incorrect, the date of each entry was correct. The template has been fixed to begin on Wednesday.

Due to the holiday, the news deadline for the Dec. 27 issue of the Clark County Press is 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20.



Nancy Curtin/Clark County Press
Stephanie (left) and Danni, mom, checked out with Stephanie Beelman (right) at the registers. “This is the first year Stephanie did this,” Danni said. “I did it as a kid myself. It’s a great idea for families to be able to shop for Christmas.” Jake Haugstad (back), Owen’s K-9 officer, looks forward to participating in the event each year.

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Opinion

Winter’s coming...



By Edward DuBois, editor

All of it, all at once. I can sense it! It’s just been too mild so far. You all have been warned!

My wife and I once again went to the Lights in Marshfield to celebrate our “date-iversary.” I’d taken her to the lights for our first date. I made sure to buy us mint hot chocolate again, and this time brought some sugar-cookie trail mix for the car ride through.

After that, we enjoyed the walking path. Just enough snow was on the decorations to give it that Christmas-vibe for us. My wife loved seeing all the little kids, especially some little girl who ran through yelling “Merry Christmas” to everyone.

Clawd did “a naughty” this week. I was leaving to pick my wife up from work, and the little guy decided to knock our Christmas tree over.

How rude!

None of our ornaments

were broken, thankfully, but I was unable to get it picked up and had to do it with my wife when we got home, using up what time we had together before I needed to run off to the Neillsville Common Council.

So, I had to put the little guy in timeout—in the bathroom with his water bowl for a little while (so he has something to drink and a place to do his business). And boy, does he hate that. Hearing him, you’d swear we left him outside when it was -20 outside.

And you know something? It works. He doesn’t do the few things I’ve had to put him in timeout for.

What do I put him in timeout for? Anything that could cause him harm.

He went through a wire-biting phase. Nipped that in the bud with a timeout. He knocked over a bunch of dishes that broke all over the floor, leaving him almost nowhere to jump off the counter without risking slicing open his paws. Hasn’t done that since his timeout. And now, all he does is sniff at the tree when passing by it.

Now, I know this sounds like Clawd is rather naughty, but bear in mind, these all happened over almost a year. So, it’s not that often.

I tried putting him in timeout when he started missing the litter box when going #1, as I initially thought it was Clawd being a cat and getting back at me for something I’d done, like a cry for attention,

especially since he’s done it right after I’ve cleaned his box out, so it’s not like it was too full for him to use (I make sure it’s never too full).

But since it continues to happen, I’ve come to the conclusion the open-top litter box just needs to go in favor of a closed-top one. Hard to miss when none of it gets out, right?

Whenever I release him from our bathroom (a.k.a. the worst place on Earth, apparently), there’s a mandatory lap time, as decreed by the furry toddler. I’ll go to the couch and Clawd will run right over to hop on and climb up onto my chest. This, of course, is the obligatory “That was bad, but I still love you,” make-up time.

And, the way he wants to lay, I have to put my arms under him to cradle him like a baby so he curls up without kneading his claws into my chest.

It’s true what they say: love hurts.

I left one of my winter flannel hoodies on the couch and... well, I can’t wear that until it’s washed. Clawd’s fur is all over it from him using it as a bed.

Also, I apparently fell asleep on my couch with Clawd on my chest and he got off, ate some kibble, then came back over, hopped back on my chest and stayed like that for a while.

He’s just such a cute, good boy.

Outstanding ladies



Submitted photo
Neillsville High School junior Olivia Hahn (left) and senior Macey Dickson (right) were selected as this year’s outstanding females in math and science, an award created by the Society of Women Engineers at Michigan Technological University. The students are chosen by the math and science faculty at their respective high schools.

Invasive species found in Neillsville trees

By Edward DuBois

Luke Friemoth, director of Neillsville Public Works, gave his report to the Commission on Public Works Dec. 12, reporting the finding of the insect pest species emerald ash borer in Neillsville’s trees and the condition of a street grader.

“We’re starting our tree trimming and tree removal of some of the dead boulevard trees and dead park tree,” Friemoth said. “We do notice that we have a few of the [EAB]. We are kind of prioritizing those ones.”

The emerald ash borer is an invasive, destructive wood-boring pest of ash trees not native to the U.S. that was found in Michigan in 2002, and has since been found in 35 other states. It is known for killing living ash trees. The EAB’s natural length is

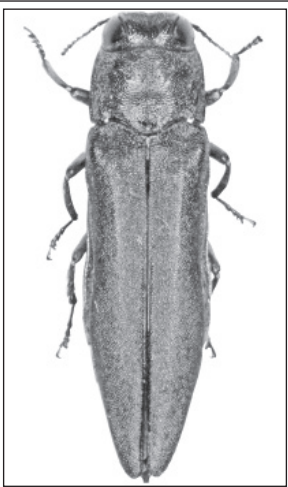
less than the circumference of a penny.

“We have been doing some work on [the] Listeman Park bridges now that the frost’s on the ground,” Friemoth said. “We’ve wrapped up the bridges. We do get one more culvert to put in, but that’ll either have to wait ‘til the spring or, if we get some thawing weather here, we might try and squeak that one in.”

“We’ve also unfortunately been doing some snow removal and some ice removal, as well as some equipment maintenance and getting our Christmas decorating all done.

“In the street department: they’ve been hauling some brush, as well as equipment maintenance. We’re doing some maintenance mostly on our grader right now. There’s a couple of the hydraulic cylinders that have little leaks in them. That is almost done; that should be fixed up and finished up [Dec. 13]. We are now done with the leaf pickup. I have noticed there’s a few little piles here and there. We’ll go and pick those up as we can. [...] And we are sanding and salting the side streets and main roads as needed.

“In the water department: [...] Meter-reading is underway, currently. We are staying up to date on our water main valve exercising, as well.



Submitted photo
Luke Friemoth, director of Neillsville Public Works, reported the street department finding the emerald ash borer in a few Neillsville ash trees in his Dec. 12 report to the Commission on Public Works.

as we’re still getting some locates in. And we’re doing our hydrant inspections and winterizing those, as well.

“The wastewater department: [...] We were having some issues with our wastewater sampler not holding temperature but I think we got that squared away and have that fixed.”

There was no new or old business on the agenda.

Clauses visit Neillsville town square

By June Thompson

Some might say Neillsville’s Christmas Tree Lighting event on Dec. 1 would not be the same without Santa Claus (Rick Thoma) and Mrs. Claus (Bonnie Thoma). Like every year, the Thomas came to the town square, welcoming the community of children, parents, and grandparents.

“[This annual event] allows us to see the same kids and parents year after year,” said Bonnie Thoma. “We like visitors of all ages. I enjoy seeing [Rick] enjoy the kids. He likes talking to them, especially if he knows their names and their parents/grandparents.”

The Thomas, dressed as the Clauses, were brought to the town square by their son, Dallas Thoma, courtesy of the Neillsville Fire Department. The Clauses eagerly greeted kids of all ages.

Rick Thoma began visiting the Neillsville area as Santa in 2006 and Bonnie Thoma accompanied him as Mrs. Claus beginning in 2010.

“The small town allows us to see kids year after year,” said Bonnie Thoma. “Our grandkids used to be our elves until they were older.”

Bonnie Thoma, some could say, could be considered the woman motivating “Santa” to make appearances in Neillsville and surrounding communities.

“I decided he [Rick Thoma] would make a great Santa when we had our first three



Submitted photo
Santa and Mrs. Claus, played by Rick and Bonnie Thoma for many years, shared that they enjoy returning every year to see the youngsters and their parents, watching the kiddos grow up through the years. Every year, they come to Neillsville’s town square to share the Christmas spirit.

grandchildren,” Bonnie Thoma said. “So, I ordered the suit for him.”

The Thomas’ traditional attire is easily recognizable.

“My dress, apron and hat were made by a good friend, Karen “Bird” Koepp,” Bonnie Thoma said. “She did a wonderful job.”

Bonnie Thoma had been quite busy, so Rick Thoma made annual visits to Neillsville alone. But “Mrs. Claus” got caught up on her chores and started accompanying Santa in 2010.

“As ‘Santa’ was visiting Neillsville,” Bonnie Thoma said, “people would ask me why I didn’t visit too as ‘Mrs. Claus.’ I finally did. It made sense.”

As Santa, Rick Thoma meets countless children every year. During the Christmas Tree Lighting, the Thomas gave out 100 candy canes to kids.

“I ask the kids what they want for Christmas,” said Rick Thoma. “The kids smile at me; some are scared of me. One kid said, ‘You can leave me a blank check.’”

“Kids want unicorns this year,” said Bonnie Thoma.

The Thomas never know how many children they will

see every year.

“Some kids see me every year,” said Rick Thoma. “The youngest was a two-week-old baby.”

The Thomas gave candy canes, and sometimes, the pair received letters and cookies. Their photos were taken often.

The Thomas have children and grandchildren.

“They don’t tell the other kids [about us],” Rick Thoma said.

The Thomas have had children ask them questions about where their reindeer are.

“I told the kids I left [the reindeer] at the airport and borrowed a pickup truck,” said Rick Thoma. “Tell little kids anything; they’ll believe you.”

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Neillsville council considers turning basement into play area

By Edward DuBois

The Neillsville Common Council met Dec. 12 to review the polling place officials for 2024-25 and listen to a proposal for a toddler/child play program from Jessica Brown, the Neillsville Recreation Department director. All councilmembers were present.

The council's first order of new business was to review the nomination list for the polling place officials and deputies for 2024-25. Jana Marden, Janice Mayer, Gayle Vante, Kathy Brugger, Denise Clough, Greg Glisczinski, Carol Harnish, Marty Hartung, Brent Shoup, Sharon Bjerke, Natalie Erpenbach, Mary Nauertz, Margaret Gelhaus, Lynda Hilliard and Karen Venne were all nominated to be officials. Kay Anason and Debbie Tlusty were nominated to be deputies.

The officials and deputies will carry two-year terms of office, both effective Jan. 1, 2024 to Dec. 31, 2025.

William Neville, councilmember, motioned to accept the nominations and Julie Counsell, councilmember, seconded it, and the motion carried unanimously.

The council discussed the use of city hall's basement for the toddler/child play program.

"So, the toddler/child play program is a new program," Brown said, "that I'd like to offer at the recreation department. That's where the \$10,000 from the Listeman Foundation came from—is to buy equipment for that program.

"What my vision is for that program—and that I explained to the Parks and [Recreation] Committee—is to use the basement, hopefully, because it's a nice area. It's heated, carpeted and it's contained. I walked through with [Rex Roehl, city clerk-treasurer] and we can change the locks on a couple of the doors; turn them around so that nobody is able to access any other parts of the building except for the big conference room down there and the kitchen.

"And we're not going to use any of the kitchen appliances, but use that space. And what I want to do down there is have tunnels and a little ball pit and different games, interactive dress up play, things like that for our toddlers and children (I'm thinking [six years of age] and under).

"So, the money from the Listeman fund would be used to buy equipment through a playground company, so that it would last over the years. And I'd like to have it down there so I could store it and not have to move it.

"If I have it at the school, I have to find storage and I have to get things that I can put away and bring out every time. When I host the program here, I would be the one here supervising it as well, so it would be for parents to bring their kids. It wouldn't be a drop-off-your-kids-and-leave. Parents would stay with their kids and

I would be here supervising it as well. So, that's what I'm envisioning and hoping to use the basement for."

Brown later explained the purposed of the parents remaining with their children would be to engage with their children and with other children. This is not a new type of daycare.

"Didn't we used to have a program similar to that back in the day?" Duane Poeschel asked, mayor.

"Yes," Brown said. "So, there was a program similar to that. [Heather Davel-Langreck] ran it. She ran it at the school back when the elementary gym had a stage and a storage area. That's not there anymore. So, there is no more storage there and all of that equipment was her personal equipment. So, that went when she moved. So, that's why I wrote the grant for Listeman in and got the money to purchase things and do that same thing here, but I'd like it to be more of a permanent space so it doesn't have to be taken down and we could get nicer equipment that way."

"That makes sense to me," Poeschel said. "And I know when you interviewed for the

job, you talked about bringing on new programs for different groups of people."

"I think that's one of the areas that the [recreation] department is lacking in," Brown said, "is programs for small children. We have swimming lessons, but that's kind of it. We target the adult population and then school-aged kids. But I think that looking for something for little kids to do and, especially in the colder months, would be really helpful to our community."

Counsell asked if a price would be charged for this program, and Brown conformed there would be a fee. Counsell asked Roehl if the city's insurance company, League of Wisconsin Municipal Mutual Insurance Company, to ensure there was no legal issue with the proposal. Roehl confirmed he had contacted the company, and they were "okay" with it. Brown had also contacted the company.

Barb Petkovsek, councilmember, motioned to approve using the basement in city hall for the toddler/child play program. Dan Clough, councilmember, seconded it, and the motion carried unanimously.

Forestry and Parks gives update on Clark County trails

The Clark County Forestry and Parks Department announced, effective as of Dec. 15, all snowmobile and ATV trails, including those located on Clark County public lands, remained closed until the county reaches favorable winter riding conditions. The Forestry and Parks Department will continue to monitor temperatures and conditions and will update as they change.

UTVs are not allowed on any Clark County winter ATV trails Nov. 1–May 14. This includes public and private land trails.

Knobby Ridge Motorcycle trails opened for the winter Dec. 15.

Clark County trails are subject to periodic closure; for updates on recent closures and/or openings, contact the Forestry and Parks Department at 715-743-5140, or visit the county website at clarkcountywi.gov for more information on our trail system.

The Bruce Mound Winter Sports Area did open Dec.

16 as scheduled. The new tentative opening day will be Friday, Dec. 22, 5 p.m.–10 p.m. if conditions allow.

Bruce Mound will be open on Saturday, Dec. 23, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., but only if conditions are favorable. Although snow is expected, current forecasted temperatures are not in favor for opening the winter recreation area at this time.

Please visit the Bruce Mound Winter Sports Area website at clarkcountywi.gov/brucemound for more information.

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group based in Illinois.

The Marshfield Clinic Crafters for a Cause donated 150 crocheted-top dish towels that were included in the mom gift bags.

Another volunteer enjoyed searching for great bargains for books for the children.

"I have a lady who loves to shop that uses her Kohls cash and coupons to shop for the needed items," said Schilling.

As the holiday season approached, Schilling ramped up her efforts, starting with the names from last year's families who were sent forms to be completed and returned for the new year.

The families shared the names, ages and what clothes sizes were needed for the children. That information was placed on the tags that are hung on the trees that are located at banks, companies and retail businesses in several communities.

In early November, Schilling preordered all the food needed from Russell's of Neillsville.

The week before Thanksgiving, the organizing began hauling everything out of storage to be taken to the church for set up. Neillsville's United Church of Christ allowed CAP to 'take over' the church basement for three weeks each year to accomplish its mission.

Jim Schilling and Mike Perkol, project volunteers, set up the donation boxes.

Larry and Cathy Marshall, volunteer drivers, travel to various locations collecting all the donations.

Over the course of the three weeks, volunteers gather many evenings for sorting, selecting and wrapping gifts.

Different youth organizations take advantage of this opportunity to fulfill volunteer hours.

While the volunteers were busy working, local establishments and clubs made sure they did not go hungry. Subway donated a sub platter to feed the group one evening. The Optimist Club provided dinner and stayed to help wrap on another night. Mary Sladich, former Aging and Disability Resource

Center of Clark County director, cooked for the crew one evening.

By Dec. 10, all deliveries were made, everything was cleaned up and ready to put back in storage.

Schilling estimated there were 50 to 75 volunteers supporting the cause.

The funding needed to support the efforts of the CAP came from the generosity of nearly 40 businesses throughout Clark,

Taylor and Wood counties. Schilling noted, many times, individuals would hand her \$20 or \$50 in cash.

"It's awesome," Schilling said. "Listeman and other service organizations are always so generous to us. I need to stress the communities are very generous."

Over 90 families were served by the generosity shown by so many individuals and businesses.



Nancy Curtin/Clark County Press
Sarah Seif adds a grocery bag to the growing collection. Once the bags were filled, they were set aside in another room, into three different sections, to distribute Dec. 10.

Neillsville Middle School concert Thursday evening

The Neillsville Middle/High School band, under the direction of Jeremy La Mont, will perform Thursday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Neillsville High School auditorium.

Clark County Humane Society's Pet of the Week

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Preparing for Christmas



As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, many of us will be preparing to travel, or preparing our homes to welcome loved ones. This parallels what Christmas celebrates, for Jesus’ family, Mary and Joseph, were also undertaking a journey, one with unexpected complications. Recall that when Mary and Joseph found no room in the Inn on the eve of Jesus’ birth, Mary was forced to give birth in a field, after which she wrapped Jesus in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, which is a feeding trough for domesticated animals. The hay that Jesus was laid upon was fodder for sheep or cattle, and although we usually picture the manger as made of wood, in Biblical times mangers were more often made from clay mixed with straw or from stones held together with mud. It is hard to imagine the modern equivalent of this, but it was probably more like giving birth in the open and then placing the newborn in a wheelbarrow rather than being born in a barn or even a shed. As we consider this, we really ought to consider opening our hearts and homes (and our wallets) to the homeless, as this is precisely what Jesus’ family was at this time. “Homeless” or “unhoused” or however we choose to describe them, they had nothing but the clothes on their backs, and even the swaddling cloths which Mary wrapped him in were probably borrowed from the shepherds, who used strips of cloths to wrap the lambs. It is interesting to consider how this family would be treated today in similar circumstances. Would they be helped, or would they be arrested for trespassing, or perhaps referred to a social services agency? As we prepare for Christmas, consider reaching out to the least fortunate among us. This can be as simple as buying a sandwich for someone or giving a nice tip to a service worker, or perhaps helping someone with their luggage on public transportation. *Christopher Simon*

“Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.” Proverbs 19:17 NIV

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Sun. - 10:00 a.m. Mass

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Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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10:30 a.m. Worship Service, Christie.

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7:30 p.m. Evening Service

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Rev. Dan Zimmerman
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8 a.m. Sunday Service
September - May
7 p.m. Saturday Service
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10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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Obituaries

ELAINE R. SEEFELDT



Elaine R. (Helm) Seefeldt, 99, of Chippewa Falls peacefully left this life for eternity in heaven Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023, at Our House Assisted Living in Chippewa Falls. Family was by her side and she was under the care of St. Joseph's Hospice.

She was born July 25, 1924, to Henry and Clara (Garbisch) Helm in Granton, WI.

On March 3, 1946, she married Philmore "Sam" Seefeldt. They were married for over 60 years, until his death Jan. 15, 2007.

Elaine and Sam started farming in Chili after they were married. They moved to Black River Falls in 1948, then to Alma Center. They settled in Melrose in 1958, where they purchased a farm that they operated until retiring to Chippewa Falls in 1996. They enjoyed square dancing every weekend and they always encouraged their kids to participate in school activities.

Besides being a farmer's wife, Elaine held many positions over the years. She worked at a Ben Franklin Store, as a waitress and a book-keeper. She was extremely active in community projects and organizations such as the ladies aid, Red Hat Soci-

ety, Jackson and Chippewa County Homemakers for 50 years and 4-H. If she saw something that needed doing, or a group that wasn't nearby, she started one... always with a smile. Elaine loved being around family and was a natural organizer and unifier.

Elaine is survived by her son, Randy (Susan) Seefeldt of San Diego, CA; daughters, Kathie (John) Colbert of Madison, WI, and Linda (Mike) Balsiger of Chippewa Falls; 11 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; brothers, Donald Helm and Roger (Caroline) Helm; and many other nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and granddaughter, Diane Reyes.

Our family would like to express sincere gratitude to the staff of Our House Assisted Living and St. Joseph's Hospice for the excellent care that mom received.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, at Pederson-Volker Funeral Chapel, Chippewa Falls, with Rev. Philip Pitt officiating. Visitation began at 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Interment will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery in Granton, WI.

"May your life be a bold adventure, may your days be filled with gales of laughter, and may you love, Bodaciously!"

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to your local 4-H Youth Group.

Pederson-Volker Funeral Chapel & Cremation Services, Chippewa Falls is serving the family. Please share your memories and condolences online at pedersonvolker.com



Danny Marg, 63, of Neillsville, WI, passed away at his home Dec. 17, 2023, surrounded by his wife, children and grandchildren. Born in Neillsville Sept. 16, 1960 to Duane (Jim) and Rhoena Marg, he graduated from Granton High School in 1979. Not long after graduation, he moved to Casper, WY, to

find work. This proved to be a fortuitous move, since it led him to meet the love of his life, when he led a Wyoming steel construction crew in building the new Pioneer Seed corn plant in Mt. Pleasant, IA, where Debra Harris lived. Deb followed Dan to Minneapolis, and together, they came to Wisconsin to help his dad harvest crops that year. Since Autumn was conceived during that time, we heard one of his Dad's famous "Jimisms"... "you know Son, when you plant corn, you usually only plant a seed at a time, not the whole cob." He was also heard to say "Son, your ass is grass and that girl is the lawnmower." Dan had a similar way with words.

They were married in Granton, WI, March 16, 1985. While living in Minnesota,

Deb heard Dan say every day after fighting Twin Cities traffic, "If we lived in Wisconsin" until finally Deb said, "Let's just move to Wisconsin," and they have proudly called the Granton/Neillsville area their home since 1988. Dan was very proud of the life he and Deb built and the love they shared. Soulmates, Dan had "sympathy symptoms" when Deb's pregnancy had her experiencing dizziness and poor Dan was working on rooftops. Likewise, when Dan had a respiratory crisis, Deb experienced inability to breathe, long enough to wake her up to rescue Dan, but gone as soon as she woke up. They could finish each other's sentences and often had same thoughts.

At the heart of Dan's life were his children, Autumn Marg and Adam (Sarah) Marg, of whom he was a very proud Papa, as well as grandchildren, Amanda Wegenke, Kady Marg, Cameron Wegenke and Liam Marg, for whom he reveled in their accomplishments. Several years ago, he was pleased to reconnect with the child he had always considered his daughter, Nadeen Gardner. His most treasured times were spent in the outdoors, fishing or hunting with his family and passing along wisdom to them at the same time. Always learning, Dan's love and knowledge of the outdoors, animals and nature were incredible.

Dan worked at numerous construction jobs and created self-employed adventures, including Archery Park and ActionTrax ATV & Campground, where he worked hard, long hours to create 31 campsites and an ATV hare scramble track, proud that his dad helped him every day to complete the project, even while fighting cancer himself. They grew close during this time. One of Dan's most successful ventures was as owner/operator of Central State Chimney Specialists, which he built from the ground up, after getting specialized training at Southwestern Technical College in Pipestone, MN. Some of the finest fireplaces in the area, have his mark of craftsmanship. He also constructed and created blueprints (in his mind) of two homes for his family. Whenever he thought of building or remodeling something and explained it

to Deb, she would ask him to draw it out so she could understand his vision.

Dan was a born creator who could see beauty in the most mundane things. Always seeing ways to improve a process, project or recipe, he would often say that if this or that would be added (or subtracted), it would be better, a trait not appreciated by his wife regarding her cooking.

He created numerous pieces of art, yard creations, furniture, you name it, made from metal, trees and logs, as well as rocks. Oh, did he love rocks! The home he shared and created for his wife overlooking the creek he grew up playing on was surrounded with rock beds showcasing all the heart-shaped rocks he found on the property... they are everywhere! Hunting Geodes on Deb's grandma's property in south east Iowa, he once carried a stuffed and terribly heavy backpack full of rocks while also balancing a huge boulder on his head as we hiked back to the car. The whole family was loaded down with Geodes that day, taking his newly found treasures home. Signs and reminders of his love are everywhere on the property.

Dan is also survived by his mother, Rhoena Marg of Granton, WI; sisters Ruth Marg-Patton, Susan (Colin) Conn, Sherie Marg and Melissa (Bill) Hines; brother David (Karen) Marg; sister-in-law Connie (Craig) Ross; brothers-in-law Andy (Jacki) Harris and George Harris; and all the nieces/nephews and grands.

LORENA MAE WEBER



Lorena Mae Weber, 95, of Neillsville, WI, died Friday, Dec. 15, 2023, at the Neillsville Retirement Community in Neillsville, WI.

Lorena Mae Griffin was born Dec. 9, 1928, in Flint, MI, the daughter of William and Leah (Ogden) Griffin. She graduated from Dye High School in Flint in 1946 and then was united in marriage to Alexander Weber May 23, 1947, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Flint, MI. After they were married, Mae stayed home and raised their family. When the children were older, she went to work, for many years, as a sales clerk in the fabric department of Hudson's Department Store. Her husband, Alexander, died in 2005, and Mae moved to Neillsville in 2018 after the death of her son, Mark.

Mae was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Durand, MI, until moving to Neillsville. She then became of member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church. Mae loved her Savior, and she showed that to her children.

She loved to travel and had visited 49 of the 50 states. The only state she didn't get to visit was little New Jersey. She loved chocolate and sewing.

She was a great seamstress, making many of her and her family's clothes. She was a terrific baker, and she loved cooking. In her younger years, dinner with her family was always at her house every Sunday.

She is survived by six children, Marlene Brown of Swartz Creek, MI, Sharon (Melvin) Nemitz of Neillsville, WI, Leah Vankeuern of Grand Blanc, MI, Bill (Jenny) Weber of Durand, MI, John (Michelle) Weber of Swartz Creek, MI, and Teresa (Myron) Muter of Port Hope, MI. Mae is further survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Alexander; her son, Mark; an infant grandson, a great-grandson; and a son-in-law, Dave Brown.

Mae's family would like to thank Betty Nemitz for visiting Mae and decorating her room; Effie Sytsma for the friendship she showed Mae; Tammy and her staff at the Neillsville Retirement Community; and Compassus Hospice Care for the wonderful care they provided.

Funeral services for Mae were held at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023, at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Neillsville. Pastor Timothy Biebert officiated. Music was provided by Judy Trunkel, organist. Visitation was from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Online Condolences may be made at www.geschefh.com.

The Gesche Funeral Home is assisting Mae's family with funeral arrangements.

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Dan is predeceased by his father, Duane (Jim) Marg; brother-in-law John Marg-Patton; and in-laws Lloyd and Oneta Harris.

The family will receive visitors from 9-11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 22, at the American Legion Post 73, Neillsville, WI. Services will be held in the same location at 11 a.m. Dan's cousin, Rev. Bob Garbisch, will officiate.

The family thanks his respiratory therapists who were godsend to him: Kerri, Nicole and Rachel, as well as nurses Breanna and Lori of St. Croix Hospice for their caring and devotion in making him (and his family) comfortable in his final hours. Also, thanks to Gesche Funeral Home and Cremation Society of Wisconsin for their caring support for Dan and family.

In Sympathy

For Goodness' Sake

The following are some of the needs and volunteer opportunities in the area this week:

Local food pantries need donations.

A hospital bed and medical scooter are available for use.

Bell ringers are needed for the Salvation Army.

A bed is needed from anyone who could spare one.

Anyone who is able to offer

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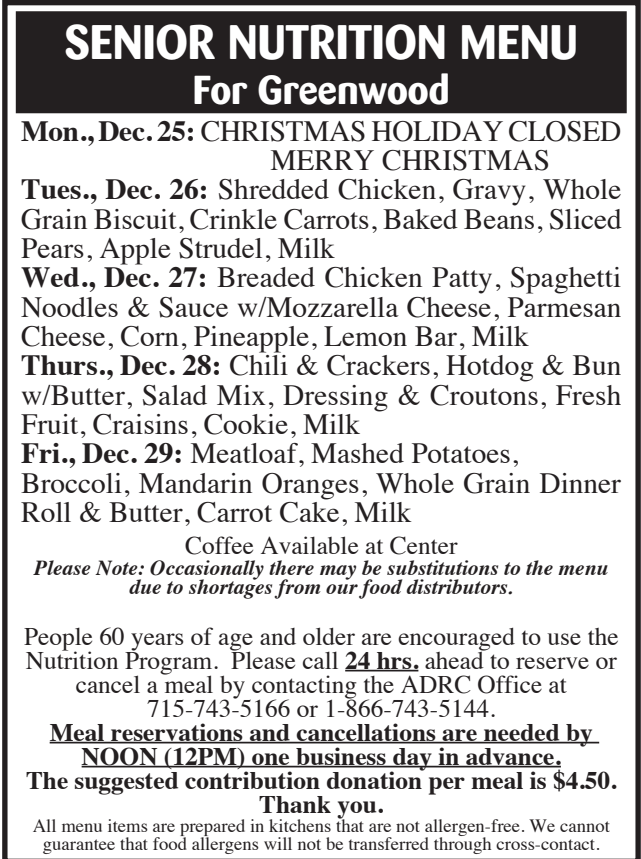
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Obituaries



ORLIN CLAYTON NALL



Orlin Clayton Nall, 84, passed away Dec. 15, 2023,

in Marietta, GA. He was born in a farmhouse just south of Spencer, WI, to Orville and Alma Nall Jan. 9, 1939. After graduating from Spencer High School, he joined the Navy and served from 1958 to 1960. He later married and had three daughters, Jayne (Jeff) Handt of Granton, WI, Kim (Keith) Collins of Canton, GA, Patti (Scott) Shirley of Bradenton, FL. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren and 16 great-

grandchildren; also a sister, Evelyn (Burt) Halfacre of Oconomowoc, WI; and many nieces and a nephew. He was proceeded in death by his parents and a brother, Lorrin Nall, and sister-in-law, Bettye Nall of Spencer WI. There will be an interment in Georgia National Military Cemetery and a celebration of life in the spring of 2024 in Wisconsin.

Granton Gab



By Ann Ziegler
You just wouldn't believe that we are past the middle of December and are still having temperatures in the 40s, as predicted for the end of this week. Rain is expected on and off during the week. We did have a dusting of snow fall Sunday night and Monday morning. It felt like winter as the temperature dropped to a wind chill of single digits. But that light snow won't last too

long and rain is predicted to fall on Christmas. Nobody should complain about having to shovel snow this coming holiday season! Granton Schools Christmas/winter break will run from Dec. 25, 2023, through Jan. 1, 2024. I hope all students, faculty and support staff have a wonderful holiday break. Birthdays this week begin Dec. 24 with celebrants being Dominick Johnson, Karcyn Schmitz, Amy Strey and Samantha Happe. Christmas Day (Dec. 25) birthdays belong to Andy Vanderwerff and Jim Walter. Derrick Dix, Brianna Johnson, Liam Hoerneman and Kim Lynn share Dec. 26 birthdays, while those I have for Dec. 27 are Wayne Stone and Jamie Henaman. Sharing Dec. 28 birthdays are Danielle (Nell) Eichten, Jesse Rowe, Parker Schroeder, Tyler Lynn, Barb

Hildebrandt, Trace Bigelow and Keith Clemens. Rachel Jicinsky, DeeDee Weyer, Charlie Nickel, Russell Steinbach and Sabrina Weyer have Dec. 29 as their special day. Those with Dec. 30 birthdays include Kathy Boyer, Jeff Lindow, Dave Meissner, Connie Jonett and Janell Walter. End of the year, Dec. 31, birthday celebrants are Weston Vine, Elsie Canfield, Deanna Ritter, Hutchinson Hoesly and Tonia Anderson-Ruskin. Happy birthday to all these people. Quote for the week: "Merry Christmas to each and every one of you!" That's all for this time. I hope everyone has a absolutely wonderful Christmas week. Enjoy making cherished memories with family and friends this holiday season. God's blessings to all and Merry Christmas!

Due to the holiday, the news deadline for the Dec. 27 issue of the Clark County Press is Wednesday, Dec. 20.

Neillsville News



By Nancy Curtin
Happy Wednesday! Can you believe there are only 11 days left until the new year? Wow! 2024 is a leap year and an election year. I'm not sure if I'm ready for either.

Tomorrow is the winter solstice, bringing us more daylight hours. We should experience an additional two minutes and seven seconds of daylight per day. I look forward to daylight by 6 a.m. and darkness waiting to set in after 8 p.m. Chase and I were victims of the "crud" going around. I'm thankful I was able to work through it last Wednesday since it was a deadline day, and I was fairly busy with getting all my ads approved. I'm not going to lie, I did bare minimum on Thursday and Friday, as I could barely function. When I get these nasty head colds, they wipe me out. I was hopeful Chase wouldn't catch anything since I tried to keep distance from him. No such luck. He woke up Saturday with the "crud," poor kid. (It's Monday at the time of writing this, and we are both on the mend).

My deepest condolences to the Marg family. Danny "Papa Smurf" Marg will be missed by many. Birthday wishes go out to Julianne Pekol, Craig Kallian, Amy Thoma, Dana Dhaseleer, Lexi Brecht, Regina Sebesta, Marc Lindgren, Harper Ruzic, Jordyn Knudsen, Ed Horvat, Mac Simek, Raelynn Gottschalk, Wendell Ziegler, Pat Dickerson, Doug Opelt, Jeremy Springer, Natalie Erpenbach, Chloe Hazen, Owen Mankovsky, Lynette Mueller, Cohen Elflein, Kathy Gurney, Tyson McDonald, Todd Eisfeldt, Jenny Chadwick,

Rose Tibbett, Tiffinee Tesmer, Kevin Brugger, Amanda Eddy, Emerson Schoengarth, Sally Smith, Larry Osegard, Will Prosser and a special birthday shout out to my aunt Rita Crothers and my son Chase, who turns 21 on Saturday! Wishing all of you another year filled with joy, happiness and wonderful memories. Anniversary wishes this week to Debra and Al Mohr, Frank and Alyssa Schmidt, and Bob and Kim Twesme. May these couples have many wonderful years together.

This week in history: On Dec. 17, 1991, after a long meeting between Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and President of the Russian Federation Boris Yeltsin, a spokesman for Yeltsin announced that the Soviet Union would officially cease to exist on or before New Year's Eve. Yeltsin declared that, "There will be no more red flag." It was a rather anti-climactic culmination of events leading toward the dismantling of the Soviet Union. On Dec. 21, 1970, rock star Elvis Presley was greeted at the White House by President Richard M. Nixon. Presley's visit was not just a social call: he wanted to meet Nixon in order to offer his services in the government's war on drugs. Nixon never extended an official position to Presley in his administration's war on drugs.

Christmas Trivia: The three traditional colors of most Christmas decorations are red, green and gold. Red symbolizes the blood of Christ, green

symbolizes life and rebirth, and gold represents light, royalty and wealth. Other fun facts are each year more than 3 billion Christmas cards are sent in the U.S. alone and nearly 28 Lego sets are sold per second during the Christmas season. "Jingle Bells," written by James Lord Pierpont, was originally published under the name "One Horse Open Sleigh" in the 19th century. The song was never meant to be about Christmas, or any holiday, for that matter. Fun Fact: "Silver Bells" and "Silent Night" are my favorite Christmas songs. The holiday is almost upon us and many businesses are offering varied business hours to accommodate time with family over Christmas. The American Legion is offering a Christmas Buffet Friday, Dec. 22, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Fish is included. No regular menu. The Belvedere Supper Club, north of Marshfield, is offering Christmas Eve Brunch, Sunday, Dec. 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The 21st Annual Community Christmas Dinner hosted by the York Center United Methodist Church on CTH K, Granton, will be Monday, Dec. 25, from noon until gone. Goodwill offerings are appreciated. Carry-outs available. "The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear."—Will Ferrell, "Elf." Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas!

College notes

Emily Susa of Greenwood was awarded a bachelors in science degree in law enforcement by Minnesota State University, Mankato. Mid-State Technical College's fall 2023 graduates were recognized during the College's biannual commencement ceremony on the Wisconsin Rapids Campus, Dec. 9. Seven graduates were from

Clark County. Those graduates were Kyla Reischel, of Abbotsford, emergency medical technician; Josie Jakel of Curtiss, nursing; Emily Burich, Brook Ratsch of Granton, emergency medical technician; Sierra Myers of Greenwood, phlebotomy technician; Lauren Koopman of Loyal, nursing; and Samantha Fuehrer of Owen, nursing.

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Hardees franchise closes three locations

By Nancy Curtin

After deliberation, Dave Droste, Neillsville Hardees franchise owner, posted signs in his three locations informing customers Nov. 14 would be the last day of business.

News of the closure spread through word of mouth and social media.

Dave Droste, owner/operator of Cougar Enterprises doing business as Hardee’s, operated three Hardee’s Restaurants located in Neillsville, Colby and Medford.

Prior to ownership, Droste was director of operations for the same three locations, making the transition into operating the business seamless.

“Financing was somewhat difficult,” Droste said. “However, I attracted investors to purchase two of the buildings, enabling me to better finance the business portion.”

Through the years, the food industry experienced many technological advances. Operating businesses in smaller towns such as Neillsville, Colby and Medford, the technological impact hindered profitability instead of promoting it.

“I had to install a new point of sale [POS] system which was able to handle mobile ordering and third-party delivery (i.e. UberEATS and Door Dash),” Droste said, “even though the small towns the size of Neillsville [have] no third-party delivery.”

Droste also stated the new POS system was not as robust as the former system causing his stores to “go backwards in terms of cost controllability.”

Another setback experienced with the new POS was the loss of cost-effective remote access, essentially hindering productivity.

“Overall, I would say new technology has actually hurt small business profitability,” said Droste.

Then, in 2020, the pandemic hit, negatively impacting many small business owners.

“Cost of product has escalated exponentially,” Droste said. “In previous times, a restaurateur was able to increase their menu prices without negatively affecting [their] guest counts. This is no longer true.

“If I had actually raised my prices to compensate for the rise in my cost, I would lose all of my guests, especially in a cost-conscious market like Neillsville. In the last three

years, whenever I did raise my prices slightly to only cover a little of the product cost increase, I would lose guests.”

“Then, at the end of 2020 to early 2021, it was not only the cost of food to consider, but the rising cost of goods, (i.e. paper, cleaning supplies and other operating supplies).

“By late 2021, almost all costs started to rise uncontrollably. The cost of CO2 has tripled. Hourly rates for contractors for repairs has doubled. The cost for equipment to repair items has increased between 50–100%.”

At the beginning of the pandemic, Droste noted his sales dropped 35% which was “extremely unsustainable.” Toward the end of 2020, sales nearly returned to normal. However, by then, product and labor costs increased 20–30%.

“So, in order to maintain the same [level], Droste said, “profitability had to be positive 15–20%, which did not and could not happen.

“The overreaching policies that were put in place supposedly due to COVID-19 have seriously damaged small business.

“Since I was no longer able to be profitable because of my debt structure and the

lack of profitability from poor COVID-19 policy, I decided it would be best to attempt to sell the business to keep the employees employed. I went through numerous potential buyers over the last one to two years and, at the end of the day, was not able to put a transfer together that the franchisor and buyer would accept. So, I was forced to close down all three restaurants.

“It is very unfortunate that this relationship had to come to an end. It is even more extremely unfortunate that 75 people had to lose their jobs because of the state of the economy.”

“It’s so sad,” said Tom Opelt of Neillsville. “Our hangout place for the ‘local news’ in the morning is gone. [I] hope something can come in here. You get to know the employees and they’re all friendly. I wish them all the best.”

“I’m going to miss all the customers and people I worked with,” said Julie Dayton, Neillsville store manager. “It was a great 35 years being here and, sadly, it came to an end.”

Droste is of retirement age. “It’s too late for me to start over,” Droste said.

Droste looks forward to doing some small business consulting or bookkeeping, in addition to some charity work or fundraising for the



Nancy Curtin/Clark County Press
Dave Droste (left), owner, owned three Hardee’s locations—Neillsville, Colby and Medford—and Julie Dayton managed the Hardee’s store in Neillsville for 35 years.

NTF groups.

“I would like to thank the communities for supporting us,” Droste said, “and, in return, we tried out best to support the community in any way we could.”

Sheila Nyberg, Clark County Economic Development Corporation

and Tourism Bureau (CCEDC) executive director, reached out to Droste upon learning the closure of his three locations to offer the employees any assistance needed to secure other employment, job retraining or any other services the CCEDC could provide.

Honoring loved ones with ‘Lights of Love’

MMC Partners hosted its annual Lights of Love ceremony, a time to remember and honor loved ones with a little light. Donations for each light were accepted in November.

The significance of each color is white for ‘in memory of,’ green for ‘in honor of,’ blue for ‘in prayerful concern for’ and red for veterans or active military.

A crowd gathered for the lighting of candles, a prayer from Pastor Doug Bjerke and the singing of “Silent Night” by everyone. Mary Hartung, MMC-Partners president, gave a little speech about the program and its significance and shared a moment of gratitude to those who donated in honor of someone and the organizations who donated supplies, snacks and refreshments.

Funds received through the Lights of Love program are used to sponsor the MMC Partners-Neillsville Scholarship program. Scholarships totaling \$3,000 or more are awarded to high school students each year to Neillsville, Granton and Greenwood area schools.

MMC Partners feel, by making a commitment to help students enter the field

of healthcare, they will ensure a quality workforce for the health care needs of the future. In this way, the money people give to remember or honor their loved ones today will keep giving, providing trained healthcare workers for their loved ones in the future.

The Vine family donated two trees in memory of parents Gordon and Fairy Vine. Steve Knoop donated a tree in memory of parents Bob

and Rose Knoop. Neillsville Lion’s Club donated a tree in memory of members. Donations from the Listeman Foundation, Thrivent Financial and Hansen’s IGA helped make the event a success.

The trees will remain lit at Marshfield Medical Center-Neillsville during the Christmas season.

Nancy Curtin contributed to this article.

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December 22, 1938

City’s newest ordinance violated by 19 motorists

Nineteen tickets charging violation of the city’s newest ordinance were passed out last night by Patrolman George Cramer. The ordinance prohibits parking on city streets from 1 a.m. until 5:30 a.m. from November through April, and was passed to clear the streets for snow removal work. City alderman, in passing the ordinance, expressed the desire that it be enforced only when snow removal operations were necessary. Police Chief Fred A. Rossman this morning said the 19 tickets were given out as a “warning,” and that prosecution would not be pressed.

Interest in “Baby Derby” high, captures fancy of countryside; ask cooperation

Merchants offer gifts to first baby born in New Year Who will be “Master (or Miss) 1939?” Whoever he may be, plenty of gifts will be waiting for him and his parents. The Neillsville merchants and The Clark County Press will see to that.

For, the first baby born after the stroke of midnight, on January 1, will be crowned King—winner of the “Baby Derby.” One of the first events of its kind ever staged in this section of the country.

Who? Who? Who? That is the question residents the countryside over are asking themselves. Who will be the baby to typify the spirit of the new year—the spirit of good will and a fresh start.

Since the announcement of the Baby Derby in The Press last week, the fancy of the countryside has been captured. Everybody is wondering—waiting to learn—who will be the first baby born in the southern five tiers of townships in Clark County.

What will it mean to the baby, himself, and to his parents? The Clark County Press, sponsors of the Baby Derby, started the ball rolling last week with the offer of a year’s subscription to The Press. Now merchants advertising in The Press have caught the spirit of the Baby Derby and are rallying around to make the event—the birth of Master 1939—the county’s most important birth of the year.

They are offering appropriate gifts from their stocks of merchandise. Naturally, some advertisers’ businesses are such that their merchandise will not fit a baby’s needs. Witness garages and gasoline service stations, for example. What use could a baby have for five gallons of gasoline or a set of bumper guards?

December 23, 1948

What’s in a name? The Hubings know British throne’s heir could not have fared better, three brothers agree

The Hubing brothers of Neillsville were high in approval last week of the name given the new heir to the British throne.

It’s odd, to be sure, that people here in Neillsville, Wisconsin, U.S.A., would give two hoots down an empty rain barrel what Princess Elizabeth named her scion.

But, not so. Consider the names by which the baby was christened last week:

Charles Philip Arthur George.

Consider the names of the Hubing brothers:

Charles, Arthur and George.

Henry, the fourth Hubing, was sort of by-passed in the deal; but he probably doesn’t mind too much.

After all, the father, Prince Philip, ought to have a little recognition. And anyway, the name Henry hasn’t been too popular with the ruling English families since the eighth one by that name.

At least three of the Hubings are certain the baby prince has a good start toward success. After all, he bears three illustrious names.

Company gets rabbit feed; but now it’s who pays that counts

The Service Company ate rabbit plenty at its Christmas party after drill Monday night—but the question of who will pay the shot for the party is still much a topic for discussion.

The company was divided into two teams for the rabbit hunt of Sunday. The winning team—the one which brought back the most rabbits—was to get everything that went with the feed for free.

Lt. Heron VanGorden headed one team; Lt. Clarence DeCrember headed the other. And when the hunt was over, there were 35 rabbits. Lt. VanGorden claimed his team brought in 20, and therefore was the victor.

Lt. Decremmer, however, disputes the claim. It is understood that his contention is based on the fact that at least one man belonging to his team accompanied the VanGorden team. The man brought in three rabbits.

If this be true, Lt. DeCremmer’s team will claim an 18 to 17 victory.

And, should that happen, Lt. VanGorden probably will be requested by his team to foot the bill. VanGorden, it seems, lost one rabbit which was entrusted to him. That one would have tied the score.

A few of the Service company officers recall the instructions of the colonel

The Good Old Days





to “have a Christmas party and send the bill to me.”

The argument over who actually won the rabbit hunt probably will go on to such lengths that the colonel will, finally get the bill.

However much contention might arise over the victors of the hunt, none at all will be made about the feed itself. The unanimous decision was that it was delectable. Presiding over the hit field range in the V.F.W hall were: Harold (Suicide) Mohr, Eugene Diercks, Tom Flynn and Claude Ayers.

The regular drill session, which preceded the rabbit feed and Christmas party, saw 13 men started on their way to becoming members of the company. All have completed physical examinations satisfactorily and are expected to take the oath at next Monday’s drill.

December 19, 1968



Miss Linda Graves

Neillsville girls to be included in student register

Miss Linda Jean Graves of Neillsville has been selected for inclusion in the 1968-69 edition of “Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.”

The directory has been published since 1934 and carries names of students whose academic standing, service to the community, leadership in extra-curricular activities and future potential are above average.

Miss Graves, daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Graves, Neillsville, is expected to graduates from the Wisconsin State University—River Falls next June.

St. Mary’s packs 3,000 pounds of clothes for Vietnam

Nearly 3,000 pounds of clothing collected in a recent overseas clothing drive was packed last week by members of St. Mary’s Catholic parish. In addition, several boxes of children’s clothes were sent to St. Paul, Minn., for shipment to Vietnam. Members of the Parish Council of Catholic Women also sent Christmas packages to boys of the parish who are in service overseas.

Service notes

Airman Donald S. Sowieja, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome C. Sowieja of Greenwood, has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. He has been assigned to Lowry AFB, Colo., for training in the munitions and weapons maintenance field. Airman Sowieja, a graduate of Greenwood High School, attended Wisconsin State University—Platteville.

Army Sp5 John A. Mildbrand, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mildbrand of Rt. 1, Curtiss, received the Bronze Star medal and the Army Commendation medal November 10 in Vietnam.

He earned the awards for outstanding meritorious service as a combat construction specialist in Company C of the 101st Airborne division’s 326th Engineer battalion.

Spec. Mildbrand entered the army in January, 1967, and completed basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., before arriving overseas in November, 1967.

The 21-year-old soldier is a 1965 graduate of Colby High School.

December 18, 1975

Doll contest feature of

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



The staff of The Clark County Press takes this opportunity to wish each and every one of its readers and correspondents a truly Merry Christmas.

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B&PW meeting

The Neillsville Business and Professional Women’s club held its Christmas party at the Merchants hotel at 6:15 p.m., Tuesday, December 9. The club members had dressed dolls for the Christmas meeting, and members selected the doll of their choice, for which the gift of a Christmas centerpiece was given. The winner was President Hilda Lipsy.

Gifts were exchanged.

Miss Sue Bauer entertained the club with guitar accompaniment to Christmas carols.

Sharon Horswill, Bobbie Amundsen and Judy Dahlke were guests.

Man-wife team to practice at Greenwood

A man-wife team of doctors has signed a letter of intent to open practice of medicine in Greenwood about July 1, 1976.

Announcement was

made this week by Greenwood Festivals, Inc., sponsoring organization that Dr. Stuart Grossman of Rochester, N.Y. and his wife, Dr. Linda Grossman, are making tentative plans to open practice in the community.

Greenwood presently is served by physicians of the Neillsville Clinic. They will continue the service until the arrival of the new doctors.

Dick Adler of the sponsoring organization said that Dr. Grossman visited Greenwood in September and had been “impressed with the community as well as its medical needs.”

With the promise of new doctors, Adler said that plans are being made for the remodeling of the Greenwood Clinic building. They include sufficient space for the Grossmans, as well as another physician, should one be secured to locate in Greenwood.

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Holding a certificate of recognition presented by the Neillsville Lions club is Robert Harvey, editor of The Clark County Press. The presentation was made by Lion President H. Robert Shaw during the club’s annual Christmas party and banquet. (Press photo Dec. 19, 1968)

The Clauses also sit with pets



Nancy Curtin/Clark County Press

The Clark County Humane Society (CCHS) held their annual Pet Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus fundraiser Dec. 9. Professional photography pictures were donated by Jon Burnett. Burnett said he offered photography services on the side. A sitting fee was charged and the families had the option to select individual prints, photo packages and a flash drive. “We’ve done this for seven or eight years now,” said Cheri Wegner, “and we usually have a good turnout.” Top left, Little Lucky, a grey kitten, decided playing with the pom-poms on Mrs. Claus’ cape was more entertaining than having her picture taken. Below left, Karen, of Marshfield, brought in one-year-old Emmy for photos with the Clauses. “Emmy came from Sandi Paws, a rescue in Fond du Lac,” Karen said. “Emmy came all the way from Alabama.” Below, Cleo the goat, Trixie the dog and Agatha the chicken, were brought from Durand by their owner, Jennifer.



Next town before Christmas: Chili



Nancy Curtin/Clark County Press

The Chili-Fremont Fire and Rescue held their annual Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus Dec. 10 at the fire hall. Each family was given one photo to take home. “It’s a free event, with any donations given to be used for supplies needed for the next year,” Erin Martin said, Chili-Fremont Volunteer Fire Department lieutenant/EMR. “We printed over 50 photos, including the ones with pets. We have a very supportive community. Nearly everything needed for this is donated each year.” Above, Tobin made sure to tell Santa he wanted a teddy bear for Christmas. “He practiced all morning to prepare for this,” his mother, Hali, said. Above right, families gathered around a table to make a craft photo frame to use for the photo they are sent home with. Below, Alyssa Walter, Tim and Janell’s daughter, hopped up onto Santa’s lap for a quick photo and to tell him what she wanted for Christmas. Each child was given a small bag of goodies. Below right, Logan helps his daughter Tessa make the foam photo frame they can take home and use for their photo with the Clauses.



So many places, so few Santas



Edward DuBois/Clark County Press

Rick and Bonnie Thoma, dressed as Santa and Mrs. Claus, had a spot made up for them at Russell's of Neillsville Dec. 12 to sit with kids and hear their Christmas wishes in the 19th year of the event. Top left, Addy wanted Lincoln logs and Sydney asked for a baby doll and a bike. Above, Morrison asked for Nerf gun ammunition and Millie wanted art supplies. Below left, Keenan kept his wish a secret and Clayton asked for a jeep and a trailer. Morrison and Keenan were the first children to spot the Thomas, asking what the "Clauses" were doing there. Below, Haakon and Cruw asked for "Cars" toys, and gave Rick Thoma a high-five. Center left, Thea was "okay" with "whatever" and Elias wanted the virtual reality game/toy Alien Vision. Miles did not yet have a gift wish. Center right, Lakyn, on her mother Britany's lap, asked for a unicorn. Lower left, Paxton asked for Hot Wheels and Paw Patrol toys. Lower right, Lily sat in Bonnie's lap while Zoey asked for new clothes (not pictured was Emmie, sticking close to their mom). Bottom left, Quinn asked for new shoes. Bottom right, kids made reindeer crafts after having their pictures taken. The event added crafts a few years ago, and change out the activity each year.



Sports

Warriors fight to break losing streak

The Neillsville High School boys varsity basketball team (Warriors) hosted the Columbus Catholic High School boys basketball team (Dons) in a Dec. 12 game.

The Warriors stood at 4-1, the win coming from a Dec. 7 game against Greenwood High School (60-11).

However, half of the loses had come down to single-digit point differences, such as the Nov. 21 game against Alma Center Lincoln High School (45-43) and Stratford High School, Nov. 28 (43-41).

Other games had a much wider margin, like against Durand-Arkansaw High School, Dec. 1 (46-31) and Marathon High School (68-45).

Starting for the Warriors were Cameron Kennedy, Braylon Boyer, Andrew Hoesser, Bryce Erickson and Ashton Schultz.

The Warriors took first possession of the ball but could not make a basket. Following the miss, Schultz put the Warriors on the board first, 2-0.

However, the Dons took the lead with a 3-pointer, 3-2. Kennedy's pass assisted Hoesser's basket, taking back

the lead, 4-3.

It was answered by another Don's 3-pointer, 6-4.

After a shot deflected off the glass, Hoesser shot a quick jump shot, tying at 6.

The Dons broke the tie, 8-6, then followed with a free throw, 9-6.

Max Kreitlow tied the score at 9 with a 3-pointer.

The Dons took the lead once more with a basket, 11-9, beginning a streak that lasted until 19-9, when Sam Hayes shot a free throw, 19-10.

A Don paid the Warriors back with a 3-pointer, 22-10, and with another after that, 25-10, prompting a timeout.

Coming back off it, Schultz netted a free throw, 25-11.

The Dons shot further ahead with another 3-pointer, 28-11.

Kennedy nailed a 3-pointer while the Dons' defense was distracted, 28-14.

But his gain was undone by a Don's 3-pointer, 31-14.

Erickson shot his own 3-pointer after, 31-17.

It was answered by a Don's, 34-17, a little over five minutes left in the half.

The Dons hit a successful free throw, 35-17, and another after, 36-17.

Hayes netted a pair of free throws, 36-19.

Kreitlow nailed another 3-pointer, bringing the gap again to 14 points, 36-22.

Kennedy continued the streak, nailing his second 3-pointer, 36-25, 1:45 left in the half.

The Dons broke the streak with a pair of free throws, 38-25.

Kreitlow shot another 3-pointer, 38-28 followed by Schultz' regular basket, 38-30, the gap closing as the last minutes closed, too.

Boyer applied some pressure and stole the ball, taking it down the court but his layup was no good. However, Schultz nabbed the rebound and made his layup as the clock counted down the last 30 seconds, 38-32.

With 10 seconds left, the Dons netted a quick basket, 40-32, closing out the half.

Starting the second half, the Dons had possession of the ball, and soon took the first points with a pair of free throws, 42-32.

Hoesser answered it with his basket, 42-34.

The Dons were undeterred, and shot a 3-pointer, 45-34, back to leading by double-

digits.

Hoesser got a taste of the 3-point bug with one, 45-37. Erickson followed that with a basket, 45-39, the gap slowly disappearing.

The Dons liked their 3-pointers and netted another, 48-39.

Kreitlow kept to his far corners for his 3-pointer, 48-42.

Proving this was the battle of the 3-point shots, the Dons netted one more, 51-42.

Hayes netted two free throws, 51-44, the gain erased by a Don's free throws, 53-44.

The game went a few minutes with the ball going back and forth, divided up by a timeout, before Hoesser's layup took the score to 53-46.

The Warriors were so close to the lead, but a Don's steal took it that much further from the Warriors' fingers, 55-46.

The Dons followed it with a 3-pointer, 58-46, five minutes left in the game.

The game went two minutes without a score until a Don made a free throw, 59-47.

Hoesser went to the free throw line and netted one, 59-49. Erickson followed that with a basket, 57 second left on the clock.

The Dons nudged ahead with a pair of free throws, 61-49, but Kennedy answered that with a basket, 61-51.

The Dons' two free throws brought them that much closer to a win, 63-51.

Kennedy's 3-pointer at the with 25 seconds left took the Warriors to 63-54, the last points of the game scored.

The Warriors lost 63-54, the streak continuing for one more game.

The Warriors instead worked in a win against the Loyal High School boys varsity basketball team Dec. 15, 54-36.

The Warriors faced the Stanley-Boyd boys varsity basketball team in a Dec. 19 home game, before the deadline.

The Warriors will host Gilman High School next, Dec. 21 at 7:15 p.m.

Edward DuBois contributed to this article.

Strike Time Lanes

bowling league

standings

The following are the results from the weekly bowling leagues at Strike Time Lanes in Neillsville.

Monday Night Women's League
Dec. 11-Week 14
Wins-losses
Richmond Inc. 51-47
Strokes & Stitches 50-48
Cathy's Team 48-50
Mixed Nutz 47-51
High game
Penny Johnson 213
Ginny Schuld 213
Tina Mortenson 191
High series
Ginny Schuld 540
Penny Johnson 521
Tina Mortenson 499
High game (handicap)
Penny Johnson 255
Ginny Schuld 241
Margaret Gruzebeck 240
Tina Mortenson 240
High series (handicap)
Penny Johnson 647
Tina Mortenson 646
Ginny Schuld 624
Tuesday Swingers
Dec. 12-Week 15
Wins-losses
Sport Country 66-39
Millis Trucking 65-40
Gesche Funeral Home 65-40
Clinic Pharmacy 60-45
Sniteman Pharmacy 53-52
Team high game (handicap)
Sniteman Pharmacy 863
Sport Country 825
Millis Trucking 817
Team high series (handicap)
Sniteman Pharmacy 2445
Sport Country 2393
Millis Trucking 2386
Individual high game (scratch)
Bonnie Fisher 201
Melissa Fisher 194
Bev Panagiotaros 189
Ginny Schuld 176
Individual high series (scratch)
Melissa Fisher 532

Bonnie Fisher 529
Gavle Vatne 484
Ginny Schuld 475
Split pick-up
Lauren Anderko 3-6-7-10
Mary Norton 4-6
Ginny Schuld 5-7
Judy Myskewitz 2-7
Tuesday Night Early
Dec. 12-Week 15
Wins-losses
Balls of Fury 65-40
Zank's Custom Harvest 64-41
The Clubhaus 58-47
Gross Motors 1 57-48
Heinzen Printing 56-49
Maple Road Forestry 53-52
Speakeasy II 49-56
Thomas Technical 46-59
American Legion 39-66
Gross Motors 2 38-67
High series-scratch
Tyler Seidl 784
Coty Montgomery 724
Mike Thomas 685
High game-scratch
Coty Montgomery 279
Tyler Seidl 267
David Saindon 266
Wednesday American
Dec. 13-Week 15
Wins-losses
R&R Repair 64-41
Perfect 10 63-42
Olson's 61-44
Dirt Bros 53-52
Marshfield Motor Speedway 52-53
Custom Heating 51-54
Speakeasy Saloon 50-55
Luchterhand Acres 50-55
Sav-Rite 48-57
Thomas Technical 46-59
JBC Screenprinting 46-59
The Depot 46-59
High series-scratch
Tim Nichols 703
Mike Olson 673
Coty Montgomery 651
High game-scratch
Scott Bowe 266
Coty Montgomery 254
Tim Nichols 249
Saturday Mixed Couples
No submission

Co-ed's volleyball

standings

The Neillsville recreation Department has released the co-ed's volleyball standings.

Strike Time Lanes 19-1
Harder Built 14-6

Just Like Home Childcare 8-12
Rogneys 8-12
Just Love Coffee 7-13
X-Mennos 4-16

First tournament victory



Submitted photo

The Neillsville fourth-grade girls basketball team traveled to Spencer recently for their first basketball tournament and won first place. The elementary-grade Warriors defeated Spencer and Altoona in pool play, then went on to beat Altoona in the championship game.

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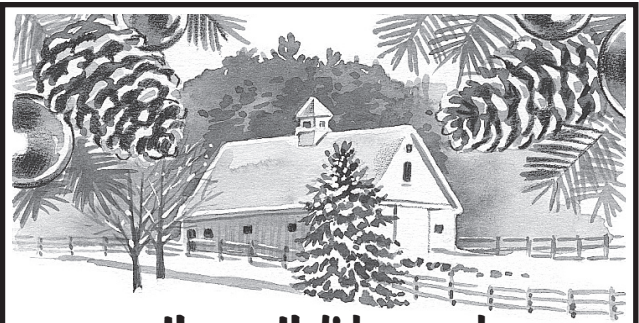
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Sports

Greyhounds' girls basketball season gets rough

The Loyal High School girls varsity basketball team (Greyhounds), coached by Mike Rueth, hosted the Assumption High School girls varsity basketball team (Royals) Dec. 12.

The Greyhounds were on a winning streak, 4-0. Like the Greyhounds, the Royals were undefeated.

Starting off the game's first quarter were Summer Smith, Autumn Zvolena, Sheila Tellock, Olivia Nikolai and Jordan Corder.

The Royals took first possession of the ball, but Zvolena took the rebound from a missed shot. However, the Royals' stole the ball and netted the first points, 2-0.

The Greyhounds gained possession via a tied ball. The Royals took possession again soon after and overcame the Greyhounds' defense, 4-0; with another basket following another steal, 6-0.

After a timeout, the Tellock put the Greyhounds on the board with a basket, 6-2.

Hope Peroshek caught the ball from Tellock passing over the head of a Royal to net a basket, 6-4.

However, the Royals answered with the first 3-pointer of the game, 9-4, following with another, 12-4.

Zvolena broke the streak with a basket, 12-6.

Her gain was undone by a Royal's free throw, 13-6. Their streak continued 19-6, when Nikolai shot a pair of free throws, 19-8.

The Royals shot ahead further, 33-8, and another timeout was called with just less than six minutes left in the game.

The timeout did nothing to break the Royals' momentum, and a minute and a half later the Royals netted another basket, 35-8, followed by a 3-pointer, 38-8.

After a desperate pass to Nikolai and back, Mallory Jakobi broke the Royals' steak with a 3-pointer, 38-11, the Greyhounds breaking into the double-digits with a little over three minutes left in the half.

The Royals soon shot another successful basket, 40-11, then another to end the half at 42-11.

The Greyhounds began the second half on defense, which the Royals avoided by taking a 3-point shot, 45-11, soon netting another, 47-11.

Corder nailed a jump shot immediately after, 47-13. Zvolena continued the drive, 47-15.

The Royals prevented a longer streak, 49-15. This established a streak that lasted until the Royals called a timeout, 57-15.

The Royals seemed to

know every Greyhounds' weakness: who to steal from, who to weave around to get a layup, and who to back off from to shoot a 3-pointer. And, as fast as the Greyhounds tried to be, the Royals seemed twice as fast.

The Royals picked right up where they left off, netting another basket, 59-15.

Nikolai tried to pick things up for the Greyhounds with her first 3-pointer of the game, 59-18.

The Royals' next streak went to 65-18, when Tellock shot a 3-pointer, 65-21.

The Greyhounds needed more shots like this, and more frequently to win with only nine minutes left in the game.

The Royals kept going with another basket, 65-21, but Corder answered it with her own, 65-23.

The Royals came back from a timeout and shot a successful 3-pointer, 70-23.

Tellock prevented a streak with a basket, 75-25, but her gain was undone by a Royal's basket, 72-25.

Smith netted a successful free throw, 72-26, but the Greyhounds were put further behind by a Royals' free throw, 75-26, then another after, 78-26. A layup followed, 80-26, concluding the last points the Royals would score for the game.

The Greyhounds kept going, playing until the final seconds, Zvolena gaining the next points with a layup, 80-28.

But the lead well in the Royals' court, all they needed to do was slow the Greyhounds down, which they did.

A minute was spent with the teams stealing from each other again and again, resulting in Zvolena's last basket, 80-30, and the last basket of the game.

The Greyhounds lost 80-30, breaking their season's streak, the Royals remaining undefeated.

The Greyhounds went up against the Neillsville High School girls varsity basketball team in a Dec. 14 home game and were unable to reestablish a winning streak, losing 50-14. The Greyhounds then travelled to Stratford High School Dec. 18 and Columbus Catholic High School Dec. 19, before the deadline.

The Greyhounds will face Gilman High School in a Dec. 22 home game at 7:15 p.m.

Edward DuBois contributed to this article.

Coming back to hunt



Submitted photo
Ryan Roehl, a former resident of Neillsville, with his children, harvested an 8-point buck north of Neillsville. Rodney, Ryan's father (not pictured), of Neillsville harvested a doe north of Neillsville.

Small Business Saturday: Widgy's



Edward DuBois/Clark County Press
Tim Kopp (left), a patron of Widgy's Outdoors, said he would drive extra miles to support the hunting store in Neillsville than go to stores like Fleet Farm.

Clark County Jail bookings

Dec. 6-12
Format: name, classification, charge(s), release date (if given).

Thursday, Dec. 7
Schofield, Allan Albert, new charges, bail jumping—misdemeanor and disorderly conduct, Dec. 7, 2023.

Scott, Randy Pat, probation violation, probation violation.

Ward, Mark Edward, probation violation, probation violation, Dec. 8, 2023.

Saturday, Dec. 9
Brisk Jr., Bernard Buffalo, out of county transfer, probation violation, Dec. 12, 2023.

Costner, Dustin James, out of county transfer, second-degree sexual assault of a child.

Lehouillier, James Stephen, new charges, operating while under the influence, Dec. 9, 2023.

Mills, Andrew Emerson, out of county transfer, probation violation.

Myers-Woychik, Jeffrey Shane, out of county transfer, possession of a short-barreled shotgun/rifle.

Simone, Matthew Santino, out of county transfer, disorderly conduct, Dec. 13, 2023.

Wamego, Clayton Walter, out of county transfer, bail jumping—felony.

White Eagle, Vern Elliot, out of county transfer, battery, strangulation, disorderly conduct and probation violation.

Whitewater, John Lind-

sey, out of county transfer, operating with a controlled substance.

Monday, Dec. 11
Bentler, Kyle James, probation violation, probation violation.

Doffing, Jason Lee, violating a harassment restraining order, Dec. 11, 2023.

Humphrey IV, Thomas Bernard, probation violation, criminal damage to property, disorderly conduct and probation violation.

White, Craig Alan, probation violation, probation violation, Dec. 12, 2023.

Tuesday, Dec. 12
Fitzl, Nicole Faye, new charges, operating while revoked, operating with a controlled substance and bail jumping—felony.

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City of Neillsville weekly police blotter

Friday, Nov. 17
MISSING ADULT: At 1:56 p.m., police received a report of a missing 39-year-old Neillsville female. Police searched the Neillsville area where the subject's phone pinged. The subject was located and was transported to MMC-Neillsville for a medical evaluation.
TRAFFIC: At 7:08 p.m., police issued a traffic warning to a 42-year-old Neillsville male for a lighting violation.
TRAFFIC: At 7:48 p.m., police issued a traffic warning to a 34-year-old Iola male for a lighting violation.
TRAFFIC: At 8:58 p.m., police issued a traffic warning for a vehicle license plate not being properly displayed to an 18-year-old rural Neillsville female.
TRAFFIC: At 11:51 p.m., police issued a traffic warning for failure to maintain lane control to a 51-year-old Green Bay male.
Saturday, Nov. 18
TRAFFIC: At 1:25 a.m., police issued a traffic warning for a violation of child safety restraint and a lighting violation to a 26-year-old Vesper female.
TRAFFIC: At 2:54 p.m., police issued a traffic warning for failure to completely stop at a "stop" sign to a 71-year-old Neillsville female.
TRAFFIC: At 3:33 p.m., police issued a traffic warning for a registration display violation to a 65-year-old Loyal male.
TRAFFIC: At 4:23 p.m., police issued a traffic warning for failure to completely stop at a "stop" sign to a 62-year-old Ramsey, MN male.
TRAFFIC: At 5:59 p.m., police issued a traffic warning to a 31-year-old Dorchester male for a lighting violation.
TRAFFIC: At 7:38 p.m., police issued a traffic citation

for a lighting violation, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license and operating a motor vehicle without insurance to a 30-year-old Osseo male.
TRAFFIC: At 8:12 p.m., police issued a traffic warning for non-registration of an automobile and a lighting violation to a 48-year-old Oconomowoc male.
TRAFFIC: At 9 p.m., police issued a traffic warning to a 27-year-old Arpin male for a lighting violation.
WELFARE CHECK: At 9:10 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of Court Street for a report of a juvenile walking in shorts. Police patrolled the area and were unable to locate them.
BUSINESS CHECK: At 10:58 p.m., police discovered an open door on the west side of a building in the 500 block of East Division Street that is normally closed. Contact was made with the keyholder and the building was secured.
Sunday, Nov. 19
TRAFFIC: At 12:42 p.m., police issued a traffic warning for failure to completely stop at a "stop" sign to a 54-year-old Neillsville male.
TRAFFIC: At 7:49 p.m., police issued a traffic warning to a 19-year-old Granton male for a lighting violation.
MEDICAL CALL: At 8:35 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of East Sixth Street to assist EMS with a medical call.
TRAFFIC: At 9:44 p.m., police issued a traffic warning to a 53-year-old Willard female for a lighting violation.
Monday, Nov. 20
PARKING COMPLAINT: At 9:08 a.m., police received a report of a vehicle parked on their property at West Eighth and Clay streets. Police made contact with the owner of the vehicle and the vehicle was

removed.
TRAFFIC: At 9:28 a.m., police issued a traffic warning for operating an ATV without lighted headlamps/taillamps and for an ATV local ordinance violation to a 46-year-old Neillsville male.
TRAFFIC: At 9:42 a.m., police issued a correction notice/warning for non-registration of an automobile to a 26-year-old Owen male.
SEARCH WARRANT: At 11 a.m., police executed a search warrant in the 100 block of East Sixth Street in search of illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, firearms and electronic devices. The 21-year-old male subject was not home and the search warrant was executed without incident. During the warrant, evidence/property seized included large amounts of marijuana and several drug paraphernalia items.
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY: At 8 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of East Division Street for a report of suspicious activity.
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY: At 9:56 p.m., police responded to the 100 block of Hewett Street for a report of suspicious activity.
Tuesday, Nov. 21
TRAFFIC: At 11:50 a.m., police issued a traffic citation for operating without a valid license and operating a motor vehicle without insurance to a 29-year-old rural Neillsville male.
TRAFFIC: At 12:10 p.m., police issued a traffic warning for speeding and non-registration of an automobile to a 52-year-old Neillsville female.
TRAFFIC: At 12:29 p.m., police issued a traffic warning for speeding to a 43-year-old Neillsville female.
TRAFFIC: At 1:28 p.m., police issued a traffic warning for speeding to a 33-year-old Appleton female.

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Creating the winter season



Nancy Curtin/Clark County Press

Dec. 1, story hour at the Neillsville Public Library focused on snowflakes. The children created bookmarks to place on the tree and then to be given back to them after Christmas. Above, Kathy read Snowflakes Falling to group of eager listeners. Below, Leslie assisted Adam, Sophia and Marley with making snowflake bookmarks. The children were encouraged to hang their bookmarks on the tree, to be returned after Christmas. "Adam and Sophia have been coming to story hour since the first of the year. "The kids enjoy getting together with their friends and they just adore Kathy and Janay. It's a great time to pick out different books and movies and return the others," Leslie said.



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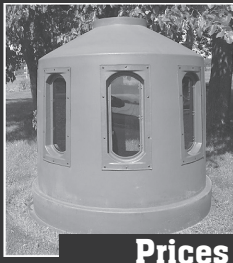


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Police blotter, continued
from page 14

TRAFFIC: At 2:01 p.m., police issued a traffic warning for failure to properly maintain stop lamps to a 51-year-old Eau Claire male.

TRAFFIC: At 5:10 p.m., police issued a traffic warning for speeding, failure to maintain a high-mounted stop lamp and illegible license plates to a 22-year-old Marshfield female.

TRAFFIC: At 5:45 p.m., police conducted a traffic stop with a vehicle at the intersection of Fifth Street and Grand Avenue. During the traffic stop, police could smell a strong, burnt odor of marijuana coming from the driver's side of the vehicle. The 39-year-old Neillsville male admitted to possessing marijuana and turned it over to police. Police searched the vehicle and recovered an amount of marijuana. The driver was issued citations for non-registration of an automobile and possession of THC.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY: At 9:50 p.m., police responded to the 600 block of West Fourth Street for a report of a suspicious vehicle parked near their driveway. Police patrolled the area and were unable to locate a suspicious vehicle.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY: At 11:53 p.m., police responded to the 600 block of West Fifth Street for a report of a suspicious vehicle parked in front of their residence. Police located the vehicle and there was nothing suspicious.

Wednesday, Nov. 22

ASSIST: At 9:55 a.m., police assisted the Portage County Sheriff's Office

with making contact with a 38-year-old Neillsville male who had an arrest warrant. Police arrested the subject on a probation hold. While searching his jacket, police seized a hollowed-out pen that appeared to be a makeshift pipe and a burnt piece of tin foil. The pen tested positive for methamphetamine. Police are recommending the subject be charged with possession of methamphetamine to the Clark County District Attorney.

TRAFFIC: At 11:40 a.m., police issued a traffic warning for speeding to a 47-year-old Chaska, MN male.

WELFARE CHECK: At 2:29 p.m., police responded to the 100 block of West 21st Street for a welfare check.

WARRANT: At 2:37 p.m., police conducted a traffic stop with a vehicle on Grand Avenue at 18th Street. Police confirmed the 33-year-old Black River Falls male had an arrest warrant and a suspended driver's license. When the vehicle stopped, the male subject ran away from the vehicle. The subject was issued a citation for operating while suspended and recommending charges for resisting arrest to the Clark County District Attorney.

Thursday, Nov. 23

MEDICAL CALL: At 12:15 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of East Fourth Street for a report of a subject choking.

TRAFFIC: At 6:02 p.m., police issued a traffic warning to a 22-year-old Neillsville male for a lighting violation.

Friday, Nov. 24

TRAFFIC: At 12:49 p.m., police issued a correction notice/warning for non-registration of an automobile and a traffic citation for speeding

to a 23-year-old Eau Claire female.

PARKING VIOLATION: At 1:20 p.m., police observed a vehicle parked illegally in the roadway near West Fifth and Ayers streets. Police spoke with the owner and the vehicle was moved without incident.

TRAFFIC: At 2 p.m., police issued a traffic warning for speeding to a 62-year-old Dresser female.

TRAFFIC: At 4:11 p.m., police issued a traffic warning for failure to completely stop at a "stop" sign to a 33-year-old Spencer male.

TRAFFIC COMPLAINT: At 6:10 p.m., police received a report of a vehicle driving erratically driving westbound into the city limits. Police made contact with the driver of the vehicle.

TRAFFIC: At 8:17 p.m., police issued a traffic warning to a 39-year-old Cornell male for a lighting violation.

ASSIST SHERIFF: At 8:26 p.m., police assisted the Clark County Sheriff's Office with a jail inmate being transferred from jail to Memorial Medical Center-Neillsville. Police stood by at the hospital until a Sheriff's Deputy arrived.

TRAFFIC: At 9:16 p.m., police issued a traffic citation for speeding, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license and operating a motor vehicle without insurance to a 24-year-old Arcadia male.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY: At 9:37 p.m., police received a report of suspicious activity in the 200 block of East Division Street.

TRAFFIC: At 11:12 p.m., police issued a traffic warning for operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance and a lighting violation to a 39-year-old Neillsville

female.

Saturday, Nov. 25

TRAFFIC: At 6:16 a.m., police issued a traffic warning for a registration display violation, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance and a plate lamp not functioning/missing to a 25-year-old Granton male.

TRAFFIC: At 6:29 a.m., police issued a traffic warning for failure to properly maintain tail lamps and operating a motor vehicle without two headlights to a 49-year-old Neillsville male.

INFORMATION: At 2:30 p.m., police responded to the area of East Second Street for a report of smoke coming from a house. Police checked the area and did not find any smoke or fire.

ASSIST CITIZEN: At 2:33 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of East Fourth Street and assisted an elderly resident.

TRAFFIC: At 2:53 p.m., police issued a correction notice/warning for operating a motor vehicle without insurance and non-registration of an automobile to a 21-year-old Chili male.

TRAFFIC: At 7:22 p.m., police issued a traffic warning to a 45-year-old Brooklyn Park, MN male for a lighting violation.

TRAFFIC: At 7:55 p.m., police issued a traffic warning to a 54-year-old Neillsville male for a lighting violation.

TRAFFIC: At 8:25 p.m., police issued a traffic warning for operating a motor vehicle without two headlights to a 64-year-old rural Neillsville male.

TRAFFIC: At 9:07 p.m., police issued a traffic warning to a 63-year-old Spring Lake, MN female for a lighting violation.

WELFARE CHECK: At 10:05 p.m., police responded to the 100 block of Hewett Street for a welfare check.

TRAFFIC: At 11:01 p.m., police issued a traffic warning for failure to keep a vehicle under control to a 16-year-old rural Neillsville male.

Sunday, Nov. 26

CRIMINAL TRESPASS: At 3:10 a.m., police responded to the 200 block of West 12th Street for a report of a break-in in progress. Upon arrival,

police spoke with the 40-year-old Neillsville male suspect who appeared intoxicated and confused. The suspect was transported to the Clark County Jail for disorderly conduct and referred to the Clark County District Attorney for charges of trespassing.

PROPERTY CHECK: At 9 a.m., police received a request to check a residence in the 100 block of Oak Street. The reporting party thought they saw something suspicious on the camera. Police performed a property check and observed no sign of anything suspicious.

TRAFFIC: At 3:04 p.m., police issued a traffic citation for speeding, operating a motor vehicle without insurance and operating without a valid license to a 29-year-old Green Bay male.

ASSIST: At 9:41 p.m., police assisted a citizen with trying to locate their lost cell phone in the 200 block of West 12th Street.

Monday, Nov. 27

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT: At 10:23 a.m., police responded to the 100 block of East Division Street for a two-vehicle traffic accident.

THEFT: At 12 p.m., police received a report of a theft in the 300 block of Grand Avenue. The reporting party advised someone had stolen his snow shovel. Police were able to identify the male subject. He was told to return the shovel and he complied.

INFORMATION: At 2:27 p.m., police responded to the 500 block of Court Street for a 15-year-old Neillsville female who was having suicidal thoughts. The subject was conveyed to a local hospital where she received a voluntary evaluation.

ASSIST CITIZEN: At 4:33 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of East Fourth Street and assisted an elderly resident.

INFORMATION: At 4:54 p.m., police received a restraining order violation report from the 300 block of Hewett Street.

Tuesday, Nov. 28

TRAFFIC: At 7:06 a.m., police issued a traffic warning for inattentive driving to a 59-year-old Stanley male.

TRAFFIC: At 7:45 a.m., police issued a traffic warning for speeding to a 17-year-old Humbird female.

911 CALL: At 9:50 a.m., police responded to the 400 block of Center Street for a report of an accidental 911 call. Police patrolled the area and were unable to locate anyone in distress.

COMPLAINT: At 12:29 p.m., police received a report from a 39-year-old Wausau female in the 500 block of Court Street that several people were harassing her.

TRAFFIC: At 2:23 p.m., police issued a traffic citation for unnecessary acceleration to an 18-year-old Neillsville male.

TRAFFIC: At 4:36 p.m., police issued a correction

notice/warning to a 29-year-old Chippewa Falls male for a registration display violation.

VEHICLE LOCK-OUT: At 4:48 p.m., police assisted a female subject with a vehicle lock-out in the 200 block of Grand Avenue.

WELFARE CHECK: At 5:26 p.m., police received a report of a subject walking east in the westbound lane of traffic of CTH 10. Police patrolled CTH 10 to Owen Avenue and were unable to locate them.

TRAFFIC: At 5:40 p.m., police issued a traffic warning to a 66-year-old Kewaunee male for a lighting violation.

TRAFFIC: At 8:02 p.m., police issued a traffic warning for no tail lamp/defective tail lamp to a 43-year-old Walworth female.

Wednesday, Nov. 29

NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLAINT: At 10:48 a.m., police received a complaint from a resident in the 200 block of Sunset Place about their neighbor standing in their driveway watching them. The complainant felt this was a form of harassment. No action was taken.

WELFARE CHECK: At 12:31 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of West Seventh Street for a welfare check.

911 CALL: At 1:31 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Oak Street for a 911 hang-up.

DOG AT LARGE: At 3:15 p.m., police responded to the area of East Fourth and East Fifth streets for a report of a dog at large. Police took custody of the dog and transported it to the Clark County Humane Society.

TRAFFIC: At 6:17 p.m., police issued a traffic citation for operating while revoked and a license restriction violation to a 76-year-old Neillsville male.

TRAFFIC: At 7:39 p.m., police issued a traffic warning to a 47-year-old Auburndale male for a lighting violation.

COMPLAINT: At 9:41 p.m., police responded to the 200 block of Sunset Place for a report of loud music coming from a vehicle. Police patrolled the area and did not hear any loud music.

Thursday, Nov. 30

TRAFFIC: At 2:34 a.m., police issued a traffic warning for operating a motor vehicle without insurance and a lighting violation to a 51-year-old Spencer male.

TRAFFIC: At 12:21 p.m., police issued a traffic warning for inattentive driving to a 26-year-old Hixton male.

TRAFFIC: At 2:05 p.m., police issued a correction notice/warning for non-registration of an automobile and a traffic warning for speeding to a 52-year-old Greenwood male.

INFORMATION: At 2:45 p.m., police received a report of a behavior referral from the Neillsville High School. The student was suspended from school and was cited for disorderly conduct.

EARLY DEADLINES

FOR PUBLICATIONS THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19 3:00 PM

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Clark County land transfers

Dec. 6-12
Format: Grantor/grantee, property location (address if given), municipality, acreage/lot size, property value

Mary L. and Larry W. Dubois to the Larry W Dubois and Mary L Dubois Revocable Living Trust, 1003 Hewett St., Neillsville, 1 acre, \$126,200.

Shannon J. Fischer to Gerald K. Leinbach, W114 Capital Rd., town of Unity, 9 acres, \$265,000.

Trustee of the William J. Herr Revocable Trust dated May 17, 2013 to Mark L. and Mary Ella Hoover, vacant land on Lovers Road, Greenwood, town of Warner, 231 acres, \$1,701,000.

Trustee of the William J. Herr Revocable Trust dated May 17, 2013 to James E. and Marilyn M. Hoover, N10550 STH 73, Greenwood, town of Warner, 20 acres, \$550,000.

David G. and Barbara A. (also known as Barbara Ann Lucht) Lucht, to David G. and Barbara A. Lucht, N8899 CTH Y, town of Sherman, 20 acres, \$0.

David G. and Barbara A. Lucht to the David G. and Barbara A. Lucht Revocable Living Trust dated Oct. 5, 2023, N8899 CTH Y, town of Sherman, 20 acres, \$0.

The Dale J. Kunding and Lynne A. Kunding Joint Revocable Trust dated June 28, 2013 to Tysac Holdings A, LLC, 210 West Second St., Granton, 0.2 acre, \$25,000.

Darlene Bixby to Darlene L. Bixby, trustee of the George F. and Darlene L. Bixby Living Trust dated May 8, 2007, and any amendments thereto, 508 Ayers St., 1 acre, \$126,600.

Mark L. and Mary Ella Hoover to Randal L. and Tracy Kitzhaber, vacant land on Lovers Road, town of Warner, 0.5 acre, \$1,000.

Wayne R. and Karen M. Kurth to the Kurth Family Irrevocable Trust, Two Mile Road, town of Grant, 80 acres, \$154,400.

Bernard Walker to Delores Walker, 207 Grand Ave., Neillsville, 0.4 acre, \$110,900.

Delores Walker to Gavin J. Learman, 207 Grand Ave., Neillsville, 0.4 acre, \$110,900.

The Genteman Family Trust dated Aug. 15, 2000 to the Genteman Family Irrevocable Trust, STH 95, town of Levis, 67.3 acres, \$149,500.

The Genteman Family Trust dated Aug. 15, 2000 to the Genteman Family Irrevocable Trust, STH 95, town of Levis, 80 acres, \$209,400.

Randall A. and Patricia C. Klimmer to the Randall A. Klimmer and Patricia C. Klimmer Revocable Trust dated Dec. 4, 2023, N7846 Hi Line Avenue, town of Sherman, 40 acres, \$264,500.

Impact Seven Incorporated to Nolden Properties, LLC, 320 Clark St., Granton, 1 acre, \$410,000.

Dominique and Susan Joachim to Yee and Soua Hang Thor, Cloverdale Road, town of Reseburg, 5.3 acres, \$20,000.

Cheryl A. Hink (also known as Cheryl Ann Hink) to Brad H. Antoniewski, W814 Todd Road, town of Sherwood, 5 acres, \$219,500.

Brad H. Antoniewski to Alexander Schneider and Kaitlyn Duhm, W814 Todd Rd., town of Sherwood, 39.1 acres, \$219,500.

Michael A. Staniec to

Kevin D. and Kerry M. Ferstenou, 206 East School St., Thorp, 0.2 acre, \$137,000.

The Kenneth J. Friemoth and Pamela A. Friemoth Revocable Living Trust to Jacob T. Friemoth, STH 73, town of Washburn, 4 acres, \$100,000.

Mary Ann Boyer to the Mary Ann Boyer Revocable Living Trust dated Nov. 16, 2023, W1495 CTH K, 3 acres, \$263,600.

Harold J. and Alice D. Gaier to Dale and Vicci Reeves, Turville Road, town of Levis, 40 acres, \$113,400.

Dorothy L. and Shannon L. Funston to the Dorothy and Shannon Funston Trust dated Dec. 5, 2023, W7234 Maple Rd., town of Pine Valley, 20 acres, \$227,000.

Happy
Holidays!

Warriors of the Week announced



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Neillsville Elementary's Warriors of the Week for the week of Dec. 4 have been selected for their positive behavior in school.

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Police blotter, continued from page 15

DOG COMPLAINT: At 4 p.m., police responded to the 300 block of Hewett Street for a report of a dog that was attacked by another dog. Both dogs were okay and there were no reported injuries. Neither party wanted to take their dog to the vet or report anything.

TRAFFIC: At 4:59 p.m., police issued a traffic warning for inattentive driving and operating a motor vehicle without two headlights to a 31-year-old rural Neillsville male.

TRAFFIC: At 5:18 p.m., police issued a traffic warning for inattentive driving to a 39-year-old Neillsville female.

TRAFFIC: At 7:42 p.m., police issued a traffic warning for speeding to a 34-year-old Jonesboro, GA male.

TRAFFIC: At 8:30 p.m., police conducted a traffic stop with a vehicle on Hewett Street at 11th Street. During the traffic stop, police could smell a strong, burnt odor of marijuana coming from the passenger and driver’s side of the vehicle. Police searched the vehicle which recovered marijuana and paraphernalia. The 24-year-old Hixton female was issued citations for operating a vehicle without

registration lamps, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of THC.

Presumption of innocence and notice to employers: Individuals if named above, whether arrested or issued citations, are entitled to the presumption of innocence. It may be a violation of state law to discriminate against a job applicant because of an arrest or conviction record. As a general rule, an employer may refuse to hire an applicant based on conviction only if the circumstances of the conviction substantially relate to the particular job. For information, see Wis. Stat. Sec. 111.335 or consult with an attorney.

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Jim Mankowski
Chief of Police
City of Neillsville

(Published in The Clark County Press
Dec. 6, 13 and 20, 2023)
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT,
CLARK COUNTY
ASSOCIATED BANK, N.A.
1305 Main Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481
Plaintiff,
vs.
CANDACE J. FRAPPIER
1506 Hewett St.
Neillsville WI 54456
JOHN/JANE DOE FRAPPIER
(an Unknown Spouse of Candace J. Frappier)
1506 Hewett St.
Neillsville, WI 54456
Defendants

Case No. 23-CV-115
Foreclosure of Mortgage: 30404
Hon. William Bratcher
Br. 2

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION
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JOHN/JANE DOE FRAPPIER
(an Unknown Spouse of Candace J. Frappier)
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Weld Riley, S.C.
500 Third Street, Suite 800
P.O. Box 479
Wausau, Wisconsin 54402-0479.
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Dated: 11/28/2023

WELD RILEY, S.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
/s/ JOHN A. CRAVENS
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WNAXLP

(Published in The Clark County Press Dec. 20, 2023)
COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL ROOM
DECEMBER 12, 2023
7:00 P.M.

The Common Council met in regular session, Mayor Poeschel presiding. On roll call: all members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the previous meetings were declared approved.

Council Member Petkovsek reported on the November 28, 2023 meeting of the Grants Committee regarding review and updating the list of grants in progress.

Council Member Rochester reported on the November 20, 2023 meeting of the Heritage Days Committee regarding: 1) discussion on Friday night bands, 2) discussion on and approval of sending out donation request letters, 3) discussion on Uncommon Denominator band contract for Saturday night, 4) discussion on Miss Neillsville checkbook and 5) discussion on and approval of a contract with Chippewa Valley Sound for Friday and Saturday night shows at a cost of \$3,000 plus Friday night hotel rooms.

Council Member Clough reported on the December 12, 2023 meeting of the Commission on Public Works/Utilities regarding current activities.

Mayor Poeschel declared all reports filed as presented with the City Clerk.

Mayor Poeschel swore in Jake Mertzig as a City Police officer.

Mayor Poeschel presented the following nomination list of polling place officials and voting registration deputies:

- Ward I – Jana Marden, Janice Mayer, Gayle Vatne
- Ward II – Kathy Brugger, Denise Clough, Greg Glisczinski
- Ward III – Carol Harnisch, Mary Hartung, Brent Shoup
- Ward IV – Sharon Bjerke, Natalie Erpenbach, Mary Nauertz
- Ward V – Margaret Gelhaus, Lynda Hilliard, Karen Venne

This represents eight Republicans and seven Democrat representatives in the polling place. Their terms of office will be two years, from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025.

Voter Registration Deputies – Kay Anason and Debbie Tlusty

This represents one Republican and one Democrat voter registration deputy. Their terms of office will be for two years, from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025.

Motion Neville, second Counsell, to accept the Mayor’s nominations as presented for polling place officials and voter registration deputies and appoint them to two-year terms 2024-2025. Council Member Clough abstained. 4-Aye, No-Nay, 1-Abstained. Motion carried.

City Clerk Roehl presented a request from Police Department employees to carry over 2023 unused vacation time due to personnel shortages not allowing for time to be taken off. There is a total of 120 hours. Employees are James Mankowski (80 hours) and Derek Wheatley (40 hours).

Motion Counsell, second Rochester, to allow the Police Department employees to carry over their unused 2023 vacation hours to 2024, to be used by March 31, 2024. All Aye.

Recreation Director Jessica Brown presented a request for use of the City Hall basement for a Toddler/Child Play program. It is a new program funded by the \$10,000 Listeman grant. The basement area is heated, carpeted and permanent. She could setup the area with the play equipment and not have to take it down and store it after each use. She will be there to supervise, the program would be for six years of age and under, the parent is required to stay.

Council Member Counsell asked if there would be a charge and if we had checked with our insurance company.

Recreation Director Brown stated that there would be a program charge and she had contacted the League of Wisconsin Municipalities and there is no concern.

Motion Petkovsek, second Clough, to approve the used of the City Hall basement for a Toddlers/Child Play program. All Aye.

Chief of Police Mankowski stated as he is completing his fourth year as Chief of Police, he has worked hard building a team of police officers, training them and providing the promise change that he was hired to deliver, now he is asking the Council for its trust. Trust that things are being done correctly, take time to thank our police officers.

Chief of Police Mankowski reported on receiving the FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Award for completion of required leadership courses. He is the first Neillsville Chief of Police in department history to achieve this.

Chief of Police Mankowski reported on trainings, Police Officer Mertzig will be field training in January, Police Officer Fecker will be field training the last week in December, the 2019 Ford squad will be placed in service soon, the 2013 Dodge Charger squad will be auctioned off, November parking enforcements, citations, warnings, incidents, office activity, calls, officer activity, business patrols, citizen interactions, Town of Mentor contract policing (starting in January, 2024 the monthly commitment will increase from 10 hours to 15 hours).

Mayor Poeschel read a letter from Bob Venne, B & F Machine Shop, regarding courthouse parking on E. Sixth Street. A few courthouse workers are abusing the parking situation, by play a cat and mouse game of

moving cars around, instead of using the courthouse parking lots. They don’t care about his customers or older people who need to use the courthouse. In Stevens Point they have an ordinance and parking signs that say “No Re-Parking” – parking is allowed one time per calendar day.

City Clerk Roehl presented a note from State Representative Donna Rozar and State Senator Jesse James that they will be holding a listening session on Friday, December 15, 2023 in Neillsville.

Hotel/Motel Room Tax Permit Applications:

Forward GRP, LLC, Neillsville House, Logan Grap, Agent, 401 W. Seventeenth Street

Lu & Co, LLC, Selah: The Black River Lodges, Heather E. Grambsch, Agent, 1214, 1216, 1218 W. Fourth Street

Tufts’ Mansion B & B, LLC, James A. Voss, Agent, 26 Hewett Street

Motion Neville, second Clough, to grant all the listed permits. All Aye.

Motion Clough, second Counsell, that the City Bills Nos. 1129 to 1179 in the amount of \$83,857.27 and CDBG Housing Escrow Account Bill No. 15 in the amount of \$1,700.00 be paid. All Aye.

Motion Neville, second Clough, to adjourn. All Aye.

/s/Rex R. Roehl, Clerk

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(Published in The Clark County Press Dec. 13, 20 and 27, 2023)
STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT,
CLARK COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ROBERT C. BERGER JR.
DOD: 1-7-2022

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 23-PR-65

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 10/11/1941 and date of death 1/7/2022, was domiciled in Jackson County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W4031 Rock Creek Rd., Loyal, WI 54446.
3. All interested persons have waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent’s estate is March 7, 2024.
5. A claim may be filed at the Clark County Courthouse, 517 Court St., Neillsville, Wisconsin, Room 403.

/s/ Kimberly Bredlau
Probate Registrar
Nov. 28, 2023

Michael V. Salm
PO Box 302
Thorp, WI 54771
715-669-5583
Bar No:1012313

WNAXLP

(Published in The Clark County Press Dec. 20, 2023.)
NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION
Village of Granton
April 2, 2024

Election Details

An election will be held in the Village of Granton, on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
Village Trustee	Bryan Vine

Office Terms

The term for Village Trustee begins on April 16, 2024 and is a two year term.

The Caucus

The Caucus will be held at the Village Hall at 127 Maple Street in Granton on January 10, 2024 at 7:00pm.

For Candidates

To be considered for a Village Office, a motion must be made to nominate you for a position on January 10th and that motion needs a 2nd. In the event that more than 2 candidates are nominated to a single position, a vote will be made that evening to select two candidates to run on the spring ballot.

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‘Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over’ enforcement campaign began Dec. 15

The Wisconsin State Patrol asks drivers to prioritize safety this season and plan for a sober ride home from holiday celebrations. Officers will step up enforcement to stop impaired driving during the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaign. The national effort began Dec. 15 and runs through New Year’s Day.

While Wisconsin law enforcement agencies work together throughout the year to identify and prevent impaired driving, this high-visibility

presence comes during the holiday season when impaired driving is typically a greater concern.

During the last holiday season (Dec. 15, 2022–Jan. 1, 2023), there were 470 crashes involving impaired drivers in Wisconsin. Those incidents killed five people and injured 178 others.

“Alcohol and other drugs have grave consequences on our roads,” Tim Carnahan said, Wisconsin State Patrol superintendent. “We want

to help drivers recognize the risks of impaired driving and prevent the dangerous circumstances that result from the decision to get behind the wheel while impaired.”

The Wisconsin State Patrol works to assist local law enforcement agencies with obtaining specialty training to detect impairment and get dangerous drivers off the road. Almost 7,000 officers in Wisconsin are trained in Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement

(ARIDE) and the state has among the most Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) in the nation, with nearly 400 officers who have completed DRE training.

Impaired driving has many consequences for a driver in addition to the potential for a crash. Operating while under the influence (OWI) convictions can cost around \$10,000, including fines, court costs, lost time at work, higher insurance rates and vehicle services. A driver can also lose

their license and vehicle because of an OWI conviction.

Many will be celebrating the holidays in the coming weeks, but the plan for those festive events must also come with a plan for a safe ride home.

The State Patrol encourages drivers to put safety first during the holidays.

People should identify a sober designated driver. If feeling the effects of alcohol or another substance, a person is likely over the 0.08 blood/

breath alcohol concentration limit and should not drive.

Take the bus, call a taxi, or use a rideshare service instead of getting behind the wheel. Use the Safe Ride program to find a ride home.

If a friend who is about to drink and drive, step in. Take the keys away and help them get home safely.

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