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Eagle Cove Bible Camp Appeal

RHINELANDER - The Oneida County Board of Adjustment has over a month to decide whether three brothers will be allowed to build a Bible camp.

Art Jaros is the President of Eagle Cove Camp.

Jaros and his two brothers, Randy and Wes, want to build a bible camp on Squash Lake, just outside of Rhinelander.

Art Jaros says the county's refusal to let them build the camp is a big disappointment.

Art Jaros, President, Eagle Cove Bible Camp, says, "Now that we've spent years and hundreds of thousands of dollars going through the steps this year they've turned us down. And I think it's in part, in large part because of political pressure from their constituents."

The board spent about four hours hearing from attorneys and interested parties on both sides of the case.

Arguments were made regarding two questions:

One, whether the Board has the authority to apply the federal Religious Land Use and Institutional Persons Act or RLUIPA in its decision to grant or deny a conditional use permit, and if the RLUIPA doesn't override the county's authority, whether the board can make a zoning ordinance exception for the project.

And second whether the permit applies for a conditional use allowed under the relevant county ordinance.

John Bruce is the attorney representing the BOA.

He says this meeting was necessary to help the BOA make the right decision.

John Bruce, Attorney, BOA, says, "It was useful to the board, because it presented them with the opposite sides of the question on which they have to rule."

In July, the county's planning and zoning committee denied the Jaros brothers a permit on the basis that a recreational camp is not permitted in the single-family residential district where the property is located.

The brothers then appealed the decision to the BOA.

If you'd like to attend the next meeting on the Eagle Cove Camp appeal it will be January 12th at 9:30 a.m. at the Oneida County Courthouse.

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Daily Headlines
Millions of dollars worth of unclaimed property is in a state database, and several whooping cranes from Wisconsin are making their way south, but with some help.



Deadly Snowmobile Accident
A 22-year-old Oxford man is dead after a snowmobile crash early Sunday morning



Your Turn for 12-27
Viewers have comments about everything from surround sound to Birthday Club



Langlade Co. Trails to Open
The Langlade Co. snowmobile trails are set to open Dec. 27th at 5:00pm.



After Christmas Shopping
Shoppers look for good deals in Eagle River the day after Christmas.



Homeless Grants
HUD gives \$21 million to 34 different programs throughout Wisconsin that help find the homeless homes.



Airline Snow Travel
Airports across the Midwest cancel flights because of the major winter storm.

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Number of Farmers Seeking Help Increases

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- Agriculture help lines and farmer support groups say they have seen a big increase in requests for help this year.

Many of the calls are from dairy farmers who are struggling because they haven't been able sell their milk for what it costs to produce.

NY FarmNet in Ithaca has taken about 6,000 requests for help this year.



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Whooping Crane Migration

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- Twenty endangered birds are learning how to migrate to Florida.

Operation Migration pilots in ultralight aircraft have been leading whooping crane chicks from Necedah, Wis., since Oct. 16.

Half the chicks will end their flight at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge in the Florida Panhandle.



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Unclaimed Property Database

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MILWAUKEE - The state might have some of your money, and it wants you to have it back.



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The state maintains a database of unclaimed items.

The current list has more than a million items totaling over \$352 million.

To draw attention to the database, state Treasurer Dawn Marie Sass will visit the Milwaukee Public Museum on Monday to help people search for lost and forgotten items.

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9-Year-Old Boy Killed While Snowboarding

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BLACK RIVER FALLS - A 9-year-old boy has died in a snowboarding accident near Black River Falls.

Jackson County sheriff's officials say the boy was snowboarding Saturday afternoon on the property of his grandparents, who he was visiting for the holidays.

According to preliminary reports, the boy slid onto a highway and was struck by a passing van.



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Milwaukee Police Investigate Death of 6-month-old

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MILWAUKEE - Milwaukee police are holding several people after the death of an infant.

Police spokeswoman Anne Schwartz says the 6-month-old girl died in a Milwaukee home on Friday.

She says police have arrested several people as part of the investigation.



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