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Media Release

St. Germain, WI, January 20, 2020:

The St. Germain Hiller's Radar Run set for January 31 and February 1, have been canceled due to the condition of the ice on the West Bay of Little St. Germain Lake. Amy Greenberg, the coordinator of this year's event, stated, "It is with a heavy heart that this event cannot go on as planned. Not only is it a huge fundraiser for our community, but this year's event was also dedicated to Mark Hiller, who was instrumental in making this event what it is today." Mark Hiller passed away unexpectedly this past summer. "Safety was the number one concern when making this decision. The committee spent countless hours the last few weeks checking on the ice conditions and hoping Mother Nature would cooperate. Still, in the end, looking at the upcoming forecast, we realized that we could not continue with the event."

Event organizers invite everyone to the West Bay of Little St. Germain Lake on Saturday, February 1, at 6:00 pm to "Light up the Lake." Come by sled or walk out onto the lake. "We hope to light up the lake by headlights, cell phone lights, or a good old fashion lighter" to show support for Mark.

"While this is an economic hit to our community, we are fully behind the committee's decision to cancel the event" We do encourage those who planned to come for the weekend, to still visit St. Germain and enjoy the beautiful trails." stated Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Penny Strom.

From the charity beneficiaries of the event weekend:

On behalf of Pink Ribbon Riders, Plum Lake Ambulance, and the St. Germain Fire and Ambulance Department, we stand by the committee decision for the cancellation of this year to provide safety to all those that attend and participate. We ask that you consider our statements below as there have been questions about what to do with the donations those participants and donors have given or are collecting.

From the Pink Ribbon Riders:

"We ask for your consideration in the following about your donations. We ask that you still turn in your pledges raised as the three charities that you support depends on donations yearly to budget what services or how many people they can help in need. Without your donations this February, we will NOT be able to help eighty-five people in need that turn to us. Which is over \$42,000 given in financial support." Stated Jody McKay, Founder, Pink Ribbon Riders. Representatives of the St. Germain Fire and Ambulance Department and the Plum Lake Ambulance agreed that the funds they receive from this event help to provide safety equipment and supplies that the communities rely on throughout the year. All donations that have been collected for this year will still be donated to these charities.