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NEWS: Hudson Hot Air Affair - For Immediate Release

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**Hudson Hot Air Affair photo captions:**

(photo of skiers)

A group of Hudson area friends shared the trails at the Hot Air Affair pre-event at YMCA Camp St. Croix Saturday night, January 13. Candlelit trails offered a chilly outing for hikers, skiers and snowshoers from the Day Croix center. Art Doyle from Art Doyle's Spokes and Pedals provided hot apple cider and cookies—the same menu he's served at the annual event for more than two decades. Pictured, l to r, warming up in front of the fireplace are Katie Oakland, Katie Stodolka, Amanda Oliver, Auna Westerham and Aarynn Bosshart.

(photo of balloon)

Mother Nature cooperated to stand up a hot air balloon Saturday night at YMCA Camp St. Croix for a Hot Air Affair pre-event. Aamodt's Balloon Rides, volunteers and pilots who participate in the annual winter festival inflated the aerostat to the delight of event onlookers. The evening's family friendly activities included hiking, skiing and snowshoeing along candlelit trails from the Day Croix building. The annual Hot Air Affair, presented by WESTconsin Credit Union, will be held a week earlier than usual—January 26-28, 2018.

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