

Barn Dance features Rush River Ramblers

Locally based old-time string band Rush River Ramblers will play for a barn dance from 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, in the gym of the River Fall Academy on West Maple Street.

This popular band features musicians from Spring Valley and Martell. Sue West, well-known on the local folk circuit for her singing and songwriting, plays guitar for the Ramblers.

No prior experience is necessary. A caller will teach steps to newcomers and experienced dancers alike. Partners are optional and singles welcome.

Children are especially encouraged to participate in the opening family dance segment from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Remaining dates in the 2010-11 season are as follows: Mill City Serenaders, March 19; Rush River Ramblers, April 16.

All dances are held on Saturday evenings.

The barn dance series are volunteer-operated and jointly sponsored by River Falls Community Arts Base and River Falls Parks and Recreation.

Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for 12 and under. Inexpensive refreshments are available.

Who makes the best cookies?

Do you think you have the best cookie recipe? If so, then come to the first annual "Cookies For A Cause" bake-off fundraiser benefiting the Kinnickinnic Backpack Program at 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 the River Falls Golf Club.

There will be prizes donated by local area businesses, and the overall winner gets bragging rights and the traveling trophy.

An entry fee of \$20 per person and \$30 per team is required to enter. If you don't have a recipe come anyway and be a part of the silent auction, and have a wonderful time sampling. What could be better?

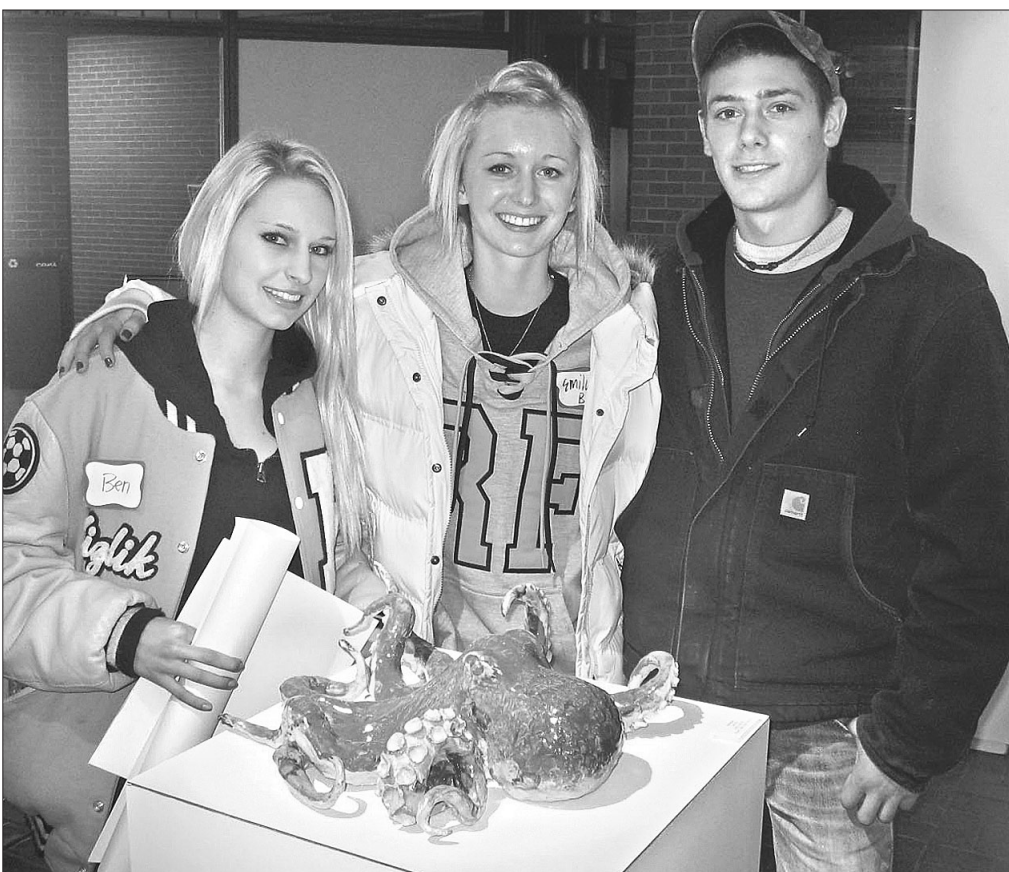
Categories include drop cookie, shaped cookies, ice box cookie, no-bake cookie, sugar free cookie and gluten free cookie.

Entry rules include no

store-bought cookies, each participant may choose up to three categories to enter, bring four dozen cookies to the event, and make checks/donations payable to Our Neighbors' Place backpack program

For more information, contact Romaine or Amber at: kinbackpacks@gmail.com or call 715-426-9000.

ART FAIR EXHIBITS



Students from the metro and western Wisconsin attended the UW-RF Art Fair workshops last week. Pictured from left to right are: Taylor Kizlik, Emily Blasius, and Jason Bloom., all seniors at River Falls High School. Taylor exhibited a silver gelatin print, Emily exhibited an acrylic painting and pictured below is Jason's ceramic octopus sculpture.

CHINESE NEW YEAR



On Wednesday, Feb. 2, Chinese New Year was celebrated in Karen Sizemore's kindergarten classroom at Rocky Branch Elementary. Students listened to Chinese music, learned about Chinese characters, tasted Chinese dumplings and learned a bit about China and the Chinese New Year celebration. Chenguang Li, the aunt of one of our students and his grandma, Mingyun Zhang and grandpa, Zhibo Li are pictured with the class.

RELIGIOUS EVENTS

Haiti concert set

The eighth annual "It Takes a Village" concert will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at Ezekiel Lutheran Church, featuring several River Falls church choirs and the Community Gospel Choir. Each group will sing two songs, then all will perform as a mass choir, singing the final two numbers. The mass choir will be conducted by Dr. Lesa Jacobsen of UW-River Falls.

An up-date on the Haiti project will be given and free will offering will be taken, with all proceeds going to the Ganthier, Haiti, school project. Make checks payable to Haitian Relief Services. Refreshments will be

served in Fellowship Hall following the concert.

Mini-retreat for single parents

A rejuvenating retreat for single parents will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at St. Bridget's Catholic Church, 211 E. Division St. There will be talks about empowering your life by Stacy Brown of ABC Consulting; and budgeting, saving and credit ratings by Kristen Longe of First National Bank.

Call the Pregnancy Helpline, 715-425-8539 to reserve a spot.

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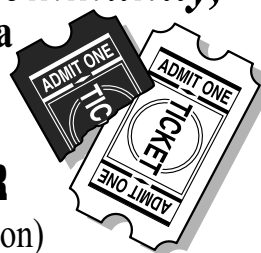


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