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Equalized property values increase 7% in Vilas, 4% in Oneida: state report

BY GARY RIDDERBUSCH
NEWS-REVIEW EDITOR

The current market value of taxable property in the North Woods has increased for the eighth consecutive year, according to a report from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR).

Figures based on actual sales in 2020 show property values increased 7% in Vilas County and 4% in Oneida County. The report also shows the property tax base in Forest County increased 4%.

Following a five-year decline from 2009 to '14, the DOR report shows the current market value of all taxable property in Wisconsin as a whole rose for the seventh consecutive year, rising 7% in 2020 to \$654 billion.

"While the statewide commercial market value increase of 2% lagged the 2020 market value increase, the residential market value experienced a robust increase of 7%," said DOR Secretary Peter Barca. "In total, this represents the largest amount of market value increase on record. The current housing boom, along with behavior changes due to the pandemic, is likely driving those market value changes."

In 2009, the North Woods marked the first decline in equalized property values since 1992. Last year, based on actual sales in 2019, values increased 2% in Vilas County and 3% in Oneida. Values increased 3% in Forest County last year.

Values here have shown slight gains each year since

2014 until the larger jump this year. Vilas and Oneida counties witnessed double-digit property value increases in the late 1990s and early 2000s fueled by hikes in residential values, which represent more than 90% of the property tax base in most towns here.

As of Jan. 1, 2021, Vilas County property was valued at \$7.883 billion, Oneida County at \$7.797 billion and Forest County at \$1.259 billion.

Vilas had \$62 million in new construction, a 1% increase. Oneida County had \$72.9 million in new construction, an increase of 1%. Forest County had \$10.1 million in new construction, also a 1% increase.

Local variations
As is the case every year,

equalized values change at a different rate in the various communities here, and sometimes for differing reasons.

Equalized values increased in all 15 municipalities in Vilas County and 18 of 21 municipalities in Oneida County. Oneida County municipalities seeing equalized values that dropped included Lake Tomahawk and Pelican both at -1%, and Newbold at -2%.

Four municipalities in Vilas County saw a 9% gain in value, including Lac du Flambeau, Land O' Lakes, Lincoln and Winchester. Conover saw an 8% gain. Seven percent gains were calculated for Washington and the city of Eagle River, and 6% gains were recorded

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Changes in equalized values



VILAS COUNTY				
Municipality	2020 Equalized Value	2021 Equalized Value	\$ Change + or -	% Change in Value
Arbor Vitae	594,867,000	632,056,600	+ 37,189,600	+ 6
Boulder Junction	503,965,900	529,766,900	+ 25,801,000	+ 5
Cloverland	273,134,400	286,529,900	+ 13,388,500	+ 5
Conover	399,012,200	431,706,200	+ 32,694,000	+ 8
Lac du Flambeau	938,176,700	1,024,278,600	+ 86,101,900	+ 9
Land O' Lakes	454,458,200	493,789,700	+ 39,331,500	+ 9
Lincoln	588,637,500	640,808,600	+ 52,171,100	+ 9
Manitowish Waters	585,636,800	613,238,700	+ 27,601,900	+ 5
Phelps	414,875,100	437,218,800	+ 22,343,700	+ 5
Plum Lake	284,275,200	296,383,400	+ 12,108,200	+ 4
Presque Isle	574,586,300	608,543,400	+ 33,957,100	+ 6
St. Germain	720,290,700	740,557,400	+ 20,266,700	+ 3
Washington	588,082,000	631,715,700	+ 43,633,700	+ 7
Winchester	279,197,100	305,485,300	+ 26,288,200	+ 9
Eagle River	198,355,100	211,658,700	+ 13,303,600	+ 7
Vilas Total	7,397,550,200	7,883,730,900	+ 486,180,700	+ 7

Figures from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue Bureau of Equalization



FRIDAY CRASH — Two people were injured in a two-vehicle crash last Friday just before 2 p.m. at the intersection of highways 45 and

17 north of Eagle River. Emergency personnel removed the driver from this vehicle. —Staff Photo By GARY RIDDERBUSCH

Pines board OKs back-to-school plan with masks optional

BY KEN ANDERSON
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The back-to-school plan for the Northland Pines School District was adopted by the school board last week, including a face coverings-optional policy due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Students and staff in the Northland Pines School District returned to the classroom today, Sept. 1.

"Our goal is to return to in-person instruction for all students and to stay in session five days a week, create a safe environment for all students and staff, and to keep flexible in case change is needed," District Administrator Scott Foster told the

board. "We will start with face coverings optional and encourage all staff to get vaccinated."

Foster said the sources used in developing the plan included the Vilas County Public Health Department, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, state Health and Social Services departments, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, WIAA, a survey of parents, students and staff, insurance companies and legal opinions.

"For some (students), a

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Sausage Fest, other events set in North this weekend

The busy North Woods summer season draws to a close Labor Day weekend with several community events planned in the area.

The Eagle River Lions Club will host its annual Sausage Fest fundraiser Sunday, Sept. 5, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Riverview Park, serving a variety of sausages and Oktoberfest-style beers.

Sausage Fest also offers music, dancing, raffles and a variety of children's activities provided by the Northwoods Children's Museum.

Meanwhile, an arts and crafts show also will be held this Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in downtown Eagle River, featuring many area crafters as well as artists from the North Woods and beyond.

Concurrently with the arts and crafts show, downtown Eagle River merchants will host a sidewalk sale featuring a variety of indoor

and outdoor bargains.

More information is available by calling the Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce at (715) 479-6400 or 1-(800) 359-6315, or by visiting eagleriver.org.

Additionally on Labor Day weekend, the Eagle River Sports Arena will be home to the Eagle River Gun Show slated for Friday through Sunday, Sept. 3-5.

Gun shop owners and collectors will be buying and selling firearms, ammo, knives and sporting collectibles. Show hours are from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

The Eagle River Ice Arena is located at 4149 Highway 70 E.

More information on the Eagle River Gun Show is available by calling (608) 751-6678.

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SHINE IT UP — A car owner at the Eagle River Car and Truck Show in downtown Eagle River last Saturday polished his restored

custom truck. The show attracted several thousand automobile enthusiasts to the area. —Photo By Theresa Tomasoski

WEATHER CORNER



Note: Precipitation amounts are recorded at 8 a.m. for the previous 24 hours.

LAST SEVEN DAYS			ONE YEAR AGO				
	Hi	Lo	Prec.		Hi	Lo	Prec.
Tues., Aug. 24	74	58	None	Mon., Aug. 24	81	55	0.03"R
Wed., Aug. 25	83	56	0.16"R	Tues., Aug. 25	81	48	None
Thurs., Aug. 26	76	50	None	Wed., Aug. 26	83	64	0.01"R
Fri., Aug. 27	68	57	0.07"R	Thurs., Aug. 27	79	62	0.16"R
Sat., Aug. 28	82	65	0.11"R	Fri., Aug. 28	69	59	None
Sun., Aug. 29	77	60	1.42"R	Sat., Aug. 29	64	44	0.62"R
Mon., Aug. 30	75	49	None	Sun., Aug. 30	70	40	Tr. R

LAST YEAR The average daily high at this time last year for the next seven days was 66, while the average overnight low was 44. There was rain on four days measuring 0.63 of an inch.

COMPARISON Days precipitation recorded since July 1, 2021, 21 days; 2020, 31 days. Average high of past 30 days, 2021, 78; 2020, 76. Average low of past 30 days, 2021, 54; 2020, 52.

FOREST CONDITIONS With the three-day Labor Day weekend bringing the summer tourism season to an end, campgrounds will be busy this weekend. Ferns are starting to die along roads and a few maple trees are turning yellow and orange.

STREAMS AND LAKES Water temperatures on area lakes remain in the lower 70s which is perfect for water recreation such as swimming, skiing, tubing and wakeboarding this weekend. Boat landings will be busy Labor Day weekend.

FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK

- Wednesday:** Mostly sunny. High: 74° Low: 47°
- Thursday:** Mostly cloudy. High: 72° Low: 54°
- Friday:** Chance of rain. High: 70° Low: 52°
- Saturday:** Slight chance of rain. High: 73° Low: 50°
- Sunday:** Slight chance of rain. High: 70° Low: 50°

(PORTIONS OF THE WEATHER CORNER ARE THROUGH THE COURTESY OF DARYL RUTKOWSKI, EAGLE RIVER and NEWSWATCH 12 WEATHER.)

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personal learning plan can be available, but in-person learning is preferred," Foster said.

He said the recent summer school program, called Eagle Camp, "had one confirmed case and no confirmed spread" of COVID-19.

District officials are encouraging the screening of students for fever and illness by parents at home before sending their child or children off to school.

Foster said there will be frequent sanitizing of hard surfaces, increased ventilation, limited staff travel between buildings and changes to sick room procedures. He said the focus will be on hand washing and physical distancing of 3-plus feet. Class size will be determined by room size.

In other items of note, recess will take place, but food service will not use the field house as the past school year. Arrangements have been made to space students

apart at their lockers.

On school buses, there will be one child per seat, but youths in the same family can be together. Face coverings on buses will be optional for elementary students, but mandatory for middle and high school students until Sept. 13.

"With our experience from last year, we feel confident we can continue," said Foster.

He noted there were no school districts north of Stevens Point requiring face masks.

"But if kids travel to a district that requires masks, we would require them to wear masks," said Foster.

The board approved the back-to-school plan and to allow Foster and other administrators to make changes, if needed, without board action.

The Three Lakes School District adopted a mask-optional status for the return to school this fall at its meeting Aug. 18.

NEWS



Individuals instrumental in spearheading the resurfacing of the pickleball courts in Three Lakes present for the "ball-ribbon" cutting were, from left, Lynn Zibell, Larry Zibell, Jim Morely representing Three Lakes Community Foundation, Tim Lewis, Liz Patric,

Jason Stebbeds representing the Three Lakes Park Commission, Bruce Jacobson, Beth Jacobson, Theresa Lewis, Tom Muench and Doe Muench.

—Photo By Kerry Griebenow

Pickleball, tennis, basketball return to Three Lakes Rec Park

BY KERRY GRIEBENOW
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

In a process that has taken about three years of planning, organizing and fundraising, the resurfacing project of pickleball, tennis and basketball courts at Don Burnside Park in Three Lakes is complete.

Three Lakes Pickleball held a ribbon-cutting ceremony last week to celebrate the completion of the project, one that this group has long awaited.

Tim Lewis, spokesperson for the group at the event, said, "I have played on many courts in northern Wisconsin and elsewhere, and there is none better than what we have here in Three Lakes."

"With six dedicated pickleball courts, one combination tennis/pickleball court, two dedicated tennis courts and a basketball court, lighting that affords 24/7 play, and restroom facilities at both ends of the courts, this outdoor complex is arguably one of the best facilities of its type in northern Wisconsin, or anywhere," continued Lewis.

The park also includes baseball and softball diamonds, a golf driving area, a children's playground and a picnic area.

Pickleball, a relatively new sport in the North Woods, arrived in Three Lakes about a decade ago.



This is a birds-eye view of the newly resurfaced and painted courts at Don Burnside Park in Three Lakes. There also is lighting for nighttime play at the facility. —Photo By Steve Dennis

Approximately 10 years ago, an Eagle River pickleball player named John Kobach suggested to Three Lakes resident Chuck Radtke that he try pickleball. With the encouragement of his wife, Pat, Radtke checked it out and found he enjoyed the game.

Radtke decided to bring the game to Three Lakes, and with the help of Kobach and other Eagle River pickleball enthusiasts, he approached the Three Lakes Park Commission requesting permission to play pickleball at Don Burnside Park. Commission member

Rich Javenkoski became interested and assisted Radtke in making it happen, with the commission taking the pickleball club under its wing.

That relationship worked well then, and continues today to the benefit of both the commission and the club.

Deer baiting, feeding ban hits Taylor County

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) received notification from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection that a farm-raised deer on a deer farm in Taylor County tested positive for chronic wasting disease (CWD).

With this new CWD detection, Taylor County is now considered a CWD-affected county.

State law requires that the DNR enact a ban on feeding and baiting deer in counties where a farm-raised or free-roaming domestic or wild animal tests positive for CWD or tuberculosis in the county where detected and any other counties within a 10-mile radius of the positive animal's known location.

This will create a three-year baiting and feeding ban in Taylor County as required

by law starting Sept. 1, 2021. More information regarding baiting and feeding regulations and CWD in Wisconsin is available on the

DNR's baiting and feeding regulations webpage at dnr.wi.gov.

To learn how to have deer tested during the upcoming

2021-'22 Wisconsin hunting seasons, visit the DNR's sampling for chronic wasting disease webpage, also at dnr.wi.gov.



FEEDING TIME — A mature bald eagle drops some food to an immature eagle along the Three Lakes Chain of Lakes. —Photo By Kerry Griebenow





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NEWS

Vilas approves lead specialist in ADRC office

By **KEN ANDERSON**
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

A resolution to create a lead specialist in the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Vilas County was approved by the Vilas County Board last week after a long debate.

Sue Richmond, administrator of the ADRC, said it is a fully-funded position with grants from the state Department of Health Services.

She said the state requires creating this position "to satisfy contractual requirements" and stated the position would disappear if the grant funding was lost.

The current senior staff member who would be offered the position is currently at pay level 11 and would go to level 13 due to 18 additional duties added under a lead specialist position.

The change was opposed by both the county Finance Committee and Human Resources Manager Richard Kipley, who suggested creating the position but not changing the pay level.

Supervisor Carolyn Ritter questioned what the 18 additional duties would be and said "jumping two pay grades was inappropriate."

Richmond reminded the board the position was fully funded and the candidate has much experience.

"Adoption would show respect for the employee who has been here for many years," said Richmond.

A motion by county board Chairman Ron DeBruyne to amend the resolution to reflect no pay increase failed 3-16. A motion by Ritter to amend changing the pay level from 13 to 12 did not receive a second.

The original motion to adopt the resolution creating a lead specialist was approved 17-2.

Other business

In other business, the board approved Chapter 16 of the County Land Use Ordinance as it pertains to county lands. The major issues deal with deer stands and deer baiting.

The board pulled Chapter 26 off the agenda at the request of Supervisor Holly Tomlanovich, chairwoman of the Forestry, Recreation and Land Committee.

Chapter 26 details regulations for ATVs and UTVs and was expected to be amended to include county highways in the town of Presque Isle. It's expected the topic will be on the agenda at the Forestry, Recreation and Land Committee meeting Sept. 7.

It was noted supervisors received a lot of emails on allowing ATVs and UTVs on county highways in the town of Presque Isle.

The board approved DeBruyne's appointments to the child death review team, including Assistant Corporation Counsel Morgan Tomczyk and Detective Sgt. Emily Miller.

DeBruyne noted there were deaths in homes that went unreported for months and encouraged folks to frequently check on their neighbors.

Jerry Burkett, chairman of the county Law Enforcement Committee, noted the county has been informed by the state the Vilas County Jail will no longer be housing state prisoners.

Ritter, chairwoman of the Public Health Committee, reported area schools will make masks optional unless situations change within the school district. She also noted the student dental program, which didn't happen last year, may or may not resume this school year.



SWAP MEET — The World Championship Derby Complex in Eagle River held its Fall Motorsports Show and Swap Meet Saturday and Sunday. The event featured displays with new and used snowmobiles and accessories, as well as vendors displaying those hard-to-find parts. Some of the scenes from the Derby Track grounds on Saturday included:


Above: Show attendees check out some of the new sleds.

Right: A father and son tour the grounds, looking for that needed part.

Below: Vendors displayed a variety of products.

—Photos By Max Tomasoski and Theresa Tomasoski






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OBITUARIES

Monica Katherine Hewitt

Monica Katherine Hewitt of Minocqua died Monday, Aug. 23, 2021, in Minneapolis, Minn. She was 85.



HEWITT

She was born Nov. 10, 1935, in Joliet, Ill., to Jack and Viola (née Girard) Spoto-fora.

She married Clyde Hewitt May 22, 1955.

She enjoyed gardening, watching classic movies, dancing and playing with her dogs.

Mrs. Hewitt was preceded in death by her husband; her brother, Jack Jr.; her sister-in-law, Lillian; and two great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, Renee (Ricky) Ney, and Christopher (Ann); her twin brother, Frank (Barbara); three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A private family gathering was held.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Alzheimer's Association are appreciated by the family.

Bolger Cremation & Funeral Services in Woodruff is serving the family.

Nancy R. Schmid

Nancy R. Schmid, a resident of Cambridge, Wis., and a summer resident of Three Lakes, Wis., passed away on Aug. 28, 2021, at Columbia Health Care Center at age 88.



SCHMID

She was born on May 16, 1933, in Pratt, Kan., to Orrin and Ruth Russell.

Nancy graduated from St. John High School in Kansas and then earned a degree in business and Spanish from the University of Kansas (KU).

She married Alvin "Al" Schmid of Milwaukee, Wis., who she met at KU on Aug. 24, 1955, in St. John, Kan.

Nancy is survived by her sister, Veda of Stafford, Kan.; two daughters, Susan (Mark Lawton) Schmid of Sun Prairie, Wis., and Judy (James Peloquin) Taitt of Fort Atkinson, Wis.; and two grandchildren, Alex Taitt and Sydney Taitt.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and husband, Al.

Nancy loved to travel and enjoyed archaeological sites, spending time in Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, Portugal, Spain, Ireland and Egypt, among others.

She also treasured her time on Townline Lake in Three Lakes, where she spent 51 years sharing great times with her friends on Lowen Road, and her winters with Al in Green Valley, Ariz.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, Sept. 5, at Don Burnside Park pavilion, 6931 Stanzil St., Three Lakes, from noon-3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Three Lakes Waterfront Association, P.O. Box 145, Three Lakes, WI 54562, or the Cambridge Library, 101 Spring Water Alley, Cambridge, WI 53523.

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Donald J. Stevens

Donald J. Stevens of Watersmeet, Mich., died Saturday, Aug. 28, 2021. He was 77.

Visitation will be Saturday, Sept. 4, from 1-2 p.m. at Watersmeet Bible Church. A funeral service will follow at 2 p.m.

A full obituary will appear in next week's edition.

Stern memorial service slated

A memorial service for husband and wife, Robert Irving Stern and Sue Ann Ruth (née Griffin) Stern, of Sayer and Green Valley, Ariz., will be held Saturday, Sept. 11, at 10 a.m. at the Sayer Park pavilion. Face masks are optional.

Mrs. Stern died Nov. 2, 2020. She was 75.

Mr. Stern died Nov. 14, 2019. He was 75.

Services set for Niebuhr

A Celebration of Life for Mary Niebuhr, of Eagle River and Punta Gorda, Fla., will be held Saturday, Sept. 18, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Eagle Harbor Community Center, located at 8276 M-26 in Eagle Harbor, Mich.

Mrs. Niebuhr died March 29, 2021. She was 76.



NEWS

Values: Three Lakes jumps 8%

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for Arbor Vitae and Presque Isle.

In Vilas County, the total increase in residential property was 7% to \$7.133 billion, commercial value gained 9% to \$476 million and manufacturing gained 2% to \$11 million. Agricultural land, of which there is very little in Vilas County, increased by 10% to \$565,300 and private forestland increased 5% to \$187 million.

In Oneida County, equalized values in the town of Nokomis jumped by 13%, followed by Little Rice at 12%, Sugar Camp at 10% and Three Lakes at 8%. Woodboro and Woodruff each increased by 7%. Six percent increases were recorded for Enterprise, Lynne and Piehl.

Three Lakes increased by \$78 million up to \$1.059 billion and Sugar Camp increased by \$40 million to \$443 million in property value.

In Oneida County, residential property increased 4% to \$6.7 billion, commercial property increased 9% to \$708 million and manufacturing property dropped 3% to \$55.8 million. Agricultural land increased 4% to \$2.22 million and forestland increased 3% to \$214 million.

In Forest County, residential property values increased by 4% to \$1.082 billion, including \$8.3 million in new construction. The town Hiles saw a 9% increase in valuation, Argonne 6%, Alvin 3% and city of Crandon 2%.

State numbers

Statewide, Wisconsin residential property was valued at \$468 billion as of Jan. 1, 2020, an increase of 8%, or \$34 billion.

DOR officials noted the 2021 equalized values are property values as of Jan. 1, 2021, and are based on real estate data from Jan. 1, 2020, to Jan. 1, 2021.

The DOR report showed the total market value of property statewide increased \$41.6 billion, or 7%, from 2020 and Wisconsin added \$10.1 billion, or 4.56%, in new construction in 2020 — the largest statewide new construction value on record. The remainder, \$31.1 billion or 5%, was due to market value increases.

By classification of property, the DOR report indicates that commercial property grew by \$6.4 billion, or 5%, and manufacturing property grew by \$357 million, or 2%, from the prior

Municipality	ONEIDA COUNTY			
	2020 Equalized Value	2021 Equalized Value	\$ Change + or -	% Change in Value
Cassian	268,058,800	274,206,500	+ 6,147,700	+ 2
Crescent	278,949,100	284,751,400	+ 5,802,300	+ 2
Enterprise	93,360,400	99,256,900	+ 5,896,500	+ 6
Hazelhurst	394,415,600	404,738,600	+ 10,323,000	+ 3
Lake Tomahawk	262,611,800	259,162,400	- 3,529,400	- 1
Little Rice	78,027,700	87,319,000	+ 9,291,300	+ 12
Lynne	36,103,800	38,215,700	+ 2,111,900	+ 6
Minocqua	1,809,656,700	1,892,683,500	+ 83,026,800	+ 5
Monico	27,444,700	28,814,600	+ 1,369,900	+ 5
Newbold	555,824,100	547,271,000	- 8,553,100	- 2
Nokomis	267,284,300	301,801,300	+ 34,517,000	+ 13
Pelican	320,166,300	316,776,700	- 3,389,600	- 1
Piehl	16,423,500	17,468,700	+ 1,045,200	+ 6
Pine Lake	322,364,100	333,575,500	+ 11,211,400	+ 3
Schoepke	126,865,900	130,874,600	+ 4,008,700	+ 3
Stella	81,502,700	85,732,600	+ 4,229,900	+ 5
Sugar Camp	403,396,200	443,778,700	+ 40,382,500	+ 10
Three Lakes	980,964,300	1,059,569,700	+ 78,605,400	+ 8
Woodboro	180,165,700	193,438,600	+ 13,272,900	+ 7
Woodruff	382,731,700	409,290,100	+ 26,558,400	+ 7
Rhineland	584,179,500	588,747,800	+ 4,568,300	+ 1
Oneida Total	7,470,576,900	7,797,473,900	+ 326,897,000	+ 4

Figures from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue Bureau of Equalization

year. Agricultural property increased \$87 million, or 4%.

"Everyone is looking for good news right now. The numbers outlined in the report are a good indication that our state's economy is moving in the right direction," said Barca. "It is encouraging to see these signs of progress throughout the sectors of our economy."

DOR officials say a local assessor determines the assessed value of individual properties, such as a home or farm, and that's what the tax bill is based on. The local assessor reports the total assessed value for each classification, such as residential, commercial or agricultural, to the DOR.

State law requires a municipality's assessment level to be between 90% and 110% of full value once every five years, which means there can be differences between the level of assessment of a town, village or city right next to each other.

Without putting these levels of assessment on equal footing, DOR officials say



neighborhood communities could end up paying different taxes for a shared service.

Statewide, Menominee and Rock counties saw the largest increase in property values at 11%.

Taxes not affected

The total property taxes paid in Wisconsin are not necessarily affected by changes in equalized values, reminded state officials.

Equalized values are calculated annually to ensure statewide fairness and equity in property distribution, according to the DOR. The equalized value represents an estimate of a taxation district's total taxable value, and provides for the fair apportionment of taxation district levies, including school districts and counties, to each municipality.

State officials say the only way overall taxes can rise is when local units of government increase their tax levies. The equalized value report can be viewed online on the DOR website at revenue.wi.gov.

Roger Paul Kliner

Roger Paul Kliner, age 88, passed away Aug. 26, 2021, with family at his side.



KLINTER

Roger was born in Bay View, Wis., on March 21, 1933.

He graduated from Bay View High School and shortly after joined the U.S. Army. He served two years during the Korean War. He was a proud veteran.

Around this time, he met Gloria Wallk. After about a week of romance, they decided to get married. What is the chance of that lasting almost 67 years?

Roger retired from Allen Bradley, (AB) after 32 years of employment. While still employed at AB, in 1976, Rog and Gloria purchased a resort on Eagle Lake in Eagle River, Wis., Klinters Bay Resort.

They worked hard, no, make that very hard, running the resort while still employed full time in Milwaukee, Wis., for the first 11 years of ownership.

On Friday nights, Rog was known for playing his accordion for customers, friends and family on our dock on Eagle Lake.

After moving to Eagle River in 1988, Rog helped build Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Eagle River. He was a "handyman extraordinaire," he could build or fix anything. He was a charter member of the church and sang in the choir for many years.

He was one of the oldest members of the American Legion Post in Eagle River. He was Post chaplain at one time. He flew the American

flag every day and was proud of it!

He enjoyed playing his 110-year-old player piano when the family gathered, singing and having an occasional Blatz.

He LOVED Eagle River and considered it home.

Rog and Gloria took many enjoyable vacations with Bob, Shirley, Bruce and Carol.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Irene Kliner (née Kutz); his son, Paul; and granddaughter, Brianna. Also his sisters, Joy and Elaine.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria; his sister, Shirley (Bob); sister, Betty; his children, Debby (Jeff), Dave (Denise), Bob and Pam. His grandchildren, Alli, Amy, Heidi, Matt, Mike, Jodi, Kelly, Corey, Emily, Ben and Rutger. His great-grandchildren, Emma, Kaiden, Clayton and Collette.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the Eagle River EMTs, hospital nurses and staff for their kindness and care of our father.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Eagle River Historical Society at eagleriverhistory.org or to the Kalmar Rebuild Fund at SERVE Inc., c/o Kalmar Rebuild Fund, P.O. Box 817, Eagle River, WI 54521.

Services will be held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 5030 Highway 70, Eagle River, on Tuesday, Sept. 7. Starting at 10 a.m., with service to follow at 10:30 a.m.

Arrangements by Gaffney-Busha Funeral Home, Eagle River. Online condolences may be expressed at gaffney-busha.com.

PAID OBITUARY 5601

Muriel Reller

Muriel Reller (Dotson) passed away on Aug. 24, 2021, of natural causes.



RELLER

Muriel was born on May 1, 1933, in Eagle River, Wis.

In the 1950s, Muriel moved to Montana and began working in the banking industry, and was married to Kenneth Weidman.

After Kenneth's untimely death, Muriel married her husband, Gerald "Jerry," in 1975, and brought with them into the marriage Jerry's sons, Aaron and Zachary. Muriel and Jerry then had two daughters, Genevieve and Amber.

In 1977, Muriel and Jerry moved to Townsend to run Goose Bay Marina. Muriel and Jerry ran Goose Bay Marina and Reller's Bent Willow Bait and Tackle in Townsend until the death of Jerry in 2017.

Muriel loved and was devoted to her dachshund puppies, of which there were many over the years. She

was very consistent and all of their names began with the letter "H."

She was known to tackle a puzzle with determination, no matter the difficulty. Muriel also liked gardening and continued doing so until her passing. She also enjoyed watching the Green Bay Packers with her family, as all good natives of Wisconsin do.

Muriel was preceded in death by her husbands, Kenneth Weidman and Jerry; her son, Zachary; her parents, Charles and Gertrude "Dolly"; and siblings, Charlene, Diane, Charlie and Bobbie.

Muriel is survived by her children, Aaron (Jessica and son, Zachary); Geneva (Cory and children, Brian and Andrea); and Amber (children, Destiny, Caleb, Kendra and Aiden). She is also survived by her brothers, Eugene, Bill and Gerald; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Broadwater Rod and Gun Club, where Muriel and Jerry were active members.

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NEWS

POLICE REPORT



INTERSECTION CRASH — Emergency personnel responded to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of highways 17 and 70 just west of Eagle River last Wednesday about 10:30 a.m. Officials said a pickup truck (above) pulling onto Highway 70 from the south apparently collided with a car traveling east on Highway 70. The man in the pickup truck was transported by ambulance due to his injuries. Rescue personnel (right) talked to the car's driver on the shoulder of the road. Authorities said she sustained minor injuries.

—Staff Photos By GARY RIDDERBUSCH



Vilas County Court report

Plea, sentencing hearing scheduled for Green Bay woman in five cases

A 20-year-old Green Bay woman charged with child abuse (intentionally causing harm) and criminal damage to property in Vilas County in June of 2019, and facing charges in four other cases, had a plea and sentencing hearing set for Sept. 24 at 1:30 p.m. in Vilas County Circuit Court last week.

Malia L. Thoms also is charged with three counts of felony bail jumping and three counts of criminal damage to property from an alleged incident Oct. 13, 2019, in Vilas County. A jury trial in that case had been set for Aug. 25, but that was canceled when the plea and sentencing hearing was scheduled for Sept. 24.

In two 2020 cases in Vilas County, Thoms is charged with two counts of felony bail jumping and one county of battery from an alleged incident March 17, 2020; and three counts of felony bail jumping and one county of child abuse-intentionally causing harm from an alleged incident Nov. 28, 2020. A plea and sentencing hearing for those two cases also will be Sept. 24.

In a fifth case, Thoms is charged with strangulation and suffocation, child abuse, criminal damage to property and 12 counts of felony bail jumping from an alleged incident Jan. 8, 2021. A plea and sentencing hearing for that case also will be

Sept. 24. She entered not guilty pleas to those charges Feb. 28 and remains free on a \$2,500 signature bond.

In other felony cases, Jonas S. Burnett, 27, of Lac du Flambeau, charged with two counts of taking and driving a vehicle without consent, possession of drug paraphernalia and three counts of felony bail jumping, was in court for a competency hearing. He appeared by video from the Vilas County Jail. The court found the defendant was competent to proceed in the case and a pretrial conference was set for Sept. 28 at 1:30 p.m. His \$10,000 cash bond was continued. The alleged incident occurred Dec. 6, 2020.

Burnett also is charged with second-degree sexual assault of a child, manufacture or deliver designer drugs and two counts of felony bail jumping from an alleged incident June 28, 2020, in Vilas County. A pretrial conference in that case also is set for Sept. 28 in the district attorney's office.

Benjamin C. MaCarty, 34, of Mercer, charged with possession of narcotic drugs, possession of marijuana and two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia, all party to a crime, had a preliminary hearing set for Oct. 13 at 8:30 a.m. His \$1,000 signature bond was continued. The alleged incident occurred Feb. 23, 2020.

MaCarty also is charged with two counts of felony bail jumping, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia from an alleged incident in Vilas County June 29, 2021. A preliminary hearing in that case also is set for Oct. 13. His \$2,500 signature bond in that case was continued.

Dawn M. Pawlak, 46, of Lac du Flambeau, had a felony charge of manufacture or deliver a prescription drug dismissed on a prosecutor's motion after completing the conditions of a deferred entry of judgment originally approved at a plea and sentencing hearing June 8, 2020.

Celine C. Gray, 22, of Lac du Flambeau, had a felony charge of possession of narcotic drugs dismissed on a prosecutor's motion after completing the conditions of a deferred entry of judgment originally approved at a plea and sentencing hearing March 4, 2019.

Brian K. Edwards, 53, of Lac du Flambeau, charged with operating while intoxicated, fifth or sixth offense, operating while revoked and resisting or obstructing an officer, waived his preliminary hearing. Not guilty pleas were entered on all counts and a pretrial conference was set for Oct. 5 at 9 a.m. His \$500 cash bond was continued. The alleged incident occurred July 4 in

Vilas County.

Austin B. Olson, 26, of Phillips, charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of nitrous oxide-intent to hale, both with a repeater modifier, returned on a warrant, appearing by video from the Price County Jail. The court withdrew the order for the warrant and his \$2,500 signature bond was reinstated and continued. A preliminary hearing was set for Nov. 8 at 2:30 p.m. The alleged incident occurred June 29 in Vilas County.

Amanda L. Brown, 27, of Fort Atkinson, charged with four counts of felony bail jumping, receiving or concealing stolen property and resisting or obstructing an officer, waived her preliminary hearing. Probable cause was found and she was bound over for arraignment. Not guilty pleas were entered and a pretrial conference was set for Oct. 5 at 9:45 a.m. Her \$5,000 signature bond was continued. The alleged incident occurred June 15 in Vilas County.

Nicole R. Jovanovic, 35, of Arbor Vitae, charged with child abuse-intentionally causing harm and disorderly conduct, had a plea and sentencing hearing set for Oct. 20 at 10 a.m. Her \$1,000 signature bond was continued. The alleged incident occurred Nov. 12, 2020, in Vilas County.

Vilas County Sheriff

Vilas County Sheriff's Department dispatchers last week reported at least 41 911 hangups, six car vs. deer accidents, two hit-and-run traffic accidents, four vehicle accidents with personal injury, six vehicle accidents with property damage, five requests to assist another agency, four burglar alarms, two fire alarms, three ambulance requests, two animal problems, five attempts to locate, four ATV complaints, one boating violation, six requests to assist citizens, six criminal damage to property offenses, two disturbances, two drug problems, one structure fire, one fireworks complaint, two reports of found property, two internet fraud complaints, three drive-offs, one harassment complaint, one restraining order violation, two juvenile problems, one Lifeline alarm, one lost property report, four noise complaints, one vacation check, one sexual assault, one suicide attempt, eight reports of suspicious circumstances, four thefts, one theft by contract, two threats complaints, 11 reports of hazardous conditions, 14 traffic violations, one trespassing complaint, one unsecured premises, one weapons offense and five welfare checks.

There were at least 51 informational or procedural entries.

In the past week, one or more persons were booked at Vilas County Jail for the following offenses: operating after revocation, first offense-operating while intoxicated (OWI), fourth offense-OWI, hit and run, battery, criminal damage to property, resisting

or obstructing an officer, misdemeanor bail jumping, felony bail jumping, disorderly conduct, possession methamphetamine, domestic violence and probation violation.

Eagle River Police

Among the calls received by Vilas County dispatchers were at least 33 calls for the Eagle River Police. These included five requests to assist citizens, one driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs offense, one noise complaint, one parking problem, one probation violation, five reports of suspicious circumstances, one hit-and-run traffic accident, three traffic accidents with property damage, one tobacco problem, one theft, one shoplifting offense, one vehicle theft, one unsecured premises, one utility problem and six welfare checks.

Two persons were taken into custody and booked into Vilas County Jail.

Three Lakes Police

The Three Lakes Police Department reported seven 911 hangups, one accident, one car vs. deer accident, one alarm, two ambulance requests, five animal problems, two requests to assist citizens, one request to assist a motorist, two burglaries, 19 business checks, eight requests for extra patrol, one brush fire, two reports of hazardous conditions, one welfare check, one neighbor complaint, one operating while intoxicated offense, one pickup on warrant for another agency, two reports of suspicious circumstances, one traffic complaint and one traffic stop.

Request for Proposal Landfill Compactor

The Landfill Venture Group (LVG) is seeking proposals from qualified parties to purchase and remove a 771 RB landfill compactor located at 7001 County Highway G, Eagle River, WI 54521. Specifications can be obtained by contacting Mark Busha - Manager at the landfill office. Proposals will be accepted until 3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 13, 2021. The LVG reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal.

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The Vilas County News-Review has an immediate opening for a substitute driver to deliver newsstand sale bundles and special publications to outlets in Eagle River and surrounding communities.

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The Vilas County News-Review has an immediate opening for a part-time driver to deliver newspapers to the post office in Eagle River mid-afternoon every Tuesday.

This job would be for approximately two hours. Compensation package takes minimum hours into consideration.

Driver must have a vehicle with a 2-inch ball hitch to pull the News-Review's trailer. Must be able to lift bins up to 40 pounds.

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NEWS

Fath seeks body cameras for Vilas County Jail staff

BY KEN ANDERSON
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Body cameras for Vilas County Sheriff's Department deputies and jail staff was discussed last week by the county Law Enforcement Committee.

"Body camera equipment has changed and the public expects officers to have body cameras," Sheriff Joe Fath told the committee. "The governor also favors all law enforcement to wear body cameras."

Fath said the cost of cameras has gone up, but he noted they are important in documenting any event involving a law enforcement officer on the road or staff in the county jail.

"Jail staff are using cameras handed down from deputies and are old, and we need new models," Fath said. "They were extremely important in the investigation by the state in our latest suicide investigation."

The sheriff said he sought grants for the body cameras, but didn't find any. He said there's a \$495 annual cost that includes a maintenance agreement. He added the law enforcement staff also will seek grants to fund the body cameras.

Dispatch wages

Vilas County dispatch operators in the communications department have requested wage reclassification, according to Dale Soltow who oversees communications for the sheriff's department.

"Dispatch duties have not been looked at since 2014, and their jobs have become more and more difficult," Soltow said. "They need to be reclassified similar to the jail staff."

Soltow presented entry employment wages for a number of other counties. For example, Vilas County with a population of 22,000 has a starting wage of \$15.60 an hour compared to Oneida County (36,000) at \$19.07, and Taylor County (20,600) at \$20.07.

"We have a difficult time not only recruiting, but also retaining dispatchers," Soltow said.

Captain Gerard Ritter added, "It takes a long time to find individuals who can do this job."

Committee Chairman Jerry Burkett indicated the employees would have to show added responsibilities and/or duties for reclassification. He related a personal experience when he was involved in a head-on accident in the Upper Peninsula of

Michigan and had Vilas County deputies at the scene, and first responders and an ambulance based in Vilas County that transported him.

The committee supported the reclassification request and forwarded it to the Human Resources Department.

Reports offered

A report on Vilas County Sheriff's Office boat and ATV patrol was presented to the committee by the recreation officer.

For the season so far, there have been 201 boat patrol hours. There have been 12 boating complaints, nine reported boat accidents, 17 citations issued and 45 written warnings given out.

There have been 197 hours of ATV patrol for the season so far. There have been 53 ATV complaints and four reported ATV accidents. There were 19 citations issued, along with 41 written warnings.

Sherri Congleton, emergency management director, reported as a result of the July 26 windstorm, six Vilas communities have applied for Wisconsin disaster funds. These are the city of Eagle River with the city light and water department, and the towns of Conover, Lincoln, Cloverland, St. Germain and Boulder Junction.



VILAS FUNDS — Due to reduced costs in 2020 and a COVID-19 grant, the three-county Human Service Center had \$371,818 in excess funds. Vilas County received a check for \$115,263 for its share of the refund. County Board Chairman Ron DeBruyne, left, received the check from Bill Korner, chairman of the center. Vilas funds 31% of the board. —Photo By Ken Anderson

Plum Lake installs three more landing monitors

The Lakes Committee of the town of Plum Lake completed the installation of three boat landing invasive management systems on public landings on town lakes this spring.

The town now has seven public landings monitored by Internet Landing Installed Device Sensors (I-LIDS), which is the greatest launch coverage of any town in Wisconsin, according to John Richter of the committee.

All the systems were acquired with the aid of Surface Water Grants from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

The I-LIDS, from Environmental Sentry Protection LLC, is a solar-powered, cellular enabled monitoring system designed to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) through educa-

tion and remote inspection.

It consists of a camera at ground level and advanced sensors that tell when a boater has entered the launch area and turns on video monitoring of the bottom of the boat and the boat trailer to detect whether aquatics are present.

I-LIDS also has audio capability and can broadcast up to five different messages, reminding the boater to clean and inspect the boat and trailer prior to launch, draining water from bilge, baitwell and motor, and informs the boater of the use of video surveillance technology. Wisconsin law prohibits the transportation of aquatics plants and animals between lakes.

This summer, more than 5,000 boat launches will have been recorded by the seven

cameras in the town of Plum Lake. These launches are reviewed by employees of Environmental Sentry Protection LLC and by the lake associations to identify if there is a likely violation of Wisconsin law.

Where a violation is identified, it can be forwarded to law enforcement for further action. The designer of I-LIDS, Eric Lindberg, said he feels the fight against the spread of AIS can be won.

"This is the result of a town undertaking action to protect lake resources and mitigate risks to the environment," said Richter. "We believe the only cost-effective way to deal with aquatic invasive species is to prevent their introduction into our lakes. I-LIDS reminds boaters of their responsibilities."

150th anniversary of Peshtigo Fire focus of Oct. 7-9 conference at Peshtigo

The Forest History Association of Wisconsin, in partnership with the city of Peshtigo, the Peshtigo Historical Society and the Marinette County Genealogy Group, will be hosting a forest history conference in Peshtigo, Oct. 7-9, commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Peshtigo Fire.

The 1871 wildfire remains the single deadliest fire in American history, accounting for an estimated 2,500 deaths. By comparison, the 2018 "Paradise" fire in California had a known total of 85 and the Hinckley fire in Minnesota in 1894 took the lives of 418.

A series of pre-conference webinars in September will serve a national audience of scholars and current members of the wildfire response community, in addition to Wisconsin residents.

Conferees will assemble at the Embers 1971 Restaurant in Peshtigo on Oct. 7, the evening before the conference, where dinner will be followed by a dinner theatre offering titled "Stories from the Ashes, Chronicles from the Coals: Depicted Recollection."

Members of the Marinette Genealogy Group will provide a presentation intertwining actual articles from the 1871 local newspaper, the Marinette-Peshtigo Eagle, with survivor stories.

This production will be a testimonial of those who lived through the horrific Peshtigo Fire of 1871, and the writer's descriptive words of the local happenings at that time.

The conference on Oct. 8 will feature a slate of six speakers following the typi-



This map shows the origin and path of the 1871 Peshtigo Fire that killed an estimated 2,500 people.

cal disaster planning construct of "Mitigate/Prepare/Respond/Recover."

Presentations will feature efforts of a Milwaukee weather forecaster at the time to warn of impending danger and survivor stories from Peshtigo and the Door Peninsula, along with efforts by the Menominee Tribe to assist burn survivors and efforts to promote recovery of the forested landscape.

The program will end with conferees participating in the community-sponsored Memory Walk that covers the path taken 150 years ago when Peshtigo residents responded to the tolling of church bells at 8 p.m., calling

them to move to the river to save themselves.

Saturday, Oct. 9 will feature tours of the Peshtigo Fire Museum and Marinette County Park Harmony Hardwoods, which remained unburned at the time of the fire.

Additional information on these free September webinars is available at foresthistoryassociation-wi.com, with preregistration required.

Registration for the October conference is available at foresthistoryassociation-wi.com.

While registration for the webinars will not be limited, conference registration will be limited to 150.

Health department urges public to 'Fight the Bite'

As summer winds down and the risk for some illnesses spread by mosquitoes goes up, health officials are encouraging Wisconsin residents to use simple prevention steps to "Fight the Bite."

On average, 44 human cases of illnesses spread by mosquitoes in Wisconsin are reported to public health each year. Since many infections cause mild illness that goes undiagnosed, the actual number of Wisconsin cases is likely to be much higher.

Mosquito-related illnesses also can affect animals. Recently, the first Eastern

equine encephalitis (EEE) activity this year was reported in four horses, one each in Monroe, Burnett, Calumet and Marquette counties. EEE is spread through the bite of a mosquito carrying the virus, which mosquitoes can get after biting an infected bird. While horses can't spread EEE directly to humans or even to mosquitoes that bite them, a case of EEE in a horse confirms that some mosquitoes in the area are infected with the virus and may spread EEE to people and other animals.

Symptoms of EEE in humans include the sudden onset of fever, chills, and body and joint aches. EEE infection can develop into severe encephalitis, resulting in headache, disorientation, tremors, seizures and paralysis. Permanent brain damage, coma and death may also occur in some cases, according to health officials.

These symptoms are similar to those caused by West Nile virus (WNV).

There have not yet been any cases of WNV reported in horses or humans so far in 2021.

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A special thanks to the following businesses and families who donated prizes for the event:

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To all who donated to our scholarship fundraiser effort, **Thank You Very Much!**

If we missed you on this list, we apologize. Please know we appreciate your support.

NEWS



Committee members of the Feed Our Rural Kids Inc. (FORK) Children's Pantry at Eagle River Elementary School include, from left, chairwoman Jeannie Arndt, member Deb Obrodovich, Principal Don Anderson, pantry builder Mike McAdams and member Jayne Winblad. Pantries also are located at Land O' Lakes and St. Germain. —Contributed Photo

FORK rolls out Children's Pantry at Pines elementary schools, Phelps

BY NEWS-REVIEW STAFF

Sept. 1 marks the first day of school within the Northland Pines School District and the beginning of a new nutritional support program for area children and their families known as the Children's Pantry.

The Children's Pantry program was designed by Feed Our Rural Kids Inc. (FORK) to address the challenge around food availability for local families, according to FORK President Perry Pokrandt.

"These in-school pantries improve a family's ease of access, both in terms of providing convenient local access and increasing the number of hours each day that pantry support is available," said Pokrandt.

Each school-centered Children's Pantry will serve two purposes. The first is to provide the school's educational staff with a resource so as to aid hungry children during the school day and beyond if necessary. Secondly, the concept of the Children's

Pantry is to provide a local, year-round, weekday access point for food support to parents or guardians of children from food-insecure households.

"The more accessible food is to families, the higher the probability that children will receive the support they need," said Pokrandt.

Initially, there will be three children's pantries placed in the entryway of the Eagle River, St. Germain and Land O' Lakes elementary schools in the Northland Pines School District.

"Later in October, a Children's Pantry will be placed within the Phelps School District building," said Jean Arndt, Children's Pantry chairwoman.

"This program will provide our staff another tool by which they can support the children within their care," said Scott Foster, FORK vice president and Northland Pines district administrator. "It's a great way to support both our children and our staff."

The Children's Pantry is also an emergency resource for families, though it is not intended that

these pantries act as a replacement for the role of local food pantries.

"The concept of a Children's Pantry is to encourage people to take what they need in support of the children in their care," said Arndt.

FORK is seeking individuals, businesses or organizations to "adopt" a pantry within their community. To do so, they can make a weekly or monthly donation of food items at the Children's Pantry location in each community. A sample of the items that can be donated are canned fruits, vegetables, meats and soups. A complete list of the types of food items FORK is looking for can be found at feedourruralkids.org/childrens-pantry.

"The idea is for the more fortunate to 'give what you can' to support the children," concluded Arndt.

"We want to reiterate that this program does not replace, but will enhance, the reach of both the Headwaters and Vilas food pantries," said Pokrandt. "Each local Children's Pantry will provide users

with information promoting their area's food pantry, including their specific hours of operation."

Jackie Coghlan, Vilas Food Pantry president and FORK board member, said the Children's Pantry can help students and families with nutrition in an emergency.

"FORK's goal of placement of a Children's Pantry in each community can better meet children's immediate and unplanned nutrition," said Coghlan, "while the Vilas and Headwaters food pantries are best to service those in need of longer-term support."

Individuals who would like to get more information about adopting a Children's Pantry in their community can contact Arndt at (309) 647-0474.

Individuals who would like to financially support a Children's Pantry can visit feedourruralkids.org/childrens-pantry or mail a donation to Children's Pantry, 4887 Echo Ridge Drive, Eagle River, WI 54521.

FORK is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Sno-Eagles plan cash raffle event

The Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club cash raffle drawing will be this Saturday, Sept. 4, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Buckshot's Saloon and Eatery, located at 2230 Hwy. 45 N. in Eagle River.

The drawing will occur at 2 p.m.

There will be a live band, bucket raffles, brats, hot dogs, burgers, full bar available, Sno-Eagles gear available for purchase and the opportunity to see two groomers up close.

First prize is \$1,500, sec-

ond prize \$750, third prize \$500, fourth prize \$250, fifth and sixth prize \$125. Tickets cost \$25. Only 500 tickets will be sold. The winners need not be present to win.

Raffle tickets are available at local restaurants, bars and snowmobile dealers, and can be purchased at Buckshot's prior to the drawing.

All profits from the cash raffle will be used for trail maintenance to ensure well-maintained trails.

Boulder Junction sets Colorama events

Autumn will soon have its full colors on display and Boulder Junction will celebrate the North Woods Colorama season over two weekends in September.

Saturday, Sept. 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Boulder Junction Chamber of Commerce's 29th annual Colorama Arts & Crafts Show will be held at the Boulder Junction Community Center.

Vendors will offer a wide variety of wares for sale including pottery, soap, jewelry, yard art, antler carvings, sewn items, furniture and a plethora of fall décor.

In addition to the arts and crafts show, the event also features a farmers market offering pumpkins, gourds and more.

"Plan to visit the arts and crafts show, along with our area shops, galleries, and restaurants," said Theresa Smith, executive director of the Boulder Junction chamber.

The following weekend, Saturday, Sept. 18, the Boulder Junction Lions Club will host the community's 61st annual Colorama Dinner, held in historic Nash Lodge at Camp Manito-wish YMCA, located on Highway K west of downtown Boulder Junction.

Dinner proceeds will benefit fourth- and eighth-grade classes at North Lakeland School to help fund their spring 2022 class trips. The fourth-grade class will help prepare the dining room for guests and, in keeping with longstanding

Colorama Dinner tradition, the eighth-grade class will serve the dinner.

Doors at Nash Lodge will open at 5:15 p.m., with dinner served at 6 p.m.

"Come and enjoy friends, neighbors and family at this delicious family-style chicken and traditional wild game stew dinner with all the trimmings, topped off with fresh-baked pies," Smith said.

Advance ticket purchases are strongly recommended, as the Colorama Dinner is usually a sell-out.

Tickets cost \$17 for adults and \$8 for children age 12 and younger and are available now at the Boulder Junction chamber. Payments are accepted by check or cash only.

Colorama Dinner paid table reservations are welcomed for parties of 10. Parties of less than 10 are seated on a first come, first-served basis and are encouraged to arrive early.

For more information, call the Boulder Junction chamber at (715) 385-2400 or visit boulderjct.org.



Nicolet College surpasses \$1 million mark in textbook savings for students

Nicolet College has passed the \$1 million mark in textbook savings for students as the college continues to expand its efforts to offer free, high-quality instructional materials.

"This is a wonderful milestone and I'm absolutely thrilled we were able to deliver these savings to students," said Cindy Domaika, manager of Open and Instructional Resources at Nicolet. "This million dollars represents food on tables, child care, bills paid, and a host of other things that students do not have to worry about and can instead concentrate on learning."

Domaika launched the Open Education Resource (OER) program in the fall of 2018. To date, about 8,100 Nicolet students have financially benefited from the program that has reduced or eliminated their textbook costs.

"When you look at the numbers, that's by far the majority of students who

have enrolled in credit classes at Nicolet since we started the program," said Domaika. "We're a relatively small college, which makes reaching that \$1 million mark that much more meaningful."

She also noted that the college expects to expand the program in the future as more quality content becomes available.

The majority of the instructional materials come from oercommons.org, where educators from across the globe openly share a variety of instructional material that is available at no cost. Sources range from electronic textbooks to videos and PowerPoint presentations to a variety of other content that is available in an electronic format.

Domaika stressed that all of the material that makes it into a Nicolet OER class goes through a rigorous review process to ensure it meets academic standards.

"We make sure that all of the material is peer reviewed by faculty at other colleges and universities," said Domaika. "The quality has to be there in order to make it into a Nicolet course."

Every Nicolet class has a list of course competencies that outline the subject matter to be learned in that course. To gather the educational material that covers all of the competencies, Nicolet instructors and Domaika work hand-in-hand to find the appropriate course content that students can access for free.

"There was a time when some students would have to spend well over a thousand dollars a year just on textbooks," said Domaika, who previously managed Nicolet College Bookstore and saw firsthand the financial toll that took on students.

"It was getting ridiculous. It was a very real barrier that I'm glad we've been

able to significantly reduce and, in some cases, completely eliminate so students can get the college education they need to help them get ahead in life," she noted.

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NEWS

DOT urges safety as schools open

After an unprecedented pandemic school year, students across Wisconsin are going back to the classroom which will bring out more traffic near schools.

Northland Pines, Three Lakes and Phelps schools start today, Sept. 1.

September's Law of the Month reminds drivers of the rules involving school buses and ways to protect young passengers.

"School bus law violations pose serious risks for children, but the threat can be prevented with careful driving. Watch closely for kids who may not be able to recognize dangers on the roads," said Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary-designee Craig Thompson.

In the past 10 years, 33 people have died in crashes involving school buses. Despite fewer in-person classes during the pandemic, there were still 342 school bus-related crashes in Wisconsin in 2020. That's down from 835 in 2019.

Wisconsin State Patrol (WSP) officers play a key role in working to prevent these tragedies.

"Getting children to school safely is very important to us. School buses are among the safest vehicles on the roads. Our work to inspect those vehicles and uphold laws makes sure buses stay a protected place for kids," said WSP Superintendent Anthony Burrell.

Wisconsin law requires drivers in both directions to stop at least 20 feet from a school bus with its red warning lights flashing. The only exception is for vehicles on the other side of a divided road that's separated by a median or other physi-

cal barrier.

Officials said 648 drivers were convicted for failure to stop for a school bus in Wisconsin last year.

Most Wisconsin school buses also have amber lights. When the bus is about to stop, the flashing amber lights come on. That signals drivers to slow down before red lights are activated.

State Patrol inspectors examine every school bus in the state, conducting about 12,000 inspections annually. The inspectors look at mechanical equipment like steering, brakes and lights. They also check emergency equipment, including first aid kits and fire extinguishers.

As school begins, drivers are also reminded of state laws involving pedestrians and bicyclists:

- Always follow the directions of a school crossing guard. If instructed to stop, the driver must do so at least 10 feet away from the school crossing area and stay stopped until the guard directs the driver to proceed.
- Yield to pedestrians who have started crossing an intersection or crosswalk on a walk signal or green light. Drivers must also yield to pedestrians crossing the road in a marked or unmarked crosswalk at an intersection without signals.
- Leave three feet clearance when passing bicycles traveling in the same direction.

Officials also recommend parents talk with their children about safe travel. Parents are reminded to encourage youths to look both ways before crossing the street, use crosswalks, and obey bus drivers.



ACCIDENT SCENE — The intersection of highways 45 and 17 north of Eagle River was closed for about an hour last Friday afternoon following a two-vehicle accident just before 2 p.m. that sent two people to the hospital for treatment. Authorities said a southbound pickup truck (right) apparently collided with a northbound SUV (above). Traffic was rerouted on Big Sky Drive while the accident scene was cleared by members of the Eagle River Area Fire Department.

—Staff Photos By GARY RIDDERBUSCH



Applications open for \$15 million in Destination Marketing grants

The Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) announced it is accepting applications for a \$15 million grant program designed to assist tourism, convention and events organizations that were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) Grant Program will provide financial support for destination marketing organizations that promote and develop tourism activities in Wisconsin.

"Wisconsin is the ideal destination for millions of visitors from around the country. That's why the tourism industry has a significant impact on our economy, our jobs and our future," said DOA Secretary

Joel Brennan. "These grants will assist tourism organizations as well as the organizations that host meetings, conventions and events throughout the year for entertainment and the business community."

The DMO grant program will provide funding of up to \$1,000,000 per eligible organization, based on expenses incurred between March 3, 2021, and Dec. 31, 2022.

"This grant program is another crucial step to help our industry bounce back stronger," said Department of Tourism Acting Secretary Anne Sayers. "I'm grateful for the support of Governor Evers, who has always valued tourism's great contributions to the state's economy and look forward to seeing these funds get to work helping more travelers

discover the unexpected in Wisconsin."

The funds are part of the governor's previously announced more than \$150 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for Wisconsin's tourism and entertainment industries, including up to:

- \$10 million for local tourism investment projects;
- \$75 million for lodging grants;
- \$11.25 million for movie theaters;
- \$12 million for live event small businesses;
- \$2.8 million for minor league sports teams;
- \$10 million for live venues;
- \$15 million for destination marketing organizations;
- \$8 million for summer

camp;

- \$1 million for the Wisconsin Historical Society to assist in reopening historical sites; and

- \$7.5 million to increase marketing support for Wisconsin's tourism industry.

DMO Grants will be administered by the Wisconsin DOA. Applications for the program are open now through Sept. 29. Informational webinars and program FAQ to follow. Grant recipients will be announced later this fall.

Additional information, including grant program criteria, is available on the Destination Marketing Grant website. Applicants and interested parties are encouraged to sign up for the DMO program email list for Destination Marketing Grant Program updates.

Vilas Equestrian Trail again open in Conover

All portions of the Vilas County Equestrian Trail off of River Road in the town of Conover are again open effective Aug. 30.

A portion of the trail was closed and is once again open to the public, according to Vilas County Forest Administrator Al Murray.

Murray said the trail has recently been mowed and is ready for use.

"We hope you enjoy our equestrian trails for the 2021-'22 season," said Murray. "Please ride safe and thank you for supporting the economy of Vilas County."

In addition, River Road Campground is located at the trailhead of the Torch Lake equestrian loop, which provides access to more than 19 miles of well-marked trails.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

The real estate transactions listed below are being published at the request of many of our readers. The information is public record and reflects an index of each week's transactions.

Property transactions exceeding \$10,000 recorded at the Vilas County Courthouse the past week and the transfer fee:

Aug. 20, 2021

John T. Bova and Susan L. Bova to Talia Del Carmen Luecke and James Arthur Luecke, unit 208 in Gateway Lodge Hotel Condo, \$92,40

Thunder Bay Resort LLC to Todd S. Braun, unit 7 in Thunder Bay Resort Condominium, \$247,50

North Twin Builders South LLC to Kevin Yungberg and Loni Yungberg, NE NW in 11-41-11, \$90

North Twin Builders South LLC to Cynthia Janzig and David Collins, NE NW in 11-41-11, \$87

Charles D. Gardner and Rita Ann Gardner to Gary A. Wutke and Rosemarie A. Beaudin, lot 43 in Forest Downs Div #3, \$84

Nathan B. Kohn and Katrina L. Kohn to Michael D. Foemmel and Pamela J. Foemmel, gov lot 4 in 34-40-9, \$810

David Scotney and Lori A.

Scotney to Thomas J. Hartnett III, gov lot 6 in 34-40-8, \$2,580

Jacob E. Lenz and Rebecca A. Lenz to Matthew D. Ebert and Kristen Marie Suttle-Ebert, gov lot 1 in 10-40-6, \$1,905

Aug. 23, 2021

3G Real Estate LLC to Adam J. Wen and Christine V. Wen, gov lots 3 and 4 in 19-44-5, \$645

LTT Properties LLC to Farrow Enterprises Inc., NE SW in 5-40-8, \$1,197

Brian R. Beaman and Deanna L. Beaman to David J. Grootemaat and Amy L. Grootemaat, gov lot 1 in 24-42-11, gov lot 1 in 23-42-11, SW in 13-42-11, and SE SE in 14-42-11, \$225

Bruce P. Bickner Trust and Trustee Bruce P. Bickner to Rachel S. Stauffer, gov lot 2 in 14-41-9 and gov lot 2 in 23-41-9, \$1,650

James W. Markell and Konstance A. Kehl to Isaac W. Cowart and Amanda L. Cowart, gov lot 1 and 2 in 32-43-6, \$1,800

James H. & Daphne A. Herrick Revocable Trust, Trustee James H. Herrick and Trustee Daphne A. Herrick to Timothy R. Trapp and Katherine Trapp, gov lots 1 and 2 and SE NW in 32-42-7, \$5,580

Martin E. Sliva Revocable Trust and Trustee Thomas Sliva to Steven L. Yates and

Cherie L. Yates, lot 24 and outlots 1 and 2 in Forest Hills, \$1,104

Gabriel Cabrera and Sally Freels to Ella Gapotchenko, gov lot 9 in 35-40-9, \$127,50

Anchor LLC to Ryan P. Speiser and Karen C. Konkel, lot 12 in Deer Path Estates, \$56,70

Edward R. & Beverly J. Polacek Revocable Trust and Trustee Edward R. Polacek, Trustee Beverly J. Polacek, Joel E. & Patricia A. Polacek Revocable Trust, Trustee Joel E. Polacek and Trustee Patricia A. Polacek to Joseph M. Rudesill Jr. and Sara K. Rudesill, gov lot 2 in 7-39-10, \$198

Lori J. Poulos to William P. Jollie and Joan E. Ouellette, gov lot 1 in 9-43-6, \$3,030

Dennis M. & Barbara A. Condon Revocable Trust, Trustee Dennis M. Condon and Trustee Barbara A. Condon to Jacob J. Bingen and Katie E. Bingen, lots 5 and 6 of block 6 in Rockwood Estates North Div #2, \$539,70

Robert B. Amstadt and Laurie J. Amstadt to Kathleen R. Beckmann, NE SE and SE SE in 12-40-9, \$150

Mark R. Lindgren to Gordon L. Greunke and Lynn K. Greunke, gov lot 1 in 11-40-9, \$1,275

Jason T. Bartelt and Ann M. Bartelt to Douglas S. & Trina

R. Bierman Living Trust, lot 12 in Duner, \$360

Jeremy R. Ryan to Randy G. Solberg, lot 7 of block 1 in Perry's CL 2nd Addn, \$719,70

Andrew J. Seaman and Scott R. Bartol to David S. & Julie M. Zettler Revocable Trust, Trustee David S. Zettler and Trustee Julie M. Zettler, SW SE in 16-41-11, \$322,50

Elayne A. Martin to Duwayne Engman and Amy Engman, unit 10 in Big Arbor Vitae Condo, \$402

Aug. 24, 2021

Ted Hetta and Dawn Hetta to Peter W. Smith and Denise R. Smith, NW NE in 13-42-10, \$855

Ronald R. Crass and Linda A. Crass to Jonathan J. Horan, NW SE in 31-42-12, \$216

Advanced Metalworks LLC to Iconik Innovations LLC, NW NW in 36-40-10, \$840

William H. Bosshard to Michael E. Hervey, Denise C. Hervey, Christopher G. Nor and Alexandra Nor, lot 46 in Whistling Pines Estates, \$94,50

Linda Del Brunswick and William R. Brunswick Jr. to David Peter Johnson and Patricia Inge Johnson, gov lot 3 in 4-39-10 and NE NE in 9-39-10, \$120

Glenn Michael Dalton to Donald E. McKain and Nena I. Howard McKain, gov lot 7 in 2-

39-10, \$990

Randall Benson and Carol Randall to Ronald V. Benson, NE SW in 9-41-10, \$197,70

Charles W. Wirtz to Timothy Scherke, NW NE in 14-41-11, \$250,50

Joanne R. Abens and POA Jeffrey J. Abens to Bradley J. Schneider and Susan J. Schneider, SW NW and SE NW in 35-41-10, \$957

Norman C. Liles Jr. to Harold Hayward and Lu Ann Hayward, SE NW in 32-41-8, \$450

Aug. 25, 2021

Britt C. Johnson to Virginia A. Eames and Mary Jill Warsaw, gov lot 1 in 33-42-12, \$300

James R. Murphy Trust and Trustee James R. Murphy to Ronald W. Blake, unit 12 in White Sand Lake Condominium, \$780

Adam J.M. Gengler and Nicole L. Gengler to Charles R. Bonson and Sylvia R. Bonson, SE SW in 9-41-10, \$165

Arne V. Skrodal and Susan A. Hanson-Skrodal to Peter Parenti and Jenifer Parenti, gov lot 4 in 17-40-11, \$1,575

Kurt Unter and Patricia A. Unter to Brett L. Edwards, SW SW in 26-40-9, \$351

Bailey Revocable Trust, Trustee Jerome R. Bailey and Trustee Ann M. Bailey to John J. Gapinski, gov lot 3 in 20-43-9, \$3,750

Northway Lands LLC to Beau Lane and Jessica Lane, SE NW and SW NE in 11-39-10, \$189

Aug. 26, 2021

Colton C. Kurtz and Kristi A. Kurtz to Bo W. Becker and Colleen R. Becker, lots 11 and 12 of block 2 and lot 8 of block 1 in Silver Lake Addn, \$840

Standiford Revocable Trust 12/29/97, Trustee David A. Standiford and Trustee Gene E. Standiford to Ronald K. Puetz and Daun L. Puetz, gov lot 1 and SW NW in 35-40-8, \$75

Donald R. Senf Trust and Trustee Donald R. Senf to Steven C. & Laura Senf/Hester-Senf Living Trust, Trustee Steven C. Senf and Trustee Laura Hester-Senf, lot 63 in Keystone Park, \$954

Jake Stanek and Dayra Stanek to Ozlem King, lot 23 in Forest Downs Div #2, \$120

Carl E. Brent, Laura Ann Sniadajewski and POA Laura Ann Sniadajewski to Todd S. Perigo and Barbara E. Perigo, NW SW in 26-41-10, \$660

Frederick G. Scharf to Randy S. Jensen and Jessica A. Jensen, SW NW in 20-40-10, \$69

Joshua Robert Kunz, Aaron J. Richmond and Larry D. Pacetti to The Pacetti Group LLC, gov lot 2 and SE NE in 24-40-10, \$1,440

SPORTS



The Three Lakes-Phelps boys soccer team returns a large group of letterwinners off last year's roster which advanced in the WIAA postseason. Members are, front row from left, Ian Mouw, Trevin

Walkowski, Tyler Kimmerling-Keating and Michael Janovsky; and back row, Austin Adams, Tobias Volkmann, Cole Melton, Sam Eppler, Chase Melton and Joseph Boschke.

—Photo By Kerry Griebenow

Large returning class of letterwinners headlines Bluejays soccer squad in 2021

BY DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Three Lakes/Phelps boys soccer team will return a large class of letterwinners from their 2020 roster following a season which saw them win a share of the Northern Lights Conference (NLC) title before falling in the WIAA Regional Championship match.

First Team All-Conference returners include Trevin Walkowski and Cole Melton at center midfield, Toby Volkmann at forward and Sam Eppler on defense. Also returning after receiving Honorable Mention accolades last year are Sawyer Siedschlag and Chase Melton which coach Jack Wales said sets the team up well heading into the 2021 season.

"We have a huge hole to fill in the keep position with the graduation of all conference goalie Hunter Meistad," Wales said. "But freshman Christian Jolin has filled that hole and proved that he can play at this level."

Last week in his first varsity start Jolin had a few early mistakes, Wales said. "But by the end of the

match he proved he can play at this level very well, and hopefully, will be a force over the next four years," Wales said.

Volkman and Walkowski picked up right where they left off last year as they accounted for all three of the Bluejays' goals last week in a 3-3 tie with Lakeland.

"It was our first game of the year, and the win would have been nice," Wales said. "But still I thought we played well enough to get the win. A draw with a team like Lakeland is not a bad start. This should be a confidence building match for our team."

Wales said the team had two other freshman step up and prove they deserved playing time.

"Charlie Liebscher contributed aggressively in the mid area," he said. "Peyton Pitlik stepped up on the defensive end when starter Sawyer Siedschlag left the match with an injury."

Wales said that Logan Erickson, as a first year senior on the soccer team, also proved he will be someone the defense has to account



Bluejays senior Sam Eppler (No. 23) launches a kick from near midfield with teammate Michael Janovsky watching the action in the background.

—Photo By Kerry Griebenow

for on the offensive end.

"Realistically, with Trevin and Toby returning from last year's team we should be able to create a lot of problems for opposing defenses," Wales said. "We should be able to score often and from a number of different areas."

"And with Sam Eppler and Austin Adams anchoring our middle defense, we should be able to contain the teams we face."

The team traveled to Antigo last Thursday for a game, and this week will head to Kingsford, Mich., for a nonconference matchup there.

The league season starts next week Tuesday when Three Lakes/Phelps hits the road to Bayfield to face Washburn/Bayfield.

The team will then host Northland Pines, Sept. 10 at the Three Lakes Stadium.

Sports Sidelines

By Gary Ridderbusch



Badgers to kick off '21 season with fans

There is excitement in the air for football fans as they will get a heavy dose of college football this Saturday, Sept. 4. Many conferences across the country will start league matchups Labor Day weekend.

The University of Wisconsin (UW) will open its season Sept. 4, as the matchup with Penn State will be the first time in 40 years that Wisconsin is opening the season with a home game against a Big Ten opponent. The last time, on Sept. 12, 1981, the Badgers defeated No. 1 Michigan, 21-14.

The Penn State game this Saturday will kick off at 11 a.m. and be televised nationally on FOX. In addition to the game broadcast, FOX's pregame show, Big Noon Kickoff, will be on site and will originate from Madison.

To mark the return of Badgers football and a full Camp Randall Stadium, UW Athletics is asking fans to wear red or white, depending on their section, on Sept. 4 when UW hosts Penn State.

The "Stripe-Out" returns to Camp Randall following a successful debut on Sept. 21, 2019, when the Badgers beat No. 11 Michigan, 35-14, in front of a sold-out crowd.

After Wisconsin and the rest of the Big Ten played to empty stadiums last year due to the pandemic, the UW can't wait for Sept. 4 to get here. After 21 long months, fans, players, coaches and the UW marching band will all be back together in Camp Randall Stadium again.

A lot has changed in that time and to better prepare everyone for returning to Camp Randall, the UW has new game day information for all fans.

In accordance with UW-Madison COVID-19 guidelines, the protocols for fans attending Badgers home football games include:

- All ticketed fans will be required to wear masks at all times when in an indoor area of Camp Randall Stadium, regardless of vaccination status, unless actively eating or drinking.

- The indoor mask requirement includes, but is not limited to, restrooms, elevators, suites and club seating areas, Bucky's Locker Room, first aid rooms, Guest Services locations and the press box.

- Masks will not be required but are strongly encouraged in outdoor public spaces, particularly for unvaccinated individuals. Outdoor public spaces include the entry gates, concourses, concession stands and the seating bowl.

- In addition, all concessions workers will be required to wear masks.

While Badgers fans will have to deal with these pandemic protocols, it is exciting to know the stands will again be rocking at Camp Randall Stadium this Saturday against Penn State.

Bluejays show spark in weather-shortened opener, down Gillett

BY DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

Gremban begins with record-breaking run; Pines teams race well at Irish Waters course

BY DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northland Pines girls and boys cross-country teams raced well in their season-opening meet hosted by Freedom High School at Irish Waters Golf Course in the Fox Valley area last week.

"They started the meet early due to pending weather so the boys ran at 9 a.m. with the girls right after at 9:30 a.m.," said coach Amy Gremban. "We wanted to run at this meet because our Sectional was set to compete there."

With early-season conditions combined with heavy rains throughout the week it made for an extremely flooded course, Gremban said.

"The conditions were certainly not ideal," she said. "The entire course was under water and the start was about 20 meters from an ankle-deep pond of water that was the entire width of the fairway. The kids ran with determination as they ran

through a saturated course and plenty of mud."

The conditions didn't seem to bother sophomore Nora Gremban who blistered the course and set a new Pines record with a first-place time of 18:49.

"She came out with something to prove and ran the entire race on her own, finishing well over a minute ahead of the next runner," coach Gremban said. "She looked strong and determined to start this year off with a dominating win."

Following Gremban were solid runs from Frankie Will (23:44), Emma Weber (24:07), Malia Remme (24:23), Olivia Eliason (28:46) and Samantha Krueger (33:55).

Will ended in 52nd place overall followed by Weber in 57th, Remme in 64th, Eliason in 95th and Krueger in 102nd place.

"Frankie had a solid race, and our three new runners (Weber, Remme and Eliason) all had awesome races," Gremban said. "Emma is going to really be a bright star

as she is just starting her running career. She really works hard and has an outstanding positive attitude."

"Malia has some great running knowledge and will use that to continue to make steady improvements and Olivia is a novice to running this year, but really was a terrific surprise with her energetic attitude and hard work ethic. Samantha Krueger also continues in her second year with dynamic personality and persistence."

On the boys side, senior Sam Gremban started his season off well, running a 17:15 which placed him in third at the end of the day.

"Sam came out ready to start his senior year out right," coach Gremban said. "He ran an exceptional race, and looked strong throughout with an amazing kick at the end."

Jason Linn was 30th overall with a time of 19:44 followed by Kaemyn Heritage (35th, 19:53), Logan Marquardt (50th, 20:58), Eddie Falcetta (52nd, 21:02), Mac

Williams (57th 21:46) and Nic Fluegel (61st, 22:17).

"Newcomers Jason Linn and Kaemyn Heritage started off with terrific first races," Gremban said. "They both had solid performances and I am looking forward to seeing what they can accomplish this season."

Gremban also said she was happy with Marquardt's race and could see the work he put in over the summer pay off immediately.

Falcetta had a good race as well in his first-ever varsity race.

"He practices hard and has a good work ethic," Gremban said. "Mac Williams and Nic Fluegel also had outstanding races. They have been super positive at practice and putting in the extra time and it is paying off in their results. I am excited for this season and our upcoming meet at Nine Mile this Tuesday."

Following the Nine Mile race, the team will head to Minocqua Winter Park for the Ted Voigt Invitational Sept. 9.

Ashton Maney caught a pair of touchdowns and rushed for two more as the Three Lakes/Phelps football team had little problem moving the football in a 32-0 win over Gillett in what was a weather-shortened game on the road.

With lightning in the air teams were forced into the locker rooms after the first quarter, and due to weather the game was inevitably called resulting in a win for the Bluejays.

Sophomore Jared Kaufman got his first start at quarterback and though he was sacked twice, threw the ball well going 5-of-9 on the night for 102 yards and two scores.

Those two passes found Ashton Maney who, with the pair of hookups, went 76 yards on the two scoring strikes. He also led the Bluejays in rushing, carrying it six times for 47 yards and also scoring twice.

Josh Cogar grabbed a pair of Kaufman passes and totaled 19 yards on the

night while Brandon Baumann also had one catch for seven yards. Cogar had a long kickoff return also to start the game, scampering 66 yards to set up the early score.

Defensively, Maney and sophomore L.J. Terlizzi each had three tackles. Maney also forced one fumble.

The Bluejays will open their home schedule this weekend when Gibraltar, a small school in Door County, comes to town for a Thursday night matchup starting at 7 p.m.

The Vikings ran through Elcho/White Lake this past Friday by a score of 44-22.

Gibraltar totaled 362 yards of offense scoring five times, twice on the ground and three times through the air.

Quarterback Sam Lindenberg was 9-of-11 for 143 yards and three touchdowns, each of which came to a different receiver. Lindenberg also led the team in rushing with 167 yards on just 12 carries, scoring twice.

SPORTS

Bluejays volleyball teams starts season strong, win tourneys at Spencer, Prentice and home

BY DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

Following what was an impossible run through the 2020 season, Three Lakes girls volleyball coach Jayme Wyss admits it was just as easy to get back to work this fall as ever.

Knowing how much the team had accomplished the year prior, she anticipated she wasn't the only one who felt that way.

"I think what makes it easy is our No. 1 priority in our gym is to have fun playing volleyball with our friends," she said. "And if anyone pops into a practice, it would be pretty evident as being true. But having fun doesn't mean you can't be serious. Plus, when you are having fun, you are more likely to play well, and playing well is fun. Winning is fun."

There has been no shortage of athletic success in recent years at Three Lakes High School.

That includes on the volleyball court where Wyss' teams have been at or near the top of the Northern Lakes Conference, and last year nearly qualified for the WIAA State Championships before falling in a five-set thriller to Prentice.

The team graduated a couple of big players up front in Mollee Gruszynski and Emily Fink, as well as Natalie Hicks who was the team's top back row player over the past two seasons.

However, the cupboard was all but bare when the team came back to practice a few weeks ago, and if the

early season 9-1 overall record is any indication, things are heading in a similar direction this year.

"While I think we felt that we could still be a strong team, it's hard to know exactly how things will shake out," Wyss said. We are still flushing things out. I am carrying a really big roster as we figure out roles on the team and see how girls play in tight games."

Wyss said every year it is her goal to continue to build on the level of play that her team brings.

"I feel like we have become more strategic, and have talked about how to strategically strengthen certain rotations based on the plays we want to run," she said. "We talk about adapting defense based on what is happening, and what to watch for in making decisions on where to place a ball to be more successful. The mentality in our gym is that every day we want to be better than the last."

Though a large part of the offense and defense graduated last year, Mari Szews, Sara Gruszynski and Kara Sowinski all return to hold down three starting spots.

"Mari had the highest kill percentage on our team last year at 40%, and she was also second on the team behind Emily for blocks, so she is definitely our biggest player at the net," Wyss said. "She has a wide variety of hits that she can run, so even though she is the No. 1 go-to when she is in the front, she



The Three Lake girls volleyball team earned first place at their recent invitational hosted by Spencer High School. Team members are, front row from left, Zoie McDonald, Madeline Dupuis, Jenna Erikson, Kara Sowinski and Riley Lob; and back row, Carmen

Cornelius, Kallie Volk, Addie Lehmann, Jasmine Neumann, Sara Gruszynski, Mari Szews, Olivia Terlizzi, Kaya Szews, Karlee Weavers and coach Jayme Wyss.

—Contributed Photo

is not predictable." As a left-handed attacker, Gruszynski will bring a strong attack on the right side.

"She has our second-highest kill percentage, both from last year and so far this year," Wyss said. "The goal is to utilize her a lot more. Sara is an all-around player and one of my stronger in the back row."

Sowinski, now in her fourth full season as a starting setter, will have two very solid options to set while also being one of the top middle dig options teams will try and score against.

"I have never had a setter reach 1,000 assists, and Kara will be hitting 2,000 assists in a couple of weeks," Wyss said. "She is also my strongest server and is usually one of my leading dig-

gers." Adding to the punch will be Addie Lehmann and Jenna Erikson who are very strong in the back row, Wyss explained.

"Jenna is just a sophomore, but we started training her in last year to replace Natalie (Hicks) as libero," Wyss said. "She has some work still to do, but she is up for the challenge."

Lehmann begins her third full season on the varsity team, and while Wyss says she has gained a lot of power in her attacks, her greatest strength is still the back row where she excels in receiving and passing as well as getting to the floor for loose balls.

The team started the season by traveling to Spencer, winning a quick two sets over the host before beating

Athens also in straight sets. That moved the Jays into the championship match where they faced Medford, beating them in straight sets as well to take home the quad title.

"In the third set against Medford we were down 17-22 and came back and won it 25-23," Wyss said. "I am super proud of how these girls never quit and have been able to pull off really big comebacks."

Following that meet the team hosted Prentice, Mercer and Gresham two days later, playing each in a match that consisted of three sets.

"We ended with a set record of 9-0, while the other three teams split at 3-6," Wyss said. "We were even down to Mercer in a set 0-4 and came back and won 25-18. Each team challenged us

in ways that we weren't expecting and we responded really well. They only have made us better."

This past Saturday the team took part in their annual Prentice tournament, breezing by Flambeau in a quick two sets and splitting the first two sets with Prentice before losing the third.

"When we were at game point 14-13, we had a kill off the blocker's hands, but the touch was missed and they got the point," Wyss said. "The tide turned after that and we lost 15-17. The girls rebounded and beat Gilman and Mercer both in two sets and we placed first in the tournament."

In her ninth season as head coach at Three Lakes, Wyss has already crossed

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SPORTS

Eagles hope to gain ground in GNC as volleyball team starts with flurry

BY DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northland Pines girls volleyball team and coach Julie Smith opened play for the 2021 fall season this past week, hoping that with some early-season trials they'll set themselves up for a run through the Great Northern Conference (GNC) and possibly a deeper run in the WIAA postseason.

"Our early season objective is going to look different than our overall objective, and also different than our preseason goals," Smith said this week. "Much of our preseason training was aimed at getting the off-season rust off, developing skills and creating a cohesive team, especially after this past year of only conference play."

Smith said that due to COVID guidelines, the players had limited opportunity to compete over the past year.

"So much of an athlete and team bonding is built during the travel, pregame dinners and competitions," she said. "Rebuilding this cohesiveness was a priority early on. Our early season goals will be to get some preconference wins under our belt to develop the confidence and skill set that we will need to head in to the conference season."

Smith said she sees Pines finishing in the top half of the GNC this season.

"Mosinee and Tomahawk will both be strong this year, along with Antigo," Smith forecast.

Mosinee went undefeated through their dual match play a year ago and will return a strong offensive lineup. Pines on the opposite end will hope to lock down on the defensive side of the net where they are gifted with a lot of athleticism.

"This team will look to excel at being a strong defensive team," Smith said. "We do not have a lot of



Returning letterwinners for the Northland Pines girls soccer team include, front row from left, Samantha Huelskamp, Samantha Haiduk and Madi Meisenburg; and back row, Maleea Eggleston, Hadley Olivotti, Paris Croker, Camryn Cox and Kylee Swendson. —STAFF PHOTO

height so will rely on their ability to be quick on covering the court on defense."

Offensively Pines will look to a host of players to score, both from the service line and up front at the net.

"We expect to see good things this season from a lot of the team this season and we will rely on them all to get the job done," she said. "In particular, we will look to Sami Huelskamp to lead the team as our setter, while being versatile and able to be a strong pin hitter for us as well."

Smith said that Maleea Eggleston and Madi Meisenburg are going to be strong six-rotation players and equally talented in the front and back row.

Paris Croker returns and will serve as a big middle blocker that Pines will rely

on.

"She also has a very strong and effective serve," Smith said. "Sami Haiduk and Cassidy Sternhagen will battle for the libero jersey and both of them will contribute greatly to our defense, as both are very quick and able to respond well."

Camryn Cox and Hadley Olivotti will be likely candidates to fill the other setter position in the front line.

"Both are fully capable of being effective as our opposite attackers as well," Smith said. "Kirkland Williams and MaryKate Kusick will be asked to use their versatility as they will be utilized both on the pins and in the middle."

Pines attended the annual Wisconsin Rapids Cobleigh Invitational this past weekend where Smith

was very pleased with how her team competed, coming in second place behind only Fox Valley Lutheran.

"We looked like a different team from just five days prior when we competed in the SPASH Invitational," Smith said. "The girls worked hard in practices before this weekend and it showed."

The team opened by facing Necedah, winning in straight sets, 25-20 and 25-22.

After falling to host Rapids by scores of 12-25 and 18-25, the team responded in their final two matches of the day by defeating first Sheboygan Falls (25-21, 25-20) and then Manawa (25-13, 25-18).

"We tried multiple lineups in the first two matches, trying to find what would work to finish strong in this tournament," Smith said. "Players got switched around and even what we thought their role on the court was got changed up at times."

"It was great to see what all of the players are capable of. They all showed a lot of hustle and determination and covered the court very well. Our serve receive was dialed in and that definitely makes a difference in setting up our offense and utilizing our attack."

After hosting a non-conference quadrangular this past Tuesday, the team will get a week to prepare for their conference opener, Sept. 7 when Medford comes to town. Game time that night is set for 5:30 p.m. for junior varsity (JV) and JV2 followed by the varsity match at 7 p.m.

Pines to face Coleman after canceled game

Rain hit northern and central Wisconsin hard last Friday, resulting in the cancellation of several high school football games.

One of the games that wasn't played was a non-conference game between Northland Pines and Prentice-Rib Lake.

"It was postponed due to the weather," said Pines coach Kevin Grundy. "The athletic directors from both schools talked and decided conditions would be poor for the game."

Grundy said the Eagles will spend this week preparing for their first Northwoods Football Conference game of the season at Coleman this Friday, Sept. 3, with kickoff set for 7 p.m.

The Eagles are 0-1 under first-year coach Grundy, losing to Wittenberg-Birnamwood 53-0 in the first game of the season Aug. 20.

"Coleman will be another tough opponent," said Grundy. "They are well-coached and a very established program."

Several Northland Pines players sustained injuries in

week one and could be back in the lineup this week.

"We will take it one day at a time. We are trying to get and then stay healthy," said Grundy.

The Northwoods Football Conference includes the Clintonville Truckers, Coleman Cougars, Crandon Cardinals, Crivitz Wolverines, Menominee Indian Eagles, Northland Pines Eagles, Oconto Falls Panthers and Tomahawk Hatchets.

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Request for Proposal Bioreactor Removal

The Landfill Venture Group (LVG) is seeking proposals from qualified parties to submit a proposal to remove the existing decommissioned bioreactor at the Highway G Sanitary Landfill located at 7001 County Highway G, Eagle River, WI 54521.

Background

The Landfill Venture Group has been operating a solid waste disposal and processing facilities since 1989. It should be understood that the landfill is municipally owned, but is operated by the LVG and not Vilas County.

The bioreactor is a repurposed rotary lime kiln that was used for processing of municipal solid wastes prior to landfilling at the Highway G Landfill from 1994 until 2015. The bioreactor is approximately 12 feet in diameter and 190 feet long. The bioreactor is supported in 2 different locations. The drive motor for the bioreactor has been previously removed, and the bioreactor is no longer able to rotate (although it might be able to be rotated again). The bioreactor also has a screen system on the end that discharged to a set of multiple conveyors. The bioreactor is housed inside an unheated building that is currently used by the Highway G Landfill for maintenance and storage.

The bioreactor is located at an active solid waste landfill facility. The bioreactor building is away from normal waste traffic, however, access to the bioreactor by vehicle would require coordinating with normal landfill traffic.

Scope of Work

In general the project consists of demolition and removal of the decommissioned bioreactor and appurtenances, including but not limited to roller bearings, drive gears, conveyors, screens and associated components.

Contents of Proposal

- The proposal shall include the following requirements and criteria:
- Description of approximate means and methods of removal of bioreactor components, including modifications to existing structures, if required
 - List of special provisions required by proposer to complete the work
 - Schedule for removal of bioreactor, including anticipated completion date
 - Proof of insurance (ability to provide certificate of insurance - see Specification 01 10 00)
 - Anticipated schedule of payments (or disbursements)
 - Project schedule

Requirements of Work

See the attached specifications that shall govern the work for this project:

- 01 10 00 - Summary of Work
- 02 41 00 - Demolition

The removal project shall be completed prior to April 1, 2022.

Reference Materials

As part of a previous demolition project, the bioreactor was sampled for asbestos containing materials and lead based paint by Ayres Associates in 2015. No lead based paint was observed on the bioreactor as part of this sampling. A copy of this report is available for review at the Landfill office upon request.

Review of Facility

A formal pre-bid meeting will not be held, however, prospective bidders are encouraged to examine the project at the Highway G Sanitary Landfill, 7001 CTH G, Eagle River, Wisconsin. Please contact the Landfill Manager at 715-479-2938 to schedule a site visit.

Submitting a Proposal

Interested parties should submit sealed proposals including the following delivered to the Landfill or at the PO Box no later than 3 pm Central Time on Monday, September 13, 2021 to Highway G Landfill office at the following address:

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 - a. include any subcontractors, if any
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The LVG reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal. The Executive Committee of the LVG will discuss and possibly award the project at the September 17, 2021 meeting.

If there are any questions please contact Mark Busha - Manager at the landfill office at 715-479-2938.



The Northland Pines Eagles placed second at the recent Wisconsin Rapids Invitational. Team members are, front row from left, Neveah Durski, Lexi Thomas, Sami Haiduk, Sami Huelskamp and Maleea Eggleston; and back row, manager

Kylee Swendson, Cassidy Sternhagen, Taylor Olivotti, Madi Meisenburg, Paris Croker, MaryKate Kusick, Camryn Cox, Kirkland Williams and manager Taya Bolte.

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three firsts off her list this season.

"Never have we ever beat Mercer. Never have we ever beat Prentice. Never have we ever placed higher than third at our home tournament," Wyss said. "Never have we ever won a tournament, much less three of them."

"We know we have things to work on. We know we have some really strong players. We don't know where this season will take us, but we're going to have a lot of fun finding out."

Looking at the Northern Lakes Conference, it's hard to imagine trying to improve on a season where Three Lakes dropped just one set

the entire season (Laona-Wabeno in their first matchup), according to the coach.

"Laona-Wabeno will have a strong team this year with Ellie Krawze, co-conference player of the year from last year, returning."

"She has her sister, Grace, returning as the setter, and they have a strong program," Wyss said. "I expect them to be our toughest opponent."

Wyss said Florence was made up of mostly sophomores last year so they will return a strong core of players who she said bring a lot of energy to games.

"I also expect to be challenged by them," she said.

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Week 1 (Sept. 11-12 games) winner will be announced in the Wednesday, Sept. 15, newspaper.

WEEK 1 DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPT. 10, AT NOON

This year's contest is the same as in 2020. Simply circle the winner of each game listed. Game 1 has added importance. See Game of the Week notes. Each game represents one point. A perfect score is 16 points. Be sure to fill in the Tiebreaker section. For any game ending in a tie, or if a game is delayed, postponed or rescheduled for any reason, the point will be thrown out. See rules below.

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Runners prepare for busy season as Bluejays gear up for Nine Mile

BY DOUG ETTE
SPORTS EDITOR

The Three Lakes-Phelps boys and girls cross-country teams will head to their second competitive meet of the 2021 season this Thursday as Marathon High School will welcome runners to Nine Mile County Forest in Rib Mountain.

Three Lakes-Phelps was able to take a few female runners to Rhinelander last week as Kallie Volk, Sophia Nafziger and Margaret Mouw took part in the Hodag Invite.

Though they did not have enough to score as a team, Volk placed fifth with a time of 22:44 followed by Nafziger in sixth (22:50) and Mouw in 52nd (27:31).

"We're off to a sort of weird start this year with only having three girls run the first meet," coach Laurie Levandoski said. "We actually have a really large group of middle school runners this year which is great and says a lot for the future of the sport. I think they are going to be pretty good this season."

On the varsity scene, Volk, Nafziger and Mouw will be three individuals setting out for some adventurous goals this season.

Volk will be a dual athlete this fall, taking part in both volleyball and cross-country. Levandoski said she knows there will be a few obstacles to overcome early on, but expects Volk to make a push to qualify once more for the WIAA State Meet in October.

"At Rhinelander you could tell she was feeling the sore-

ness of the first two weeks of both volleyball and cross-country," Levandoski said. "She is a fierce competitor, however, and we can look forward to some great races for her again this season."

As a junior, Levandoski said Volk possesses a lot of racing experience including two trips to the WIAA State Cross-Country Championships.

"She will lead our team as a co-captain, and we're looking for a conference champion medal for Kallie once more this year," Levandoski said.

Nafziger turned some heads in what was her first varsity race of her career last week at Rhinelander.

"After having a very successful season as a middle school runner last year I think it's safe to say we can look forward to some big races for Sophie," Levandoski said. "She is a very hard worker and should do very well during the season and will likely be in the medals at conference."

Mouw will join Volk as a co-captain this year as a senior.

"She is beginning her seventh cross-country season after five years as a runner at Marathon," Levandoski said. "She leads by example and is a good role model for our team. She is committed to improving her race times during the upcoming season."

On the boys varsity side, Eli Nafziger is returning with several years of cross-



Sophia Nafziger makes her way around the course at Rhinelander during the opening meet of the 2021 season for the Three Lakes Bluejays.

country under his belt.

"He will be a leader for our boys varsity team this year," Levandoski said. "Time will tell if he may be able to grab a medal at conference."

Connor Hanneman will be in his second year of cross-country as a sophomore.

"He is committed to self-improvement and is a very hard worker at practices," Levandoski said. "He narrowly missed a medal at last year's conference meet and is

eager to lower his race times this year."

Sophomore Jesse Kleinhans comes off of a successful season in track this past spring and is taking part in his first year of cross-country.

"He will not be able to join our squad until the first day of school due to transportation issues, but I've heard from the track coaches that he is very coachable and is a hard worker," she said. "I am looking forward to having him on the team."

Pines boys soccer to open against GNC contenders

The Northland Pines boys soccer team, after playing just 12 games last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, was scheduled to open the 2021 season this week.

The Eagles were scheduled to play at home against Mosinee on Tuesday of this week, with a 4:30 p.m. start. Pines will then host Rhinelander this Thursday, Sept. 2, starting at 4:30 p.m. Both are Great Northern Conference games.

Head coach Mark Pinski and assistant coach Rod Sternhagen have high expectations for the Eagles after finishing with an 8-4 record

in 2020.

"We finished 7-1 in our last eight games," said Pinski. "I know we will be competitive in our conference again this year."

Pinski and Sternhagen see Rhinelander as the team to beat in 2021.

Last year, Rhinelander finished 8-2 in the GNC, with Medford at 7-3, Mosinee at 6-4, Pines at 5-4, Lakeland at 4-6 and Antigo at 0-10.

"I'm really looking forward to this season," said Pinski. "We have a great group of boys who are ready to prove themselves."

Pool league sets meeting

The Three Lakes Pool League will have a meeting Wednesday, Sept. 15, at The Hideaway Bar at 7 p.m.

All teams interested in playing in the league should have a representative attend the meeting.

Those individuals who are interested in participating but don't have a team should contact Scott McCain at (715) 367-8882.

Correction

In a story on the Northland Pines boys soccer team in the Aug. 25 issue, senior Braxtin Bell was inadvertently not listed as a returning letterwinner.



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GOLF

LAKE FOREST LADIES' GOLF LEAGUE

Results of 8/25/21
Event: Blind partner with handicap

First (tie), Sandy Winter and Joan McKeever, and Kathy Simac and Dawn Schneider 62; second, Mary Ann Lambrecht and Cindy Vugrinec 66; third, Sarah Korpela and Michele Richardson 69; and fourth, Barb Maney and Lyn Croak 71.
Shootout: Kathy Simac

Racing with few cautions helps Aho's win in B-Mods

Jesse Aho of Twin Lakes, Mich., chased down race leader Tad Schoonover with five laps remaining to win the B Mod feature at Eagle River Speedway Tuesday.

Four of the division's six feature races went green-to-checkered without a yellow flag.

Track champions were crowned in the respective divisions. They include Eagle River's Jason Zdroik (B Mod and Late Model), Eagle River's David Blackberg (Stock Car), Dave Dishaw of Ontonagon, Mich. (Street Stock), Tomahawk's Kaeden Bethel (300 Micro Sprint) and Phelps' Dustin Kangas (600 Micro Sprint).

All Zdroik had to do was take the green for the B Mod and Late Model mains to secure the track titles.

In the Stock Car class Pulaske's Rod Snellenberger won the battle but Eagle River's David Blackberg won

the war. Snellenberger led wire-to-wire in the caution-free Stock Car main while Blackberg's starting the feature guaranteed him the division title.

The same thing applied for Dishaw, who took the green to secure the Street Stock track championship. The Street Stock feature was won by Sugar Camp's Jason Eisel.

Bethel took the green and not only captured the 300 Micro Sprint title but won the division feature in dominating fashion.

The division that had the tightest points battle was in the 600 Micro Sprints. Heading into the night Minocqua's Andy Fink sat four points behind Kangas. Kangas finished one position ahead of Fink in the feature which earned him the track title by a 511-506 margin over Fink. The feature was won by Minocqua's Cole

Stella who led every lap from the drop of the green.

The season finale will be run Saturday, Sept. 4. The first green flag is set to fly at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, visit the track's Facebook page, contact Pat Zdroik at patzdroik@yahoo.com or call (715) 891-1870.

Results

B Mod: First, Jesse Aho, Twin Lakes, Mich.; second, Tad Schoonover, Eagle River; third, Peter Paulus, Phillips.

Late Model: First, Jason Zdroik, Eagle River; second, Travis Friske, Tomahawk; third, Danny Zelten, Clearwater.

Stock Car: First, Rod Snellenberger, Pulaske; second, Jonathon Miller, Eagle River; third, Ryan Brown, Eagle River.

Street Stock: First, Jason Eisel, Sugar Camp; second, Dave Dishaw, Ontonagon, Mich.; third, Ryan Brown, Eagle River.



COACH PITCH — The Three Lakes Coach Pitch League recently completed its summer season. Team members are, front row from left, Kadenn Hansen, Bo Bisnette, Jensen Lower, Bennett Melton, Axel Smith and Maddox Schwarm; mid-

dle row, Josh Baseman, Brantley Trammell, James Hannan, Cash Johnson, Zoey Fritz and Jackson Weinand; and back row, coaches Josh Trammell and Brad Bisnette.

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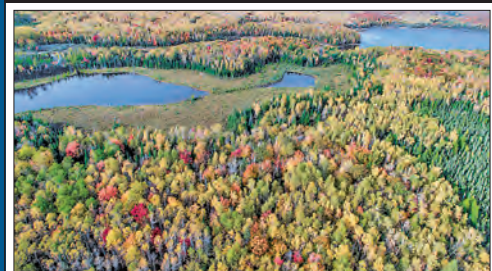
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• 2.41 AC gently sloped wooded lot
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 • 2+ AC, large yard/deck, log accents
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• 6.18 AC in beautiful Presque Isle
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VINTAGE AUTOS — The Eagle River Car and Truck Show was held in downtown Eagle River last Saturday, with several thousand spectators (above) viewing classic and antique vehicles. Awards were presented in more than 30 categories. Some attendees liked the engines (right) while others viewed a classic 1957 Chevy. —Photos By Max and Theresa Tomasoski



SepTimber Ride to roll on Sept. 11

The seventh annual Sep-Timber Ride rolls into Eagle River Saturday, Sept. 11, offering three bicycle rides — a 60K road ride, a 100K road ride or the popular 28-mile Three Eagle Trail ride. All rides begin and end at Tribute Brewing Co. in Eagle River. Trail riders will head south along the Three Eagle Trail to sample wine at Three Lakes Winery before returning.

Road riders also will travel to Three Lakes Winery, offering all participants the opportunity to sample their wines.

A bratwurst picnic will follow all self-guided rides at Tribute Brewing Co.

“Now in its seventh year, SepTimber Ride is proof that biking is gaining popularity in Wisconsin’s North Woods,” said Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center Executive Director Kim Emerson.

“With more than 1,300 lakes and thousands of acres of state and national

forest in this area, biking here is unique, particularly during the fall color season,” said Emerson.

A variety of prizes, including a Trek Verve+ 2 electric bike, will be raffled off during the brat picnic after the ride. Raffle tickets can be purchased in advance at the Eagle River chamber and at The Hiker Box in downtown Eagle River.

Registration for the Sep-Timber Ride is \$60 and includes the ride choice, a long-sleeved wick-away event shirt, brat picnic, door prizes, and wine and beer sampling.

The event will benefit the Great Headwaters Trails organization to support the development of the River Trail connecting Eagle River to the Heart of Vilas County Bike Trail System.

For more information or to register, contact the Eagle River chamber at 1-(800) 359-6315 or visit septimber-ride.com.

Arts, crafts show set in Eagle River

The Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center will host its sixth annual Labor Day Arts and Crafts Show Sunday, Sept. 5, rain or shine, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in downtown Eagle River.

The Arts and Crafts Show is being held in conjunction with downtown

sidewalk sales from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and also in conjunction with Sausage Fest, held in Riverview Park from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information about the Labor Day Arts and Crafts Show, Sidewalk Sale and Sausage Fest, visit eagleriver.org.

Not that you asked, but...

By Eric Johnson



Wild ride

“There’s no earthly way of knowing. Which direction we are going. There’s no knowing where we’re rowing. Or which way the river’s flowing. Is it raining? Is it snowing? Is a hurricane a blowing? Not a speck of light is showing. So the danger must be growing. Are the fires of hell a-glowing? Is the grisly reaper mowing? Yes! The danger must be growing. For the rowers keep on rowing. And they’re certainly not showing any signs that they are slowing!”

— Willy Wonka, “Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory,” 1971

When it comes to medical care, sometimes the cure is worse than the illness. In my case, the cure was definitely worse than the illness that had found me seeking medical care.

I had been dispatched on my way from the doctor’s office with a prescription in hand for what I can only describe as the scorched earth mother of all antibiotics. Side effects were rare, I was told. As it turned about, I had them all — in spades — for eight days.

From feeling a little under the weather at the doctor’s office, the first dose of the prescription packed a wallop the first night that laid me low as I mentally ticked off all the rare side effects in short order from the pharmacy fact sheet while in the bathroom pondering the vicissitudes of life. Guts tied in a painful Gordian Knot? Check. And I checked on from there as I drifted in and out of lucidity.

Things really took a decidedly scary turn for the worse in the bathroom as I mentally took a wild ride on Willy Wonka’s deeply dark and psychedelic tunnel ride to hell, with disassociated words, phrases and images racing through my mind at lightning speed, my own personal charter ride into Hollywood madness in all its technicolor glory.

Picture being on the discharge chute side of a woodchipper as an entire bound set of encyclopedias is being run through and you get a picture of how fast and furious everything was flying at me. Pretty

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KinderWild preschool program returns to Trees starting Sept. 10

Trees For Tomorrow (TFT) Environmental Education Center in Eagle River will bring back its preschool program, KinderWild Camp (KWC), this fall.

KWC is an outdoor education day camp offered each Friday from Sept. 10 to Nov. 5 for children ages 3 to 5, with the goal of sparking a love of nature and learning in children.

During each KWC session, participants spend at least 51% of the day outside, exploring TFT’s 30-plus acre campus in Eagle River, playing games and interacting with nature through hands-on activities.

This fall, program co-coordinators Jenny Sadak and Amy Ester are looking forward to welcoming both new and returning students as well as teaching new topics.

“Some activities on the schedule this fall include introducing kids to invasive species in Wisconsin like the rusty crayfish, having kids practice art by drawing plants and animals in nature, and learning about bears by going on a ‘bear hunt’ of our own,” Sadak said.

Playtime is built into the schedule and includes use of TFT’s Nature PlayScape, a playground where all the elements are built out of natural materials like logs, stumps and rocks.

“Exploring our nature trail and the PlayScape is a really great sensory experience for these kids,” Ester said. “It gives them a chance to directly interact with na-



Preschoolers participating in KinderWild Camp get a chance to learn about and interact with Sheldon, Trees For Tomorrow’s Ambassador An-

imal. To register for the program, visit treesfortomorrow.com/visit or call (715) 479-6456.

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ture, for example, touching rough bark and smelling pine cones.”

Ester noted that it is important for children this age to start becoming more independent and learning how to manage risk in play responsibly.

“This might look like balancing on a suspended log 10 inches off the ground or leaping from stump to stump,” she said. “The PlayScape elements give

our students a chance to figure out which risks they are willing to take in a safe environment.”

The fall session of KWC begins Sept. 10 and is held each Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Nov. 5. Parents can sign their children up for half-day sessions in the morning or afternoon for only \$20 or both sessions for \$40.

Registration at least 48 hours in advance is required

and can be done online at treesfortomorrow.com/visit or by calling (715) 479-6456.

TFT’s Nature PlayScape is located on the edge of TFT’s forest trail and is open to the public daily.

Trees For Tomorrow is an accredited nonprofit environmental education center that teaches the science of nature to groups, families and adults. The campus includes National Forest property under permit from the USDA Forest Service.

LIFESTYLE



FUN AT THE MOVIES — Some of those movie fans attending the recent showing of the movie "Cruella" at the Three Lakes Center for

the Arts had fun dressing in character wearing black for the evening show. —Contributed Photo

Great Wisconsin Quilt Show features work by area quilter Wendy Ahnen

Dozens of quilters submitted their best work for judging in this year's Great Wisconsin Quilt Show quilt challenges.

Wendy Ahnen of Eagle River has been selected to compete in the 2021 Great Wisconsin Quilt Show with her quilt, "Veune Fille en Vert."

Every quilt has a story and Ahnen explained her approach to her entry into the "100 Years of Art Deco" challenge.

"I chose Tamara de Lempicka as my inspiration as she was one of the most influential art deco artists of the era," Ahnen said in her

artist's statement. "I enjoy picture piecing with freezer paper on the top of the fabrics to piece by machine. Some Inktense pencils helped to realize the painted look."

Ahnen has been quilting on and off for 30 years.

Quilts accepted in the quilt challenges are judged on visual impact and stitching technique. Awards are given for first-, second- and third-place recognition in each challenge. One quilt is selected by those who attend the virtual event to receive the Viewers Choice award. Virtual attendees can vote for their favorite quilt at

quiltshow.com/vote.

Traditionally, the Great Wisconsin Quilt Show hosts a 10-category quilt contest. This year, the contest deadline has been extended until June 30, 2022, for the 2022 in-person quilt show. To celebrate the talents of the community, a photo gallery exhibit of the Best of Show quilts from 2005-'20 will be featured during the online event.

As the nation continues to navigate through the end of the pandemic, the 2021 Great Wisconsin Quilt Show will again offer a digital event Sept. 9-11 at quiltshow.com. The event is pre-

sented by PBS Wisconsin and Nancy Zieman Productions. Proceeds from the Great Wisconsin Quilt Show support PBS Wisconsin programs and community outreach projects.

Free registration is now open for the three-day event at quiltshow.com. Donations are encouraged, including monetary gifts and donations to this year's online auction.

All quilt lovers are invited to draw inspiration from each other in this online and interactive experience. It will include live, interactive educational opportunities from leading experts, a virtual vendor mall and more.

Women voters to discuss hazardous waste report

The League of Women Voters (LWV) of the Northwoods will have a Zoom meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 5:30 p.m.

Dorothy Skye, president of the LWV of Wisconsin, will provide information on the hazardous waste and solid waste portions of Wisconsin's 2020 Infrastructure Report Card, an award-winning report from the Wisconsin section of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

The virtual meeting will be open to the public. Participants

can register at lwvnow.org.

Skye will discuss if communities have adequate infrastructure to handle what has been and is currently being placed in landfills.

As a member of the planning committee for a series of webinars on Wisconsin's 2020 Infrastructure Report Card, Skye said she is focused on finding answers to this issue and more.

"We've got to see that our local and state elected officials and public employees

compete successfully for our necessary share of those dollars. Our families' health and prosperity depend on it," she said.

For more information on this meeting, the LWV of Wisconsin webinars and access to the 2020 Infrastructure Report Card, visit lwvnow.org.

The LWV of the Northwoods encompasses Florence, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida and Vilas counties. The local league belongs to the state and na-

tional LWV, a nonpartisan organization devoted to helping members and fellow citizens develop educated political opinions and act upon them through the democratic process.

The monthly meetings and sponsored events are open to all. People can contact the league at information@lwvnow.org.

Answers to questions about voter registration and voting can be found at myvote.wi.gov, or from a local municipal clerk or library.

Vermicomposting class planned at Trees center

Trees For Tomorrow (TFT), an environmental education center located in Eagle River, is hosting a vermicomposting education program as part of its Sustainable Living Institute (SLI) program series.

Vermicomposting is the process of using worms to break down leftovers into nutrient-rich castings that can be added back to a garden. In fact, just one-half-pound of worms can create over a pound of castings

each month and can be done indoors.

The program runs Sunday, Sept. 12, from 1 to 2 p.m. on TFT's campus and costs \$30 per person and includes a starter kit with one-half pound of worms with container for participants to take home to start their own vermicompost systems at home.

"Vermicomposting is a great way to keep turning those table scraps into rich organic matter even in the

winter," said SLI program coordinator Todd Starling. "It's very easy to keep a clean vermicomposting system in your house that works no matter the weather; the practice is a great complement to any traditional, outdoor compost system you may have."

The course will be taught by Master Gardener Alice Kramer, who also taught TFT's Intro to Composting course earlier this year.

"If you missed that

course, but are interested in purchasing a traditional composting bin, TFT has some for sale at \$75 that can be purchased by visiting TFT or calling the main office," said Starling.

Preregistration for this event is required by Sept. 7. To sign up for the course and learn more about the Sustainable Living Institute, visit treesfortomorrow.com/visit or call the main office at (715) 479-6456.

Cooking course offered at Kalmar

Senior Eagle River Volunteer Enterprise Inc. will host two hands-on cooking classes at Kalmar Community Center in September.

Students will work at counters, use the gas cooktop, knives, cookware and more to prepare each recipe under the direction of a chef instructor. Everyone is served a large appetizer portion of the food prepared.

Dottie Reeder will lead two Friday cooking classes Sept. 10 and 24, both from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Classes will run approximately three hours in length and are limited to 12 participants. The cost of the class is \$30 per person.

The Sept. 10 program will teach students how to make an "Easy Dinner Party" where participants will cook a dinner party meal as well as learn tips on how to pull the meal together in only 60 minutes.

This elegant meal will include beef tenderloin with horseradish-chive sauce, roasted potatoes, browned butter asparagus, and berries with brandy whipped cream.

Then on Sept. 24, students will learn "Italian Home Cooking," featuring a menu inspired by home cooking from Italy. Menu choices will feature paella and minestrone estivo con riso (summer vegetable minestrone with rice), crostata alla marmellata (rustic jam tart), margherita pizza and insalata di pomodori e mozzarella (tomato-mozzarella salad with pine nuts and basil).

These classes are full participation hands-on classes designed for adults ages 18 and older.

Class structure will consist of a short lecture, followed by cooking, tasting and cleanup. Copies of all recipes are provided.

Participants should wear comfortable clothing and shoes (no open-toed sandals). Aprons are provided for use in class.

It should be noted that menus may change due to food availability.

Registration is required and can be completed by contacting Reeder at (715) 891-7920 or sweetbluberi@gmail.com.

Four North Woods residents join new Catholic committee

Four new members were recently inducted into the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Committee, part of the five-parish Northern Lakes Catholic Community which represents churches in Eagle River, Land O' Lakes, Phelps, Sugar Camp and Three Lakes.

Louise Springer of Eagle River, Rollie Alger of Phelps and Dale Maternoski and Robert Lang, both of Three Lakes, were named new members of the Becoming Fully Catholic committee.

The RCIA committee will help self-enrolled candidates learn the nuances of the Catholic faith. Candidates receive the Sacraments of Baptism,

Reconciliation, Confirmation, and the Most Holy Eucharist.

Group and individualized sessions will start in late September. New Catholics or Catholics who have been latent in their faith are encouraged to learn more from this committee, according to committee members.

Anyone who has an interest in learning more about the Catholic faith may contact Ron Serrao, pastor of the Northern Lakes Catholic Community, at (715) 904-0501; the Rev. Rich Rinehart at (715) 204-9446; Alger at (715) 545-2711 or alger427@yahoo.com; or contact the committee directly at northernlakesrcia@gmail.com.

Clyde Masten Variety Show slated in Boulder Junction

The Boulder Junction Chamber of Commerce will host a free Music on Main Street performance featuring the Clyde Masten Variety Show Friday, Sept. 3, from 7-9 p.m. at People's Park in downtown Boulder Junction.

Masten will feature the music of Elvis, along with oldies and country. He will be joined by guest vocalist and guitarist Abbie Phillippi.

The event location has a grassy area for sitting or

dancing. There are a limited amount of picnic tables and benches available, but it is highly recommended that attendees take lawn chairs or blankets. Carry-ins are permitted. Restrooms will be available.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be canceled.

For more information about Music on Main Street, visit boulderjct.org or call (715) 385-2400.

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ioneds Up North in Eagle River go on sale online at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1. Tickets are \$75 per person and can only be purchased in advance and online. Attendees must be at least 21 years old.

Participants sample dozens of takes on the unofficial drink of Wisconsin during the event from 6 to 8 p.m. at Eagle Waters Resort.

Bartenders from area restaurants and bars attempt to make the perfect old-fashioned in two different categories: traditional and "twisted." After voting, the People's Choice Award winners will be announced at 8:30 p.m. The event ends at 9 p.m.

In addition to sampling a variety of old-fashioneds, participants will be treated

to heavy hors d'oeuvres, live entertainment and a true Wisconsin supper club experience at this relaxing mix-and-mingle event.

For more information, contact the Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center at 1-(800) 359-6315 or visit eagleriver.org/featured/old-fashioneds-up-north.

The Almanac

This space is reserved for recurring events and services. Listings which are not updated or confirmed annually will be removed after one year. Call (715) 479-4421.

September

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Events

GED PREPARATION — Nicolet College classes are available at Olson Memorial Library in Eagle River, Mon. and Wed., from 9 a.m.-noon. Call (715) 365-4455 or 1-(800) 544-3039.

NORTHWOODS CHILDREN'S MUSEUM — Hands-on educational exhibits and programs. Fun for all ages. Prime ages 1-10. Call (715) 479-4623 or visit northwoods-childrensmuseum.com.

PLUM LAKE LIBRARY — Preschool Story Hour and Playgroup meets Wed. from 10-11 a.m. at the library in Sayner. Call (715) 542-2020.

VILAS FOOD PANTRY — Open Wed. from 8:30-10 a.m. and the first and third Tues. of each month from 3-5 p.m. in Eagle River. Call Sandy, (715) 479-9581.

Health

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH HOT LINE: For mothers in need of health and nutrition information, financial aid or advocacy. 24-hour hot line at 1-(800) 722-2295. mch-hotlines.org.

Meetings

BOOK CLUBS — Olson Library Afternoon Book Club meets the second Thurs. of each month from 1-3 p.m.; and Facts and Fiction Book Discussion Club, second Monday of each month, 1-3 p.m. Contact the library at (715) 479-8070 for more information.

CIVIL AIR PATROL — Military-based organization for ages 12-18, located at Eagle River Union Airport, meets the second, third and fourth Sun. of each month. Contact public affairs officer at eagleriversn-pao@gmail.com.

DOLL CLUB — The Enchanted Doll Club meets the fourth Thurs. of each month at 1 p.m. at Kalmal Community Center. Call Judy Wainwright, (715) 482-9804.

EAGLE RIVER GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY — Meets the second Mon. of each month at 5 p.m. at Walter E. Olson Memorial Library in Eagle River. Email eagleriver-genealogy@society@hotmail.com.

EASY EAGLES — Meets every other Wed. at 11:30 a.m. at Chef Rene's at the Inn in Eagle River. Call Mike Erstad, (414) 840-3338.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS — Meets the first Thurs. of each month at 6 p.m. at St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church in Eagle River. Call Brian Habersetzer, (715)

477-1396.

LAKELAND ART LEAGUE — New members and visitors welcome. Call Eileen, (715) 358-3010. lakelandartleague.org or lakelandartleague@gmail.com.

LIONS CLUB — The Eagle River club meets the second Wed. of each month at 6:30 p.m. Call (715) 479-2666.

LIONS CLUB — The Three Lakes club meets the first Mon. of each month at 6:30 p.m. Call for details for place to meet. Call (715) 360-3751. threelakeslci@gmail.com.

MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS — Meets the first and third Fri. of each month Sept.-May from 9-11 a.m. at St. Germain Evangelical Free Church, Call (715) 522-0900.

MUSKIES INC. — The Headwaters Chapter meets the first Wed. of the month at the VFW in Eagle River. Call Bill, (715) 891-5574, to confirm.

NAMI — Meets Tues. and Thurs. from 12:15 to 2 p.m., on Zoom. Call Mary at (715) 362-8972, Linda at (715) 420-1700 or email northernlakescenter@gmail.com.

NORTHLAND PINES MUSIC BOOSTERS — Meets the second Thurs. of each month during the school year. Call Forrest Mann, (715) 479-4473.

ROTARY CLUB — The Eagle River club meets Thurs. at noon at Chef Rene's at the Inn in Eagle River. Visiting Rotarians are welcome.

SERVE INC. — Senior Eagle River Volunteer Enterprise (SERVE) meets the second Tues. of each month at 10:30 a.m. at Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. Call (715) 337-2510.

ST. GERMAIN PRIMETIMERS — Meets the first Wed. of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the St. Germain Community Center. Call (715) 479-6550. stgermainprimetimers.org.

ST. GERMAIN WOMEN'S SERVICE CLUB — Meets the third Tues. of each month at the St. Germain Community Center. Social hour at 11 a.m. Meeting at noon. Call Barb, (715) 479-6550.

THREE LAKES CENTER FOR THE ARTS — Meets monthly at the arts center in Three Lakes. Contact Collette at (715) 477-0001 or sorgel.tlca@gmail.com.

THREE LAKES GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY — Meets the fourth Mon. of each month at 1 p.m. at Demmer Library in Three Lakes. Call Nancy Brewster, (715) 546-3391.

THREE LAKES WOMEN'S CLUB — Meets the third Wed. of each month at 1 p.m. at the Reiter Center in Three Lakes. Contact Eileen at threelakeswomen@gmail.com.

VFW — Eagle River Post 8637 meets the

fourth Thurs. of each month at 6 p.m. Call (715) 479-8810.

VILAS COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB — Meets the second Wed. of each month at 7 p.m. at the Eagle River Fire Station. Call Fred Bouwman, (715) 546-3221. vcarc.net.

VILAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS — Meetings are held at various locations and times. Call Shirley Egan, (715) 891-1771.

Recreation

BADGER BRIDGE — Meets Mon. at 12:30 p.m. at Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. Call Bob Dow, (414) 758-6411.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE — Meets Thurs. at 12:30 p.m., at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Eagle River. Call (715) 546-8306.

CRIBBAGE — Meets Tues. at 1 p.m. at Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. Call Don Anderson, (715) 337-2265.

EASY-PACED AEROBICS — Meets Mon. and Wed., 9 to 10 a.m. at Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. Cost is \$8 per class. Call Dottie Reeder, (715) 891-7920.

HAPPY HATTERS — Meets the last Wed. of each month at 9 a.m. at the Eye on Entrepreneurs building in Eagle River to make hats for distribution to patients and newborns at local hospitals. Call Bonnie Kegley, (715) 477-0306.

HEART & SOUL QUILTERS — Meets Wed. from 9 a.m. to noon at Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. All ages welcome, beginner or advanced. Call Cheryl Brienfeldt, (920) 973-5489.

ISLAND CASINO TRIPS — Monthly. For details, call (715) 337-2510.

KNITTING CLUB — Northwoods Knitters and Purlers meets the fourth Mon. of each month at the Woodruff Town Hall in Woodruff. Call Carol Clauser, (715) 453-8055.

MAHJONG — Meets Thurs. at 11:30 a.m. A 2021 card is required. Experience preferred. Want to learn Mahjong? Call Joy Vandenhuevel, (715) 573-8836.

NORTHWOODS CARVERS — Meets Wed. at 12:30 p.m. at Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. All ages welcome, beginner or advanced. No registration required. Call John Modjewski, (715) 479-6093.

NORTHWOODS SCALE MODEL PHANTICS — Meets second Sat. of each month at 3:30 p.m. at 3824 Tecumseh Lane in Eagle River. Scale modeling of all types. Learn how to build, or improve skills. Call Tom, (715) 479-4988.

NORTHWOODS SINGERS — Meets Tues. at 6:30 p.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Eagle River. New singers welcome. Call Barb Nehring, (715) 547-3333.

OUTDOOR WOMEN'S GROUP — Activities are held monthly. Call Deb Stolze, (715) 480-4188.

PICKLEBALL — For times of open play and beginner lessons at Riverview Park, visit eagleriverpickleball.org. Call Judy, (715) 337-2003.

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Entertaining at the Eagle River Car and Truck Show.

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TER — Hours, Mon.-Fri., 5:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sat., 7 a.m.-noon. Office hours, Mon.-Fri., 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Call (715) 479-4473.

REDDY FOR ANYTHING — St. Germain-area Red Hat group. Meets the third Wed. of each month for breakfast. New members welcome. Call Barb, (715) 479-6550.

SHEEPSHEAD/SCRABBLE — Meets Wed. at 12:30 p.m. at Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. Playing sheepshead and scrabble. Call (715) 337-2510.

SQUARE DANCE LESSONS — For fun and fellowship; lessons start at various times of the year. Open to singles and couples. Call Judy, (715) 337-2003.

SQUARE DANCING — Held second and fourth Sat. of each month from 2-4:30 p.m. at Woodruff Community Center. Open to singles and couples. Call Judy, (715) 337-2003.

Support Groups

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Closed discussion meeting, Mon., 7 p.m., First Congregational United Church of Christ, Eagle River; open big book study, Tues., 7 p.m., First Congregational United Church of Christ, Eagle River; closed discussion meeting, Fri., 7 p.m., First Congregational United Church of Christ, Eagle River; closed discussion meeting, Tues., 7:30

p.m., St. Theresa Catholic Church, Three Lakes; closed discussion meeting, Thurs., 7 p.m., St. Germain Community United Church of Christ; closed step meeting, Sun., 2 p.m., Land O' Lakes Town Hall, northwoodsaa.org.

BREAK FREE ADDICTION PROGRAM — Personalized meetings at 5257 Highway 70 W. in Eagle River. Call (715) 479-7870.

CANCER SUPPORT — Meets the second Thurs. of each month at 10 a.m. at James Beck Cancer Center at Ascension St. Mary's Hospital in Rhinelander. Call (715) 361-2027.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT — Meets the third Thurs. of each month from 10:30-noon at the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Eagle River. Call Amie, (715) 479-3625.

CARITAS OF EAGLE RIVER — Interfaith outreach center, open Wed. from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Eagle River. Call Janon, (715) 480-5683.

GENERAL CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Vilas County's program, meets the third Thurs. of each month from 10:30-11:30 a.m., online. Caregivers will need to have access to a computer or iPad and have internet access. Minimal computer skills are necessary. Call Amie, (715) 479-3625.

GRIEF SUPPORT — Open to any adult

experiencing grief, meets the second Thurs. of each month from 1-2:30 p.m. at Ascension At Home in Arbor Vitae. Call 1-(800) 234-3542.

GRIEF SUPPORT — Healing Hearts, a free group helping participants process grief through creative means, meets the first Tues. of each month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Old School Arts & Learning Center in Rhinelander. Call 1-(800) 643-4663.

GRIEF SUPPORT — Open to any adult experiencing grief, meets the third Tues. of each month from 1-3 p.m. at Ascension At Home in Rhinelander. Call 1-(800) 643-4663.

MENTAL-HEALTH SUPPORT — Open to anyone affected by mental illness. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)-Northern Lakes Chapter meets twice weekly at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rhinelander. Call NAMI, (715) 420-1700 or Mick, (715) 369-4740.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Call 1-(866) 310-9077.

NORTHWOODS AREA PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT — Call Denny Leith, (715) 358-2207 or Norma Semling, (715) 545-3414.

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE SUPPORT — Meets the third Sat. of each month from 10 a.m. to noon at Curran Building in Rhinelander. Meetings are free and open to the public. Call Sue Mackowski, (715) 275-5399 or Tina Werres, (715) 499-3002.



WOUNDED WARRIORS — Wounded Warriors in Action Eagle River Muskie Chal-Lunge recently welcomed Phelps Congregational United Church of Christ as its newest sponsor. At center front, church member Sharon Caskey presents a donation check to Wounded Warriors representatives Scott Samuels, center, and Colin Craw-

ford. Wounded Warriors in Action provides an all-expenses paid muskie fishing adventure for combat-wounded veterans from all over the country. The seventh annual Muskie Chal-Lunge takes place Sept. 23-26 on the Eagle River Chain of Lakes.

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Library Corner

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new puzzles to its collection. New on the shelves: "The 7 Husbands of Evelyn Hugo" by Taylor Jenkins Reid and "Wisconsin Farms & Farmers Markets" by Kristine Hansen. Also new are movies "Queen Bees" and "Nobody." See what else is new on the library catalog at eagleriver.northernwaters.org.

Patrons looking to explore family history can access the Ancestry Library Edition from home through September. More details are available on the library website. Also available is the Family Search Affiliate Library.

For more information, call (715) 479-8070, email olsonlibrary@gmail.com or visit olsonlibrary.org.

Walter E. Olson Memorial Library is open for express service and curbside pickup Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with around-the-clock WiFi and digital services.

Outdoor Story time is held on the library lawn with Ms. Tori every Tuesday at 10 a.m. featuring stories and crafts.

The Afternoon Book Group will meet Thursday, Sept. 9, at 1 p.m. to discuss "My Mother the Liar" by Ann Troup.

The Fact and Fiction Book Group will meet Monday,

Sept. 13, at 1 p.m. to discuss "The Avenger Takes His Place" by Howard Means.

All are welcome to join the library's book groups, which are meeting at Riverview Park this summer. Contact the library for copies of the latest titles and to join.

The library foundation is holding a summer raffle for cash prizes. Tickets can be purchased at the library from foundation members, or at the weekly Friends of the Library book sales at the Wednesday Farmers Market. The library recently added

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Artist and Northland Pines SOAR student Evelyn Strong and ceramicist Rob Hom recently received awards at the Wisconsin Regional Art Program State exhibition. Stong served as a summer intern at The Warehouse. —Contributed Photos

Two Warehouse artists earn awards at state exhibition

Rob Hom and Evelyn Strong, two artists connected to The Warehouse Art Center in Eagle River, have received awards in the Wisconsin Regional Art Program State exhibition.

Hom, ceramics studio member at The Warehouse, received a Rural Rembrandt Art Club Award for his ceramics piece titled "Harlequin."

Hom, who is also the manager of the Eagle River Airport, began his pottery journey in 2017 by taking a "Beginning Wheel Throwing" class at The Warehouse with experienced potter and owner of Bear Paw Pottery, John Langer.

"I've loved it ever since," Hom said, adding that he attends occasional classes and participates in open studios as much as he can.

Starting out on the potter's wheel, Hom later began exploring hand building. He now frequently works with slabs of clay, often creating large and geometric pieces ranging from vases and vessels, to birdhouses and more.

He has recently been experimenting with pine needle coiling, incorporating the woven aspects with his pottery pieces. Hom is involved in the leadership of the ceramic studio for The Warehouse and also serves as a studio monitor.

He was also honored as Artist of the Month in July by the Three Lakes Center for the Arts.

Strong, a summer intern at The Warehouse, is a junior at Northland Pines



Hom is involved in the leadership of the ceramic studio for The Warehouse and also serves as a studio monitor. Pieces by Hom and Strong are on display at the Pyle Center on the UW-Madison campus.

SOAR High School. Her Warehouse private art class-work, "Breaking Free," was selected for the Anne Irish Emerging Artist Award. She has been creating art for four years and said she enjoys it immensely.

During middle school she took private art lessons from Donna Murray-Tiedge at The Warehouse.

While she primarily works in graphite, under the guidance of Joe Gritner, art teacher at Northland Pines, she has been expanding to other mediums such as photography, charcoal, colored pencil, pen and oil pastels. An additional form of art that Strong has enjoyed since first grade is dance — primarily ballet.

In the future, Strong said she plans to study art in the

form of animation in college.

Both pieces are on display at the Pyle Center on the UW-Madison campus, located at 702 Langdon St. in Madison.

The Warehouse Art Center is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and serves as Eagle River's artistic hub, providing quality education, programming and events that explore all aspects of creativity for all ages.

More information and the schedule of events can be found at eagleriverart.com.

For more information, contact The Warehouse Art Center at (715) 479-4060 or info@eagleriverart.com. The Warehouse is open Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and additionally for live music from 6 to 9 p.m. on Fridays.

SERVE sets Sept. 4 brat fry and bake sale

Senior Eagle River Volunteer Enterprise Inc. (SERVE) will hold a Brat Fry and Bake Sale Saturday, Sept. 4, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Trig's Brat Hut, located at 925 E. Wall St. in Eagle River.

Brats, hot dogs, beverages and a variety of home-baked items will be available.

Funds raised will be used to replace items lost in the 2019 building collapse and also help pay for landscaping and paving.

Financial donations can also be made at all IncredibleBank locations or by mailing SERVE INC., P.O. Box 817, Eagle River, WI 54521.

Easy Eagles set meeting

The Easy Eagles men's luncheon group will meet Wednesday, Sept. 8, at noon at Chef Rene's in Eagle River, located at the Eagle River Inn.

Doors open for members and visitors at 11:30 a.m.

Mike Erstad, of Eagle River, will present a compilation movie of his two and one-half year restoration of a 1956 Century Resorter wood boat from start to finish.

The Easy Eagles is a group of predominantly retired men who meet twice a month on Wednesdays to socialize and share lunch.

The Easy Eagles have a speaker at each luncheon to share timely and interesting (noncontroversial) subjects.

Other upcoming Easy Eagles meetings will be held Sept. 22, Oct. 6 and 20, and Nov. 3 and 17.

For more information, call Erstad at (414) 840-3338.

One Year Ago - 2020

With schools starting across the North Woods, health officials reported more than 300 active cases of COVID-19 in Vilas and Oneida Counties . . . A conservation group called for Wisconsin to draft a new state wolf management plan . . . The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources sought input on proposed plans for improved access to ATV/UTV trails in and around the Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest.

Five Years Ago - 2016

Firefighters from nine area departments fought a total loss blaze at Danny's Roadhouse Saloon and Grill on Lollycogan Lane in St. Germain . . . Representatives from area towns met in Phelps as part of the UW-Extension's Small-Town Downtown Forum to help network small Wisconsin communities and their leaders.

10 Years Ago - 2011

Class of 2011 seniors at Northland Pines, Three Lakes and Phelps outperformed their peers nationally on American College Testing test scores . . . Leaders at Ministry Eagle River Memorial Hospital announced plans to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the hospital.

20 Years Ago - 2001

Extradited to Vilas County from Kentucky, former Land O' Lakes resident Douglas Plude was in the Vilas County Jail under \$100,000 cash bail on first-degree intentional homicide charges in the October 1999 death of his wife, Genell . . . Marking the 30th anniversary of T.A. Solberg Co., Trig's Food and Drug opened a new 70,000-square-foot North Woods-themed supermarket on Wall Street in Eagle River, replacing its 1972 store.

30 Years Ago - 1991

The nationwide recession was reported as having only mild impacts on the North Woods tourism industry, with some local businesses reporting



Firefighters from St. Germain, Plum Lake, Eagle River, Arbor Vitae, Boulder Junction, Winchester, Woodruff, Manitowish Waters and Minocqua battled this total loss blaze at Danny's Roadhouse Saloon and Grill in St. Germain.

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record sales and others logging only minor sales decreases . . . Gov. Tommy Thompson approved a 45-cent increase in Wisconsin's hourly minimum wage from \$3.80 to \$4.25, the first increase since 1990.

40 Years Ago - 1981

A Winchester man who allegedly started his own truck on fire to get payment from his insurance company and the town constable who allegedly helped light it were charged with felonies in Vilas County Circuit Court . . . Three Lakes celebrated its centennial anniversary with a variety of events including a 300-attendee celebration at the old Chicago and North Western Railway depot . . . Del's Big Saver Foods celebrated the sixth anniversary of its 1975 opening in downtown Eagle River's former A&P supermarket.

50 Years Ago - 1971

Federal data showed farming on the decline in Vilas County, with 66 farms operating in 1969 vs. 107 in 1964 . . . Grocer Dick Bonson announced plans for the development of a shopping center on the north side of Eagle River along Highway 45 . . . National TV personality Merv Griffin enjoyed a week's vacation at Froehlich's Sayner Lodge.

60 Years Ago - 1961

Gov. Gaylord Nelson

slipped away from Madison to the North Woods for a vacation getaway at Plum Lake . . . Drought conditions were expected to impact the duck hunting season, as the number of natural ponds statewide shrank by 67% from the prior year.

70 Years Ago - 1951

A countywide survey was planned to evaluate the overall dental health of Vilas County school children as part of a progressive step ahead in community betterment . . . Famed "Polka King" Frankie Yankovich was scheduled to headline entertainment at Eagle River Stadium.

80 Years Ago - 1941

Eagle River clothing retailer Rheinhard "Spud" DeByle was slowly recovering from an accidental gunshot wound that left him in critical condition at St. Mary's Hospital in Rhinelander . . . Eagle River's Schultz Drive-In Meat Market advertised beef chuck roast for 21 cents a pound and homemade bologna for 20 cents a pound.

Due to the poor condition of the bound volumes of old newspapers used to compile Backward Glances, we will only include 90 and 100 years ago as the quality of the books allows.

Vendors needed for bazaar

Senior Eagle River Volunteer Enterprise Inc. (SERVE) is looking for vendors for the Holiday Bazaar & Bake Sale to be held Saturday, Nov. 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Kalmar Community Center.

The center is located at 1011 N. Railroad St. in Eagle River.

Event organizers say those offering artwork, wooden items, crocheted, knitted or quilted items, jewelry, handmade greeting cards, jams and jellies, Christmas items or other craft works should consider becoming a vendor at this event.

Tables or spaces will be \$15 each prepaid.

For more information or to make table or space reservations, call Linda at (608) 692-3770.

BIRTH

James and Jessica Miller of Eagle River announce the birth of their son, Lewis Benjamin, born Sunday, Aug. 22, 2021, at Marshfield Medical Center-Minocqua in Minocqua.

BADGER BRIDGE IN EAGLE RIVER

Results of 8/23/21

North-South, first place, Anne and Parke Boyer; second, Mark Melchiori and Dave Tarsi; third, Ed Stoever and Holly Evans.

East-West, first place, Bob

Busakowski and Chuck Proksch; second, Susie Wilkinson and Mary Saggau; third, Dick Nelson and Jerry Baerenwald.

Bridge is played Mondays, at Kalmar Community Center, located at 1013 N. Railroad St. in Eagle River and is open to the public. For information, call Bob Dow, director, at (414) 758-6411.



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Labor Day
Meal site closed
TUES., SEPT. 7
Loaded chicken, broccoli,
potato cheddar soup
Mandarin oranges
Strawberries
Cookie
Roll

WED., SEPT. 8

Stuffed green pepper
casserole
Carrots
Raisin bread
Spice cake

THURS., SEPT. 9

Ham and scalloped potato
casserole
Pacific-blend vegetables
Whole-wheat roll
Banana cream pie bar

FRI., SEPT. 10

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BORDER TROUBADOURS — Land O' Lakes Arts' Border Troubadours performed a mix of highlights from their past performances, "Gems from the Vault," recently at the Land O' Lakes Pavilion. Directed by Cindy Pesek, with Greg Clark as master of

ceremonies, the performance offered attendees a mix of theater, music and poetry. Cast members were Cindy Pesek, Barb Wilkinson, Pat Macintosh, Clare Okraszewski, Barb Benson, John Oliver, Will Buergey, Dan Benson, Jody Buergey and Ali Oliver. —Photo By Bob Hughes

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Plum Lake Lions Club sets Sept. 11 meat raffle

The Plum Lake Lions Club will host its sixth annual fundraising meat raffle Saturday, Sept. 11, from noon to 3 p.m. at Thunderbird Bar & Grill in St. Germain. Raffle meats from St. Germain Sentry Foods will include prime rib, tenderloin, chicken, ham and more. The meat raffle will also feature basket raffles and cash drawings. A raffle to benefit the Wounded Warriors will feature a 2020 team-signed and encased Green Bay Packers football. Proceeds from the meat raffle will support club projects, including vision screening, eye bank and the Wisconsin Lions Foundation.

St. Germain Senior Café St. Germain Community Center Serving at noon Sponsored by ADRC of Vilas County

Congregate dining is still closed. Participants may order a carry-out meal. Call Nancy Moser at (715) 617-2795 to reserve your meal. Donations are accepted. No one will be denied service because of inability to contribute. All meals served with whole-grain bread or roll, butter or margarine, coffee and low-fat milk. Lighter substitute of grilled chicken salad or healthy salad available.

WED., SEPT. 8	THURS., SEPT. 9	FRI., SEPT. 10
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10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contactless curbside service is also available during business hours.

Library Wi-Fi is always on and is available on the library grounds and in the library parking lot. No password is required.

The library will be closed Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 6.

The Nonfiction Book Club meets Thursday, Sept. 9, at 10:30 a.m. to discuss "The

Three Mothers: How the Mothers of Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X and James Baldwin Shaped a Nation" by Anna Malaika Tubbs.

The Northern Footnotes Book Club meets Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 10 a.m. to discuss "The Dutch House" by Ann Patchett.

The following nonfiction books were recently added to the library's collection: "The

Bullet" by Iris Johansen, "Tom Clancy: Target Acquired" by Don Bentley, "Beyond" by Mercedes Lackey, "The Personal Librarian" by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray, "Dead by Dawn" by Paul Doiron, and "The Perfect Murder" by Kat Martin.

For more information on the library or its programs, call (715) 547-6006 or visit landolakeslibrary.org.

Bid Notice

The town of Plum Lake is seeking proposals to replace an existing furnace in the lower level of the Town Hall building.

The replacement should be a 90% or higher efficiency furnace.

The town of Plum Lake is also seeking proposals to install a new air conditioning system in the other existing furnace in the Town Hall. This A/C unit must be appropriately sized to handle the main floor of the Town Hall, including the office area, and according to the occupancy limits of the meeting area. Furnaces and building may be inspected by contacting the Town Clerk at either (715) 542-4531 or (715) 892-7049 and making arrangements with her.

Please submit proposals to: Furnace Bid, P.O. Box 280, Sayner, WI 54560. Or email to: office@townofplumlake.com.

Proposals must be received by Monday, Sept. 13, 2021.

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MUSIC SERIES — Land O' Lakes Arts' Thursday night Car Park Music Series at the Snowflake Ice Rink building in Land O' Lakes recently featured a return engagement by song-

smiths Colton Ort and Troy Graham, who offered up a blend of blues, folk, Irish folk, traditional, bluegrass and gospel styles.

—Photo By Bob Hughes

Land O' Lakes Senior Dining Love of Life Café Gateway Lodge Serving at 11:30 a.m. Sponsored by ADRC of Vilas County

Participants who have not been fully vaccinated will be asked to wear a face mask. Carry-out meals will be available. Call Anna Moore at (715) 547-6076 to reserve your meal. Donations are accepted. No one will be denied service because of inability to contribute. All meals served with coffee, fat-free milk, butter and margarine. Lighter substitute of grilled-chicken salad available.

TUES., SEPT. 7
Beef taco salad
Refried beans
Mexi-corn
Pudding
WED., SEPT. 8
Raspberry-almond chicken
Salad
Sweet potato
Whole-wheat bread
Cake

LOLA theatre troupe seeking cast for 'Sisters'

Land O' Lakes Arts (LOLA) Border Troubadours theatre troupe is seeking cast members for its next production, "Sisters: Unintended Consequences," an original play written for the troupe by director Cindy Pesek.

The play will be performed at an Oct. 19 luncheon at Asana Suka restaurant in Land O' Lakes as part of LOLA's Artober Magic programming.

A first table read will be scheduled for the week of Sept. 19, with two or three

more rehearsals prior to the performance. No memorization of lines is required. The cast calls for five females and one male.

"Sisters: Unintended Consequences" is the story of four sisters unexpectedly called home upon the sudden death of their mother. Family history and insights are revealed and odd twists give the story an element of surprise.

For more information, call Pesek at (906) 366-0054 or visit lolaartswi.com.

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DEMME CELEBRATES — Demmer Memorial Library in Three Lakes celebrated its 50th anniversary with an open house last Wednesday. Those attending were encouraged to “follow the balloons” within the library to various stations where contests, library information and treats were to be found. The Three Lakes Historical Society and Museum was also celebrating its 40th anniversary during this open house. Raffle prizes were awarded to lucky attendees who completed the balloon circuit during the event. Some of the scenes from the event included:

Above: New children’s librarian Candice Johnson placed a new book in the children’s library.

Right: Assistant librarian April Lammert helped young attendees make a Demmer Library button.

Below: Specially decorated cookies and cake were served during the open house. —Photos By Kerry Griebenow



‘Wine and History’ event planned this Saturday

The fourth annual “Wine & History,” a fundraiser for the Three Lakes Historical Society Museum, will be this Saturday, Sept. 4, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the museum, located at 1798 Huron St. in Three Lakes.

Participants will sample wines from Three Lakes Winery paired with local historical exhibits and presentations by museum staff and volunteers.

Guests can learn about the history of cranberries in Three Lakes while sipping classic cranberry wine, or

see Three Lakes’ military contributions while sampling “Old Glory” wine.

Tickets cost \$15 per person in advance or \$20 at the door and are available for sale at the museum or online at threelakesmuseum.org/store. Guests must be 21 years old to participate.

“We welcome all who have been vaccinated from COVID-19,” said a society spokesperson.

For information, contact the museum at (715) 546-2295.

Three Lakes Senior Citizen Nutrition Menu

Reservations and cancellations must be made 24 hours in advance. Phone Diana Kern, site manager, at (715) 546-2959 or (715) 891-2413. Delicious Meals by Lynn’s Catering. Suggested donation for age 60-plus is \$3.50 for on-site dining and \$4.25 for Meals on Wheels. Required payment of \$8.15 if younger than age 60. Chef salad available upon request when reservation is made.

THURS., SEPT. 2

Brat
Wisconsin-blend vegetables
Coleslaw
Carrot cake

Roll
Mandarin oranges
Strawberries
Cookie

MON., SEPT. 6

Closed for Labor Day

WED., SEPT. 8

Stuffed green pepper casserole
Carrots
Raisin bread
Spice cake

TUES., SEPT. 7

Loaded chicken, broccoli, potato cheddar soup

Story Hour set to resume

The Demmer Library’s weekly Story Hour program will officially resume Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 10 a.m. on the library lawn.

To kick off the 2021 Story Hour season, families are invited to a meet and greet outside Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 10 a.m. This event will let families meet new children’s librarian Candice Johnson,

talk about the upcoming Story Hour season, and provide feedback.

Families are advised to take blankets to sit on and are welcome to pack a picnic lunch to enjoy after the meet and greet.

For more information, call the library at (715) 546-3391 or visit demmerlibrary.org.

Oktoberfest planned Sept. 18 in Three Lakes

Raise those steins and say “prost” because Oktoberfest is returning to the North Woods.

On Saturday, Sept. 18, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. community members, families and tourists can experience Oktoberfest on Superior Street in downtown Three Lakes.

Once again, Three Lakes Oktoberfest will offer a variety of food, entertainment and vendors.

Chefs from Black Forest Pub & Grille will be outside serving sandwiches along with freshly grilled bratwurst, Bavarian pretzels, sauerkraut and plenty of German beer.

A variety of vendors will

have crafted wares, live demonstrations and more. The addition of games and friendly competitions provides ample reasons to visit the event, according to Collette Sorgel, director of the Three Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce.

“We are currently looking for more vendors and crafters,” said Sorgel. “We’re extending our artisan market down the block this year and looking for more vendors.”

Interested makers, sellers, nonprofit organizations and other groups are invited. For more information, call (715) 546-3344 or email info@threelakes.com.

The event’s live music,

sponsored by the Three Lakes Nicolet Bank and the Three Lakes chamber, begins at 11 a.m. with the Jim Pekol Band performing upbeat polka music for the German event.

David Dall, sponsored by Three Lakes Rocks, will perform songs that will engage youths in singing and dancing. The Oneida County Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program will have its DARE vehicle on site.

Back by popular demand, the Pommersche Danz Gruppe, sponsored by Duwayne Kreager Insurance Center Inc. from Wausau, will entertain all ages, performing German folk dances in authentic costumes

throughout the day.

“Wherever they appear, their musical performance strikes up a happy feeling with all people, young and old,” said Sorgel.

There will be friendly games and competitions run by various local organizations. The entry fees ranging from \$1 to \$10 will directly benefit those organizations.

Event attendees are encouraged to stop in downtown businesses in search of hidden pickles. Participants can complete an entry form, listing the German words on the pickles for a chance to win a prize.

Admission to Oktoberfest is free and the fest will be held rain or shine.

FULL-TIME/PART-TIME CUSTODIAN/MAINTENANCE STAFF WANTED

THREE LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT

Custodian position at the Three Lakes School. The schedule will be flexible with day and nighttime shifts. The position will require the ability to do basic maintenance and lifting. Submit letter of interest and application form to Teri Maney, District Administrator, 6930 West School Street, Three Lakes, WI 54562, “posting until filled.”

Application forms are available on the District’s website or at the Three Lakes School. Phone: 715-546-3496.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

(One Week, 9/1/21)
VILAS COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 24, 2021

The August 24, 2021 regular meeting of the Vilas County Board of Supervisors was held in Vilas County Courthouse conference rooms A and B, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, WI 54521.

CALL TO ORDER
Vilas County Board Chairman Ronald De Bruyne called the assembly to order at 9:01 A.M. and instructed the County Clerk to read aloud and insert into the minutes the following notification: Public meeting notice requirements were fulfilled by posting a notice of this meeting on bulletin boards located in the Vilas County Courthouse, Olson Memorial Library and Eagle River City Hall. Notice of this meeting was posted to the Vilas County Government website. All media outlets and members of the public requesting notification of this meeting were notified on August 19, 2021, more than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting. The Clerk requested that all present silence their cell phones for the duration of the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Chairman asked all in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL
Roll call found the following members in attendance: Marvin Anderson, Michael Biszak, Gerald Burkett, Michael Cady, Ronald De Bruyne, Robert Hanson, Charles Hayes, Daniel Kramer, Ronald Kressin, Arthur Kunde, Tom Moulson, William Otterpohl, Mary Rasmussen, Carolyn Ritter, Daniel Swiecichowski, Holly Tomlanovich, Jay Verhulst, Patrick Webber, and Joseph Wildcat, Jr. Excused were Wait Maciag and Michael MacKenzie. The Clerk reported 19 Supervisors in attendance at the beginning of the meeting, constituting a quorum of the County Board.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 22, 2021 REGULAR MEETING
Motion by J. Verhulst, seconded by M. Anderson to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2021 regular meeting as presented. All voted aye. Carried.

HUMAN SERVICE CENTER – PRESENTATION BY TAMARA FEEST AND BILL KORRRER

Beginning at 9:04 A.M., Ms. Feest presented the highlights of the Human Service Center 2020 Annual Report. She stressed that her agency was able to continue to provide necessary services throughout the CV-19 pandemic. She also enumerated the changes and efficiencies that were brought about due to the pandemic. Her staff remain passionately committed to serving the needs of the tri-county area. Bill Korrrer reported on the agency's finances, which have improved steadily since that past several years resulting in a budget surplus. He presented Vilas County with a refund check totaling \$115,263.65 as the county's portion of that returned surplus.

VCEDC – PRESENTATION BY KATHY SCHMITZ

Vilas County Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Kathy Schmitz began her presentation at 9:22 A.M. She played a video describing VCEDC efforts to encourage work from home wage earners and their families to re-locate to Vilas County. She also described the many efforts the VCEDC undertakes to assist in small business development and to also retain local small businesses. VCEDC Chair Jim Tuckwell described efforts to make broadband internet services available to all county residents.

2022 BUDGETING AND LEVY LIMIT COMMITMENTS – FINANCE DIRECTOR DARCY TRAIINTH

Her presentation began at 10:08 A.M. Ms. Smith reported on the 2022 budgeting process and the impact that the levy limits were having on county operations. Although the county's equalized value grew by \$486 million to \$7.9 billion, the value of net new construction will only provide an allowable 2021 tax levy (for 2022) increase of \$106,000. Increased 2021 county purpose sales tax collection are also expected to add an additional \$100,000 to the county's coffers. She also explained that it is not financially advisable to continually utilize the county's undesignated general funds for county operating cost. Over \$500,000 in general funds were utilized in 2021 to cover the county's operating budget deficit, and \$1.2 million in general funds have been spent so far this year on unforeseen capital expenses and in augmenting the county's self-insured health fund. She reported that so far this year, nine requests have been made to fund new positions. She also presented that the county will receive \$4.5 million in CV-19 related ARPA Funds. Those funds will need to be spent according to federal guidelines and related to costs incurred due to the CV-19 pandemic. Her presentation concluded at 11:03 A.M.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES RECEIVED AFTER THE 10 DAY DEADLINE, BUT RECEIVED IN TIME TO PROPERLY POST TO THE PUBLIC – None

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES TABLED OR POSTPONED TO A DAY CERTAIN – None

ALL RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES, IN THEIR ENTIRETY, ARE ON FILE IN THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

Resolutions and Ordinances are posted in the order in which they were acted upon.

ORD. 2021-05
Amending Chapter 16 – Forest and Land Ordinance

Motion by H. Tomlanovich, seconded by D. Swiecichowski to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Vilas County Board of Supervisors enacted Ordinance 2021-05 on August 24, 2021, at a duly noticed Vilas County Board meeting. A summary of this enactment is as follows:

1. Ordinance No. 2021-05, Amending Chapter 16 – Forest and Land Ordinance

2. SUMMARY OF THE SUBJECT MATTER AND MAIN POINTS OF THE ORDINANCE: Chapter 16 is amended and updated throughout the entirety of the ordinance. Ordinance subchapters have also been re-organized and re-numbered.

3. DATE OF ENACTMENT: August 24, 2021

The full text of this ordinance may be obtained at the Vilas County Clerk's office located at 330 Court Street, Eagle River, WI 54521, (715) 479-3600, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The full text of the ordinance may also be accessed through Vilas County's official website, www.vilascountywi.gov

ORD. 2021-06
Amending Chapter 26 – All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV)/Utility Terrain (UTV) Ordinance

The Chair of the Forestry, Recreation & Land Committee removed this ordinance from being considered by the County Board.

RES. 2021-47
Create New position – Lead ADRC Specialist

A 3/4 majority vote of approval is required for adoption

Motion by R. Hanson, seconded by M. Anderson to adopt. Discussion. Motion by R. De Bruyne, seconded by H. Tomlanovich to amend the resolution on line #28 as follows: approved with a pay grade increase to at pay grade 44 13, and the

Discussion: 3 voted aye on the motion to amend: G. Burkett, R. De Bruyne and H. Tomlanovich. 16 voted no. Motion to amend failed. Discussion. Motion by C. Ritter to amend the resolution on line #28 as follows: approved with a pay grade increase to at pay grade 44 12, and the

Motion failed due to the lack of a second. Discussion. 17 voted aye. 2 voted no: R. De Bruyne and H. Tomlanovich. Carried.

RES. 2021-48
Budget Amendment – ADRC GWAAR Funds

Motion by H. Tomlanovich, seconded by C. Ritter to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Vilas County Board of Supervisors amended their 2021 budget according to Resolution No. 2021-48 Budget Amendment – ADRC GWAAR Funds on August 24, 2021 pursuant to Wis. Stat. §65.90(5), to include the following increases and/or decreases to the expenditure and revenue line items:

Revenue or Expense, Line Item Number, Description, Amount; Revenue, 260.51.43540, Title III.B, +3,754.00; Expense, 260.51.54610.0960, Other, +3,754.00; Revenue, 260.51.43539, COVID 19 VACC +5,401.00; Expense, 260.51.54632.0875, COVID 19 VACC, +5,401.00

RES. 2021-49
2021 Grant Application/2021 Funds and Budget Amendment

Motion by M. Anderson, seconded by M. Cady to adopt. Discussion. All voted aye. Carried.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Vilas County Board of Supervisors amended their 2021 budget according to Resolution No. 2021-49 2021 Grant Application/2021 Funds and Budget Amendment on August 24, 2021 pursuant to Wis. Stat. §65.90(5), to include the following increases and/or decreases to the expenditure and revenue line items:

Revenue or Expense, Line Item Number, Description, Amount; Revenue, 230.48.41111, COVID-19 CARES, \$9,073.00; Expense, 230.48.54520.0268, APS Supplies, \$9,073.00

CHAIR'S APPOINTMENTS
Vilas County Child Death Review Team Detective Sergeant Emily Miller Assistant Corp. Counsel Morgan Tomczyk

Motion by G. Burkett, seconded by C. Ritter to approve the Chair's appointment of Emily Miller and Morgan Tomczyk to the Child Death Review Team. All voted aye. Carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
The Chair offered some remarks regarding the levy limit presentation given to the Board earlier. He then spoke about the importance of the tourism industry in Vilas County. He voiced his concern for elderly residents of the county, and encouraged all in attendance to regularly contact their elderly neighbors regarding their needs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
County Wide Broadband Advisory Ad Hoc Committee: G. Burkett reported that this committee has met twice, and would soon have a report prepared for the County Board.

Law Enforcement & Emergency Management Committee: G. Burkett reported the removal by the State of state prisoners housed by Vilas County. The loss of revenues will be significant. He stated that there were no pending complaints against the Vilas County Sheriff's Office, and that county law enforcement officers continue to protect, serve and defend county residents.

Forestry, Recreation & Land Committee: H. Tomlanovich reported that the Forestry Dept. was working with the Tourism Dept. in the development of a Recreational Trail map app and advertising. A. Kunde reported that the Phase III construction project at the Torch Lake RV Park remained incomplete, due to supply problems with electrical equipment. Occupancy at the RV Park so far this year averages out at 66%. Paid revenues exceed \$99,000.

Economic Development & Tourism Committee: H. Tomlanovich reported that the department was working on next year's Visitor Guide. She also stated that members of the VCEDC attend every committee meeting and that their input has been valuable.

Public Health Board: C. Ritter reported that CV-19 numbers continued to spike in Vilas County. She urged the members to "not throw away your masks yet", and encouraged mask wearing when gathering in large groups. The department continues to work with area schools regarding CV-19 guidelines. Regarding Northland Pines School District, masks will remain optional for the time being. She reported that due to a staff shortage, the school based dental health program will not be provided by the department for this coming school term.

Oneida-Vilas Transit Commission: M. Anderson reported that the commission was considering purchasing the building that they currently occupy.

Social Services Board: M. Anderson reported that the Board held their recent meeting in Lac du Flambeau, where they met jointly with LdF economic support workers. He stated that this meeting "opened up the door for a lot of future cooperation." He reported that the department continues to search out additional grant funds and other sources of revenues.

LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS
M. Anderson suggested that county leadership invite our state representatives, along with the Executive Director of the Wisconsin Counties Association, to attend a County Board meeting. The topic would be the impact of state imposed funding mandates and levy limits.

NEXT MEETING DATE
The next regular County Board meeting is scheduled for 9:00 A.M., Tuesday, September 28, 2021, in the County Board conference rooms.

PAY MILEAGE AND PER DIEM
Motion by J. Verhulst, seconded by M. Cady to pay mileage and per diem for this meeting. All voted aye. Carried. Contact the County Clerk's office for mileage and per diem payment information.

ADJOURNMENT
The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:46 A.M.

Prepared and submitted by: David R. Alleman, Vilas County Clerk Minutes reflect the recorder's notations and are subject to future revision and approval by the Vilas County Board.

(Three Weeks, 8/25-9/8/21)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY
— PROBATE —
Order Limiting Time for Filing Claims (Formal Administration)
Case No. 21PR39

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LILA MATKKE DOD: 07/20/2021
A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.

THE COURT FINDS:
1. The decedent, with date of birth 11/11/1950 and date of death 07/20/2021, was domiciled in Vilas County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of PO Box 767, Woodruff, WI 54568.

2. All interested persons waived notice.
THE COURT ORDERS:
1. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 26, 2021.

2. A claim must be filed at the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Office of Register in Probate.

BY THE COURT:
/s/ Dawn Halverson
Circuit Court Commissioner
August 18, 2021

Attorney Steven C. Garbowicz
O'Brien Anderson Burgoy & Garbowicz LLP
221 S First St, PO Box 639
Eagle River, WI 54521
715.479.6444
Bar Number 1018485
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(Three Weeks, 8/18-9/1/21)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY
Code No. 30405

STEVEN C. OLSON and LORNA R. OLSON
3100 Edenberry Street
Fitchburg, WI 53711,
Plaintiff,

WILLIAM A. GANTNER and HELEN GANTNER,
their heirs and assigns,
Defendants.

Any person claiming ownership to the property located at the following legal description:
A parcel of land in Government Lot Four (4), Section Two (2), Township Forty (40) North and Range Six (6) East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Township of Arbor Vitae, Vilas County, Wisconsin, lying between Voluntary 159 Deeds, page 631 and Volume 250 Records, page 461, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Meander Corner on the South line of Government Lot 4 located on the West shore of Little Spider Lake; thence North 39° 08' East along the West shore of said lake a distance of 200 feet; thence North 21° 45' East a distance of 90 feet to an iron pipe; thence along a lake shore base line North 7° 04' East a distance of 65 feet; thence North 31° 56' West a distance of 45 feet; thence North 45° 48' West a distance of 190 feet to an iron pipe which is the PLACE OF BEGINNING, thence West a distance of 115 feet to an iron pipe on the East side of a road; thence North along the East side of said road a distance of 10 feet to an iron pipe; thence East 111.0' to an iron pipe near the shore of Little Spider Lake; thence Southeasterly along the lake 10 feet to the Place of Beginning.

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
To each person named above as a defendant.

(Three Weeks, 8/25-9/8/21)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY
— PROBATE —
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 21-PR-37

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Rob T. Michalski DOD: 07/12/2021
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 03/01/1961 and date of death 07/12/2021, was domiciled in Vilas County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 7201 Birch Drive, Eagle River, WI 54521.

3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 19, 2021.
5. A claim may be filed at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Probate Office.

BY THE COURT
/s/ Neal A. Nielsen III
Circuit Court Judge
8/6/21

Atty. Christina M. Writz
P.O. Box 7
Phillips, WI 54555
(715) 339-2196
Bar Number 1065755
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If you do not demand a copy of the complaint within forty (40) days, the Court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Dated this 6th day of August, 2021.
/s/ John J. Hogan, State Bar No. 1017858
HOGAN & MELMS
3622 Highway 47 North, P.O. Box 1008
Rhineland, Wisconsin 54501-1008
(715) 365-1008

(Three Weeks, 8/25-9/8/21)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY
Case No. 21CV64

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF: Charlene Alexandria Zindel
By (Petitioner): Charlene Alexandria Zindel

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:
From: Charlene Alexandria Zindel
To: Charles Brian Canada
Birth Certificate: Charles Brian Canada
IT IS ORDERED:

This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Vilas County, State of Wisconsin; Judge's Name: Neal A. Nielsen III
Place: Vilas County Courthouse
330 Court Street, Eagle River, WI 54521

Date: 9/21/21
Time: 8:30 am
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Vilas County News-Review, a newspaper published in Vilas County, State of Wisconsin.

BY THE COURT
/s/ Neal A. Nielsen III
Circuit Court Judge
8/6/21

(Three Weeks, 8/18-9/1/21)
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Rob T. Michalski DOD: 07/12/2021
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 03/01/1961 and date of death 07/12/2021, was domiciled in Vilas County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 7201 Birch Drive, Eagle River, WI 54521.

3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 19, 2021.
5. A claim may be filed at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Probate Office.

BY THE COURT
/s/ Dawn Halverson
Probate Registrar
August 9, 2021

Atty. Christina M. Writz
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Phillips, WI 54555
(715) 339-2196
Bar Number 1065755
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GARAGE SALE: Sept. 3 & 4, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Household items, lots of holiday decoration and Beanie Babies, new fireplace, Harley jackets, too much more to mention. 2501 Highway 17, Phelps, Wis. 1p-8957-26

YARD SALE: Indoor/outdoor items, kitchenware, odds n' ends. Sunday, Sept. 5, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 1195 Oakwood Court, St. Germain, off Shields Road. Watch for balloons. 1p-8960-26

ESTATE SALE: Saturday-Monday, Sept. 4-6, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. St. Germain, 7720 Juve Road, off 155. Beer signs, 25-amp breaker boxes, tools, handmade oak tables, fishing gear, outdoor furniture, bicycles & household miscellaneous. 1p-8963-26

GARAGE SALE: Friday, Sept. 3, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 4, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. 5860 White Eye Lake Road, Crandon, off Highway 8 near Brush Run Race Track. Kid's barber chair, unique end tables, Coach purses, interior & exterior decor, new pressure washer & air fryer, Christmas items. Husband also cleaning out his garage. Something for everyone. No clothes, no early sales. 1p-8962-26

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The top finishers in the seventh annual Phelps Twin Triathlon gathered for a group photo following the event Aug. 21. The event included a kayak paddle on North Twin, along with a bike ride and trail run. —Contributed Photos

Results announced for Twin Triathlon

The seventh annual Phelps Twin Triathlon was held recently, with participants taking to the water for an 8K paddle on North Twin Lake, hopping on their bikes for a 15K ride, and lacing up their shoes for a 5K trail run.

"I was very impressed by the participants' camaraderie and competitive spirit," said Laura Boll, director of the Phelps Chamber of Commerce. "It was great to see how much fun they had. Several crossed the finish line saying, 'That was awesome,' and commenting how fantastic the course is."

This year's first-place relay team, with a total time of 1 hour and 57 minutes, consisted of the oldest participant and the youngest participant.

Jack Godding, 80, of Eagle River, got his team started with the paddle, while Paul Weber, 50, of Menasha completed the bike portion and Tess Weber, 10, represented her team on the 5K run.

The second-place relay team, finishing in 2:26, was made up of Chris



The seventh annual Phelps Twin Triathlon was held recently, and included an 8K paddle on North Twin Lake, a 5K run and a 16K bike ride. —Contributed Photo

Northrup on the paddle and run, and Dawn Northrup on the bike.

Timothy Weber took first place in the men's division with a time of 1:59.

Second place went to Greg Richert who finished in 2 hours, and third place and first female finisher was MaryKay Aufrance, who finished in 2:14.

Volunteers assisting with the triathlon included the Vilas County Amateur Radio Club, and the North & South Twin Lake Riparian Association.



PHELPS PUBLIC LIBRARY

PHELPS, WI 54554

Eleanor Ellis Public Library in Phelps is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesdays, 2-6 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Curbside pickup is available upon request during business hours. Inter-Library Loan services are available, as well as access to around-the-clock WiFi and digital services.

September is Library

Card Sign-Up Month for all Northern Waters Library Service (NWLS) libraries.

NWLS is offering an incentive for signing up for a free library card and for all current cardholders to participate in activities planned during the month. There will be five different ways to enter in a drawing for a Visa gift card.

The library will participate in the 12th annual Phelps Scarecrow Festival Saturday, Sept. 18, starting at 10 a.m.

The library will host carnival games, including rubber duck relay races, pumpkin sweep, apple tic-tac-toe and pumpkin ring toss.

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Northern Exposure Restaurant
Serving at noon
Sponsored by ADRC of Vilas County

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MON., SEPT. 6

Labor Day
No senior meals
Northern Exposure open

TUES., SEPT. 7

Chicken Kiev over rice
Gravy
Green beans
Fruit

WED., SEPT. 8

Lasagna
Salad
Tomato
Garlic bread
Fruit

FRI., SEPT. 10

Baked fish
Potato rounds
Baked beans
Fruit

North & South Twin Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, September 4, 2021

10:00 a.m., Conover Town Center
4665 County K East, Conover, WI

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHELPS

Notice for Annual District Meeting (Section 120.08(1))

Notice is hereby given to qualified electors of the School District of Phelps, that the annual meeting of said district for the transaction of business will be held in the commons area of the Phelps School at 4451 Old School Road, Phelps, WI, on the 15th day of September 2021, at 7 o'clock.

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Kim Johnson, District Clerk

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS TOWN OF PHELPS MILITARY CREEK TRAIL HEAD DESIGN - PHASE 1 TOWN OF PHELPS VILAS COUNTY, WISCONSIN

The Town of Phelps will receive and accept bids ONLY through QuestCDN.com via the online electronic bid service (QuestvBid) for the construction of Town of Phelps Military Creek Trail Head Design - Phase 1 until 10:00 AM Tuesday, September 14, 2021. All bids will be downloaded and publicly read aloud during a virtual public bid opening that will be held at the day and time of the bid closing. All planholders will receive information via Quest on how to join the virtual meeting prior to the bid opening.

The work for which bids are asked includes the following:

Phase 1: Gravel Trail, Parking Lot, and Driveway
Approximately 15,250 square feet of gravel parking lot, 360 lineal feet of gravel driveway, and 430 lineal feet of gravel ATV/Snowmobile trail construction including: clearing & grubbing, excavation common, rip-rap geotextile, base aggregate, aggregate surface, culvert pipe, signs, erosion and sedimentation controls, and turf restoration. To also include the fabrication/installation of an ATV/UTV loading dock.

Phase 2: Not included in this contract, to be solicited in a separate, future proposal. Work includes asphaltic surface and prefabricated restroom building installation.

Copies of the BIDDING DOCUMENTS are available at www.questcdn.com. QuestCDN Vbid system requires Bidders to purchase BIDDING DOCUMENTS from QuestCDN. You may download the digital plan documents for \$40 by inputting Quest eBidDoc #8000888 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with the digital project information.

No proposal will be accepted unless accompanied by a certified check or bid bond equal to at least 5% of the amount bid, payable to the OWNER as a guarantee that, if the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute and file the proper contract and bond within 15 days after the award of the contract. BIDDER is required to deliver the original certified check or bid bond within the 72 hours of bid opening to the Town of Phelps at 4495 Town Hall Road, PO BOX 157, Phelps, WI 54554-0157. The certified check or bid bond will be returned to the bidder as soon as the contract is signed, and if after 15 days the bidder shall fail to do so, the certified check or bid bond shall be forfeited to the OWNER as liquidated damages.

No bid may be withdrawn within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Phase 1 is receiving state funding through the Stewardship Grant administered by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR).

Phase 1 Pursuant to Section 66.0903, Wisconsin Statutes, the minimum wages to be paid on the project shall be in accordance with the wage rate scale established by Local wage rates.

OWNER reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

Published by the authority of the Town of Phelps.

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Conover Sno-Buddies set Sept. 5 fundraiser

The Conover Sno-Buddies Snowmobile Club will have a brat-and-beer fundraiser this Sunday, Sept. 5.

The event, open to the public, will be held outdoors from noon to 4 p.m. at Burnt Bridge Tavern & Restaurant, located at 5920 Highway K West in Conover.

Club volunteers will be

grilling brats and serving beer. Guests may also purchase hot dogs, chips and nonalcoholic beverages.

For those seeking other options, Burnt Bridge will offer a limited menu and additional beverage choices inside.

Attendees may also purchase tickets and partici-

pate in games of chance to win raffle baskets, 50/50 drawings and more.

Many of the organization's leaders will be on hand and will take feedback from members and the public regarding trail improvements and club activities. The Conover Sno-Buddies Club welcomes new members.

All proceeds from the event will go toward trail maintenance and equipment replacement. The club is seeking to replace an older drag and keep its equipment current for the upcoming grooming season.

For more information, call (715) 479-8530 or visit conoversnobuddies.com.

PUBLIC NOTICES

(Three Weeks, 9/1-9/15/21)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, VILAS COUNTY
Case No. 21-CV-000076
The Honorable Neal A. Nielsen, III
Case Code 30404
(Foreclosure of Mortgage)
The amount claimed exceeds \$10,000.00

PHH Mortgage Corporation
One Mortgage Way, MailStop: SV03
Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054,
Plaintiff,

vs.
Sallie A. Ebert
8452 State Highway 70 W
Saint Germain, WI 54558-8950
John Doe Ebert
8452 State Highway 70 W
Saint Germain, WI 54558-8950
State of Wisconsin
c/o Attorney General
114 East State Capitol
Madison, WI 53703,
Defendants.

PUBLICATION SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
To each person named above as a defendant:
You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you.
Within 40 days after September 1, 2021 you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 330 Court Street, Eagle River, WI 54521 and to Gray & Associates, L.L.P., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 16345 West Glendale Drive, New Berlin, WI 53151-2841. You may have an attorney help or represent you.
If you do not demand a copy of the com-

plaint within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
Dated this 25th day of August, 2021.

Gray & Associates, L.L.P.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
By: /s/ William N. Foshag
State Bar No. 1020417
Case No. 21-CV-000076
16345 West Glendale Drive
New Berlin, WI 53151-2841
(414) 224-1987

Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.
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(Three Weeks, 8/18-9/1/21)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, VILAS COUNTY
— PROBATE —
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 2021-PR-26

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VERNON J. WIGGENHAUSER DOD: 7/18/2020
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 6/22/1943 and date of death 7/18/2020, was

domiciled in Vilas County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 8644 Golf Course Road, Sayner, WI 54560.

3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 19, 2021.
5. A claim may be filed at the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St., Eagle River, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
/s/ Dawn Halverson
Probate Registrar
August 6, 2021
Atty. Kevin J. Kelley
P.O. Box 879
Three Lakes, WI 54562
715-546-2629
Bar Number 1014032
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(Three Weeks, 8/18-9/1/21)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT, VILAS COUNTY
— PROBATE —
Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims (Informal Administration)
Case No. 21 PR 34

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF STEVEN BRIAN WISKUP
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth April 15, 1954 and date of death May 18, 2021 was domiciled in Vilas County, State of WI, with a mailing address of 4626 Church Road, Conover, WI 54519.
3. The application will be heard at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Ct. Rm. 2, before Honorable Neal A. Nielsen III, Circuit Court Judge, on September 7, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there

is no objection.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 26, 2021.

5. A claim may be filed at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address are unknown.
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-479-3642 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

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Outdoors

Windstorms: a silver lining for fish habitat

A SILVER lining is likely to be found in all the work and heartache involving lost trees and damaged property due to recent windstorms that knocked out power to tens of thousands of people.

Driving around the world's largest Chain of Lakes the past two weeks, the scribbler saw some shorelines that were littered with the tops of giant white pines and large-canopy hardwood trees that were either snapped off or uprooted.

There's no glory in losing the scenic beauty that those trees provided, yet having them fall into the water is going to help an aquatic ecosystem that requires woody debris for maximum health.

Studies show that aquatic insects, plants and the fish that rely on that food chain, from minnows to game fish, are boosted by natural shorelines that include plenty of wood lying in shallow water.

Coarse woody debris can help a shoreline produce 30 times as many aquatic insects, especially where weed growth is absent.

Those insects, known as macroinvertebrates, help sustain the fishery that property owners, vacationers and the tourism industry are always striving to improve.

I remember some outings on the Three Lakes Chain where, in late June, you could pull a boat right up to the end of a tree and vertical jig with a jig and minnow between the branches.

Imagine the thump of an 18-inch walleye on that rig and trying to hoist a 3-pound walleye over the gunwale — too many

In the Outdoors
By Kurt Krueger



branches and leaves in the way to get out a net.

The really good trees hold a variety of panfish and game fish, and they are most often found on steeper shorelines where the trees are lying out to 6 or 7 feet of depth.

Unlike those deep-water fish cribs that concentrate fish for anglers but do little to really help propagate fish or food supplies, wood found in the littoral zone actually improves the lake and its fishery.

According to biologists with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), this shallow-water zone features abundant dissolved oxygen, sunlight, nutrients and quite often, diverse aquatic plants.

In other words, the littoral zone is pretty much the most productive part of a waterbody — supporting natural reproduction, cover for many fish species and abundant food supplies.

From my personal experience, trees lying in 3 to 7 feet of water along a shoreline are a magnet for fish. They create an ecosystem of their own that supports aquatic insects and attracts fish of all sizes.

That's why a growing contingency of environmentalists, lake associations, fish biologists and

anglers are working to educate people about the benefits of natural shoreline debris.

You might want to dwell on the benefits to you and the family, especially the grandkids, before you start removing trees and branches from your shoreline. In truth, the windstorms of August did us some favors.

The science is so solid that the DNR will issue permits for tree drops on many lakes. In fact, the Forest Service has jumped on board with tree drops on steep drop-offs where there was no aquatic vegetation to start, providing new shelter for insects and fish.

Experienced anglers know that every fallen tree doesn't produce fish in the same way, so you have to try them at different times. Some are great for holding crappies and bluegills while others are more suited to walleyes.

I'm just hoping that property owners on both sides of the Chain realize the importance of this woody habitat in the lake, so they don't remove it all during a clean-up project.

There was a year on the shores of Little Fork Lake on the Three Lakes Chain that just one big pine tree, laying in water that was 2 to 9 feet in depth on a steep shoreline, produced dozens of walleyes.

It seemed like every time I stopped, regardless of the weather, there was a mixture of walleyes and perch feeding or finding cover around that tree. And once in a while, some nice crappies.

And then it happened. One day in late summer, I drove past



In this modern world of highly developed lakeshores, wind-felled trees provide some needed habitat for fish and wildlife. —Photo By The Author

to see a sawed-off stump above the waterline. The entire tree had been removed — as opposed to moved down the shoreline or sunk out in deeper water for fish.

The irony of the story came the next summer. There was a stairway on that steep slope and a new pier that held a young angler. The boy looked a little depressed because he was catching zero fish.

Had the property owner figured out a way to install that pier without destroying the best fish and insect habitat on the shoreline, it would have been an entirely different story for that young angler.

Granted, it's not always possible to keep every tree that drops. And sometimes, riparian owners get frustrated by anglers who park near their piers to fish the fallen trees.

But this issue isn't just about productive fishing. That coarse woody debris actually improves the food base and the fishery overall, providing habitat in new places. So there's the trade-off.

That's my plea today. Leave those fallen trees in the water if you can, along with any branches that might have fallen. It's good for the lake and everything in it.

Walleye tourney slated Oct. 2-3 in Boulder area

The Boulder Junction Lions Club will host its sixth annual Walleye Classic on Saturday, Oct. 2, and Sunday, Oct. 3, on 14 Boulder Junction area lakes.

The tournament will begin with orientation at 9 a.m. Oct. 2, at the Boulder Junction Community Center in the Lions Pavilion. Coffee and donuts will be served and anglers will pick up their registration materials for Saturday fishing, which is from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday fishing continues from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the day will close with awards, raffle prizes and a fish fry at Headwaters Restaurant and Tavern at 6 p.m.

The cost to participate is \$100 per two-person team, which includes the fish fry dinner for each registered angler.

This is a catch-and-release tournament. Awards will be given to the teams catching the most total inches of walleye as follows: first place, \$300 per team; second, \$200 per team; and third, \$100 per team.

Raffle tickets will also be available for prizes. The top raffle prize is a Fenwick rod and Quantum Accurist 25 Reel (\$180 value). Raffle tickets can be purchased at Northern Highland Sports; from Bob Bertch at (715) 892-2366.

One hundred percent of the proceeds will support the Boulder Junction Lions Club local programs. To read the rules or download the registration form, go to boulder-junction-lions-club-walleye-classic.org.

For more information, contact tournament director Bob Bertch at maccoa@century-tel.net or (715) 892-2366.



BIG MUSKIE — Jake Van Schyndel of Little Chute, caught the largest muskie in the National Championship Musky Open. He caught the fish on South Twin Lake Aug. 21. —Contributed Photo

Hunters reminded to download Hunt Wild mobile app: DNR

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds hunters that the Hunt Wild Wisconsin mobile app is loaded with everything hunters need in the field.

From property boundaries to shooting hours and deer carcass disposal locations, users can find new public lands to explore, brush up on the regulations or listen to podcasts all with Hunt Wild Wisconsin.

With mobile mapping, up-to-the-minute shooting hours and much more, the DNR is giving hunters all the tools to focus on what's important — enjoying time in the outdoors.

“The Hunt Wild Wisconsin

app has proven itself to be a valuable resource for hunters since we launched in 2018. We're constantly tweaking the app to keep it up to date for customers with more of the features they want to see,” said Eric Lobner, DNR Wildlife Management program director. “Back this year is the in-app CWD sampling and deer carcass disposal location lookup as well as mapping improvements. The 2021 combined hunting regulations are loaded in and ready to go to kick off the fall seasons.”

What hasn't changed are all the features that drew hunters to Hunt Wild Wisconsin in the first place, like up-to-the-minute shooting

hours, species-specific mobile mapping and price — it's free.

Hunters can check out the following app features that will help improve their time in the field:

- Tailored mapping with hunting zones and prime habitat layers based on the species you're pursuing so you can zero in on your next hunting spot.
- Find deer carcass disposal locations inside the app.
- Access your maps (including topographic maps and land boundaries) plus rules, regs and hunting hours with (or without) a cell sig-

To APP, Pg. 11B

Fishing with the Guides

By George Langley



Water temps starting to drop as fall nears

It is hard to believe that we are in September already and that the summer is gone.

For anglers, we'd like a long, slow descent of the water temperatures. Things are looking more like fall as the weeds start to fall back and the water temps have fallen a little.

We've had enough rain to keep the water levels higher. All boat landings that we know of are in pretty good shape. Water recreation levels are down. All in all, we look forward to a good fall season for fishing for walleye and muskie.

Walleye fishing has been good and bad. The good is that we are seeing good numbers of fish on the Eagle River Chain. The bad is that these numbers have been mostly smaller fish. It just hasn't been a good year for larger fish on the Chain. We do expect that to change as the fall goes on and the water temps drop. We are presently seeing large numbers of baitfish in the holes, and the walleye will be following those fish. The same patterns are happening on the larger lakes, with movement to deeper water on these lakes. Jigs and minnows are the way to fish at this time, but anglers are still catching some fish on crawlers, especially on the Chain.

Bass fishing remains good throughout the area, with largemouths hitting daily on plastics in weeds, bulrush areas and piers. Morning and evening action on surface baits has been very good. Wacky Worms have been the best plastics. As for smallies, they can be surprisingly deep now and the best way to fish them is with jigs and leeches. We know of some guides catching them in 30 feet of water. Crankbaits will work well around rocks.

Northerns, as usual, are feeding in the weeds mostly. You can also find them on occasion around rock bars, wherever there is baitfish. These fish are daytime feeders. Larger minnows or baits like Mepps spinners or Daredevils are the best baits to throw for them. Or try minnows under slip bobbers and look for the deepest weeds you can find.

Muskie action has been somewhat in the up or down range. If it's good, it is very good and if it's bad, it is really slow. If you are going to fish the Chain, try some smaller baits like No. 5 Mepps retrieved very

To LANGLEY, Pg. 11B

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OUTDOORS

Musky Classic slated Oct. 1-3 on Phelps lakes

Registration is now open for the annual Midwest Musky Classic slated for Friday, Oct. 1, through Sunday, Oct. 3, in Phelps.

Tournament fishing will take place on North and South Twin lakes, Lac Vieux Desert and Big Sand Lake.

The winner of this year's tournament will take home \$1,200 and a replica of the winning fish from Lax Taxidermy. Second place takes home \$1,000 and third place \$800. There will also be cash awards for big fish each day of the tournament.

This annual tournament has become a fall tradition and many fishermen and -women have fished the Midwest Musky Classic for more than 25 years.

Registration for this year's tournament is \$85 and includes entry into the three-day tournament and hat, as well as entry into all three Big Fish of the Day contests. Early bird registration is through Wednesday, Sept. 15, and general registration is open until Friday, Oct. 1.

Awards will also be drawn for new participants in the new angler drawing and for referring a fisherman in the hook-a-buddy drawing. Anglers can register online at phelpswi.us or contact the Phelps Chamber of Commerce for a registration form at chamberoffice@phelpswi.us or (715) 545-3800.

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quickly. In deeper water, throw crankbaits or the big plastics. Soon it will be time for jerkbaits and suckers.

Panfish action is still good, with crappies being caught in weeds. Their population has been thinned out some, so move around in those weeds. Use baits like Cubby Jigs or crappie minnows under slip bobbers in the weeds. Bluegills are still in the weeds, and a good general rule is to try the deeper weeds for larger fish. Worms work best. Perch are in the deeper weeds. Try some leeches for them.

Time is running out. Get out there and enjoy the beauty of fall.

Good luck and good fishin'.



First place in the Three Lakes Muskie Classic went to the team of Cameron Streff, left, and Mike Murray, both of Port Washington, with two muskies. —Photo By Kerry Griebenow

Streff and Murray take first in Three Lakes Muskie Classic

Good weather but few muskies boated was the result of the annual Three Lakes Muskie Classic held this past weekend on the Three Lakes Chain of Lakes.

Thirty-three teams hit the water Saturday in hopes of hitting it big for this annual event.

The team of Cameron Streff and Mike Murray from Port Washington took top honors by doubling up with a couple of muskies of 40½ and 37½ inches for the day. They also took home prizes for the first muskie and largest northern pike boated during the tournament.

The second-place team of Phil Amstadt and Bryan Amstadt of Rhinelander also had the largest muskie of the day, measuring in at 45 inches.

Isaac Went and Jordon Kelbley took home the third-place prize money with a 41½-inch muskie.

Proceeds from the event will go to support the Three Lakes Fish and Wildlife Improvement Association and its efforts to improve wildlife habitat, educate youths and maintain public facilities in the Three Lakes area.



Phil Amstadt of Rhinelander, caught the largest muskie in the Muskie Classic at 45 inches. —Contributed Photo

Gun show set in Eagle River

The Eagle River Gun Show will be held at Eagle River Sports Arena this Friday through Sunday, Sept. 3-5.

The show will feature the buying, selling and trading of new and used guns, knives, ammunition, reloading supplies and sporting collectibles.

Hours will be Friday, 3 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 9 a.m. to

3 p.m. Admission is \$7, with those age 14 and younger free. There will be free parking.

Proceeds go to Take a Kid Hunting Foundation's Camp Neal in Pittsville.

The sports arena is located at 4149 Highway 70 E. in Eagle River.

The show is hosted by Bob and Rocco's Gun Shows. For more information, visit bobandrocco.com.

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Top three fish: Josh Kreger 40", John Bennett 36.75", Bob Krohn 35.25".
Top gun: Jared Adamovich.
Big fish of the year: Spencer Oberg 46.5".



BIG ARB FISH — Tom Pollack of Wausau caught this 41½-inch muskie on Big Arbor Vitae Lake during the National Championship Musky Open. —Contributed Photo

Northern region wild rice forecast looks poor: DNR

As wild rice harvesting begins in northern Wisconsin lakes, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has announced its 2021 wild rice harvest outlook.

"Pockets of good production exist, although 2021 wild rice production is generally poor across much of northern Wisconsin," said Jason Fleener, DNR wetland habitat specialist. "Harvesters can find opportunities by scouting online and on the ground."

Harvest opportunities are much more limited in Vilas, Oneida and Forest counties, where most historic wild rice lakes and river stretches have produced little to no rice over the past decade.

Conditions in the north-central and northwest counties are somewhat better, with drier conditions favoring rice production. Access on a few northwestern lakes may be difficult due to low water levels.

Wild rice harvesting offers the opportunity to explore Wisconsin by water, collect wild food, support local economies and help restore this essential resource by purchasing a wild rice harvest license. Wild rice maturity ranges from mid-August through September and differs by water body and rice beds within them.

Most wild rice waters are open for harvesters to gather grains as they ripen. The DNR provides an interactive map showing many of the state's wild rice waters, especially in the ceded territory in northern Wisconsin.

Customers can use the Surface Water Data Viewer map by selecting the "Wild Rice Waters" layer. Anyone who discovers public waters containing wild rice not marked on the map can contact the DNR or Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) to add it to an inventory for consideration in conservation efforts.

Some wild rice waters are date-regulated, so harvesters can only gather rice when the waters are open. Throughout the harvest season, the DNR cooperates with GLIFWC to establish opening dates for the subset of date-regulated wild rice waters. Notices of openings and closings are posted to GLIFWC's website and along lakeshores at public

access points 24 hours before opening a date-regulated waterbody for harvest. DNR email updates are also available.

Proper harvesting technique is crucial to conserving wild rice in Wisconsin, according to Fleener.

DNR officials stress the importance of waiting to harvest until rice falls with relatively little force. If most rice appears to be milky or still growing inside the hull, wait a few days before trying again. Premature harvest and knocking stalks with too much force can stunt rice kernel growth and damage maturing rice stems. This can have long-term effects on the sustainability of rice beds, which depend on mature falling grains to regenerate.

Fleener said it is essential to be aware of land ownership before entering wild rice water. Privately owned wild rice beds are not subject to state harvesting regulations, but harvesters must seek landowner permission before entering.

Wild rice waters within tribal reservation boundaries are typically limited to tribal members for harvest. Contact tribal authorities for more information. Learn more about wild rice harvesting on the DNR Wild Rice Harvesting webpage at dnr.wi.gov.

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JUDGED WISCONSIN'S
WEEKLY NEWSPAPER
OF THE YEAR



Our View

As property values rise, equalization a good thing

The Wisconsin Department of Revenue recently released the 2020 equalized property valuation figures to counties, municipalities, schools and the public, the purpose of which is to adjust values of residential, commercial and various classes of property to reflect current market conditions.

The good news is that for the eighth year in a row, property values were either stable or rising in the three-county area, with Vilas up 7% and both Oneida and Forest up 4%. That is evidence of continued economic improvement following the last recession, when values plummeted.

The report confirms that the global pandemic resulted in an enormous boost to the real estate industry, as demand eventually outstripped supply and caused prices to skyrocket throughout 2020. And a high demand for real estate has continued so far in 2021, which means next year's report is likely to show more of the same inflation.

The Department of Revenue is often criticized for inflating property values and increasing taxes, but neither is true. What they do each year equates to fairer taxation in the long run, determining the changes in value for each class of property (i.e. waterfront, off-water, commercial, etc.) based on arm's-length sales. Its work may shift the tax burden between classes to reflect current valuation, but it can't increase the overall tax burden.

No state department can increase overall property taxes. Only school boards, county boards, town boards and technical colleges can increase property taxes through the tax levies they set every fall.

Though it can take years for local assessors to catch up with the marketplace realities that equalization brings to light, the adjustments eventually lead to more accurate property assessments and fairer taxation.

Once again the valuation report displays a picture of strong real estate valuation in this recreational paradise, a premier destination for vacationers, seasonal property owners and retirees. It shows a high demand for property in virtually all classes has caused sale prices and the tax base to advance.

Three Lakes district right to OK trapshooting range

The Three Lakes School Board voted recently to approve a conceptual plan for a 40-acre school forest parcel on Highway A, including a modern shooting facility for the district's trapshooting team.

We applaud the board for seeing the value in providing a local trapshooting facility to the dozens of students who've made this the district's most popular athletic activity — skills they can use for a lifetime.

Implementation of a lead-reclamation process per state guidelines will help ensure that the trapshooting facility doesn't do long-term harm to the environment.

Behind the editorial 'we'

Members of the Vilas County News-Review editorial board include Publisher Kurt Krueger, Editor Gary Ridderbusch, Assistant Editor Eric Johnson and reporter Doug Etten.

Be assured, all work is honorable

THERE'S MORE TO be celebrated Labor Day weekend than the last blast of summer and the coming of another autumn.

It's time to celebrate working folks; not just the ones who own or manage businesses, but the ones who work for them.

Even Labor Day is a busy workday for those who bag groceries, work in restaurant kitchens, check-out customers at retail stores, bus tables, haul garbage, patrol our streets and highways, and defend our country.

They are the front-line workers who take our abuse when we don't like their bosses' policies or when the equipment malfunctions. They are the ones who often work combinations of jobs to make the rent or pay tuition or keep the children in sneakers and braces.

They are the ones who

People Make the Difference

By Byron McNutt



show up even when they don't feel well, who stay as long as it takes to get the job done. Many will start counting the days this Labor Day until they're laid off for the season.

Just because the world is more computerized doesn't mean we should think any less of the blue-collar workforce. We need people who do manual labor as much as we need white-collar workers.

If your basement water drain is backing up, do you want a plumber or a website designer? If your vehicle breaks down on the highway, do you want the first guy to stop to be a me-

chanic or an attorney?

Would you rather be an unemployed carpenter or an "out of work" human resource manager? In real life, things break and wear out, so there's always work for people who can either fix your old one or build you a new one.

You probably wouldn't want the job of picking up other people's garbage, stocking grocery shelves or fixing today's high-tech cars and you really don't want any of those choices as a career.

Why? Because they are not very glamorous or exciting jobs or so we think. The pay and benefits might

not be very good, the working conditions aren't ideal and the work itself tends to be monotonous, unless you take pride in your work.

The people who do those jobs are rarely called heroes or heroines. We found out otherwise last year during the pandemic. But they can be villains when they don't do the work on time or when we want it done or as well as we want it done. Our economy works only because there are people willing to do the thankless jobs.

I'll bet that if you asked your parents or grandparents about the various jobs they had over the past 20, 30, 40 or 50 years, they would talk for hours about them.

Many of those jobs no longer exist. They would recall things they liked and disliked about every job,

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Time to forage in forest meadow

As foliage on the forest floor begins to die with shorter days and falling temperatures, whitetailed deer move to open forest meadows to feed on grasses and other plants. This doe found plenty of browse in a small field along Sundstein Road in the town of Lincoln.

—Staff Photo By KURT KRUEGER

Cal Thomas

Afghanistan's ripple effect

WHAT HAS HAPPENED in Afghanistan will not stay in Afghanistan, but will have a ripple effect throughout the region and beyond.

In remarks made at the White House, President Joe Biden proved he is out of touch with reality. Responding to criticism that America's credibility has been damaged due to his precipitous withdrawal of U.S. troops Biden said, "I have seen no question of our credibility from our allies around the world."

Several allies have been critical, among them German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who met with Biden at the White House last month. She called the withdrawal an extremely bitter development. We were not in this alone, after all. It is right for our allies who fought valiantly with us to feel betrayed.

Perhaps the most powerful and emotional criticism came from Tom Tugendhat, a member of the British House of Commons. Tugendhat, who served in Afghanistan, called Biden shameful for disparaging the Afghan military. He said he had lost friends there and accused Biden of having torn open old wounds with a withdrawal that appeared to be a defeat.

Biden also has claimed to have been uninformed by his own intelligence agencies that disaster awaited a rapid pullout. That's not what intelligence sources are saying in leaks to the media. This bogus claim further erodes his credibility.

Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin contradicted the president when he said Taliban fighters have been harassing and beating Americans trying to flee Afghanistan. Biden said he

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A million things to do

A MILLION things to do, and not much time to do them.

Any sportsman who has embarked on a mission involving fish, wild animals, beer or wild women, knows that a lot of preparation must be taken care of before the trip ever starts.

In less than a month now I will be taking a trip for the 29th time. The destination: North Dakota. The mission: catch some fish, hunt some ducks, eat a lot of food and tell tall tales that outdo all the tales my fellow hunting camp mates tell.

I am still in the early stages of getting ready, and the more I look at my getting ready list, the more I remember to add to it.

One thing I have done is to organize all my leftover shot shells from last year. There are plenty. I'm not sure if that's because I didn't shoot as much last year

Trails & Tales

By Will Maines

or because I bought way more than I needed last year. On second thought, it couldn't be the latter since I am a firm believer that you can never have too many boxes of shells on any hunting trip.

I have also gotten my decoys ready, or at least I've collected them from various places in the garage, my outdoor storage shed and even from a couple of my flower beds where I use them for decorations during the summer. Now all I need to do is remember to tie on new anchor cords, once I remember to buy some new decoy anchors.

One important item on my preparation list is to find everything I've misplaced since last season. You could start with an expensive hatchet used for cutting brush and saplings for blind materials. I know I've got one, but at the moment I can't quite seem to lay my hands on it.

Don't get me wrong. I am the kind of guy who carefully stows away anything and everything I could possibly need and want for my outdoor expeditions, but sometimes I forget to write down exactly where I've stored those things.

At times I have prepared extensive written lists of what I have and where each item is stored, but it seems that right now I have forgotten where I put the list. At least I've got another 27 days to find the list, and then find ev-

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OPINION/COMMENTARY

We tried and failed in Afghanistan

Letter to the Editor:

Alexander the Great left Afghanistan believing it could not really be conquered or ruled. So how do we account for our current situation in Afghanistan?

Blame it on the crusades, imperialism, colonialism, the Treaty of Versailles, white man's burden, ignorance or greed.

T.E. Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia), thought the Arabs should rule Arabia.

Louis Mountbatten, former governor general of India and first earl of Burma, thought the people of south-east Asia should undergo self-determination to rule themselves, ending their

colony status. Ignorance and greed got in the way, though.

Wars, police actions, nation building ensued; lives lost, money lost; we got a black eye and little more.

Terrorism, communism, McCarthyism, capitalism, how could it have come to this? Let the blame game begin. Cry in your beer if you must, but we are to blame.

Call me un-American, liberal, conservative, mugwump, coward, idealist or pragmatist, it's time to sleep in the bed we made. We tried and failed, just like so many others.

Douglas Kaltenbach
 St. Germain

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everything on it, assuming of course, that I haven't used or moved anything on the list.

I have found through long experience that it is always a good thing to check your chest waders before embarking on a hunting trip, especially when you might be standing in 40-degree North Dakota water for long hours. Since I am somewhat frugal in some areas, I try to make a pair of waders last for at least 10 years. They seldom do.

On the occasions when I do realize I need a new pair of waders that would keep more water out than they let in, it is usually when I get about crotch deep in 40-degree North Dakota water. Trust me, that is not a good

time to come to that realization.

When planning a trip like my North Dakota getaway, there are two other considerations to take care of. One very important one is to approach your dear, loving wife and plead in a profuse doe-eyed manner — letting a few tears slide down your cheeks while doing so — that you have worked and saved very diligently over the past year to accumulate enough spending money to cover your trip, but you are still short of cash, and, would she lend you a little.

It's important too, that if she agrees it's worth a few hundred bucks of her cash to get rid of you for a couple of weeks, that you throw in a number of promises of good deeds you'll do when you come back that both you and she know will never be kept.

The second thing to remember is to not let it slip that you actually have a large stash of cash hidden at the bottom of her winter clothes drawer that would easily cover food, shells, new duck calls, new waders and most of all a jug or two of Crown Royal.

Unfortunately, I have found more than once in the past that a stash of cash is never truly hidden away from your lovely wife's prying, instinctively suspicious eyes.

Once you have covered all these bases, it's important to remember that you call each of your half-dozen or so duck camp associates each night for four weeks to check on rainfall totals for the past six months in North Dakota compared to the previous year, to reminisce about the 600 ducks you could have shot in one afternoon at Swanson's

pond last fall, to compare and to modify preparation lists, to trade hints on mollifying petulant mates and just generally to make sure no stone is left unturned.

No matter how much the expert getting-ready guy you think you might be, your loyal camp mates always seem to have a bit of useful advice or tips for you.

Oh, and one last thing on your preparation list. Always remember to gently and sincerely kiss your lovely wife good-bye on your morning of departure, adding that each second you are gone you will miss her more. While you're at it, you might even want to throw in that you can't wait to get back to her warm embrace.

That's it. That's my secret to getting ready for North Dakota. Now if only I could remember where I left the spare chokes for my Benelli.

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and in each case, they would remember the lessons they learned and used in every succeeding job.

As you reminisce about previous work projects, you will feel good about each one of them, even if you did not like the work and would never do it again. No matter what kind of work you do, do it the best you can. If you give every task your best, the satisfaction

will be your reward.

Remember, there is honor in all work. We may have many jobs over a lifetime. We may not have liked every job, but they taught us something. It might have been an appreciation for those who do that type of work.

We are products of our environment and our experiences. As we celebrate Labor Day, let's remember that all work is honorable. Let's recognize our friends and neighbors who help make our economic system the greatest on the planet.

Doctor says masks vital to safety of students

Below is a letter from Dr. Ellen Wald to the Northland Pines School District Superintendent and School Board, and Bob and Teri Mason, owners of Northwoods Child Development Center in Eagle River. Dr. Wald is the chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Wisconsin (UW) School of Medicine and Public Health and the pediatrician-in-chief at the University of Wisconsin Children's Hospital (American Family Children's Hospital).

In her letter, Dr. Wald requests that the Northland Pines School District reconsider its decision to allow masks optional indoors.

As you know, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Academy of Pediatrics, Department of Health Services, Department of Public Instruction, the Pediatric Infectious Disease Society, and our Department of Pediatrics at the UW are uniform in their recommendations. Each of these organizations agrees that universal masking should occur in the K-12 setting.

At their core, these recommendations hold the health, safety and education of chil-

dren as the most critical guiding principle.

I am writing to question the rationale that you have proposed to defend this decision.

Although you note that you are keeping other layers of your mitigation strategy, the single-most important one — masking — is what you are making optional. This is the most foundational of all of the national and local recommendations. Using masks will actually allow more natural contact between students as it puts much less pressure on distancing than without them.

Although school is only eight hours, it is a critical eight hours in which by its nature children are exposed,

in relatively close contact with many others in a way that does not happen during the rest of the day for the majority of students.

We are responsible for keeping children safe for those precious eight hours during which they are learning and interacting with each other and their teachers.

The Delta variant stands by itself in terms of its transmissibility. It will find every susceptible child if we do not protect against it. Children less than 12 years of age, and your many other unvaccinated students and adults make a perfect environment for rampant spread.

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WHAT OTHERS SAY

Do your part to keep our schools open

BY JILL UNDERLY
 STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Our schools unite us. They are the bedrock of our communities and are where our children grow as individuals. They are a place where children of all backgrounds are accepted.

There is no doubt that our students learn best and our educators are most effective when they are physically inside a school.

That's why it's imperative our schools stay open to in-person instruction. But to keep our schools open, we must do our part to keep them safe and healthy.

The tasks are simple and the rewards are great. Wear a mask when inside buildings. Get vaccinated if you're able to. Maintain safe distancing where possible.

If we agree to collectively use these mitigation



JILL UNDERLY

strategies, our school buildings remain open. Children learn to read, do math, interact with their friends, play sports and become well-rounded youths.

A year ago, we were facing a great deal of uncertainty about the impacts of COVID-19. Our schools and their staff rose to the occasion in that moment, serving as first responders

who went above and beyond to make sure students were fed, kept learning and had equal access to things like technology.

This year, we are far more confident in the ways we can work together to defeat the virus.

That's why it pains me to see and read about the divisiveness and hostility that planning for a safe return to school for the 2021-'22 school year has caused.

As a former school district leader, I know firsthand that reaching universal consensus on any issue, in any community, is challenging.

As our nation and state experiences another surge in this COVID-19 pandemic, we need to give school staff and board members some grace as they make these important decisions. But let me re-

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has no indication Americans are being prevented from reaching the Kabul airport. Reaching the airport and getting on a plane are not the same, as the Taliban have it encircled with checkpoints.

Does anyone know what is going on in this administration? Aside from its claims not to know how many Americans remain in Afghanistan and its inability to ensure their safe passage out of the country, which could lead to the taking of hostages as in Iran in 1979, the long-term consequences of our poorly executed nonpolicy will continue, perhaps for years to come.

Former Israeli diplomat Yoram Ettinger wrote in his newsletter "In 2021, the 14th-century-old vision and strategic goal of Islamic terrorism is not limited to the

territory of Afghanistan. It is driven by fanatic imperialism, striving to subordinate the 'infidel' West and especially 'The Great U.S. Satan,' which is perceived to be the key obstacle on the way to Islamic global domination. Islamic terrorism is determined to establish a global Islamic society, ruled by the Quran and Sharia ('divine law'), which is inconsistent with peaceful coexistence with the infidel United States, irrespective of its involvement in Afghanistan. In fact, it requires a decisive war against the United States, including terrorism on the U.S. mainland."

Western targets are not the sole focus of these terrorists. They have made clear their intent to topple countries headed by Muslim leaders whom they regard as heretics. These include Jordan and Saudi Arabia, the latter a primary interest of the late Osama bin Laden.

In coming after the West,

terrorists don't have to initially take over a country. They only have to sow fear and chaos, wreck economies and erode freedoms. As we've seen after 20 years in Afghanistan, they are patient and we are not.

Through immigration, a higher birth rate and achieving positions in Western governments, they intend to methodically rule the world. They count on the West's weakness and exhaustion to help propel them to victory.

After only seven months in office, Biden has shown himself to be a weak and failed president. What our enemies make of it will have serious repercussions far beyond however long his administration lasts.

Readers may email Cal Thomas at tcaeditors@tribpub.com. His new book is "America's Expiration Date: The Fall of Empires and Superpowers and the Future of the United States."

NEWS

READER OPINION



BRILLIANT SUNSET — A couple stopped at the unimproved landing on West Plum Lake along County Highway N near Sayner last Tuesday to view the red and orange colors fill the sky and water at sunset. —Staff Photo By GARY RIDDERBUSCH

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for a policy that is different from that recommended by every scientific body when one of the students, staff or teachers becomes seriously ill will be a very heavy burden.

We have at our disposal an extremely effective tool for protecting the children in your district and throughout the state. On behalf of all the children for whom you are responsible, I am

asking you to make what may or may not be an unpopular choice in your community.

I am requesting that you follow the guidance the medical community has worked hard to craft and will continue to adapt and revise as we learn more. Sometimes the right decision isn't the easy one.

Dr. Ellen Wald
Madison

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mind you of this: they are doing what is best for our children, and are working hard to keep them safe and avoid disruptions in learning.

This pandemic has greatly affected many parts of our daily lives, but especially our education system and we aren't out of the woods yet. Children age 12 and younger, who amount to almost half a million of the students in Wisconsin schools, are still unable to get vaccinated.

The number of children hospitalized for COVID-19 across our country has hit record highs in recent weeks. Data is proving that children are more vulnerable to infection from the Delta variant than past strains of COVID-

19.

As a parent, I understand the concern and hesitation many families may have about sending their children to school in this climate. I hear you. That is why I continue to implore our schools to take every measure possible to ensure all students remain safe and that we have a successful, uninterrupted school year.

Across the nation, we've watched schools open with limited mitigation measures in place be forced to close just weeks or even days into the new school year. We all want our schools open. We must collectively do our part to make sure that is possible. And it's on us to do everything in our power to serve the children, families and educators of Wisconsin.

Our schools are the glue of our communities and economy. They connect us, but

most of all, they serve as the bond advancing our successful future.

Finally, to Wisconsin's educators: know we have your back. We understand the immense amount of pressure you are under.

I've seen firsthand how tirelessly you worked to reinvent your practice throughout this pandemic, and watched you go great lengths to focus on your students and their well-being.

Continue to innovate and serve as positive role models for your students. Do your best to ignore the noise and take a few moments to realize the importance of the impact you make on our children.

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