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Another Day, Another Manure Spill

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There was a manure spill six miles south of Manitowoc on Aug. 7 which went into Pine Creek, and Hochkammer Dairy is being held responsible.

Kevin Erb, Conservation Professional Training Program Director for the University of Wisconsin-Extension, coordinates professional training in the areas of water quality and manure management, among others.

Erb said, "Manure containers are generally made from steel or concrete holdings which hold six months or a year's worth of manure. Every county south of Highway 8 except Milwaukee has ordinances that state you must build them to meet federal and state engineering standards."

Recent trends show that the impacts of spills are negligible. The level of impact depends on the water temperature, air temperature and fish type. Different types of fish can tolerate differ-

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Many of the art pieces competing to be the next Federal Duck Stamp. Photo by Ross Vetterkind

Art, Nature and Conservation Converge in Million Dollar Duck Documentary

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"Million Dollar Duck" made a splash on Thursday, Sept. 14 in the Dreyfus University Center Theater.

The showing of the documentary was planned in conjunction with the Federal Duck Stamp Contest that

was held at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on Sept. 15 and 16.

The feature-length film was released in 2016 and shows the myriad of processes that create the phenomenon that is the Federal Duck Stamp Contest, from creating the artwork to the final judging.

After the showing, there was a panel discussion with the artists featured in the

film, Tim Taylor, Adam Grimm, Jim Hautman, Rebekah Nastav Knight and Rob McBroom, as well as the film's director, Brian Golden Davis.

"Million Dollar Duck" provides a holistic view of the contest, since its beginnings in 1934. The stamp is purchased by hunters before they can hunt waterfowl, but birders also purchase the stamp for free entrance into any national wildlife refuge.

Ninety-eight cents of every dollar spent on Federal Duck Stamps go directly towards the conservation of American wetlands.

"The biggest takeaway from the film is understanding the relevancy of the contest to refuges and conservation," said Stacey Bannach, communications specialist for the College of Natural Resources. "Duck hunters, stamp collectors and nature lovers invest in the Duck Stamp to conserve these refuges for ducks and other



Discussion Panel after "Million Dollar Duck" screening. Photo by Kathryn Wisniewski.

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Smartphone Usage Could Hurt Student Grades

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A recent study from Kent State University found that cell phones have a significant negative impact on the grade point average of college students.

"I definitely think that it distracts me from my homework, because if I'm in the middle of an assignment and my phone goes off, I immediately go to that, and start paying attention to that," said Arin Meissner, junior early childhood education major.

Meissner was not the only student who reported the pings and dings from notifications as a distraction.

"I'll try to be doing my homework and then I'll hear it vibrate or something so I'll be like, 'oh well I have to check my message,'" said Leah Body, sophomore business administration major.

Body added that any device with access to the internet has the potential to be just as distracting as a smartphone. Without her smartphone Body said, "I would find a way to go on other things, other social media, it would be like my laptop is too distracting because I can go on Facebook."

But not all students agree with the results of the study. Collin Allred, senior history major, and Devin Larson, senior psychology major, said they didn't feel their smartphones distracted them from school work.

"When I'm really trying to focus on something my phone is off to the side and I

don't really look at it," said Larson.

"My phone hasn't distracted me that much, usually I don't have my phone near me," Allred said.

Psychologist Jean M. Twenge has examined the effect of the smartphone on a younger generation referred to as iGen. That research shows that, in comparison with older generations, iGen is having less sex and drinking less alcohol than previous generations. Twenge's other studies show that the generation is more depressed, lonelier, more isolated and getting less sleep.

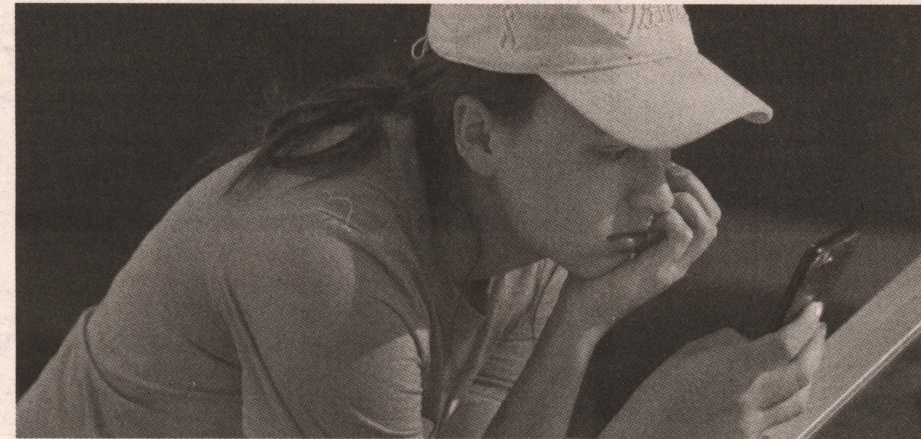
As of April 1, 2015, 65 percent of American adults owned a smartphone of some kind. These percentages were even higher among younger Americans.

Deb Grosbier is a non-traditional student minoring in news media and technologies. Grosbier has watched her children grow up and slowly transition into the world of smartphones.

"I definitely see that the smartphones have taken away from our conversations," said Grosbier.

"They seem so distracted, they can't wait to get back to that phone, verses when they were younger we were really close, we did things, even cooking dinner we did together and now we don't, it's just so different," said Grosbier.

Grosbier admitted that she also gets distracted from school work. She said without a smartphone, "I think I'd be a better student, I lose study time because of it, I'll bet I lose an hour a day."



Cell phones can be a large distraction to some students. Photo courtesy of Dalen Dahl.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES REPORT

Sunday, September 10

Female was having a seizure outside of Smith Hall. University Police is responding along with a Stevens Point med unit.

Monday, September 11

Stevens Point Police Department got a call saying they heard 6 "pops", like a bottle rocket across from Old Main.

Tuesday, September 12

A call was received from Blue phone in lot R, no response on the other end.

Wednesday, September 13

Traffic accident on Stanley Street and Frontenac Avenue, a four-year-old child was struck by a motor vehicle.

Friday, September 15

An individual called to report two to three males skateboarding and grinding on the walls behind Thomson Hall.

Saturday, September 16

City requested assistance in search for three individuals involved in a high speed chase, the three individuals fled on foot.

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Trump Card

Tweet of the Week

Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump - Sep 15
Replying to @realDonaldTrump
The travel ban into the United States should be far larger, tougher and more specific-but stupidly, that would not be politically correct

Monday, September 11

Trump gave remarks at the 9/11 Memorial Observance at The Pentagon in Arlington Virginia.

Tuesday, September 12

Trump signs H.R. 3732 into law. The law increases the cap for Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018 for the sum HHS may spend for the provision of assistance to repatriated U.S. citizens. This will increase the budget from \$1 million to \$25 million.

Wednesday, September 13

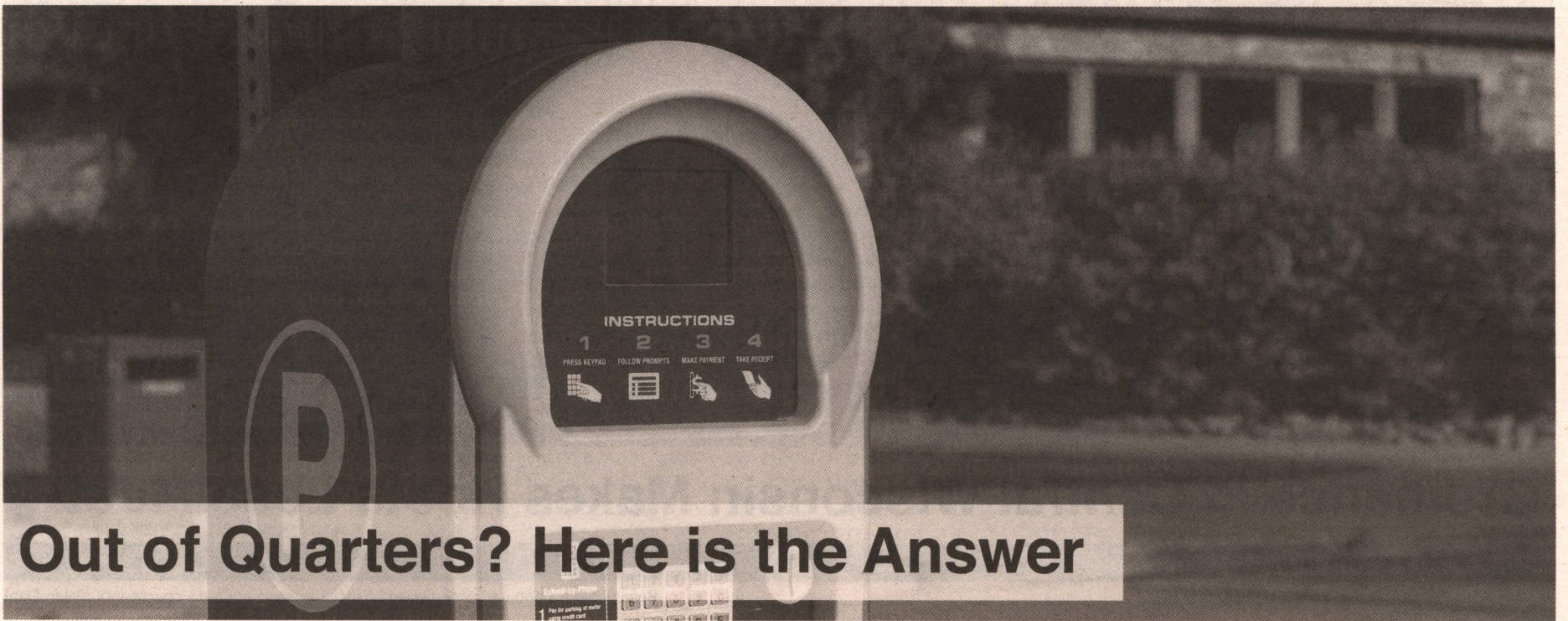
Trump proclaims September 15, through October 15, 2017, as National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Thursday, September 14

At briefing on Hurricane Irma relief efforts, "So I want to thank everybody. You guys have been - I don't want to see you next week in another disaster. We've seen you enough" said Trump.

Friday, September 15

Trump signed H.R. 624 into law. H.R. 624 restricts the inclusions of Social Security account numbers on Federal documents sent by mail.



Out of Quarters? Here is the Answer

New parking kiosks can be found around campus. Photo courtesy of Dalen Dahl.

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Over the summer of 2017, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus underwent in regards to paying for parking.

As of the fall semester, new parking kiosks have been set up to help with the parking needs of the campus and city.

The kiosks are located on Reserve Street by the Health Enhancement Center, Fourth Ave., Isadore St. and other roads mainly focusing around the residential halls.

The kiosks control around 450 parking spaces around campus and allow up to a four-hour parking limit.

The proposal was brought to the Stevens Point City Council in 2015. The plan was to install new meters in hopes to help create more revenue for road work around the city.

Kelsey Buttner, junior art and design major said, "The new kiosks allow more variation of student parking more than the quarter meters, also I think the pricing of the new kiosks in reasonable."

The new meters also allow one to pay through the app PassportParking. In the app, users can register through phone number, email or Facebook to pay for parking.

Not all students are on board with the new additions.

In an interview with the Stevens Point Journal, former Student Government Association president, John Peralta, said, "(Students) feel like we're being targeted for this."

As campus encourages students to take more green initiatives, will the new meters give students even more incentive to bike, walk or take the bus?

As the budget for the installation of the meters was



This kiosk is outside of the Berg Gym. Photo courtesy of Dalen Dahl.

\$300,000. The revenue generated is estimated to bring in \$75,000 this year, and going forward to generate \$150,000 a year.

This newly created income will help the city

compensate for the cost of police and fire services. Both services have had their funding decreased by half in the last 10 year from \$759,000 in 2006 down to \$393,000 this past year.

The Parking Stall Remix: Adventure Tours Style

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On Sept. 17 the downtown area of Stevens Point experienced a new way to appreciate the outdoors with the event called Main Street Parks. Instead of using the street space of parking stalls to park a car, Adventure Tours of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point instead built scenes unlike any other with the paved space.

Adventure Tours has been an active organization for 32 years, helping adults take on the wellness group vacation of their dreams. The organization works side-by-side with the Health Promotion and Human Development department of UWSP,

in hopes of encouraging a well-rounded happy and healthy lifestyle for active adults.

According to the Adventure Tours website, the group has accomplished outings both internationally and stateside; consisting of educational benefits as well as hiking, biking, birding, exploring and more. If it can be named, odds are the organization has incorporated it in some way.

Although they are not a travel agency, the group is passionate about encouraging a healthy and fulfilling life while becoming globally aware. The organization encourages others to dive into the culture of the world, an aspect brought to Stevens Point by the Main Street

Parks 2017.

"I am an advocate for really fun and urban design in a city. Having that background and knowledge of what others are doing around the world helped to inspire something like this," says program manager, Trevor Roark.

The event consisted of transforming parking spots, into pop-up areas of interesting art and other alternative uses of the space.

A stroll on the sidewalks displayed parking spaces taken up by artists, a living room scene, bike racks and even an interactive life-sized chess game.

In 2012, Eran Ben-Joseph, a professor of urban planning at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, esti-

mated that there are at least 105 billion parking spaces occupying the United States. The study also proposed that often times not all these spaces are being used every hour of every day. Events such as Main Street Parks 2017 are helping people find an alternative to these unused stalls.

"I am thrilled by different events happening around the world, such as international parking day which helped this event," Roark said.

Adventure Tours hopes to make Main Street Parks an annual event, with the addition of a few more parking stalls. In the future, they hope to host many other events, including a biking event, however, details and dates are still in the works.

Ordinance in Central Wisconsin Makes Hosts Lose Most

Beer pong is a popular game played at social gatherings. Photo courtesy of Dalen Dahl.

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Parties with underage students may put attendees and hosts at risk of punishment at the expense of the those throwing the party.

Stevens Point and Plover have already put a social hosting ordinance in place which would hold the host of a gathering responsible if any underage person is caught drinking alcohol, regardless of if the host knows it or not.

The ordinance was put in place with the goal to curb underage drinking.

"I didn't know this was a thing," said Kade Johanning, senior web and digital media development major. "I guess it makes sense in some cases but how can a host watch every attendee at a party?"

Depending on the size of the



The city council is looking to change the under-age drinking law. Photo courtesy of Dalen Dahl.

party it could be hard to make sure all of the party goers are all legal drinking age.

"What about a graduation party? Someone may have alcohol but is the host going to sit there and police the coolers and

fridge to make sure people under 21 aren't taking drinks?" said Johanning. "I think it holds hosts to an unfair standard."

Rachel Dye, senior international studies major said, "I understand it from a responsibil-

ity perspective, but personally I think it's the underage people who should be held accountable at an equal level."

The ordinance has fines that range anywhere from \$300-\$2,000 depending on its severity, how young the underage person is and the level of intoxication.

"I think this ordinance changes nothing, people will find a way to do it regardless of laws, and they will keep doing what they do, just maybe more discreetly," said Ashley Kohlman, sophomore English and psychology majors.

In a span of six months from, September to March, the Stevens Point Police department issued 91 underage drinking citations with 79 of them being outside of taverns or bars.

"If I were to drink, I wouldn't put myself in sketchy situations like that," said Kohlman.

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ent levels of oxygen said Erb.

Health Services tested the surrounding private and public beaches with negative results.

Erb's research has found that spills of this nature occur less than two to three times per year. Storage units are engineered and designed to prevent such spills. Farms need to have a spill response plan to quickly contain a spill before it creates an environmental problem. Wisconsin is the first state that trained the public on how to respond to manure spills through demonstrations with controlled manure spills.

Ed Culhane, communication specialist for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is working with the farm to complete a detailed report.

Culhane said, "The spill was caused by a structural failure in manure pit, specifically the concrete plug failed. It went into a

tile line so the spill wasn't visible. Once it entered Pine Creek, it was reported on Aug. 7 then it was tracked to the farm and they were notified of the spill."

The main consequence of this spill was the depletion of oxygen concentration, so forage fish died in that part of the Pine Creek, but the fish upstream will recolonize it. Each case is different. This did not turn out to be a public safety issue and there was no permanent damage, according to Culhane.

The specific quantity of manure spilled is still being investigated. However, the farmer is cooperative and the clean up was completed in two days. The DNR checked the stream on Aug. 10 and it ran clear. The DNR is expecting a compiled No Further Action documentation report which will explicitly highlight how the release occurred, the clean up process,

and a permanent solution from the farmer said Culhane.

Once the report is received,

it will be reviewed by the DNR and the typical response is to complete an on-site inspection.



Hochkammer Dairy is being held responsible for a manure spill that happened six miles south of Manitowoc. Photo by Deanna Roberts



Whitefeather Organics, one of the vendors at the Stevens Point farmers market. Photo by Ross Vetterkind

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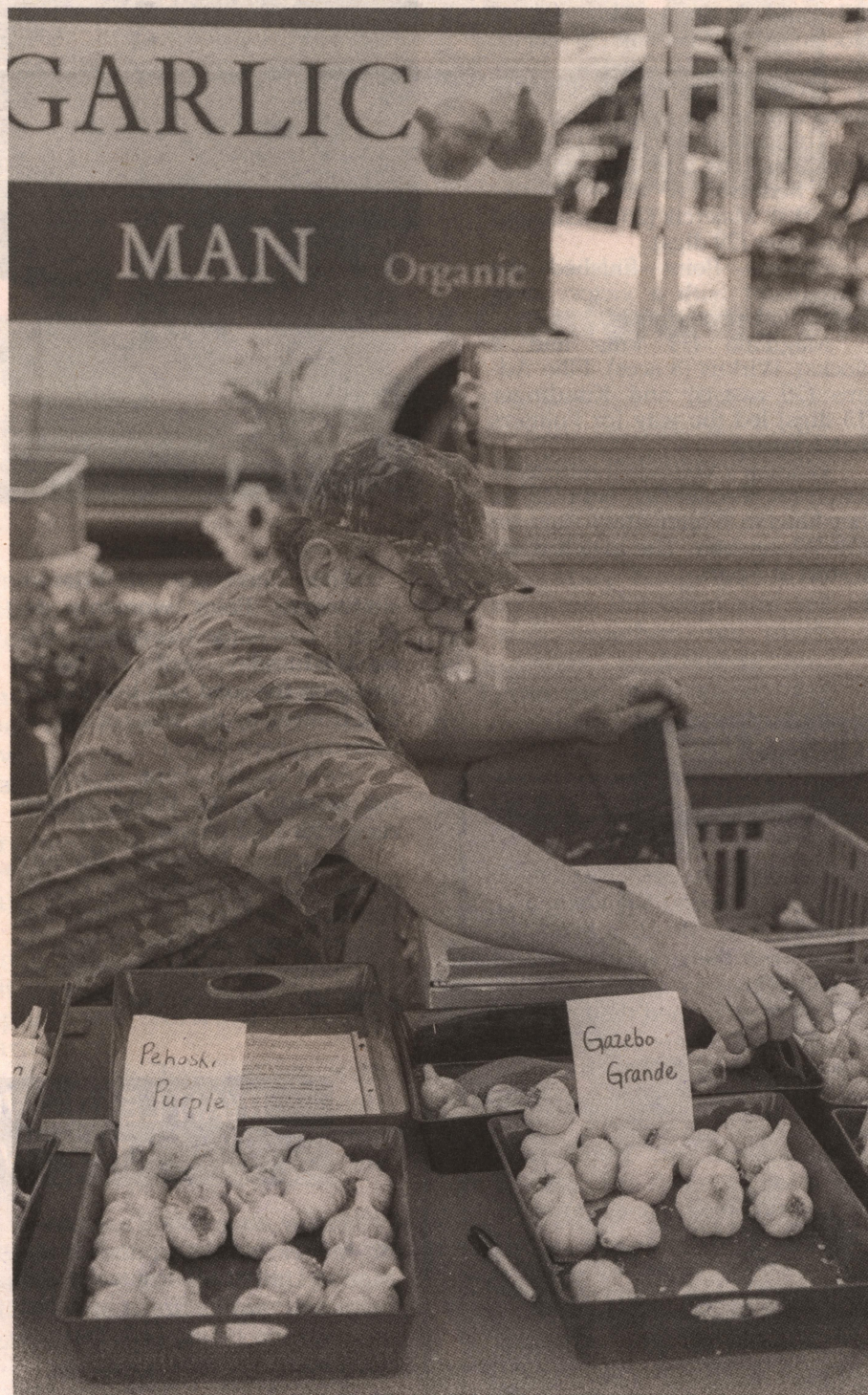
Organic food certified by the United States Department of Agriculture can come in many forms, ranging from store brand mac 'n cheese to fresh produce from Saturday's Farmers' Markets on the Square, but is the label enough to warrant consumer trust in the quality of a product?

Dan Mielke, organizer for the Stevens Point Farmers Market, and Co-Founder for the Midwest Organic Services Association, a third party Organic label certifier, spoke in favor of the label.

"Overall I think it's excellent. Sadly, when government gets involved there's always politics involved, and so they have weakened some of the regulations that we would have preferred to have been a little stronger, but in general, on an overall basis, it's helped because it's unified within the United States," Mielke said.

This overall sentiment is shared by owners of local small scale organic farms. Both Oren Jakobson, owner of Fieldnotes Farm, and Tony Whitefeather, owner of Whitefeather Organics, described their experience of the certification process as being rigorous and thorough.

They explained that being certified requires a full assessment of their farming operation. The certifier checks everything from what is put into their fields, such as compost,



Dan "The Garlic Man" Mielke selling his organic garlic. Photo by Ross Vetterkind

fertilizer, or even mulch, to seed audits and field plans.

However, despite the thoroughness of the certification process for small-scale organic farming, both farmers expressed a semblance of distrust in matters regarding larger operations.

"I am worried about how the standards, and the accountability of the inspectors are compromised by the larger scale industries' interests," Jakobson said.

The concerns regarding large scale USDA Organic certified operations are echoed by watchdog groups like the Cornucopia Institute, based out of Cornucopia, WI.

This past July, the Cornucopia Institute helped to expose an organic egg scandal, in which Eggland's Best was selling "organic" eggs from hens that were not allowed to leave the building in which they were housed. The USDA allowed this due to an interpretable portion of the organic certification standard.

"The organic standard and certification is something that is made by the people, it's a government function. If you don't think it works, or you don't think it's strict enough, it's your prerogative to say something about it, to run for the standards board, to put in comments on proposed changes. To complain about the standard but to do nothing about it is relatively meaningless," Jakobson said.

Look Into Sports

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL EXTENDS WINNING STREAK TO SEVEN

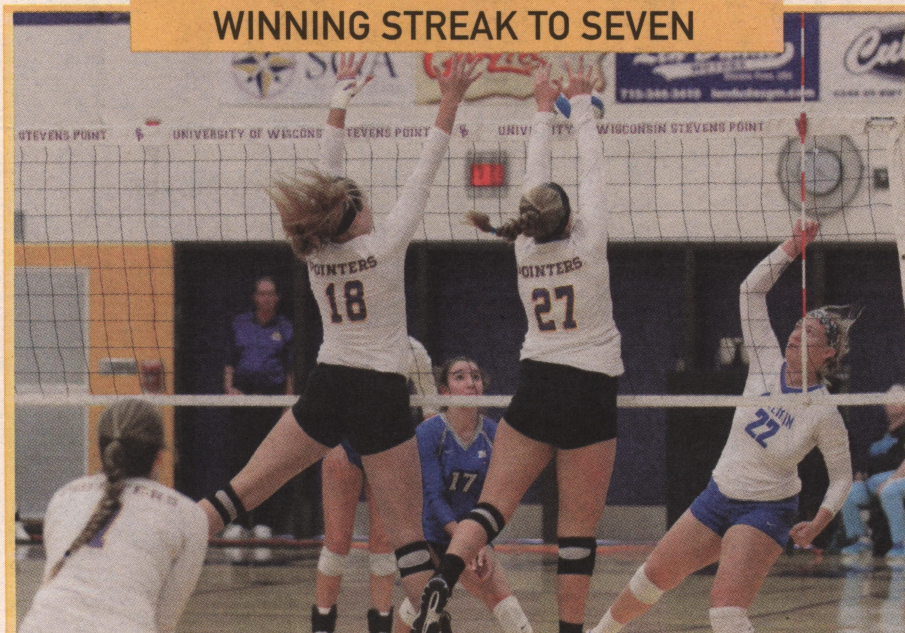


Photo by Kylie Bridenhagen, UWSP Athletics.

The Pointer volleyball team finished the second week of September with six straight wins, extending their winning streak to seven, and sit atop the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) as of Sunday, Sept. 18.

UW-Stevens Point lost only one set and swept the other five matches on their way to a perfect week.

Point started the week with a match sweep of Lawrence University, 3-0, in the Oshkosh Quad.

Match leaders for the Pointers included: Morgan Wirkus (15 kills and 3 aces), Maddie Courter (5 blocks), Delaney McCreary (20 assists) and Kendra Kunding (17 digs).

Stevens Point followed up the match sweep with another, this time of St. Norbert College.

UWSP match leaders included: Kelly Magliano (11 kills and 4 blocks), Lisa Bedessem (4 aces and 14 digs) and McCreary (19 assists).

After the Oshkosh Quad, the Pointers headed to the UW-River Falls Invitational.

The Pointer's swept the College of St. Benedict in game one, 3-0.

Stevens Point match lead-

ers include: April Gehl (11 kills), McCreary (2 aces and 15 assists), Magliano (5 blocks) and Kunding (20 digs).

The Pointers had a lone set loss this week against the University of St. Thomas, however, UWSP won the match 3-1.

Leaders of the match for Stevens Point included: Wirkus (16 kills and 3 aces), Magliano (4 blocks), Abby Majercik (38 blocks) and Kunding (30 digs).

UWSP defeated St. Olaf in game three of the invitational, 3-0.

The match leaders for UW-Stevens Point included: Gehl (14 kills), Bedessem (2-aces), Courter (4 blocks), Majercik (26 assists) and Kunding (29 digs).

Stevens Point finished the tournament with a victory over Finlandia University, 3-0.

Magliano (11 kills and 4 blocks), Wirkus (3 aces), Ellie Adams (20 assists) and Kunding (13 digs) led the way for Pointers match sweep.

Women's Volleyball returns to action on Wednesday, Sept. 20, as they head to Whitewater to take on UW-Whitewater. The match is set to start at 7 p.m.

POINTERS TENNIS SPLITS SECOND WEEK OF SEASON

Stevens Point started the week with a win on Tuesday, Sept. 12, over Lakeland University, 9-0, before falling to UW-Stout in the conference opener on Friday, Sept. 15, 7-2.

Emily Kleist, Erin Lemmer, Abbey Johnson, Angelica Hernandez, Anna Dobbe and Elizabeth Wilichowsk won their singles matches as Point swept the Muskies, 5-0.

Johnson with Lemmer, Kleist with Kaylee Roberts and Dobbe with Wilichowsk won their respective doubles matches to help Point complete the sweep of Lakeland.

Pointers Tennis was back on the road to end the week and dropped their WIAC opener to Stout to put their record at 2-2 at the end of two weeks.

Lemmer claimed the lone victory for the Pointers in the singles matches as Stevens Point dropped five of the six singles competitions.

Wilichowsk and Dobbe won their doubles match as Point lost two of the three doubles competitions.

The Pointers return to the court on Saturday, Sept. 24, as they host Lawrence University. The match time is set for 8:30 a.m.

MEN AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY STARTS SEASON ON STRONG NOTE



Photo by Kylie Bridenhagen, UWSP Athletics.

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point men's cross country team took third place, while the women's cross country team claimed fifth place in the Tom Hoffman Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 16, in Whitewater.

The men's team finished with 119 points among the 13-team field. The women's team finished with 201 points among the 15-team field.

Abraham Skwira paced the

field for the men's team with a 12th place finish and a time of 28:37.0.

Alexis Anderson was the top finisher for the women as she took 33rd and completed the meet with a time of 27:25.3.

UWSP Cross Country returns to action on Friday, Sept. 22, when they will be traveling to Rock Island, IL. for the Brissman-Lundeen Invitational. The meet is scheduled to start at 4:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER PITCHES SHUT-OUT IN BACK-TO-BACK MATCHES

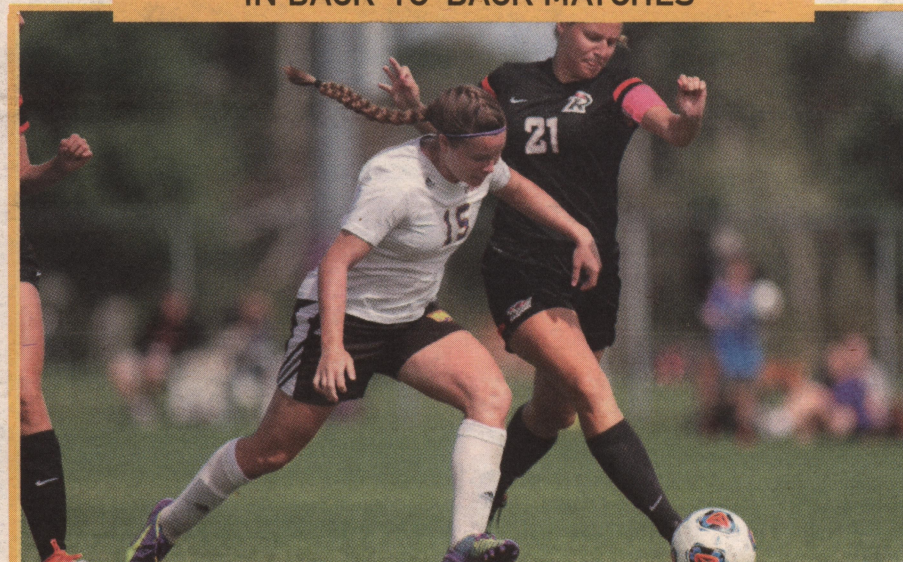


Photo by Kylie Bridenhagen, UWSP Athletics.

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point women's defeated Lawrence University, 6-0, on Wednesday, Sept. 13, before going on the road and beating Ripon College by the score of 3-0, on Saturday, Sept. 17.

As of Sunday, Sept. 18, UWSP sits second in the WIAC conference with a 5-2 record.

Amanda Maestas, Kassidy Spees, Maddy Hardyman, Gracie Wendels, Francesca Hamilton and Charity Shaw each had a goal as the Pointers scored four of their six goals after halftime against Lawrence.

The defense played well with only one save was recorded by goal keeper Lexi Pawlowski as Point held Lawrence scoreless.

Hamilton, Hardyman and Maestas each scored a goal to help Stevens Point to secure the home victory over Ripon.

Goal keeper Sarah Peplinski added four saves to help the UWSP defense shut-out Ripon. Peplinski's season total for saves stands at 27.

The Pointers return to the field on Wednesday, Sept. 20, as they host Carroll University. Kickoff is set at 4 p.m.

RYAN LEADS WOMEN'S GOLF TO TOP FIVE FINISH

Bailey Ryan shot a score of 91 in her second round at the Marian University Invitational to help the Pointers finish in fourth among nine teams on Saturday, Sept. 16.

Ryan improved on her first

round by ten strokes as she finished 16th individually.

Stevens Point returns to the course on Friday, Sept. 22, when they will travel to Madison for the UW-Whitewater Invitational.

Sports Events

Cross Country

Sept. 22,
Brissman-Lundeen
Invitational
4:30 p.m.

Women's Golf

Sept. 22-23
UW-Whitewater
Invitational

Tennis

Sept. 24,
vs. Lawrence University
8:30 a.m.

vs. Milwaukee School of
Engineering
3 p.m.

Football

Sept. 23
vs. Adrian College
4 p.m.



The Pointer men's cross country team. Photo by Kylie Bridenhagen.



Junior Olivia Bohnert. Photo by Ross Vetterkind.

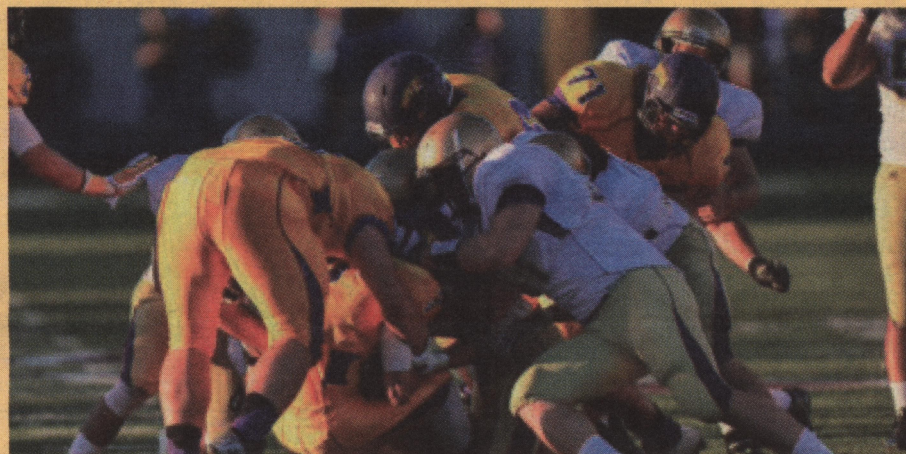


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Volleyball

Sept. 20,
at Uw-Whitewater
7 p.m.

Sept. 22,
CCIW/WIAC Crossover
(Naperville, IL)
At North Central College
5 p.m.

vs. North Park University
7 p.m.

Sept. 24,
vs. Augustana College
10 a.m.

Women's Soccer

Sept. 20,
vs. Carroll University
4 p.m.

Sept. 23,
at North Central College
3 p.m.

Women's Soccer off to Hot Start as Conference Play Approaches

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As of Wednesday, Sept. 20, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is listed as second in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and is riding a three-game win streak as conference play draws near.

Through the Pointers early success, the team believes that they can improve.

"We have probably exceeded other people's thoughts of what our season would be like, but for us within the program, we're not satisfied yet," said Pointers, head coach Dawn Crow.

"I don't think we have played our best game from start to finish. We have had flashes of brilliance, but we want to sustain and keep that going."

The Pointers early success has come from a strong defense that has surrendered only two goals and produced five shut-out victories.

Senior goal-keeper Sarah Peplinski, who has accumulated 27 saves so far, this season, seems impressed with the way

the team has developed.

"I have definitely seen a difference from when we started and I think we are improving each game," said Peplinski.

"You can kind of see us come together as a team, we are getting more and more comfortable as we are going."

Point's offense has been sparked by solid performances from the team's forwards that have helped UWSP score 28 goals so far, this season.

One player that team members mentioned that has helped elevate UWSP is freshmen forward Francesca Hamilton.

"She has shown a lot of drive. She is there to do the grit work and work hard," said Sophomore forward Maddy Hardyman.

Hamilton has paired with Hardyman to score 11 goals combined and the two forwards are the leading scorers on the team.

Stevens Point has already matched last year's win total of five as they entered this season with more health than the past year.

"It's really nice to have a lot

of the girls healthy. Last year it was difficult because we had a lot of injuries," said Hardyman.

Hardyman pointed out team chemistry as a strength of this year's team.

"Everybody hangs out with everybody on the team and we play well together, we mesh well together," said Hardyman.

"Being out here every day and learning everybody's strengths and weaknesses them-

selves, individually is important."

With the season entering its midpoint and nearing conference play, the Pointers health, team chemistry and strong performances will help determine how far this year's team advances.

"I'm just excited to see where the rest of the season takes us," added Hardyman.



Opposing teams clash during game play. Photo by Kylie Bridenhagen, UWSP Athletics.



Giving Gardens Gives Back to the Community

A table full of the items that could be won through raffle tickets. Photo by Ross Vetterkind

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On Sept. 9, Giving Gardens hosted a fundraiser tour at six of their Stevens Point area community gardens.

Giving Gardens is an organization which aims to combat hunger in the Stevens Point area through community gardening.

According to Jeremy Erickson, Giving Gardens Manager, the organization now includes 16 gardens in Stevens Point, Whiting and Plover. The food produced in these gardens is distributed by a range of food pantries and charitable organizations in Stevens Point and Plover which give the local produce to people in need.

Erickson said that Giving Gardens helps to get their member gardens established by helping with construction, supplies and seeds. From there, many of the gardens are maintained by community partners while others are managed by Giving Gardens.

Much of the gardening is done by volunteers like Danny Werachowski who is an extern for Giving Gardens. Werachowski feels that in addition to donating food, the program also educates the community.

"Generally, it does two things. On one side of the coin it's to educate not only the externs who are learning skills like growing food, gardening stuff like that, sort of self-accountability. But also to educate people in the broader community and the people we are donating the food to; that not only is it easier to grow your own food



A fundraiser attendee inquiring about one of the booths. Photo by Ross Vetterkind

but it's a lot healthier for you to grow the kind of nutrient-dense food that's organic and prepared well in good soil," said Werachowski.

School districts in the area are among Giving Gardens partners. Werachowski said school garden sites allow for kids to get their first experience seeing where their food comes, while simultaneously providing food for the community.

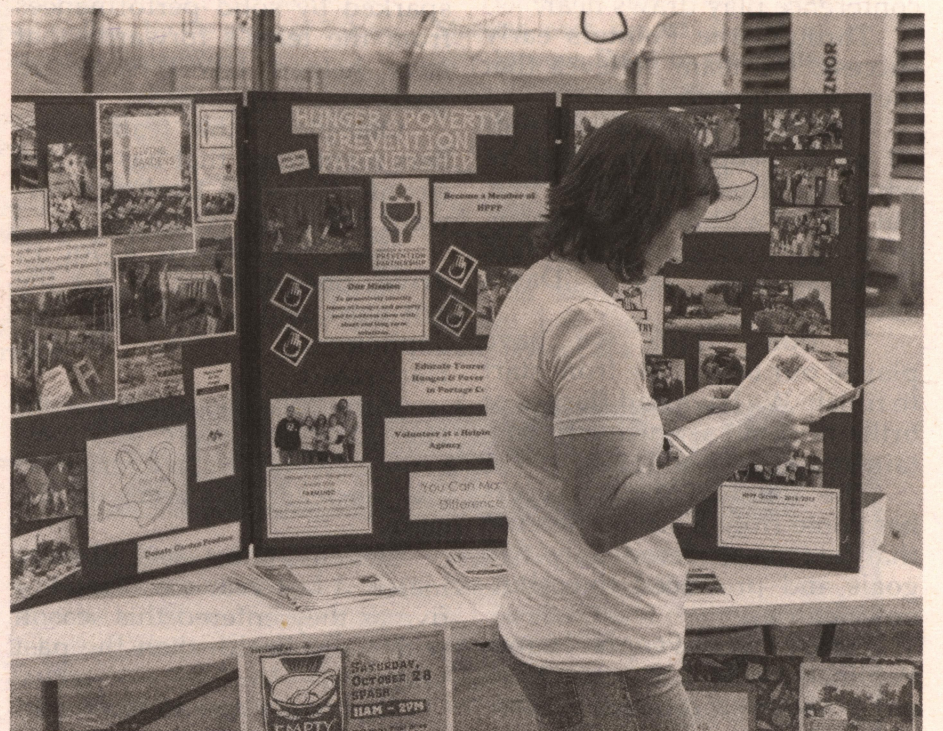
"It educates and it also feeds which is really cool," said Werachowski.

Another Giving Gardens member is the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point organization Students for Sustainability, which runs the

campus garden. The student members of Students for Sustainability use the campus garden as an opportunity to learn about sustainable agriculture while supporting the broader community.

Hannah Zakrzewski, the campus garden manager, said that the vegetables grown are donated to the Aging and Disability Resource Center and the Salvation Army Hope Center. Zakrzewski estimated that this year, despite a slower growing season, the garden has already produced 100 pounds of produce and expects to continue harvesting into the fall.

The six Giving Gardens which participated in the fundraiser tour, not only showcased an array of gardening styles but also the diverse set of organizations which partner with the program.



An attendee reading some literature at one of the booths at the Giving Gardens fundraiser. Photo by Ross Vetterkind

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wildlife."

The Federal Duck Stamp brings people together every year without fail in the name of art and conservation, as the film demonstrates.

By following the artists through their preparation, their painting and their experience in the actual competition, "Million Dollar Duck" brings viewers into the intimate and passionate world of Federal Duck Stamp art.

"I read a book about the contest, and I was just utterly fascinated," said Davis on how the film got its begin-

ning. "Seeing all the artwork and the history behind the stamp on the conservation side and also on the artist side that enter, I just became a Duck Stamp groupie just by reading the book."

During the panel, the discussion turned towards how those with knowledge of and passion for the Duck Stamp can keep the tradition alive.

"I think we are making progress," said Hautman.

In the years since the film's release, the competition has seen a spike in entries.

"I know so many people have told me since we've

made this film that they never even knew this thing existed, so Brian did a good thing," said Taylor.

Though the film has helped tremendously in raising awareness for the competition and the conservation efforts it represents, there is still much that can be done by everyone with a passion for nature.

"We look around at the young people in our world, and those are the future generations that are either going to see things carried through or not," said Grimm.

As the father of four, Grimm takes his children out into nature just as his father

did with him in attempts to carry on the tradition and foster a love of nature in the next generation.

Grimm also believes that word of mouth can be a strong force in promoting the Federal Duck Stamp and the annual competition.

"Tell people. Talk to people about it," said Grimm.

Beautiful, emotional and informational, "Million Dollar Duck" not only presents the details of the Federal Duck Stamp Contest but also encourages a returned connection to nature that will surely die if we do not conserve it.

Anja Pustaver's Recital of Love

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On Sunday, Sept. 17, a voice recital for senior music performance major Anja Pustaver was held in Michelson Hall at 2 p.m.

Pustaver is returning with her award-winning voice to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point after winning first place and both the state and national competitions for the National Association of Teachers of Singing.

"My junior recital is what is this weekend. We decided to push it and do it right at the beginning of the school year," said Pustaver.

Pustaver worked extensively with associate professor of voice, Matthew Markham, on this recital.

"We have about 55 students and only two voice teachers, so we have a lot of personal one-on-one contact with a lot of our students through personal voice lessons," said Markham.

Pustaver and Markham decided to go venture in a different direction from normal voice recitals.

"Usually a recital goes by language sets. I, with Dr. Markham, put together a recital that is thematic in that it follows the journey of a young woman as she learns how to love," said Pustaver.

The story goes through the woman finding her first love, having her first sexual awakening, losing her first love and, eventually, after deciding not to marry is when she finds how to love again.

The story is important to Pustaver because of how relatable the subject of love is to everyone.

"It's what connects us," said Pustaver.

Pustaver already performed some of her recital this past summer.

"I was chosen to perform at

the Mirabell Palace in Salzburg, Austria, which is actually where Mozart played for the archbishop when he was a young boy," said Pustaver.

This recital, however, has added more to the theme and a

"So much of your heart and energy are poured into every single song and it comes together in this huge, massive thing that's just you putting your heart totally on the line," said Pustaver.

Pustaver will be bringing her passion for music to her both her senior recital later this year, and graduate school next year.



Photo courtesy of Brighid Burkhalter

theater scene from the musical "Carousel."

Some other pieces in the recital will be by composers such as Jake Heggie, Franz Schubert and Franz Liszt.

"O comedor," the piece by Franz Liszt, is currently Pustaver's favorite song to sing.

"This is exciting and different because it's me and my closest friends and family will be there," said Pustaver.

Pustaver said that this recital was incredibly exciting for her because of how personal it is and how well it fits to her personality.

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Swastika Vandalism in Pfiffner Pioneer Park

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A good friend of mine told me she saw a swastika drawn on the sidewalk in Pfiffner Pioneer Park while on her morning walk.

Some may see a symbol of hate and be able to just brush it off and continue with life. I wish I had that privilege. That atrocious assortment of lines represents the destruction of too many people I love for me to sit back and do nothing.

My act of resistance is informing readers that there is a crusty group of neo-Nazis in our city.

Swastikas are symbols of hatred and murder of inno-

cents. The appearance of this smut on sidewalks means someone is either an actual neo-Nazi or thinks the act of butchering over 6 million Jews, disabled people, homosexuals and people of color is a joke that can be scrawled in a public place.

One cannot be a proud American and a neo-Nazi. We had a whole war about this, remember? The entire world was involved. Our country fought to stop the Nazis and their perverse view of minority groups. To see a swastika on the sidewalks of an American city is not only a disgrace to minorities, but also to all Americans who fought to protect us from the malice represented by the symbol.

People cannot change the

color of their skin, they cannot change who they love, and they should not have to. The cognitive dissonance that accompanies a hatred of someone for merely being born is something I hope to never understand.

Some may read this editorial that think I am just another hot-headed social justice warrior. They would be absolutely right.

I refuse to apologize or feel ashamed for possessing basic human decency. At least I will know that I stood for something other than my own selfish survival on this planet. Do not bother sending me emails, come into my office and look me in the eyes when you tell me I am overreacting to this foul symbol and

all it represents.

I am putting up such a fuss about this because if we allow this grubby hatred in our community, we are no better than those bystanders in pre-Nazi Germany who simply shrugged their shoulders and said, "Everyone is entitled to an opinion."

Dump out your water bottles onto a pathetically chalk-drawn swastika and fight the filth. Chalk can also be purchased in the University Store in case you would like to turn a chalked swastika into the 1995 logo for a Windows computer. Do something. Desmond Tutu said, "If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor."

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What, in your opinion, is the best mode of travel? Is it walking, biking, car, plane, train or something else?

Biking. I just got a bike, and I've just started traveling by bike. It's been very exciting, well, maybe not exciting, but new.

What is your favorite place you've ever visited? What do you love about it?

Colorado. It's just got a really good vibe. I hiked when I was there, and I've never hiked anywhere else. That's the only place I've hiked a mountain. I got to climb a mountain.

Do you prefer to travel alone or with other people? Why?

With other people to share experiences.

If you could go anywhere in the world that you haven't been, where would it be? What would you do or what would you see there?

Probably Japan. I don't really know. I just know that it's so much different from where we are, so I think it would be the most interesting.



One of the competition's attendees looking at a piece called "Ripples," by Sherrie York. Photo by Ross Vetterkind

A New Duck Stamp Takes Flight

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The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point was this year's host for the annual Federal Duck Stamp Contest, making it the first time the event was held in Wisconsin.

"We are honored to have this important and historic event on our campus," said Christine Thomas, Dean of the College of Natural Resources.

The Federal Duck Stamp Contest, originally known as the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, is a stamp used when hunting ducks and geese. It can also be used to gain entrance into National Wildlife Refuges. The stamp is seen as a collectible and is also used to raise funds for wetland conservation acts, and 98 percent of proceeds go to the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund.

In 1929, President Herbert Hoover signed the Migratory Bird Conservation Act. This act authorized the acquisition and preservation of wetlands as waterfowl habitat, but this law did not provide a source of money for the preservation of wetlands. Five years later, on Mar. 16, 1934, President Roosevelt signed the Migratory Bird Hunting

Stamp Act, known as Duck Stamp Act.

Jay "Ding" Darling was the designer of the first Federal Duck Stamp in 1934 per President Franklin D. Roosevelt's request. The design depicts two mallards about to land on a marsh pond. It was not until 1949 that the first contest was open to any U.S. artist who wanted to enter. It is also the only contest of its kind that is sponsored by the U.S. Government.

The contest was held on

campus on Sept. 15 and 16 with artwork for the contest being on public display in the Edna Carlsten Art Gallery. Other events included a decoy carving contest and exhibition, live birds in the Museum of Natural History, live snakes and turtles in the Food for Thought Café, story-time for children and Art in the Park.

The final judgement was made at 10 a.m. by judges whose identity was kept anonymous prior to the contest. Among the judges was

Jacob Straub, professor of wildlife ecology at UWSP.

Out of 215 entries, twelve of the entries were submitted to the Sept. 16 judging day, the final outcome and winner was Robert Hautman of Delano, Minnesota. This is the third time Hautman has won the competition. Hautman's and his two other brothers', James and Joseph, work have now been featured 13 times on the Federal Duck Stamp.



Dr. Tangedal Celebrates Second Year At Cornerstone Press

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Ross Tangedal is going into his second year of leading the University's publishing house, Cornerstone Press.

The publishing house, which was established in 1984 and specifically designed to staff students taking English 349: Editing and Publishing, become the only student-run press in the UW-system.

Each student takes on a specific role from editorial to sales, all with the goal of publishing and selling a well-rounded book. Because of its relations to the classroom, a new staff is held every year, a feature Tangedal finds unique and inspiring.

Tangedal is a professor for the department of English on campus, specializing in American print and publishing culture.

In his first year, he lead the press through the publication of their first book written by an international author. The book, "Meditations of a Beast" by Kristine Ong Muslim, was then featured in The Chicago Book Review's article of "The Best Poetry Books of 2016" climbing the charts to number 11.

In regard to the past year, Tangedal said, "I've learned that students are willing to work hard, take risks and take chances. In my last



A look at a shelf of books in the library. Photo courtesy of Dalen Dahl.

year, I've never seen a more hard working group doing any single thing."

Tangedal predicted another successful year for the Press. This year they received a total of 50 submitted manuscripts, a 163% increase from last year.

Tangedal is still finding ways to improve the efficiency of the Press.

"We have made a few ad-

justments to how we select the manuscript, and made adjustments to make the sales team a little bigger," said Tangedal.

Reflecting on last year, he later said, "Most importantly, [the job] has shown me what I study, working with books on a daily basis, that the making of a book is one of the most intriguing and fascinating processes

that we humans do."

With his appreciation for books continuing to grow, Tangedal is ready to take on the upcoming semester. The Cornerstone Press is set to launch their new book in Dec. 2017.

Those interested in more information and events can find Cornerstone Press on Facebook at uwspcornerstonepress.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

Wednesday
October 11

**Music Department
Orchestra Concert**

Michelsen Hall, NFAC

7:30-9:30 p.m.

Thursday
October 12

**Spider-Man:
Homecoming
showing**

DUC Theater

6 p.m. and 8:45 p.m.

Friday
October 13

**Music Department
Combined Choirs
Concert**

Michelsen Hall, NFAC

7:30-10 p.m.

Student Body

Studio Theatre, NFAC

7:30-9:30 p.m.

Saturday
October 14

**Homecoming Picnic
and Field Games**

Outdoor Areas DeBot Field

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Spider-Man:
Homecoming showing**

DUC Theatre

6 p.m. and 8:45 p.m.

Student Body

Studio Theatre, NFAC

7:30-9:30 p.m.

Sunday
October 15

Student Body

Studio Theatre, NFAC

2-4 p.m.

Tuesday
October 17

**Music Department
Jazz Band and Jazz
Ensemble Concert**

Michelsen Hall, NFAC

7:30-10 p.m.