Hunters Should Be on High Alert for CWD

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A University of Wisconsin-Madison veterinarian has advised hunters to get their harvested deer tested for Chronic Wasting Disease.

Currently, Portage County has positive cases of CWD for both wild and captive habitats, increasing the need for hunters to be aware of the disease.

While it is still in the peer-review process, a Canadian abstract study found that some primates have been able to contract CWD through raw meat consumption.

According to Keith Poulsen, an outreach and diagnostic case coordinator for the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, this is the first case of oral consumption to show development of the disease outside of mammals directly related to deer.

Poulsen, in a recent broadcast with Wisconsin Public Radio’s “Central Time” hosted by Veronica Rueckert, said, “Anytime you have an infection, whether its virus, continued on page 3

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The Enbridge Energy company wants to replace the aging Line 3 with a new oil pipeline on a new route across northern Minnesota to Superior, WI.

State regulators have started a series of 18 public hearings around Minnesota on whether or not to allow Enbridge Energy to construct a new oil pipeline to replace the Line 3 pipeline.

The administrative law judge, Ann C. O'Reilly, who is holding the hearings, will consider all public comments as part of a report she compiles. Judge O'Reilly is conducting the hearings on behalf of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

According to the Minnesota Commerce Department, Enbridge states that the purpose of the project is to address pipeline integrity and safety concerns related to the existing Line 3 and to restore the throughput of the line to its original operating capacity of 760,000 barrels per day (bpd).

“The multibillion-dollar Line 3 Replacement Program is the largest project in Enbridge history. The new Line 3 will comprise the newest and most advanced pipeline technology—and provide much needed incremental capacity to support Canadian crude oil production growth, and U.S. and Canadian refinery demand,” according to Enbridge’s website.

Nearly 3,400 acres of wild rice, a staple crop of the Ojibwe tribe in Minnesota, would be within 10 miles downstream of Enbridge’s proposed route, according to a report by the Minnesota Department of Commerce.

The corridor cuts across the reservations of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chipewa. The Leech Lake band made it clear to Enbridge several years ago that it would not host a new pipeline, according to PUC filings.

Students from different universities in Wisconsin traveled to the Twin Cities, MN to attend and speak at one of the public hearings. Members from the student organization 350 Stevens Point, were also in attendance.

Zach Jones, vice president of 350 Stevens Point, said, “Line 3 is a line in Enbridge’s network that goes from the tar sands in Alberta, Canada to Superior, Wisconsin. Enbridge already has a terrible track record regarding oil spills. The lakes in Minnesota provide revenue through tourism and water activities and the pipe- continued on page 8
Restaurant Review of Wicked Willow LLC

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To tell you the truth, I was a little nervous when I was asked to try vegan food. I knew a little bit about veganism but not really enough to see what the food was like and I never really thought I’d enjoy the food.

The restaurant Wicked Willow LLC is nestled in the downtown area of Stevens Point. Inside, you can dine with a great view of Main Street.

We stepped into the restaurant and looked around at all the different colors of the willow tree on the wall. “Sit wherever you’d like,” our waitress said.

Our chairs looked like what I’d find in my Great-Aunt Betty’s house, very retro. It was neat to see these old designs out of the ‘60s and ‘70s on the upholstery of the chairs. The tables also had retro looks with some having aluminum edges and a pearly shine to them.

All of the furniture, dishware and decor are sourced from resale markets, which would make Betty proud.

Their dishes are made from fresh organic produce bought locally which only enhances the quality more.

Our waitress started off by asking us if it was our first time eating at Wicked Willow, and when we both quietly nodded our heads yes, she informed us all of the menu items were vegan

Starting with drinks, we ordered sodas and water. I ordered a lemon-lime soda, and Ashley ordered a black cherry cream soda. The soft drinks are organic and made with stevia.

The mac n “cheese” was organic pasta with creamy cashew cheese sauce. She picked broccoli and crispy vegan bacon crumbles to mix in. The waitress said the bacon crumbles were made from a soy protein. It tasted like a healthy twist on traditional mac, but still good for the heart and soul.

That’s right Wisconsinites, vegan cheese is just as good as regular cheese. Spoken from a cheese snob, this substitute was pretty good. It was also great on top of my goulash. In addition, the little pieces of beef-less ground had the texture and taste of ground hamburger.

We finished our meal with a cinnamon roll for dessert. It was perfectly doughy and covered in a delicious glaze frosting. The roll was rather large so we shared it and all but licked the plate clean of frosting.

The restaurant is great for anybody looking to try out a vegan meal or if you are vegan, it is definitely a great place to get food. The only thing that could’ve topped the experience was if there was some catchy and alternative music playing in the restaurant.

If you want to try something new, then go check out Wicked Willow LLC; they serve wicked awesome food.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES REPORT

Sunday, October 1
Female called in and said she and her friends were lost on the corner of Clark and Minnesota and unsure how to get back to Watson Hall.

Monday, October 2
Caller reported a suspicious man pecking into car windows in lot E.

Thursday, October 5
Desk worker in the MAC reported that a male individual refused to leave the MAC and was uncooperative.

Caller is frustrated that bikers do not stop at stop sign. Caller said she almost hit a biker several times since August.

Friday, October 6
Library staff called to report that two kids aged 6-8 couldn’t find their mother who is a staff member.

Staff member from Watson hall called to have an officer check on a worrying male on the third floor.

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A Loop-Hole in Mandatory Birth Control

The Trump administration is changing the Obama-era requirement that employer-provided health insurance policies cover birth control methods at no cost to women. This rule is intended to create a space for organizations to live out their religious identity but leaves a huge opening for any employer to claim an exemption. Leaving their female workers to pay the full cost of any birth control out of pocket.

Health Care "Has The Votes"

President Trump repeatedly claimed his health care plan had the votes. But couldn't be voted on just yet because one Republican senator who was in the hospital. There was no senator in the hospital, but Thad Cochran, a Republican from Mississippi, was at home being treated for a urological issue and could have returned to Washington if a vote was planned.

Were our Puerto Rico Hurricane Relief Efforts too Slow?

The weekend of Sept. 30, the U.S. government was taking no visible action to help the people of Puerto Rico. President Trump was at his private golf club in New Jersey when the Mayor of San Juan asked for the help to come faster. Trump tweeted in response. "Such poor leadership ability by the Mayor of San Juan, and others in Puerto Rico, who are no able to get their workers to help. They want everything to be done for them when it should be a community effort. 10,000 Federal workers now on Island doing a fantastic job.
bacterium or prion, we need to worry about how that does affect the rest of the ecosystem."

"Because of the deer hunting population, sport in Wisconsin is really a part of our culture and part of the Wisconsin economy. When we have new findings like this, we want to make sure we get out ahead of it," said Poulsen.

While it remains unclear whether the disease could be contracted by humans, the Department of Natural Resources has a response plan to reduce risk and manage the problem. The plan emphasizes the restricted movement of deer carcasses to reduce the spread of potentially infectious tissues to other counties or states. Other precautions include enhanced fencing, maintaining testing with farms, and recommendations for annual deer quotas.

If a deer is electronically registered, hunters have the option of getting their deer tested for CWD for free, provided by the Wisconsin DNR at select locations.

Poulsen later states in the broadcast, "When you have something new like this you need to repeat it, make sure that it's valid, and then continue to investigate."

Field Tours Helps Students and Farmers Flourish

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Harvesting season is here and Students for Sustainability has begun their Farm Tour Series, which helps students learn about local farms.

The event focuses on sustainable agriculture. Students visit local farms, learn new techniques and gain hands on experience.

Shelly Stein, the president of Students for Sustainability, said, "The farmer's talk about the history of their land and share how their operation has altered or restored the landscape. They give us introduc-

Central Wisconsin is strong and welcoming, so we're already at an advantage."

With two of the tours already completed, this weekend on Oct. 14 is one last chance to participate. The group is set to go to Miladore to tour Lonely Oak Farm. This farm has organic vegetable produce, hybrid sheep and Wagyu beef cattle.

In addition to having the opportunity to work hands on with a variety of farms, students will also get to meet and interact with people who are knowledgeable in their field, such as grazing specialist Joel Kuehnhold and UWSP alumnus Taylor Christiansen, who graduated with a land use planning major.

Christiansen said, "My hope is to make it as easy as possible for students with the smallest amount of curiosity to discover the values I've discovered in sustainable agriculture. . . . The Farm Tour Series is my way of spreading education, opportunity and career training in the UWSP community."

The organization has high hopes that the event will continue for years to come and continues to focus on ending this year's tours with a bang. It is never too late to RSVP for their upcoming event and participate in this amazing educational experience.
The small town of Stevens Point may seem an unlikely place for a dive shop to call home, however, Bob and Carrie Butt, owners of Divepoint Scuba, think otherwise.

"You know we’ve got a lot of lakes, a lot of places to dive in Wisconsin, actually more lakes than Minnesota. Minnesota’s the land of 10,000 lakes and actually Wisconsin has more," Butt said.

Despite limited visibility, Wisconsin’s freshwater lakes are home to many unexpected surprises like freshwater sponges and jellyfish.

"The first time I ever saw a sturgeon in a river in Wisconsin, I thought it was a tree and then as it swam past me I realized it had a big tail," Butt said. "I couldn’t see clearly from head to tail, I could only see part of it at a time."

The shop originated in 1981 when Bob’s older brother, Pete Butt started Central Wisconsin’s very first Professional Association of Dive Instructors (PADI) dive center located within Hunters Corner Sporting Goods in downtown Stevens Point.

When Hunters Corner closed its doors in 1984, Bob Butt opened a Divepoint Scuba in Plover. The shop has relocated several times. The current owners, Bob and Carrie Butt took over the business from Pete Butt.

From there, Divepoint Scuba has evolved, supplying outdoor adventurers with scuba, snorkeling, kayaking, swimwear, backpacking, camping and rock climbing equipment. It has even expanded, with a new location in the Wausau area.

Customers of Divepoint range from recreational scuba divers, commercial divers, researchers and even fishermen.

Bob said he recently certified a graduate student doing a research project on clams in the state of Wisconsin. In the past, they have even certified students going into shark research.

Commercial divers perform jobs that require diving equipment. These types of jobs include examining and repairing bridges and dams to ensure their safe construction and maintenance from beneath the surface of the water.

Bob and Carrie Butt also get many requests to recover cars, snowmobiles and rings.

In the colder months, Divepoint makes regular group outings to some of the best diving destinations in the Midwestern United States and around the world. In November, they’re taking a group out to Bonaire.

"I’m missing it. I’m craving it. I want to go diving. I want to be under the water with the sun shining and looking at the fish and hear nothing but my breathing," Butt said.

"I find that at the end of the day, if it’s been a busy stressful day, I would just love to be in the Caribbean and just put my gear on and go dive and get away from everything."
UWSP Adventure Club, Mobilized

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Change has gripped the UWSP Adventure Club this semester, with more organization, trips and social media presence.

Bailen Stewart is an active member and said the club is “going strong this year. We have already done three trips this year. This is the year to be in adventure club.”

The goal of the Adventure Club is to subsidize travel expenses and maintain a collection of community equipment to facilitate outdoor activities such as rock climbing, backpacking and kayaking.

Club president Daniel Joannes, junior forest management major, said the new semester will see people getting out on trips as much as possible. Winter and spring breaks are the prime trips due to time allotment.

“We have a lot more trips being planned this semester... We are going to be able to get a lot more people out, on a lot more variety of trips,” said Joannes.

Students in the club have the option of three levels of trips according to difficulty: green light, yellow light and red light.

Green light trips are for beginner adventurers that are new to the activity. Everything is taken care of in terms of equipment and itinerary, and the activities accommodate every fitness level. Yellow light trips require additional skill sets, such as whitewater rafting and rock climbing. Red light trips are for students that want to do all that and push their comfort zones.

“You can work your way up,” said Joannes.

Through active participation, students that start in green light trips and wish to become more advanced are mentored by experienced members in the group.

“Being a freshman and not having a lot of experience with backpacking and different adventure activities, getting the advice and trip planning experience from the upperclassmen is extremely helpful so I can do a better job when I do trips on my own and be safer,” said Cassidy Cyert, sophomore environmental education major.

Students go to club meetings where officers announce what trips they have planned for the month. Interested attendees can sign up for the trip they want to go on right away. The officer leading that specific trip, emails everybody a meeting time and discusses the logistics.

Following this, there are several meetings to plan and go over things such as the weather forecast, terrain, gear check lists and anything else that would prepare students for what lies ahead. Often times, one of these meetings includes skills training for students preparing for a yellow light trip.

Cyert explained the preparation for a rock climbing trip while at the rock wall on campus. Cyert said, “I learned how to repel, how to set ropes and anchors and how to do that safely.”

Club member Balin Magee, sophomore wildlife ecology major, described the caliber of the training.

“They really do a good job at making sure you know the skills first, and that makes you feel safer and ultimately allows for a more enjoyable experience,” said Magee.

The trips themselves are led by experienced students who are titled Trip Officers. Along with having the skills for the adventures they lead, they are qualified in a 10-day wilderness first responder course.

To get involved, find UWSP Adventure Club on the SPIN network, or on their Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/uwsp.arc/.

Central Waters to Host Monthly Tap Talk Talks

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A central Wisconsin brewery, Central Waters, is hosting a series of science-themed presentations and discussions called Tap Talks.

The event will happen monthly, always with a new theme and presenter.

“Our goal is to just branch out into all the different areas of the sciences,” said Paul Graham, president of Central Waters.

The talks take place right at the brewery.

“We have a nice little ‘conference’ room, but it’s actually a part of the taproom, which has all the audiovisual equipment that our presenters will need,” Graham said.

The room can comfortably hold 30 to 40 people, Graham said, but it has large sliding doors in the back, so there are overflow options.

The first of these public presentations took place on September 10. It was given by Shelli Dubay, associate professor of wildlife at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. The topic was nest success in

whooping cranes at Necedah National Wildlife Refuge.

The second discussion about composting practices was lead by Rob Michalrtsch, associate professor of soil and waste resource, on October 1.

Graham said, “We’ll probably give some presentations ourselves, so people can learn the science of beer and the microbiology of beer, you know. There are so many different facets of brewing that I think a lot of the general public is interested in.”

The idea of hosting Tap Talks has been in the making for some time now.

“Somebody approached us with the idea, a guy named Jon Steigerwalt,” Graham said.

Steigerwalt has been helping suggest topics and professionals to present.

“We’d been bouncing the idea around for probably about five or six months before it actually came into fruition,” Graham said.

Tap Talks will be happening only in the fall, because that is when tourism is in its off season.

Graham said, “Our retail business slows down a little bit, which gives us the opportunity to do things like this.”

Graham said the Central Waters staff is excited for the rest of the Tap Talks events.

“‘It’s a combination of two of our favorite things: science and beer,’” Graham said.
The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's golf placed in the bottom half in four out of five golf matches this season, but that fact has not discouraged the team or coaching staff.

Stevens Point has experienced the displeasure of having little roster depth and no true number one golfer to set the tone for the team.

Pointer's head coach Rory Suomi mentioned that by not having a true number one golfer, the whole team needs to play well to place better among other teams.

Sophomore Bailey Ryan has lead the team with the lowest score in three out of five matches this season even though she lacks prior high school experience.

"For her to score almost our number one all year is impressive," Suomi said.

Through all the struggles, Suomi is happy with the character of the team.

"The girls get along with each other, they are all pretty coachable. I think they listen and I think they all try to get better," Suomi said.

Suomi has helped instill sportsmanship in the team to not only be better players, but better people.

"You behave a certain way at tournaments, people respect the fact regardless if you're seven out of seven" Suomi said.

The coach acknowledges that realistic expectations is what he strives for as a team.

"Our expectations are to play to our ability than worry about a certain number," Suomi said.

Suomi is hoping to add more players to the roster during the next recruiting cycle because of the low numbers that the team is dependence on currently.

"Technically we have seven. Right now, we have five actively practicing, the other two are on the team but they will come back and play in the spring," Suomi said.

"I'm recruiting twelve girls right now and two of them could help us immediately."

With the overall growth of the team and some possible recruits joining it, the Pointers may be in line to improve next year and use this season as a stepping stone to turn adversity into success.
**Look Into Sports**

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**MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY FINISHES STRONG AT LAWRENCE**

The UWSP men’s cross country team finished second in the Lawrence Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 7, while the women’s team placed sixth.

The top three finishers for the Pointers men’s team were: Noah Schultz (fourth), Robert Lutz (eighth) and Josh Schaefer (seventeenth).

**WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL SWEEPS MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT**

Stevens Point women’s volleyball came away from the Sandy Schumacher Memorial Tournament with victories over Martin Luther College and Augsburg University on Friday, Oct. 6, in Eau Claire.

The Pointers won the first match to Martin Luther 3-0.

Match leaders for UWSP included: April Gehl (25 kills and 2 aces), Kelly Magliano (7 blocks), Adams (49 assists) and Kundinger (36 digs).

UWSP volleyball will return to action Wednesday, Oct. 11, as they host UW-Oshkosh in the annual blackout game at 7 p.m.

**WOMEN’S GOLF CLOSES SEASON AT WIAC CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT**

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women’s golf tournament with a narrow win over Augsburg College on Saturday, Oct. 7, while the women’s team placed sixth.

The top three finishers for the Pointers women’s team were: Erin Olmstead (twenty-fourth), Sam Ritter (twenty-sixth) and Rachel Halbach (thirty-sixth).

**POINTER FOOTBALL STRUGGLES IN ROAD LOSS**

Stevens Point failed to get on the scoreboard until the fourth quarter on Saturday, Oct. 7, and fell to UW-Oshkosh, on the road, 49-17 to drop to 0-2 in conference play.

Oshkosh scored 49 unanswered points as they cruised to victory over the injury riddled Pointers.

The Pointers did not get on the scoreboard until quarterback Cooper Kerner ran in a touchdown from five yards with 10:38 remaining.

Running back Jahi Stigall finished the scoring off for Stevens Point with a one yard touchdown plunge with 4:23 remaining.

UWSP’s rushing attack was led by Zach Bosek (72 yards), while wide receiver Jerry Williams topped Point’s receiving yardage with 95 yards.

The Pointer’s passing game struggled as Cooper Kerner finished the game with 4 completions on 14 attempts for 108 yards, while Mitchel Neubauer threw one completion for 33 yards.

Stevens Point returns to the field for homecoming on Saturday, Oct. 14, as it hosts UW-Eau Claire. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m.

**POINTER’S WOMEN’S SOCCER TAKES TWO GAMES TO OVERTIME**

Stevens Point women’s soccer struck first in both of its matches but could only manage a tie and a loss during week five to drop the team to a 6-5-1 record.

Point opened the week with a 2-1 home loss against Augustana College on Wednesday, Oct. 4.

Forward Francesca Hamilton scored a goal for the Pointers during the seventy-sixth minute of the match, but Augustana scored the seventy-eighth minute to force overtime and scored the subsequent winning goal in overtime.

The Pointers traveled to Menomonie on Sunday, Oct. 8, and tied UW-Stout 1-1 after a rainout on Saturday.

UWSP’s midfielder Gracie Wendels scored a goal just over 26 minutes into the match, but the Blue Devils scored during the twenty-ninth minute to tie the game.

Point will be back in action on Wednesday, Oct. 11 as it hosts UW-Eau Claire. The match is set to kickoff at 4 p.m.

**WOMEN’S TENNIS GETS BACK ON TRACK WITH HOME AND ROAD WINS**

The Pointers women’s tennis team won three of four games to complete week four of its season and keep its above .500 at 7-5.

Stevens Point hosted Marian University on Wednesday, Oct. 4, and won the match 7-2.

Emily Klein, Erin Lemmer, Abbey Johnson, Anna Dobbe and Elizabeth Wilichowsk each won their singles matches for Point.

Lemmer with Johnson and Dobbe with Wilichowsk won their respective doubles matches.

UWSP fell to UW-Oshkosh on the road 7-2 on Thursday, Oct. 5.

Wilichowsk had the lone Pointer singles victory beginning up with Dobbe to claim victory in their doubles match.

Point edged out the University of Dubuque 5-4 on Saturday, Oct. 7 in River Falls.

Lehmer, Johnson, Dobbe and Wilichowsk grabbed singles victory for the Pointers, while Dobbe with Wilichowsk took the win in the doubles matches.

UWSP took down UW-River Falls 7-2 later in the afternoon on Saturday.

Lehmer, Johnson, Dobbe and Wilichowsk reigned victorious in the singles matches.

Johnson with Emily Klein, Lehmer with Kaylee Roberts and Dobbe with Wilichowsk helped the Stevens Point sweep the doubles matches.

Stevens Point will host a trio of matches beginning on Friday, Oct. 13, when UW-La Crosse makes its way to town for conference play. The match is set to begin at 3:30 p.m.
Canadian oil shippers and Midwest refineries say they need the added capacity and improved pipeline to support their operations. However, the line stands to endanger the water quality. Additionally, the pipeline impacts wild rice lakes which most likely will be detrimental to the Native American population in the surrounding areas of the pipeline.

Students from UWSP head to Minnesota to protest the Enbridge Line 3 pipeline. Photo by Jessycah Andersen

### Get Outdoors This Semester with inTents!

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inTents is a University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point student organization which has just begun this semester. The organization focuses on taking members on camping trips in the Wisconsin region.

On their SPIN page, the group describes themselves as, "an organization that caters to the UWSP students who are nature enthusiasts, camping enthusiasts, and want to help those to excel in their camping skills by providing an experience for them to progress in a camping setting."

Timothy Bertz, senior youth programming and camp management major and president and founder of inTents, said that the organization is geared towards all levels of campers. "We are trying to give the opportunity to people, get them exposed to camping and what it's like to do camping. I guess you could say it's like a stepping stone into the camping world," said Bertz.

Being outdoors can be unpredictable, for this reason the club requires that a safety officer with first aid training attend each outing, to prepare for potential accidents. inTents sponsors sophomores and freshmen who wish to complete a first aid certification course, as long as they commit to two year membership to the club.

Bertz said that the idea for the club was first conceived on the bus ride to a class field trip. He said that during the bus ride he kept thinking about how much he wanted to go camping despite being too busy with school responsibilities.

Bertz said this lead him to think, "you know I should make an organization so I can actually fit it into my schedule and start planning it and like see if other people want to go camping." Together, Bertz and a group of friends brainstormed the club during the bus ride. He said that by the time they arrived they had already written the organization's constitution.

In the future, Bertz said the inTents wants to partner with companies that sell camping gear, such as Patagonia and North Face. Bertz has already reached out to several companies in hopes that the club can test their equipment.

Bertz said that the organization has already received a great deal of support and interest and that new members are welcome. "We definitely have a lot of room. We are looking for people who just love to go camping," said Bertz. The club holds weekly meetings at 5pm in the College of Professional Studies room 229 members are welcome.

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### ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

**Organization Hosts Portage County Night Hike in Plover**

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Active Portage County hosted a night hike for Portage County in Plover. On Saturday, Oct. 7 people could participate in a non-competitive walk of four, eight or twelve miles on the Tomorrow State River nature trail behind Coppis in Plover.

Active Portage County's website said Moonwalk Wisconsin is hosted on the weekend closest to the full moon in the month of October.

"Moon Walk is a non-competitive recreational distance walk along a state trail. It's a down and back style walk so you can stop whenever you want," said Bonnie Groshek, 66, registration booth volunteer.

Jami Gerbert, 36, another volunteer at the event, said that it's a great way to get out and enjoy the outside before it gets too cold.

"I think it's important to highlight wonderful recreational opportunities for people to get out and exercise and great for people to get out and see our natural areas in Portage county which we are fortunate to have," Gerbert said.

There was also nature and nutrition stops on the mile markers throughout the trail. Nutrition stops included pumpkin bars and turkey sandwiches at the further marks. Others had brownies, hot apple cider, fruit and water dispensers for people to stay hydrated.

"I come for the pumpkin bars," said Groshek.

"At the one-mile marker, a gentleman with the Portage county parks department with raptors to educate people on some of our local flying predators," said Sarah Brish, a manager of the event. "If the clouds clear up, we will also be having some professors from the college coming with telescopes to take part in one of the nature stops."

Each mile marker had a pumpkin to mark the distance people were walking on the trail.

Other events hosted by Active Portage county include Walk Wisconsin which is a non-competitive walk marathon and the Hard Rocks Hiking Challenge which is a non-competitive hike at Standing Rocks Park.

According to their Facebook page, Active Portage County is a nonprofit organization with a goal to provide opportunities for people and families to get active and out into nature with hikes, marathons, and aerobic challenges. They like to create these opportunities to educate people in the benefits of exercise in hopes that it will create a healthier portage county.
PABS: Bikes, Beer and Everything in Between

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Point Area Bicycle Shop is shifting gears this season, providing unique entertainment and fun-filled events to participate in.

Their inviting and trendy atmosphere, complete with a beer bar for those 21 or older, proves this no ordinary bike shop.

"It's something different," said John Pawlak, owner of PABS. "I like bringing new stuff to the table for people to try out."

One of PABS upcoming events is a Goldsprint called "Going Nowhere Fast" which will take place in the month of October. A Goldsprint is a type of stationary bike race meant for social gatherings, where competitors pedal as fast as they can and spectators are able to watch them compete. Pawlak believes he'll have an initial time trial, then pair up racers with similar times so that anyone can give it a spin.

"Going Nowhere Fast" Goldsprint races will be held throughout the season as a series. For five dollars, riders can enter and compete. One of those dollars will be put towards the "season pot" of money for the competitors who participate consistently in the series, and the other four dollars will go towards the "nightly pot" for that evening's winner.

The Goldsprinits to-be-determined dates are estimated to be held either weekly or bi-weekly and will be "easy to find" either on PABS Facebook or website homepage.

On Nov. 3 at 8 p.m. the bike shop will be throwing "Punk rock at PABS!" Bands will perform on their stage area, which is complete with "incredible sound work and lights. Cover charges for bands and performances will be anywhere from two to five dollars."

John Larsen, senior dietetics major, said, "I think I'll have to check it out. I've never been to PABS, but it sounds like a lot of fun."

Other artists will be performing at PABS throughout the winter months. Pawlak says these shows are different from others because performers play only their original music, no covers.

"It really shows what our arts culture has to offer," said Pawlak. "These original songs are great. For people to have an audience to share that with is pretty special."

With a passion and appreciation not just for bikes but for the arts and local culture, Pawlak's hope for the future is a uniting vision. He explained the idea of a "Culture Shop." A place where "the community can really turn it into whatever they want."

This concept was inspired by a co-worker of Pawlak's who died. Pawlak remembers him talking about a place that wasn't just a bike shop, bar or gaming area, but all things combined.

"Everybody throws their own thing into the mix," said Pawlak. "It's slowly evolving into that 'Culture Shop' which is pretty cool."

Pawlak said it's disheartening to hear people make comments like "Stevens Point is so boring." Creating a place where people can share and experience new opportunities is the inspiration behind events like "Going Nowhere Fast" and "Punk rock at PABS!"

"If you want something fun to do, do it," said Pawlak. "Home is what you make it."

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**Homecoming Picnic and Field Games**

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11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Go Pink for a Great Cause

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It is that time of year again for the Stevens Point Fire Fighters Charitable Foundation, an event where local artists of all ages have the chance to create and submit a T-shirt design in the hopes of being picked for the following year’s pink T-shirt.

Breast cancer affects more women than any other type of cancer. In 2017, it was estimated that 252,710 women in the United States will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer, a type in which the cancer cells form inside the milk ducts and spread to nearby breast tissue and can spread to other parts of the body.

Additionally, 63,410 women will be diagnosed with in situ breast cancer, a non-invasive breast cancer where the abnormal cells grow inside the milk ducts but have not spread to nearby tissues or other parts of the body.

Firefighters also have a high risk of being diagnosed with breast cancer, being exposed to carcinogens and other various chemicals while on the job.

Jason Pettis, a fire fighter with the Stevens Point Fire Department and director of Stevens Point Fire Fighters [Local 484] Charitable Foundation, said, “Fire fighters are motivated to get involved for many reasons, and often it’s because they have been personally affected by the disease.”

Pettis explained that, by having the local fire department supporting breast cancer awareness, they encourage others to do the same out in the community.

The submission due date for the designs was Sep. 30, 2017, and people can vote for their favorite design on the station’s Facebook page, Stevens Point Fire Fighters-IAFF Local 484, from Oct. 1-15. The winning design will be used for the 2018 T-shirt, second place will receive a $50 gift card and third place will receive a $25 gift card.

The Stevens Point Fire Fighters will be selling pink shirts sizes Youth- X-Large for $10, and size XXL for $13 at Station 1, located at 1701 Franklin Street next to the YMCA all October long. All proceeds gained from the shirts will be donated to Saint Michael’s Foundation Breast Care Center to benefit breast cancer patients in Portage County.

Foundation president and Stevens Point Fire Department MPO Paramedic, Justin Thomson, said, “We usually sell out every year. We order X amount of shirts and when we sell out we sell out unless there’s a high demand for more.”

Sustainable Humans of Point

ZACH JONES
is a senior natural resources planning major.

What does sustainability mean to you?
To me, sustainability means that a system can continue to function indefinitely without impairing the ability of future generations - of all life, not just humans - to have the same quality of life that we have been able to enjoy. In order to be sustainable, society will have to realize it cannot continue to grow forever and will eventually hit our ecological carrying capacity. A quote by the famous naturalist Sir David Attenborough illustrates one of the fundamental aspects of sustainability and the inability of current economic thought to address this issue: “Anyone who thinks that you can have infinite growth on a planet with finite resources is either a madman or an economist.”

Why do you think sustainability is important?
Sustainability is the deciding factor of the survival of humanity and countless other species of life on earth. If humans continue to use natural resources and destabilize the climate at the rate we are, the future looks bleak. However, humans have the capabilities to think of our long term future and plan what needs to be done to prevent the collapse of the systems that support us.

In what ways do you practice sustainability in your life?
As much as possible, I try to make conscientious decisions that support people and businesses with a sustainable business model. This includes eating locally, re-using things instead of buying new, biking instead of driving and other lifestyle choices. I am also involved with several organizations that advocate for a more sustainable world and plan events to educate the public and restore ecosystems like 350 Stevens Point, Land Conservation Society, and the Wisconsin Youth Network. I am majoring in natural resource planning with minors in sustainable energy and environmental studies so I can understand how people depend on the environment and how we can plan for a prosperous future within the constraints set by the resources available on earth.

What do you think people in your community should do to be more sustainable?
The choices we make on a daily basis can do a lot to reduce or increase our environmental footprint, but there are a lot of unavoidable parts of living in our capitalist society dominated by consumerism that have a large impact on the environment and humanity. It is our duty as informed humans to educate ourselves and others on the importance of living a sustainable life and to advocate for policies at the local, state and federal level that help promote a just, safe and equitable future. Unfortunately, in central Wisconsin, we get most of our energy from coal and are facing problems like the depletion of groundwater aquifers and drying up of lakes and streams. We can help change this if we use our powerful collective voice to fight for renewable energy and sound science-based natural resource policy.

The Pointer
Cornerstone Press to Publish “The Appointed Hour” by Susanne Davis

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It’s no mystery where to find collegiate apparel on campus, but it’s a whole different experience watching those clothes come to life.

The University Store and Text Rental hosted its second annual fall fashion show in the Encore of the Dreyfus University Center on Wednesday, Oct. 4. After the success of the first fall fashion show in 2016, the store decided to harness the excitement and energy of the fall semester by continuing with the event and make it into a yearly attraction. The theme of this year’s show focused on purple, silver and glitter set against the industrial backdrop of the Encore.

Compared to the previous year, this show brought even more fashion to campus, showcasing around 60 looks comprised of clothing available in the university store. Categories were athletic, casual, lounge and everyday wear.

The outfits were modeled entirely by student volunteers.

Both men’s and women’s clothing was showcased. T-shirts, hoodies, jackets and dresses made appearances in looks that ranged from cozy to athletic to preppy.

The students’ “looks” too varied a range, some faces serious, some beaming. After the show, the store planned an after-party where models and attendees had the chance to buy the new clothing that was shown for the first time at the show at a discounted price.

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Passion is one of the most important parts of making music. It gives music more meaning and power. Any person truly passionate about making music is worth paying attention to. Phil Scott-Dotson is truly passionate about making music.

On Thursday Oct. 19 at 8 p.m. Scott-Dotson will be performing at the Encore Room of the Dreyfus University Center. Scott-Dotson, known by his stage name Laye Murashi, is a senior sociology, entrepreneurship and business triple major. Oct. 19 will be the fifth time Laye Murashi will be performing at UWSP, but he has been performing since he was fifteen and has been rapping since he was eleven.

"At 11, it was just fun. I just freestyled. I just heard beats, and I heard things on the radio and just thought, "Okay, I'm gonna rap over this even though they're singing or what not. It was just cool and my friends, we used to do it at the table," said Scott-Dotson.

By 15, Scott-Dotson realized he wanted music to be his career. "We went from being at lunch tables to me just taking it really seriously, and plus I needed something to go to because I didn't like venting to my girlfriend. I didn't like venting to anybody, so I would just like to be enclosed and keep to me. And I would write, and that's how I worked through all of my problems, and I ended up actually getting out of the hood," said Scott-Dotson.

It took a while for Scott-Dotson to find his persona, Laye Murashi. His name started as L8ye. "I was thinking of something laid back like L8ye because I'm a chill person," said Scott-Dotson. L8ye stood for Last "Beyond Good and Evil" Years of Excitement. "Six stood for evil in Biblical terms, and 7 stood for good... And the 8 stood for beyond that which means channeling between the good and the bad. Everyone has good intentions but sometimes look bad and some have evil intentions but pick good," said Scott-Dotson.

Unfortunately, Scott-Dotson had to change his name because people kept believing that L8ye was pronounced like "lad y." He changed to Laye Murashi. Laye stands for "Last Advanced Years of Excitement" and Murashi stands for "warrior" in Japanese.

Since he began his musical journey, Scott-Dotson has released around 300 songs. He was written every one of his songs and produced most of them. He has worked with other producers from all around but it is mostly just him creating music about what he knows.

"My struggles. I just wanted to be better. I never really had an outlet to take my stress out or anything personal I could take my stress out. I used to listen to music like Lupe, Kid Cudi, Eminem and Lil Wayne," said Scott-Dotson.

Scott-Dotson is sure that the concert on Oct. 19 will be a unique and fun experience for everyone that comes. "I can have ten people and still perform like it's a thousand," said Scott-Dotson.

Laye Murashi will be performing with WebsterX and Max Traffic.

Music by Laye Murashi is constantly being pushed out and uploaded to Soundcloud and Bandcamp.