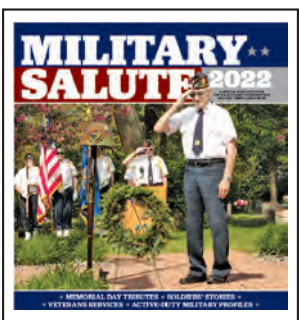




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High winds create dangerous fire conditions

By STEPHANIE DYE
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Significantly high winds created dangerous conditions and multiple damaging fires across the North Woods on May 9.

Several trees and power lines were downed by the storms and grass fires ensued due to the current dry climate conditions. The high velocity of the winds allowed for the sparks and flames to spread quickly into surrounding areas.

Between the times of 12:30 and 5:31 p.m., Vilas County emergency dispatch handled over 350 phone calls reporting incidents related to the winds. After each of these calls, they are required to dispatch emergency services accordingly,

contact outside authorities such as power companies, if needed, and process multiple calls regarding the same incident.

"For every call dispatched, there are up to 15 telephone calls per incident," said Chief Deputy Patrick Schmidt of the Vilas County Sheriff's Department. "That's just answering phone calls, not dispatching emergency services or any of the other functions dispatch performs."

"To say they were slammed is an understatement. They did a phenomenal job handling it the way they did, and the reason our communication division is so successful," Schmidt added.

In all, authorities answered calls for 11 downed power lines where fire departments were needed, 10 grass fires and 18 trees down that were blocking roads within a five-

hour timeframe on May 9.

In many of the fires that developed initially, crews were able to prevent flames from reaching nearby structures. According to authorities, multiple fire crews worked quickly and efficiently to stop the fires before flames spread to surrounding homes.

Responding fire departments included Eagle River, Land O' Lakes, Watersmeet, Mich., Boulder Junction, Arbor Vitae, Plum Lake, Manitowish Waters and Presque Isle, amongst others. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) had crews from the Trout Lake, Woodruff, Rhineland, Tomahawk, and Merrill ranger stations that also aided on the scenes.

The Vilas County Sher-

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Various divisions of emergency service departments banded together to fight multiple fires scattered throughout the North Woods area on May 9. —Photo By Bob Hughes



SPRINGTIME — Migrating trumpeter swans and a reflection of new, light green leaves from the lakeshore all point to springtime in

the North Woods. These two swans were feeding in a shallow bay on the Three Lakes Chain. —Staff Photo By KURT KRUEGER

Two Presque Isle fire, power line victims identified

By SARA CARIAS
ASST. EDITOR

Two bodies were discovered in Presque Isle last week after emergency responders extinguished a fire.

Vilas County Sheriff's Department released the names of the two people found deceased — Linda Rottman, 63 and Matthew Rottman, 23 — both from Presque Isle and the Chicago, Ill. area.

The bodies were discovered after Presque Isle Fire Department and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Fire Services put out the flames, and found the bodies in the immediate location of where downed power lines were in the area of the fire.

The sheriff's office released a statement which

said on May 10 at 12:43 p.m., its office received a wireless call of a fire off of Baer Road, and the sheriff's office was requested to respond to the fire scene by Presque Isle Fire Department after discovering the two victims.

Vilas County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy Patrick Schmidt said both deaths were the result of the downed power lines, and that the power lines were on the ground due to a pine tree that fell on them during the May 9 storms.

The fire was determined to be caused by the downed power lines, and the incident was determined not suspicious in nature and was ruled an accident, he added.

Proposed projects face opposition on Rustic Road 60

By SARA CARIAS
ASST. EDITOR

Concerned area residents and the Vilas County Highway Committee converged at the courthouse May 17 to speak on issues of brushing maintenance and proposed construction the county's only Rustic Road.

Rustic Road 60, a 12-mile stretch of Highway K between Star Lake and Boulder Junction, is the only Rustic Road in Vilas County.

The Rustic Roads program was created over 40 years ago to provide hikers, bicyclists and motorists an opportunity to leisurely travel through the state's scenic countryside, according to the Wisconsin Department of Transporta-

tion (DOT) website.

"The Rustic Roads program is the longest continually running program by DOT and is unique in the nation," said Wisconsin Rustic Roads Board Vice Chairman Dan Fedderly.

According to DOT's website, all Rustic Roads have outstanding natural features along its borders such as rugged terrain, native vegetation, native wildlife or include open areas with agricultural vistas. They are lightly-traveled local access roads and are not scheduled nor anticipated for major improvements which

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ATV/UTV trails open in Vilas, Oneida

By MICHELLE DREW
NEWS EDITOR

ATV and UTV trails across Vilas and Oneida counties, including all state-funded trails, "troutes" and routes are now open as of May 13.

According to Todd Bierman, Vilas County Parks and Recreation supervisor, the Landover ATV/UTV Club, St. Germain ATV/UTV Club and Lakeland ATV Club — sponsors and operators of the existing trails — put in many volunteer hours of brushing, signing and trail work to safely open the trails.

Club maps are available at many area businesses and riders can check out the Vilas County MapIt app at vilaswi.com/trails.

Bierman asked the public to be aware that the new Highline Trail on the St. Germain Trail System is not open at this time. Riders should

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Trail systems opened last week after work was completed to safely open ATV and UTV trails. The machines are allowed both on wooded trails as well as on area roads. —STAFF PHOTO

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., May 10.....	78	54 None	Mon., May 10.....	45	23 None
Wed., May 11.....	79	56 0.21"R	Tues., May 11.....	54	23 None
Thurs., May 12.....	86	60 2.04"R	Wed., May 12.....	64	23 None
Fri., May 13.....	88	62 0.5"R	Thurs., May 13.....	69	29 None
Sat., May 14.....	81	49 None	Fri., May 14.....	68	33 Tr. R
Sun., May 15.....	72	40 0.01"R	Sat., May 15.....	63	34 None
Mon., May 16.....	59	35 0.02"R	Sun., May 16.....	71	34 None

LAST YEAR The average daily high at this time last year for the next seven days was 73, while the average overnight low was 54. There was rain on four days measuring 1.51 inches.

COMPARISON Days precipitation recorded since April 1, 2022, 31 days; 2021, 29 days. Average high of past 30 days, 2022, 58; 2021, 53. Average low of past 30 days, 2022, 36; 2021, 28.

FOREST CONDITIONS Grounds are arid and beginning sprouts of floor vegetation are starting to emerge. High fire danger and burning restrictions are in effect until dry conditions improve to protect from wildfires.

STREAMS AND LAKES Waters are open and levels remain high after recent rainfalls. Rivers are flowing quickly due to the excessive amount of recent precipitation.

FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy. High: 61° Low: 48°
Thursday: Chance of showers. High: 67° Low: 55°
Friday: Morning thunderstorms. High: 61° Low: 40°
Saturday: Mostly cloudy. High: 52° Low: 35°
Sunday: Mix of sun and clouds. High: 57° Low: 38°

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



CALM AFTER THE STORM — High winds and heavy rain whipped through the North Woods Thursday afternoon, knocking out power briefly for some residents. The wild weather was followed by a calm evening on the Wisconsin River with clouds reflecting off the water's surface. —Staff Photo By MICHELLE DREW

Information sought on Vilas man regarding violence against women

Law enforcement agencies are seeking the public's help regarding an investigation into a 29-year-old Lac du Flambeau man.



SCHUMAN

from the public in obtaining information about criminal incidents involving Frank Schuman.

Schuman is a mixed martial arts fighter. The current investigation involves incidents where Schuman has committed violent acts against women.

If anyone has information about Schuman's involvement in these types of incidents or has had contact with victims of these incidents, Oneida County Sheriff's Office asks the public to assist law enforcement in protecting the women of our community by contacting law enforcement at (715) 361-5201.

Danger: Fire danger still near-critical

FROM PAGE 1A

iff's Department also provided a great deal of assistance and support.

In light of recent incidents, authorities from the Arbor Vitae Fire Department have been fielding some questions and comments about the overall actual risk of wildfires here in Wisconsin and the type of fires the area faces.

"Wisconsin has flash fuels. These are grassy fuels that are light, dry, abundant and have explosive speed when they burn," said Arbor Vitae fire officials, "These were the

conditions and high winds, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is asking the public to again remain vigilant and avoid burning across most of Wisconsin. Many counties have suspended DNR burning permits.

Fires safety and responsible burning is key to the public doing their part in the safety of the area, authorities stress. Fire danger and burning restrictions change every day.

Current suggestions from the DNR include avoiding all outdoor burning until conditions improve; operate equipment, such as chainsaws, off-road vehicles and lawn mowers early in the morning or late in the day to avoid sparks at peak burn hours.

Fire danger near critical

The DNR reports that the public should avoid burning due to near critical fire danger across northwest Wisconsin.

Dry and breezy conditions and low relative humidity are creating near-critical fire

conditions, especially in the northwest. High wind gusts may be possible.

Areas with very high fire danger include Adams, Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Iron, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Lincoln, Marathon, Monroe, Oneida, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Portage, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, St. Croix, Taylor, Trempealeau, Vilas, Washburn and Wood counties.

Areas with high fire danger include Brown, Calumet, Door, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Kewaunee, Langlade, Manitowoc, Marinette, Marquette, Menominee, Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano, Sheboygan, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago counties.

DNR issued annual and special burning permits for debris piles, burn barrels and prescribed burns may be suspended in the counties where the DNR has burning permit authority.

The DNR has responded to 411 wildfires burning more than 606 acres so far this year.



Ongoing smoldering surfaces were a concern for officials as flash fires began to spread.

Most of these were related to debris burning, which is the number one cause of wildfires.

For more information on fire safety, to check burning restrictions and the daily fire danger in your area or to access wildfire reports, visit dnr.wi.gov or call (888) 947-2876.



Thick smoke filled the air during the fires caused by high winds that racked the North Woods on May 9. Much of Wisconsin was affected by

downed trees and power lines, creating significantly dangerous conditions for fires. —Photos By Bob Hughes

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OFFICIAL POSTMASTER — Officer-In-Charge Barb Zyhowski was officially sworn in as the new Eagle River Post Office postmaster Friday, May 13. Zyhowski has been acting postmaster since the retirement of Margaret "Peggy" Kramer in October 2020,

who assisted in the ceremony. Kevin Loomis (right), manager of Post Office Operations for the area, officially performed the installation for the new postmaster.

—Staff Photo By DOUG ETTEN

Opening of Phelps sober home put on pause; parties to meet

BY SARA CARIAS
ASST. EDITOR

The previously announced June 1 opening of a sober living home in Phelps is on pause, according to Jay Wentworth, administrator at Empowered Affiliates.

Wentworth said he has decided to hold off temporarily in Phelps and will focus on opening first in Eagle River.

A presentation by Wentworth on the sober home at a Phelps town meeting April 19 stirred controversy and concerns arose from residents about "just finding out."

At the meeting, Wentworth said he had brochures available for anyone who wanted one and provided a copy of the sober home's prospective resident application and its living contract between prospective residents and the home to town supervisors.

A copy of the application and contract was also provided to the News-Review.

At a follow-up town meeting April 26 — over 85 people attended — regarding the sober home, concerns grew and continued to be voiced, with the majority of the concerns centered around if Phelps was an appropriate location for a sober home due to lack of available jobs and lack of other resources.

In response, a petition was started online and made available in various establishments for residents to add their signature to in hopes of delaying the opening. The petition, which had approximately 300 signatures, was dropped off to Wentworth's office May 11 by Phelps residents Jon Racine and Shannon Barron.

A representative from the Phelps town office said the town had no role in the peti-

tion, adding that it was solely started by area citizens.

In addition to attending town meetings and starting a petition, there were social media posts with a wide range of opinions online. Racine, a Phelps resident and owner of Dublin Sports Bar and Grill, was one of the concerned residents who was at the forefront of bringing attention to this matter in a Facebook post he authored.

Racine's Facebook post listed concerns and issues that he and others had with what they perceived to be a rushed opening of this sober living home. He said he spent time researching the topic and speaking to area contacts and grew more and more concerned about the sober home's leadership preparedness. He added that even though his intention of posting on Facebook was to bring awareness and education, he acknowledged it attracted a fair share of hostility which he said was not his intention.

"I'm invested in this community. My children go to school here. We live here. I've bought buildings in downtown Phelps with plans to restore them. I care about what happens here," he said.

Racine commented that he is a supporter of the recovery community and would be on board to help aid in the opening a sober living home, with the proper planning and logistics in place.

In multiple attempts to reach out to town supervisors in Phelps, as well as Vilas County supervisors elected for the Phelps districts, there was mostly no response or no comment. County supervisors cited no jurisdictional authority. However, Dave Selby, a newly elected supervisor in Phelps did speak on

the matter.

Selby said since the April 19 town meeting, he has conducted quite a bit of research and has spoken to various sober living homes, and ultimately arrived at the same place as some of the residents; "We just have questions and just need more information."

Selby confirmed that the board did receive the application and contract from Wentworth, noting that Wentworth was invited to the April 26 town meeting but declined to attend, which Wentworth confirmed.

In an email obtained by the News-Review, Wentworth stated to Selby in regard to his decision not to attend the April 26 meeting, "I have to say I decline coming to this Tuesday's meeting. I would however be more than happy to sit down face to face with anyone who would be open to talking to the professionals that have helped put this together."

In the same email, Selby responded with questions and different items he was requesting information on, as it related to the Phelps sober home. At the end of the email Selby added, "Your handout was very good but one layer of more detail will help a lot, in my opinion."

Wentworth said he is open to talking about the questions the town may have when they meet, which he confirmed that Selby has agreed to sit down with him and other professionals from the community to talk about the sober living home. Selby confirmed the plan to meet and said that he and Town Chairman Steven Doyen are working with Wentworth on a date to meet.

There was confusion among the community on whether or not Wentworth

Republic Waste issues an apology, promise at city council meeting

BY KEN ANDERSON
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Republic Waste Manager Jonathan Snyder stood up at last week's Eagle River City Council meeting and issued an apology for past issues as well as a promise to improve waste management services.

"No doubt at all there have been some challenges along the way and I want to apologize for the inconveniences we've caused," Snyder said to the council and residents in attendance. "Communication should have been better and we plan to have weekly visits to improve that."

The former owner, Eagle Waste, had a proven record of service. Snyder stated, "We are working to live up to the standards Eagle Waste had, we want to be a great service" to the city and its residents.

City council member Jerry Burkett said he was pleased with the changes made in garbage collection.

"I'm impressed how they jumped forward and admitted their problem and fixed their problem," Burkett said. "I have not received one complaint in the last three weeks. We need them in Eagle River and their jobs and we need them to succeed."

Republic Waste employs more than 50 people. Snyder announced the company is granting Eagle River a \$5,000 credit for past inconveniences.

Burkett asked their 90-day license on the June agenda to be extended for the year.

Actions approved

A number of actions by the city plan commission were approved by the city council,

including annexing 5.48 acres in the town of Lincoln on Highway 70 West. The former motel is now used for long-term rental. Owner Ken Biegel indicated he wanted to receive city sewer and water on the property.

Conditional use permits were approved to install a permanent sign at the entrance to the Catholic section of the cemetery on East Wall Street as well as for construction of three to four multi-family housing units by Advanced Welding Institute located at 555 Enterprise Drive.

A conditional use permit also was approved for a fundraising sign for development on the community square. The council approved naming the site Rotary Square.

In other actions, the council approved:

— A petition for 13 airport projects in the planning stage, most of which if approved, would be funded 90% federal, 5% state, and 5% local;

— A July 4 fireworks permit for the Veterans of Foreign Wars to be launched from the fairgrounds. Eliminated from the request was a rain date; and

— A request for four to five ducks at 425 West Ohio St. for Bridgette Nutter.

City administrator Robin Ginner also proposed to establish a "wet zone" along Wall Street for the July Fourth parade as the only area where super-soaker water guns could be operated by both parade floats and spectators. Attendees who do not want to be sprayed with water should not sit in the wet zone.

Water system flushing scheduled May 25-26

The Eagle River Light and Water Utility will perform an aggressive flushing of the water system beginning Wednesday, May 25, for hydrants on the south side of the bridge, and Thursday, May 26, for hydrants on the north side of the bridge.

Flushing will begin at 4 a.m. each day.

The utility reminds water customers that during the flushing, water may be discolored, cloudy and have a strong smell of chlorine.

"We would like to assure customers the water will be safe to consume at all times, although it is recommended to fill containers for drinking before flushing begins," said

Mike Sanborn, Eagle River Light and Water manager.

According to Sanborn, the water department has been working on the most convenient ways to accomplish this with the least interruption to customers.

"This work is done to maintain the high quality of water we provide to our customers and to ensure the proper operation of the hydrants for fire protection," Sanborn said.

For more information or questions, call Eagle River Light and Water Utility between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at (715) 479-8121.

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POLICE REPORT



GOODBYE PIZZA HUT — Demolition began on the old Pizza Hut building in order to make way for the new Taco Bell that is coming

to Eagle River. The new fast food restaurant is expected to open sometime in the next few months. —Photo By Gary Ridderbusch

Vilas County Court report

Eagle River man, 31, found guilty on four of 16 charges in five cases

A 31-year-old Eagle River man appeared in five separate cases in Vilas County Circuit Court on 16 charges; 10 felonies and six misdemeanors.

Jeremy L. LaPalm appeared for a plea/sentencing hearing was found guilty due to a plea of no contest on two felony charges of bail jumping, a felony charge of possession of methamphetamine which carried a modifier of party to a crime, and a misdemeanor charge of resisting or obstructing an officer.

The court ordered a withheld sentence of two years probation with conditions on the first felony bail jumping charge and two years probation with 111 days credit on the possession felony charge. He was sentenced to one year probation with conditions, costs and 125 days credit in the event of revocation on the second felony bail jumping and misdemeanor charges.

Charges are related to incidents June 11, 2019, Aug. 17,

2020 and Jan. 6.

Dustin R. Kramer, 31, of Arbor Vitae, had a felony charge of possession with intent to distribute amphetamine dismissed at his preliminary hearing due to no probable cause being found.

The charge was related to an alleged incident March 16.

Joshua P. Brown, 41, of Woodruff, pleaded not guilty at his arraignment on a felony charge of seventh-, eighth-, or ninth-offense operating-while intoxicated (OWI). Bond was continued and pretrial scheduled for June 28 at 10:45 a.m.

The charge is related to an incident Nov. 24, 2021.

William A. Jensch, 58, of Woodruff, was found guilty due to a plea of no contest on a felony charge of fourth-offense OWI with an enhancer attached. He was facing an additional felony charge which was dismissed.

The court ordered a withheld sentence, 36 months of

probation with conditions and a permanent revocation of his driver's license. The charge is related to an incident from Aug. 27, 2021.

Tashina M. Frank, 23, of Lac du Flambeau, had a deferred entry of judgment agreement (DEJ) revoked May 11 relating to a felony charge of possession of methamphetamine with a repeat modifier. The court ordered six months of jail with 105 days served and court costs.

John L. LaBarge, 54, of Lac du Flambeau, appeared for an adjourned initial appearance May 9 on a felony charge of substantial battery with intended bodily harm which carried a domestic abuse, intention of physical pain or injury modifier.

Nathaniel J. Reyes, 33, of Lac du Flambeau, was found guilty due to a plea of no contest May 10 on a felony charge of manufacturing or delivering schedule one and schedule two narcotics. The

three other charges Reyes was facing were dismissed.

Wenonah L. Soulier, 30, of Lac du Flambeau, pleaded not guilty on all charges in two different cases May 12. Soulier is facing a felony charge of possession of methamphetamine, felony bail jumping and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was amended to \$2,000 and a pretrial conference is scheduled June 21.

Patricia A. Smith, 50, of Lac du Flambeau, pleaded not guilty at a preliminary hearing May 9 for a felony charge of OWI (5th or 6th offense). She was bound over for arraignment and scheduled for judicial pretrial July 19 at 2:45 p.m.

Francesca Ann St. Germaine, 40, of Lac du Flambeau, had her probation revoked May 11 on a felony fifth or sixth OWI charge. The court ordered four and a half years in state prison with 394 days credited.

Eagle River Police

Vilas County Sheriff

Vilas County Sheriff's dispatchers last week reported at least 17 911 hangups, six car vs. deer accidents, three accidents with property damage, two requests to assist another agency, seven burglar alarms, one fire alarm, five ambulance requests, 10 animal problems, five attempts to locate, one ATV complaint, one violation of bond conditions, seven requests to assist citizens, one report of computer crimes, two dead bodies, one defraud innkeeper offense, four disturbances, one domestic violence complaint, two drug problems, six grass fires, one structure fire, one report of found property, one report of fraud, three juvenile problems, two Lifeline alarms, one report of lost property, three noise complaints, two parole violations, one repossession, four requests to assist officers, one report of smoke in the area, two calls to remove subject, two suicide attempts, four reports of suspicious circumstances, two threats, 51 reports of hazardous conditions, seven traffic violations, one unsecure premise, one weapon offense and 13 welfare checks.

There were at least 54 informational or procedural entries.

In the past week, one or more persons were booked at Vilas County Jail for the following offenses: battery, resisting an officer, harboring felons, disorderly conduct, domestic violence, failure to appear and probation violation.

Among the calls received by Vilas County dispatchers were at least 38 calls for the Eagle River Police. These included five alarms, one request for an ambulance, two animal problems, one request for agency assistance, one citizen dispute, seven requests to assist citizens, one report of fraud, one report of lost property, two parking problems, one traffic hazard, one report of threatening, three traffic offenses, one theft of property, one unsecure premises, four utility problems and four welfare checks.

No persons were taken into custody and booked into Vilas County Jail.

Three Lakes Police

The Three Lakes Police Department reported at least one 911 hangup, one accident, three alarms, five requests for an ambulance, three animal problems, one request to assist a citizen, one request to assist a motorist, 48 business checks, one disturbance, six requests for extra patrol, one brush fire, one fire, two reports of hazardous conditions, one welfare check, two juvenile problems, one sexual assault, three reports of suspicious circumstances and one theft.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Invitation for Bid Online Auction of Vilas County Real Estate

A public online auction will be conducted on behalf of the Vilas County Finance and Budget Committee by Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction at the following website: <http://www.wisconsin-surplus.com/> for the sale of lands in accordance with the conditions set forth by the Finance and Budget Committee until **June 16, 2022**.

Auction instructions and a description for individual tracts may be obtained at the Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction website. There are 7 tracts of land for sale. The tracts are located in the Towns of Arbor Vitae, Conover, Phelps, St. Germain and Winchester. No bid shall be accepted for less than the minimum advertised price. The Vilas County Finance and Budget Committee reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The highest qualifying bid will be publicly awarded at the conclusion of the online auction held by Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction website: <http://www.wisconsin-surplus.com/> on **June 16, 2022**.

Submitted by:
Darcy Smith
Finance Director

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PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING NOTICE

Project ID: TBD
Sayner - Eagle River
County G, Aspen Road to US 45
Vilas County

You are invited to attend a Public Involvement Meeting regarding the proposed improvements to County G between Aspen Road and US 45 in the Towns of Cloverland and Lincoln in southern Vilas County. An in-person meeting will be held at the Vilas County Highway Department located at 2104 N. Railroad Street, Eagle River, WI 54521 on May 26th, 2022 from 5:00-7:00 pm. Project representatives will be available at that time to discuss the proposed project and address any questions or concerns. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a Power Point presentation will also be made available to the public for viewing on the Vilas County website from May 12th through May 26th, 2022.

The proposed project scope includes the removal and replacement of the existing asphaltic pavement along County G between Aspen Road and US 45. It also involves the localized removal and replacement of sub-base underlying the existing pavement in areas where the roadway has been displaced. No right-of-way impacts are anticipated, and all proposed work would take place within the existing shoulder points of the roadway. If the project is chosen, construction is anticipated for the summer of 2023. During construction, lane closures would be utilized to facilitate traffic through the project area. Access will be maintained to properties along County G.

The public is encouraged to review the proposed improvements at the following link and express any concerns they may have: https://www.vilascountywi.gov/departments/services/highway_department/index.php

If you have any questions or would prefer a paper copy of the presentation sent to you, please contact one of the following individuals:

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Eagle River man arrested on felony first degree sexual assault of a child

BY SARA CARIAS
ASST. EDITOR

A 41-year-old man from Eagle River was arrested last week by Vilas County Sheriff's Office with the assistance of the Eagle River Police Department and the U.S. Marshals Service.

Justin A. King was arrested on a felony charge of first degree sexual assault of a child under the age of 12. A warrant was issued for his arrest April 21.

The sheriff's office could not locate King when the warrant was issued, so officials turned to the public by posting King's picture and information on the alleged charges on its Facebook page.

In an amended criminal complaint filed with Vilas County Circuit Court, it is alleged that King on or about Feb. 16 had sexual intercourse with a child under the age of 12.

The complaint states that the sheriff's office received a report of a sexual assault of a 7-year-old female child from Vilas County Social Services personnel, and that on Feb. 17, the child was evaluated by a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) where saliva and other DNA were obtained.



JUSTIN KING

Also Feb. 17, the sheriff's office executed a search warrant at the defendant's address where law enforcement officers were able to recover a pair of men's underwear that had been confirmed to be worn by the defendant.

The defendant returned to the same address where the search warrant had been executed, law enforcement executed another warrant authorizing the DNA collection of his saliva via buccal swab. King was then evaluated by a SANE in an effort to collect further evidence.

All appropriate DNA evidence collected of both the alleged victim and defendant, were subsequently conveyed to the Wisconsin State Crime

Laboratory for analysis.

According to the filed complaint, April 20, the sheriff's office received a certified report from the State Crime Laboratory that showed evidence that the genetic profile developed from the alleged victim's buccal swabs had "strong support for inclusion" in the mixed profile developed from the defendant's mons pubis swabs and in the mixed profile developed from the swabs of the inside of

underwear.

King was previously charged with second degree sexual assault of a child in August of 2009 in Oneida County. He ultimately pleaded guilty and was convicted of an amended charge of third degree sexual assault.

The Wisconsin Department of Corrections Sex Offender Registry shows King listed as a sex offender since October of 2009.

If convicted, King faces up to 60 years in prison.

DOT lifts Thaw and Class II road restrictions

The Department of Transportation (DOT) recently ended Spring Thaw and Class II road restrictions for 15 counties of Zone 1 in northern Wisconsin.

Class II roads include about 1,400 miles of state highways susceptible to damage from heavy trucks during the spring thaw period as frost leaves the ground, said officials.

County highways, town roads, city and village streets may also be posted or limited to legal load limits or less. Decisions to place or lift

weight restrictions on those roads are up to local units of government.

The department maintains an interactive map for seasonal weight restrictions on its website.

For more information on oversize/overweight permits, visit the DOT website or call (608) 266-7320.

For more information, regarding frozen road declarations, Class II roadways and roadway postings, visit the DOT website at wisconsin-dot.gov or contact (608) 266-8417.

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NEWS

Aspirus Health encourages clinical trial participation

Aspirus announced that there are opportunities for participation in many medical science clinical trials.

Clinical trials are reported to give patients access to the latest medicines and treatments and sometimes offer a solution when other treatments have failed.

These studies also give physicians and other providers early access and hands-on experience with promising new medications and medical devices.

The Aspirus Research Institute (ARI) was established in 1996 to help advance medical science.

ARI allows Aspirus providers to gain continuous insight into cutting-edge medical science and approaches to better patient care.

According to Aspirus Electrophysiologist Dr. Ronnie Ortiz, medical director of the ARI, nearly 90% of participants in conducted studies feel their healthcare outcomes improved because of participation in a study.

Clinical trials are medical research studies that rely on human volunteers. These studies determine if a new treatment or medical device is safe and effective. They may also be used to test new uses for existing treatments.

Clinical trials have ushered in some of medicine's most important breakthroughs, from the protease inhibitors that extend the lives of people with AIDS, to cholesterol lowering medication, to the latest cancer treatments, Aspirus representatives said.

By volunteering for these studies, patients may gain access to a promising new treatment that is not yet widely available. This may be particularly advantageous when conventional treatments fail to controlled diseases.

Participating in a research trial is free and some trials offer reimbursement for travel expenses.

Under federal guidelines, every trial in the United States must be approved and monitored by an institutional review board (IRB). This independent committee of Aspirus doctors, statisticians and community advocates, initially approve and then review all research to make sure any risks to volunteers are as low as possible and worth the potential benefits.

All trials have participation guidelines based on factors such as age, medical history and current health status. Some trials seek volunteers with illnesses or conditions to be studied in the trial, while others seek healthy volunteers.

Aspirus encourages potential participants to talk to their doctor when considering participation in a clinical trial. Participants do not have to have an Aspirus provider to participate in a research study.

Studies through the ARI are open to everyone who qualifies for the research guidelines.

Information about participation in the medical research through the ARI are available at aspirus.org/research.

Tavern month celebrates economic impacts of bar, restaurant industries

The Tavern League of Wisconsin (TLW), along with its 5,000 members, recognize May as National Tavern Month.

The special Tavern Month designation has been an annual tradition since 1953 and provides an opportunity to create awareness about the history, charitable giving and economic impact of the TLW and its members across the state.

Local taverns, bars and restaurants have a long history in Wisconsin as gathering places for celebrating and commiserating while spending time with friends.

TLW members also give significantly to charitable organizations and their businesses contribute to the economic prosperity of the state, said officials.

Each year, the Wisconsin Tavern League Foundation, the charitable arm of TLW, provides financial support for thousands of Wisconsin

charities, as well as the Tavern League's SafeRide program.

Funds for the foundation are raised throughout the year, during events hosted by local leagues in every county of Wisconsin.

In 2021, the Tavern League of Wisconsin was proud to contribute more than \$13.5 million to support nearly 10,000 charities across the state, explained officials.

More than 161,000 jobs are generated by the alcohol industry in Wisconsin — that's an important, positive impact on the economy, with pre-pandemic figures close to \$3.2 billion in total annual wages paid, and taxes totaling more than \$2.6 billion, said officials.

Every member of the TLW lives and works in their community, and they believe in supporting efforts to make their communities even better places to live and work, officials added. For more information, visit tlw.org.

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Part-time Teacher Assistant

Position begins ASAP
This is a year-round position

Starting pay is \$11.38 per hour and includes half-priced child care for your children. Pay scale increases by college credits and level on the Registry.

All interested persons must have a high school diploma or its equivalent. To apply for this position, you can fill out an application online or request one.

We are seeking individuals with a passion and dedication for working with a variety of children 4 weeks to 12 years old. Questions should be directed to the school office at 715-545-2724.

Position is open until filled.
Phelps School District is an equal opportunity employer.

4234

Northland Pines School District
Job Opening for Part-Time Custodian

Location: Northland Pines Land O Lakes Elementary

Positions will remain Open Until Filled

Note: This part-time Custodian opening is a school year position, second shift. If you are interested in applying and would like to see the full posting, please log on to our website at www.npsd.k12.wi.us and click on the tab that says "District" "Join Us" "Employment Opportunities" "Support Staff Vacancies" and click on the word **WECAN**. All applications are accepted through **WECAN**. If you have questions, the contact person for this opening is Dave Bohnen, Building & Grounds Director, at dbohnen@npsd.k12.wi.us or by phone at (715)-479-5031. Northland Pines is an Equal Opportunity Employer and complies with all applicable state and federal laws.

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Applications are available in the City Clerk's office:

Eagle River City Hall,
525 E. Maple Street in Eagle River,
Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm

4219

Northland Pines School District Job Opening for Full Time 2nd Shift Custodian

Location: Northland Pines Middle and High School
1800 Pleasure Island Rd.
Eagle River, WI

Positions will remain Open Until Filled

Note: This full time 2nd Shift Custodian opening is a year-round position. Northland Pines is looking for a highly motivated person with great attitude and public social skills. If you are interested in applying and would like to see the full posting, please log on to our website at www.npsd.k12.wi.us and click on the tab that says "District" "Join Us" "Employment Opportunities" "Support Staff Vacancies" and click on the word **WECAN**. All applications are accepted through **WECAN**. If you have questions, the contact person for this opening is Dave Bohnen, Building & Grounds Director, at dbohnen@npsd.k12.wi.us or by phone at 715-479-5031. Northland Pines is an Equal Opportunity Employer and complies with all applicable state and federal laws.

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The School District of Phelps is looking for a Full-time Teacher Aide

Position begins August 23, 2022
This is a school year position

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All interested persons must have a high school diploma or its equivalent.

To apply for this position, send a cover letter, resumé and 3 written references to:

Dr. Delnice Hill
4451 Old School Road
Phelps, WI 54554

We are seeking individuals with a passion and dedication for working with a variety of students in a school setting. Applicants must have a working knowledge of technology and the ability to work with children and adults. Questions should be directed to the school office at 715-545-2724.

Position is open until filled.

Phelps School District is an equal opportunity employer.

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Northland Pines School District Job Opening for Part-Time Custodian

Location: Northland Pines Saint Germain Elementary

Positions will remain Open Until Filled

Note: This part-time Custodian opening is a school year position, second shift. If you are interested in applying and would like to see the full posting, please log on to our website at www.npsd.k12.wi.us and click on the tab that says "District" "Join Us" "Employment Opportunities" "Support Staff Vacancies" and click on the word **WECAN**. All applications are accepted through **WECAN**. If you have questions, the contact person for this opening is Dave Bohnen, Building & Grounds Director, at dbohnen@npsd.k12.wi.us or by phone at (715)-479-5031. Northland Pines is an Equal Opportunity Employer and complies with all applicable state and federal laws.

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Conover Fire Department members, from left, Joe Framnef, Walker Beckett and Lt. Kevin Hartman along with Neale Brown of Amedicausa, gather for the recent collection of donated equipment that will be sent to Guatemala. —Photo By Jacki Hildebrandt

Local fire departments donate equipment to Central America

By JACKI HILDEBRANDT
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Fire departments from around Vilas County recently collected gear, equipment and medical supplies that could no longer be used by their agencies and donated them to Amedicausa.

Amedicausa is a nonprofit agency that provides services to those in need in Central America.

Items were collected from Conover, Phelps, Plum Lake and St. Germain fire departments, and the Conover Lions Club to send to Guatemala. Conover Fire Department served as the collection site.

Neale Brown of Amedicausa recently met with Lt. Kevin Hartman and other members of the Conover department to load a rental truck, but quickly realized there were too many items to fit in the truck.

Brown took items that could fit and delivered them to a sorting facility in Chicago, Ill. He returned to Conover on Saturday with items he picked up in Madison and collected the remaining items from Conover.

Hartman, along with fel-

low Conover firemen, Walker Beckett and Joe Framnef, assisted Brown in fully loading the truck for the return trip to Illinois.

Brown, a retired fireman, has collected and delivered equipment to South American countries since 2009, and with Amedicausa since 2015.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has strict guidelines in the U.S. for how long fireman can wear turnout gear or use equipment before it needs to be replaced. "Equipment used by American firefighters will age out before it wears out," he said.

"Rural agencies' equipment is sometimes not used daily and is usually in better condition than gear and equipment from departments in more populated cities," Brown said.

He added that the department in Guatemala would not have gear if it wasn't for the donated gear collected by Amedicausa.

Brown said donations have been picked up from 29 dif-



Lt. Kevin Hartman, left, and Walker Beckett, both of Conover Fire Department, load SCBAs and extra air bottles during a recent collection of donated equipment as part of Amedicausa project. —Photos By Jacki Hildebrandt

ferent states and one province in Canada.

Other items donated by the contributing agencies include 80 self-contained breathing apparatuses which included backpack and harness, air cylinder assembly, regulator assembly and facepiece assembly; 100 spare air bottles; one Stryker Ambulance cot; two backboards; a portable high-pressure pump; 30 water backpacks for use when fighting wild fires; 35 brush fire suits; 275 sets of turnout gear combined from all four local fire departments; and expired medical supplies from the ambulance departments.

Brown added they can take expired medical supplies but not leftover or expired medication.

Items were also donated by the Conover Lions Club from the medical closet it

maintains. The medical closet inventory had three and four of some items, and those were also donated. One item was a child's special needs wheelchair, and Brown commented he knew a girl who would be able to use it.

Brown said the donated items collected are sorted at a facility in Illinois and then hitch a ride with one of the Air Force transport training flights. He said the donations would not get to Guatemala if not for the United States Air Force.

Amedicausa is an acronym that defines a mission: aid for medicine, education and disasters in Central America.

While the organization collects the fire equipment donations, it also accepts monetary donations.

For more information on Amedicausa, visit amedicausa.org.

Spearers over-harvest two Oneida lakes

By DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

According to initial reports, members of the Lac du Flambeau (LDF) Band of Superior Chippewa over-harvested its 2022 quota on two separate Oneida County lakes on back-to-back nights.

Just days leading up to the Wisconsin fishing opener, as indicated in preliminary numbers sent from the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), on Tuesday, May 3 spearers took 47 too many walleyes on Dam Lake on the Sugar Camp Chain just southwest of Eagle River. One night later LDF also speared 121 more walleye than what was allowed on Squirrel Lake just west of Minocqua.

The report shows that nine spearers were on Dam Lake when the over-harvest occurred. A total of seven permits were allotted at the boat landing. Each permit allowed 22 walleyes to be speared for a total of 154 fish. A preliminary count showed that 201 fish were counted following spearing activity.

On Squirrel Lake, there were 28 spearers who took to the water Wednesday night. Twenty permits were handed out for 20 fish with one more that allowed for 13 fish to be speared for a total of 413 walleye. That is the exact amount permitted in the 2022 declarations in order to remain below 60% of the total safe harvest. In total spearers harvested 534 fish Wednesday night —121 fish over the predetermined quota.

According to DNR Communications Director Sarah Hoyer, all numbers reported daily are considered prelim-

inary, however staff will be following up with GLIFWC to confirm whether or not an exceedance of the declaration occurred, or if there was some other clerical explanation.

"This may take several days," said Hoyer. "However depending on the magnitude of the (over-harvest) angling regulations may need to be adjusted."

Emails back to Hoyer regarding if or when those adjustments to bag limits would be made, or whether any enforcement action would be taken, have gone unanswered.

In regards to the alleged over-harvest on Dam Lake in Oneida County, Hoyer said it was worth noting that "such an event is not technically 'over-harvest' as neither the long-nor short-term health of the fishery is jeopardized."

With respect to what appears to be a more severe over-harvest on Squirrel Lake in Oneida County, Hoyer noted that "incidents where declarations are exceeded are reviewed by both fisheries and law enforcement."

It was not stated what, if any, enforcement action with the tribe or those permitted spearers who were in violation of their quota would be taken. More on this story will come as information becomes available.

As of May 12 walleye harvest declarations have been met on 66 ceded territory lakes. No muskellunge declarations have been met to date.

The total harvest is 29,390 walleye and 106 muskie. The 2022 declaration for total number of fish allowed to be harvested is 56,715 walleyes and 1,485 muskies.

Drug Take Back yields 59,840 pounds of unwanted medication

Attorney General Josh Kaul recently announced that during last month's Drug Take Back Day, Wisconsin collected a total of 59,840 pounds of unwanted medications.

"Once again, folks from across Wisconsin stepped up to participate in Drug Take Back, and now 59,840 pounds of unused and unwanted medications will be safely disposed of," said Kaul.

Statewide, over 135 law enforcement agencies participated in Drug Take Back Day. Medications were also collected from permanent drug disposal boxes at law enforcement agencies.

Wisconsin has more than

490 permanent drug disposal boxes accessible year-round at law enforcement agencies, hospitals, pharmacies and health clinics. To find a permanent drug disposal box, visit doseofrealitywi.gov.

Unused or expired medicine should never be flushed or poured down the drain, said officials. Water reclamation facilities are not designed to remove all of them, and trace amounts of pharmaceuticals are showing up in rivers and lakes.

Collected medications were boxed, palletized, shrink-wrapped and transported to Covanta Energy Corp. in Indianapolis, Ind., where they will be incinerated.

Trails: St. Germain Highline Trail not open

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stay off of this trail until it is ready for ATV/UTV traffic. Riders also are asked to stay on trails marked as ATV/UTV trails or routes and follow the speed limits, as future development of additional trails depends on it, he said.

In Oneida County, trails maintained by the Hodag 4-Wheelers and Pel-Cho Mudd Nutz ATV-UTV clubs in the town of Enterprise, the Little Rice ATV Club in Little Rice and Lynne, the Lakeland ATV Club trail in the town of Woodruff, and the Nokomis ATV Club trail in Nokomis and Woodboro also are open.

Caution is urged as trails are in early season condition, meaning trail conditions may be wet in spots.

To check on what roads are open to ATV/UTV travel, riders should contact the individual town or local chamber of commerce.



St. Germain ATV Club officers Jeff Heeler, trail boss, and club President Gary Penner hold the sign that will mark entry onto the ATV/UTV Highline Trail a few hundred feet west of Thun-

derbird Bar and Grill and Highway J. The Bike and Hike Trail entrance is relatively close to the ATV/UTV Trail.

—Photo By Wally Geist

Off-highway motorcycles

The Vilas County Lando-ver DualSporters — the sponsor club of the off-highway motorcycle (OHM) trails — also opened OHM trails May 12. Club members said

that this opening date was achieved after many hours of trail work to clear brush from the winter ice and wind storms.

For more information on Vilas County area trails, call

Bierman at (715) 479-5160.

Information on trails in the Oneida County area can be found by contacting Paul Fiene, director of Oneida County Forestry Department, at (715) 369-6140.

BID NOTICE

The Town of Cloverland is requesting Bids on the following road: Repair the hole in Blacktop on Zeman Road at State Hwy. 70 by the snowmobile crossing on Zeman Road. Dig up blacktop to find what is causing the hole, fill in and add road base if needed. Compact and add 2 1/4 inches of blacktop 20 feet wide then add Thermoplastic according to WI DOT Specs 15 feet wide and what is needed to cover the snowmobile crossing.

You can mail bids to P.O. Box 1565, Eagle River, WI. 54521. All envelopes must have the word bids on it. You can drop off bids at the town hall between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. on June 1st. All bids must be in by Wednesday, June 1st, at 11 a.m. for the Cloverland Town Board meeting. The Town of Cloverland has the right to refuse any and all bids. If you have any questions call the Town Chairman Scott Maciosek at 715-479-3408.

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BID NOTICE

The Town of Cloverland is requesting Bids on the following road: Repair the wash out on Pickerel Lake Road at Pickerel Creek. Redo road in that area to stop rain water washing out the blacktop. Put in run offs to run the water off the road and add road base if needed. Compact and add 2 1/4 inches of blacktop 20 feet wide.

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NEWS



Northern Lights Snowmobile Club members Ken and Carol Zator, left, present a \$24,000 check to Bill Scheurer and Tom Bartel of Three Lakes-Brule River Trails at the club's annual board of directors meeting. —Contributed Photo

Northern Lights Snowmobile Club donates \$24,000 to trail grooming

Northern Lights Snowmobile Club members Ken and Carol Zator recently presented a \$24,000 check to Three Lakes-Brule River Trails at the club's annual board of directors meeting.

Bill Scheurer and Tom Bartel accepted the donation on behalf of Brule River Trails. The Zators are among other members who volunteer their time to help Northern Lights Snowmobile Club raise funds to support grooming operations on the 186

miles of area snowmobile trails. Grooming is carried out by Three Lakes-Brule River Trails. This donation is in addition to a \$12,000 donation provided in January. Northern Lights is a snow-

mobiling social club with 494 members. In addition to club snow activities, members actively fundraise to support the local trail grooming organization. For more information, visit northernlightsclub.com.

Spring cleaning date set for Forest Lodge

Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest (CNNF) and Northland College welcome the public to participate in the spring cleanup activities scheduled on Saturday, May 21, from 9 a.m. to noon at Forest Lodge. Volunteers are able to help with a wide variety of projects including, opening and cleaning the screen porch of guest house, uncovering benches by Lake Namekagon, arranging picnic tables and furniture, general trail and yard cleanup, working in gardens and more. Water and snacks will be provided. Volunteers should bring their own lunch. It is recommended to dress for the weather and wear layers. Volunteers should also bring their own work gloves. Additional tools and supplies will be provided.

Forest Lodge is a unique 872-acre estate with more than a dozen primary buildings, constructed in the 1920s and 1930s and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It was conveyed from private owner Mary Griggs Burke to the CNNF in 1999 through the Trust for Public Land. Forest Lodge also serves as a site for the Northland College Mary Griggs Burke Center for Freshwater Innovation, as well as a site for Northland College summer programs. If interested in attending the spring cleanup at Forest Lodge, RSVP by May 19 via email to nicole.g.molitor@usda.gov. For additional information, contact Ginger Molitor at (715) 638-0272.

Safe grilling tips offered to reduce fires, injury

As the holiday and summer months grow closer, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reminds everyone of basic safety tips to grill and celebrate safely. Fire departments responded to an average of 10,600 home fires annually involving grills, hibachis or barbecues according to NFPA's research from 2014-'18.

This includes 4,900 structure fires and 5,700 outside or unclassified fires. These fires resulted in an annual average of 10 civilian deaths, 160 civilian injuries and \$149 million in direct property damage. Officials said the leading causes of grill fires include failing to clean the grill, the heat source being located too close to combustible materials, leaving equipment unattended and leaks or breaks in the grill or fuel source. "As grilling season approaches, it is important to review basic safety tips especially if the grill hasn't been used over the winter," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. "Establishing a firesafe location for using your grill is also crucial, to make sure it is a safe distance from your home and other items that can burn," she added.

Officials said a yearly average of 19,700 patients per year went to emergency rooms because of injuries involving grills. Nearly half (9,500 or 48%) of the injuries were thermal burns, including both burns from fire and from contact with hot objects; 5,200 thermal burns per year were caused by such contact or other non-fire events. Children under the age of five accounted for an average of 2,000, or 39%, of the contact-type burns per year. These burns typically occurred when someone, often a child, bumped into, touched, or fell on the grill, grill part or hot coals, officials explained. NFPA offers these tips and recommendations for enjoying a fire-safe grilling season:

- For propane grills, check the gas tank for leaks before use in the months ahead.
- Individuals should keep their grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Place the grill well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Always make sure the gas grill lid is open before lighting it.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grilling area.
- If starter fluid is used when charcoal grilling, only use charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire. When finished grilling, let the coals cool completely before disposing in a metal container.
- Never leave a grill unattended when in use.

For more information, visit nfpa.org.



Taking part in the check presentation are, from left, Cate Wilson, director of nursing at Aspirus Eagle River Hospital; Kelli Klæssig, manager at Aspirus Eagle River Clinic; Teri Theiler, North Wisconsin Division president at Aspirus Health; Kathi Senoraske, director of primary care clinics at Aspirus Health; Dr. Erika Crockford, pri-

mary care physician at Aspirus Eagle River Clinic; Karen Margelofsky, executive director at Eagle River Revitalization Program, Inc.; and Nancy Schuller, Design Committee member at Eagle River Revitalization Program, Inc. —Staff Photo By SARA CARIAS

Aspirus donates to Riverview Park playground improvement project

BY SARA CARIAS
ASST. EDITOR

The Riverview Park playground in Eagle River is currently in the middle of a three-phase plan to replace playground equipment and transform the playground into an all-inclusive area for locals to enjoy.

The Eagle River Revitalization Program (ERRP) board saw the playground's need for repairs and improvements, so along with the guidance of its design committee, it created the three-phase plan for the playground's upgrade, said ERRP Executive Director Karen Margelofsky.

Phase One was completed in 2021 with the removal of old playground equipment by Public Works, and the purchase and installation of the first section of the new playground by ERRP.

This first section included playground equipment such as a climbing wall, two-bar step climbers, a curved slide and some ground panels which include a little storefront.

Margelofsky said Phase One cost \$28,000 and was funded by \$13,000 from

ERRP and \$9,000 from the Business Improvement District, both which came from three years of budgeted money for Riverview Park improvements; \$5,000 from the city of Eagle River; and \$1,000 from Incredible Bank and other private donors.

ERRP is currently fundraising for Phase Two, which is estimated to cost \$24,000, according to Margelofsky. Aspirus Eagle River Hospital recently donated \$1,000 to this phase of the playground project.

"This phase will extend the playground with a flex climber and double swoosh slide that we hope to install this summer upon receiving funding," she added.

Phase Three is estimated at \$52,000 and will include the "most all-inclusive features to make the playground easily usable and accessible for anyone," Margelofsky said.

She added that this will include a poured, rubberized surface estimated at \$23,000 and a new We-saw™ seesaw estimated at \$15,000.

This area will also include musical features, such as three large free-standing drums estimated at \$2,000

each, a Rhapsody® Metallophone estimated at \$5,000, as well as a molded bucket swing for the swings area estimated at \$1,000.

Margelofsky added, "We are very excited to bring this all-inclusive playground to the community."

For those interested in donating to the Riverview Park playground project, donations are being accepted

at Incredible Bank in Eagle River under "ERRP-Playground," via mail to: Eagle River Revitalization Program-Playground, P.O. Box 2302, Eagle River, WI 54521, or online at eagleriverrevitalization.org.

For more information or to fund a piece of equipment, contact Margelofsky at (715) 477-0645 or at karen@eagleriverrevitalization.org.

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SPORTS

Pines baseball swept by Hodags; six games coming in seven days

BY DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northland Pines baseball team had a rough week in Great Northern Conference (GNC) play, losing 8-3 at home to Rhinelander early in the week, and then losing a mid-game lead at Hodag Park last Friday as they dropped the second game to the Hodags, 10-5.

"Both of those were one of those games where it was a lot closer than the score indicated," Pines coach Peter Aerts said. "We need timely hits. Sometimes you just go through stretches like that in baseball and we can't always control that."

"I thought we did some good things overall, but Rhinelander just got on base a few more times, had a few more hits with guys in scoring position and did things just a little bit better overall."

At home last Tuesday, after a brief weather delay to start the game, Pines Brady Beyer took to the mound. After working through a scoreless first inning, he surrendered four runs in the second as he walked three batters, gave up two hits and had a couple of wild pitches that also aided the Hodags.

"It's tough to give good teams free bases," said Aerts. "We still had opportunities after that to get back in the game."

Pines responded with two in the bottom of the second as Jack Bunter singled, then moved to second on an Owen Will single to put two on with one away.

After Eric Nagel walked, Devin Kevilus and Matt Szafranski each singled to bring home a pair of runners and close the gap to 4-2.

"I thought both Matt and



Eagles third baseman Owen Will prepares for a throw from his catcher as a Rhinelander base stealer bears down on him during last week's

home loss to the Hodags. Shortstop Matt Vedder works to get into position behind the play.

—Staff Photo By DOUG ETTEN

Jack had good weeks offensively," said Aerts. "We need though to put more good at bats together in a row."

Rhinelander got an insurance run in the fourth, going up 5-1. They would then add two more in the sixth and one in the seventh as seven of the last eight Pines hitters went down in order.

Beyer took the loss, going five innings on 82 pitches. He allowed five earned runs while striking out six and walking six. Kevilus and Szafranski pitched the final two innings.

Szafranski had two hits on the day while Will, Kevilus, Matt Vedder and Bunter each had hits.

In the Friday game after Rhinelander scratched across a run in the first, Pines took a lead in the second as back-to-back doubles from Bunter and Austin Samanske started the inning. A walk to James McCormack, error off the bat of Beyer also assisted as each of them would come around

to score to help Pines take a 4-1 lead.

That lead would go to 5-1 after the third inning as Vedder walked, then advanced to second on a Bunter single. He scored on Samanske's second double of the night.

But Rhinelander got to Pines starter Owen Will in the fourth, scoring five runs, all earned. They quickly jumped back in front 6-5 and didn't look back. They added three more in the fifth and one in the sixth to take a 10-5 win.

Both Samanske and Bunter had two hits apiece while Samanske knocked in two runs. Nagel had the only other hit for Pines who fell to 3-6 in the conference and 7-7 overall.

The team has a busy week ahead as they played Monday in Merrill and then headed to Tomahawk on Tuesday. They will likely make up a game at home either Wednesday or Friday with Tomahawk, then also play at Three Lakes this

Thursday before hosting a four-team tourney Saturday.

"This is the fun part of high school baseball toward the end of the season," said Aerts. "We get to go out and play a lot. We've been preparing our pitchers for a stretch like this."

The WIAA Division 3 seeding meeting is Wednesday where they'll find out their playoff fate along with Auburndale, Crandon, Marathon, Stratford, Tomahawk and Wittenberg-Birnawood.

"I'd be happy if we win these next two games and push for a home playoff game," said Aerts. "I think winning two games sets us up well."

One of their tournament opponents this weekend will be Wrightstown, which Aerts called a good challenge before going into postseason play.

"We're good enough we can compete with those schools," he said.

Sports Sidelines

By Doug Etten



Shooting woes hurt Bucks in playoffs

In efforts to defend their first NBA championship in over 50 years, the Milwaukee Bucks fell short Sunday.

The absence of forward Khris Middleton hung a black cloud over the team throughout their Eastern Conference semifinal series against the Boston Celtics.

After Boston connected on 22 shots from behind the three-point line compared to just three for Milwaukee, it was obvious the lack of shooting prowess on the perimeter cost Milwaukee dearly in the 109-81 loss in game seven.

Scoring, or the lack thereof, was the ultimate demise in the series as the Bucks failed to reach 100 points in three of the seven games (all losses) and were badly outshot from behind the 3-point line.

Boston made 53 more 3-pointers than Milwaukee in the series, which according to research by ESPN Stats & Information, is by far the largest gap in a single series in NBA postseason history.

Without shooter Khris Middleton, who sprained a knee ligament in his left knee during game two of their first-round matchup with the Chicago Bulls, Bucks star Giannis Antetokounmpo did his best to carry the team through the series.

According to statistics he averaged 33.9 points offensively to go along with, 14.7 rebounds and 7.1 assists during the series against Boston, a defense that finished tops in the NBA this past season in efficiency.

With three 40-point games this postseason Antetokounmpo finished with as many 40 point games as the Celtics surrendered all season. And Antetokounmpo became the first player in league history to score 200 points, grab 100 rebounds and dish out 50 assists during a single series.

The disappointing thing about the Bucks loss was their inability to win game six.

After stealing two of the first four games on the road, Milwaukee had a chance to come back home and win the series in six games at Fiserv Forum. Instead they laid an egg, falling behind by 10 points at the half and never really threatening after pulling to within four with eight minutes to go in the game, eventually losing by 13 and sending the series back to Boston where the Celtics rolled.

Milwaukee will have options of resigning Pat Connaughton and Bobby Portis in the offseason, but likely won't get both.

If Middleton would have played, the Bucks likely would have won this series with Boston. However, not having him stretched the defense, and after watching a key part of their 2021 championship team walk in P.J. Tucker, Milwaukee will hopefully learn from history and know they'll likely need to add a defensive piece of the puzzle if they want to make a run again in 2023.

Lady Bluejays soccer team picks up third win of season, 3-1 over Phillips

BY DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

After what coach Kelley Griesbach called a stretch of tough opponents and games, the Three Lakes-Phelps girls soccer team was rewarded with a hard-fought 3-1 win over Phillips last week.

Goals by Addie Lehmann, Kara Sowinski and Sylvia Klotz paced the offense for the Lady Bluejays in what was the first game back for an offense that was succumb by injuries over the course of the last few weeks.

"The girls strung together beautiful passes, and worked on covering openings on the field when a player had to assist in a play," said Griesbach. "It was a good win on what was also senior night and parents' night. It was great that our girls got to recognize their families who support them through and through during our season. We had a great turnout of parents/families and the storms held off the whole night."

Griesbach said that leading into the game with Phillips, it had been a hard go of things due to injuries depleting her team's roster.

"We've had some hard times lately," she said. "We are definitely getting back to more solid ground with some more players coming back from injury."

After starting the season with three consecutive shut-out losses, the team was able to get a 5-0 win over Antigo, and just days later follow it up



Three Lakes' Sylvia Klotz (No. 19) battles for control of the ball against a Phillips defender during last week's contest.

—Photo By Kerry Griebenow

with a 7-0 shutout win over Phillips.

A 1-8 loss to Amherst followed by losses to Northland Pines and Bayfield though led into the recent win over Phillips. This past week the team also suffered an 8-0 loss to Kingsford to put their season

record at 3-9 overall.

The team will get a pair of home games this week, after hosting Pines this past Monday and then also hosting Washburn-Bayfield this Friday.

The team will begin preparations then for the postsea-

son as they'll await to see where they will fall in the seeding along with Amery, Baldwin-Woodville, Northland Pines, Phillips, Regis-McDonnell Catholic, Spooner and Washburn-Bayfield.

First round playoff games are set to begin May 31.

Pines golf home meet postponed due to weather

BY DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northland Pines golf invite was postponed last week after golfers were unable to finish their Thursday round due to the afternoon storm that passed through Eagle River. That meet was rescheduled for this past Monday, but results were not available as of press time.

Friday however, the Pines team met the rest of the Great Northern Conference at Timber Ridge Golf Course in Minocqua where the Eagles' Logan Kramsvogel was able to crack into the top 10, scoring a ninth place finish with a round of 83 on the tough, tight par 72 course.

"Logan's finish inside a field of 35 golfers was definitely a bright spot," said coach Paul Logan.

It was the second consecutive finish in a scoring position for Kramsvogel after he earned 1.5 points at Northwood Golf Club in Rhinelander the meet prior.

Lakeland dominated on their home course Friday, winning the meet with a combined total of 295, a new season-low total for the fivesome.

Medford took runner-up honors with a team score of 329, followed by Antigo (345), Mosinee (349), Rhinelander (351), Northland Pines (395) and Tomahawk (400).

Following the low team round from Kramsvogel was Gabe Smith who had a 93. Freshman Anthony Gaetano

carded a 105 for his first varsity tournament. Evan Burke shot a 114 followed by Lexi Thomas with a 119.

After finishing their round at Eagle River Monday, the team heads to Antigo on Tuesday before finishing the regular season Friday at the Rhinelander Invite.

Conference standings

Lakeland (35 points) hasn't clinched the team title as of yet, but with a five point lead and just two meets remaining they are going to be the league champs provided they finish at least third or better in the final two tournaments. They've won every meet so far this season by an average of 26 shots.

Medford is in second place with 30 points followed by Rhinelander (23), Antigo (19), Mosinee (17) Pines (11) and Tomahawk (5).

The T-Birds also hold the top four individual spots in the standings for Player Of The Year, led by Nomm with 46 total points so far. He's trailed by Olson (33), Rubo (31.5) and Haggart (31). Joey Volpentesta is in fifth place with 26 points followed by Caleb Heckel of Medford with 22 points.

Kramsvogel is the only Pines player to score any conference points so far this season. He is currently in 15th place overall with 2.5 points on the season.

SPORTS

Bluejays walk-off 3-2 over Crivitz, to host Tigerton in D5 postseason

BY DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Three Lakes/Phelps girls softball team went 2-3 on the week, falling in a pair of Northern Lakes Conference (NLC) games while defeating Marion big and earning a 3-2 win over Crivitz this past Saturday.

"The Crivitz win was a good one as they're a program that is always solid," said coach Tony Lorbeteske. "The girls have been playing well, considering all the shuffling that's been going on with the schedule."

Crivitz would get the Bluejays back in the second game of the double-header, winning 10-4.

In game one Mari Szews pitched well, allowing just three hits, walking one and striking out a total of 15 Crivitz hitters.

With Three Lakes/Phelps playing as the home team in the first game, Szews sat Crivitz down in order in the first, and then worked around a leadoff double in the second and a two-out error in the third to strand base runners in scoring position in each.

The Bluejays grabbed the lead in the fourth as Jenna

Erikson had a bunt single to start the inning, then moved into scoring position before a RBI-single from Ruth Jankovic scored Erikson to make it 1-0 Three Lakes/Phelps.

Crivitz came back in the fifth, scoring two runs off a walk, passed ball, error and single to make it 2-1 after five.

In the sixth, Erikson again got things going with a one-out single. She would move to second on a wild pitch and then eventually come around to score on a double by Jankovic to make it 2-2.

Things stayed tied through the bottom of the seventh until the Bluejays threatened again. Kaya Szews led off the inning with a single, then moved up to second on a throwing error by the shortstop. After advancing to third on a passed ball, Erikson drove a ground ball to short which was enough to get Szews across in the bottom of the eighth to take the 3-2 win.

The Jays defeated Marion at home, 13-6.

The Bluejays scored two in the first, four in the second and fourth innings while adding one more in the fifth and two in the sixth.

Mari Szews scored four times on the day with a single, double and triple accounting for three of the teams' 10 hits

on the day. Erikson had a pair of hits, as did Kaya Szews and Jankovic. Olivia Terlizzi had a run-scoring single also.

Kaya and Mari Szews split the pitching duties with Kaya going the first three innings, allowing five runs on four hits, walking one and striking out six. Mari would go the final four innings, allowing one run on three hits and one walk. She struck out nine.

NLC standings, playoffs

With losses to Lona-Wabeno and Crandon last week, Three Lakes/Phelps has settled into the middle of the pack in the NLC at 4-5. That mark however was still good enough, combined with the Bluejays strength of schedule, to earn a home playoff game as the team will enter the Division 5 playoffs as the No. 3 seed in their nine-team Regional.

The team will face Tigerton in their first game of the postseason. That game will take place in Three Lakes May 24 with the winner advancing to the Regional championship game against either No. 7 seeded Bowler-Gresham or No. 2 seeded Edgar.

Tigerton is just 4-8 on the season, which is down from what Lorbeteske said is traditionally a strong program.



Three Lakes/Phelps sophomore catcher Kaya Szews (No. 3) puts her bat to the ball during a recent NLC contest against rival Crandon. —Photo By Kerry Griebenow

"They had a change in coaches here recently and have been sort've rebuilding since," he said. "In the play-

offs though anything can happen, so we have to show up ready to play."

The top seed in the Regional went to Pacelli while other teams include Rosholt, Northland Lutheran-Wisconsin Valley Lutheran, Marion and Newman Catholic.

If Three Lakes/Phelps wins their opener they'll play

Thursday, May 26 for the Regional crown. That game will be played at the site of the higher seed meaning the Bluejays will need Bowler-Gresham to upset Edgar if they want a second home playoff game that week.

A full run down of the WIAA brackets can be found online at wiaa.org.

Eagles beat Antigo 3-0 to pick up third GNC win

BY GARY RIDDERBUSCH
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Northland Pines girls soccer team improved to 3-3 in the Great Northern Conference (GNC) with a 3-0 victory over Antigo last Tuesday.

The injury-riddled Eagles got one of its starters back and tried two others, but they were not able to play, according to Pines coach Rodney Sternhagen.

Pines started out of the gate scoring just 1 minute, 40 seconds into the game when a perfect through ball from Samantha Haiduk to Carolyn Schaars resulted in Schaars putting it in the far corner of the net.

"I challenged the girls to switch the field and play the ball wide," said Sternhagen. "They did a great job executing it consistently."

The Eagles fired 18 shots in the first half, but the Pines only took a 1-0 lead into the intermission.

It wasn't until 60-minute mark that Eggleston slid a ball to a waiting Anna Westfall, who tapped it past the Antigo keeper. Then at 69 minutes, Schaars made a beautiful cross and Westfall took it off the chest into the back of the net for her second goal.

Pines took 40 shots in the game and had 24 on net, but had a hard time finding the back of the net.

"Hats off to Antigo's keeper who had a great game," said Sternhagen.

Emily Rottier-Douangmala was in the net the first half for Pines and recorded one save. Rose Tyler was in net the second half and did not have any shots on her. Pines had six corner kicks and four fouls. Antigo had three fouls and no corners.

Waupaca tourney

Pines traveled to Waupaca last Saturday, playing two games with temperatures in the upper 80s. The Eagles also played without three starters and Grace Witkopf

went down early in the first half of the first game versus Marinette.

The Eagles dominated possession early, but Marinette scored 13 minutes into the game on a deflected cross.

In the 20th minute, Pines battled back and a beautifully placed cross from Schaars to Westfall, who put her head on the ball and into the back of the net to make it 1-1.

Just before the 25th minute of the first half, Marinette played a through ball from about 30 yards out. Rottier-Douangmala came out to stop it and the ball slipped through her legs to make it 2-1 at the half.

In 5th minute in the second half, Marinette took a long shot into the upper corner.

"This was preventable as our defense just kept backing up. If you give a girl with a leg that much room to shoot, they will make it hurt," said Sternhagen.

But Pines continued to battle with very few substitutions and in the 8th minute of the second half, Westfall scored her second goal of the game by beating the Marinette goalie to a through ball. She scored to make it 3-2.

"I have been telling our girls they have the same right to the space as the goalies. If you force her to be uncomfortable she will make a mistake and Anna did just that," said Sternhagen.

Pines rang two more balls off the cross bar and one off the post late in the game and in the last minute, Haiduk broke free inside the 18-yard box and fired a one-on-one shot versus goalie, but the Marinette tender made a diving save to thwart an Eagles' comeback.

Pines had 17 total shots, with 15 on frame. The Eagles also put up seven corners to just one for Marinette in the 3-2 loss. Rottier-Douangmala made six saves for Pines.



Pines junior Elyn Reese (No. 7) battles for possession with Rhinelander's McKenna Brown during a conference game at the Hodag Dome recently. —Staff Photo By DOUG ETTEN

"These hurt when you know the girls, despite being short-handed, played their hearts out and out-possessed the other team, but yet again come up short," said Sternhagen.

Pines lost to Menasha 3-0 in the second game of the tourney.

"They were a strong team in the midfield; probably the strongest we played all year," said Sternhagen. "They were big and physical, yet our girls did not give up. Menasha was subbing six at a clip and we had JV players logging significant minutes on the field. They contributed and worked hard. They all earned their varsity letter this Saturday."

Menasha scored in the 16th minute of the first half with a nice give and go. Then in the 31st minute, they scored again on the same play. In the 12th minute of the second half, Menasha took a corner and Pines attempted to clear the ball, but the ball hit off an Eagles' defender and deflected into the back of the net.

"I will take that every time when our girls are outworking their opponent and the other team gets the unlucky bounce," said Sternhagen.

Rottier-Douangmala had 12 saves on 24 Menasha shots.

"We had two nice opportunities but couldn't find the back of the net, but showed times where we could put pressure on and play with this D-2 school," said Sternhagen. The third game of the tourney was slotted to be against Amherst, but they forfeited because of injuries.

"This shows the tenacity and heart the Northland Pines girls have with seven or eight injuries and having four starters out," said Sternhagen. "These ladies were still fighting and playing their hearts out. We are improving every game and I strongly believe we can make a run in playoffs if we can get healthy."

Pines, 3-3 in the GNC and 5-7 overall, was scheduled to play at Three Lakes in a non-conference game on Monday of this week and will host Rhinelander in a GNC game on Tuesday on Senior Night.

The Eagles also will host Mosinee this Thursday, May 19, at 5 p.m. in a GNC game and will host Spooner in a nonconference game this Friday, May 20, starting at 4:30 p.m.

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SPORTS

Three Lakes-Phelps competes at Hatchet Invite following rainout at Rhinelander

BY DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

Prior to being rained out in Rhinelander last Thursday, the Three Lakes-Phelps Bluejays Track & Field teams got one competition in, traveling to Tomahawk Tuesday for the annual Hatchet Invitational.

The competition saw teams from Ashland, Hurley, Lakeland Union, Mercer, Northland Pines, Rhinelander and host Tomahawk.

The Jays took home six event titles, three of them courtesy of Kallie Volk.

"Kallie has been on a mission of grit and dominance lately," said head coach Andy Wyss.

That was on full display again in Tomahawk as Volk broke her own school record in the 400-meter dash, just days after setting the mark last week at a home meet in Three Lakes. Volk's winning time in Tomahawk was a minute flat, 1.08 seconds better than her time last Tuesday.

Volk's time in the 400-meters is now the fastest time in Division 3 this season, and the 16th fastest 400-meter dash time in Wisconsin across all divisions.

"The field in that girls 400 at Tomahawk was stacked," said Wyss. "She was seeded third going into it. And she took advantage of having that great, fast competition to run against."

Volk also went on to win the 200-meter dash in a personal best time of 26.38 seconds, and the high jump with a leap of 5-0.

A trio of boys earned the other three event titles starting with senior captain Trevin Walkowski who won the 100-meter dash in a time of 11.32 seconds.

Sophomore Toby Volkmann won the high jump, clearing 5-10. And senior Jason Berube won the pole vault with a winning height of 13-feet.

"Our boys have been consistently good and consistently improving all year long," added Wyss. "It's great to see."

The Jays also had three event runners-up led by juniors Karlee Weavers and Gus Fink who each finished second in the shot put, throwing 32-5 1/4 and 42-9 3/4, respectively.

Senior jumper Sam Eppler took second in the triple jump, hitting 39-10. Weavers also notched a third place finish in the girls Discus, throwing a season-best 89-5.

In addition to winning the high jump, Volkmann also claimed a third place in the long jump (18-5). And the 4x200-meter relay team of Volkmann, Eppler, Berube and Walkowski finished third as well, running a collective 1:36.67.



Sam Eppler takes an early lead ahead of Rhinelander and Northland Pines runner Frank Mila-nowski during the boys 3,200-meter relay at Tomahawk last week. —Contributed Photo

A fourth place finish was earned by the boys 4x800-meter relay team of Eppler, Connor Hanneman, Eli Nafziger and Jesse Kleinhans (9:56.75). Rounding out the top five was Gus Fink who threw a personal-best 123-feet in the discus to take fifth in that event.

The shorthanded girls team, missing three point scorers in Kara Sowinski, Willow Schroeder and Sophia Nafziger, totaled 44 points to finish seventh of eight teams.

Tomahawk was the meet winner on the girls side. The boys team fared better, finishing fifth of eight, ahead of Tomahawk, Hurley and Mercer. Rhinelander boys won the meet on the boys side.

"In my opinion, this was a good tune-up meet for us," said Wyss. "And it was our first taste of the summer heat. We've gotten used to competing in 50-degree weather, not 80-degree weather. And we need to be able to handle both."

As mentioned earlier, the

Bluejays were scheduled to be in Rhinelander last Thursday night for their final regular-season meet. But after several thunderstorm delays, the meet was canceled out-

right. Three Lakes-Phelps will host the Northern Lakes Conference meet Tuesday of this week, leading into WIAA Regionals and Sectionals the following week.

Pines track squads prepare for GNC meet in Antigo

BY DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northland Pines girls track and field team finished fifth and the boys team ended the night in the runner-up position as both squads took part in the Hatchet Invitational hosted by Tomahawk last Tuesday night.

"I thought the girls team had one of their best meets of the season in this one," said Pines coach Josh Rhode. "They have been not only improving in their individual events, but also becoming more mentally tough. This has been a goal since the start of the season and I feel like the team is now coming into their own."

Rhode said his meet MVP award went to Nora Gremban for her team-high 16 points on the night. It helped the team to a 68.5 point total, behind Tomahawk (120.5), Ashland (120), Lakeland (114.5) and Rhinelander (85.5). Pines outscored sixth place Hurley (65), Three Lakes (44) and Mercer (36).

Gremban's success in the distance events continued as she won the 3200-meter run and also took home a third-place finish against what Rhode said was a "talented group" in the 400-meter dash.

"Nora continues to impress and in this one raced in a sprint event that she doesn't typically compete in," he said. "It was a great performance by Nora and we are excited to see her compete at the GNC meet on Tuesday."

The most outstanding performance award from Rhoden went to Frankie Will for her huge 66-second improvement in the 3,200-meter run.

"Frankie is a great com-

petitor, and was able to put all her training into action as she ran the best 3,200 run of her career," he said. "We love to see senior runners show such an amazing performance as they reach the end of their high school career."

Along with her personal-best time in the 3,200, Will also placed fifth in the 1,600-meter run.

Paige Hodkiewicz, Samantha Krueger, Kinsey Neff, Iris Nordine, Alana Siegmeier, and Sloan Snedden also had notable performances in their individual events.

On the boys side, Rhode said his team had one of their best meets as a collective group.

"We were still 14 points short of Rhinelander, but we saw great performances across the board," he said. "It really was a great team effort as we had eight guys chip in at least 10 points for the team."

The meet MVP award went to Andrew Hartwig for his 26.5 points in four events.

Hartwig won the 300-meter hurdles, took second in the 110-hurdles and took a third in the high jump.

"He is a versatile athlete who always is focused on improving," said Rhode. "Andrew is running faster than he ever has and we are excited to see his times keep improving."

The most outstanding performance award went to Isaiah Samuelson for his nearly 20-foot improvement in the discus throw.

"Isaiah has been dedicated to the discus event and coach Tim Jacques has been working hard to get Isaiah to this point," said Rhode. "Isaiah is now part of the 100-foot club and we are eager to see him continue to get better."

Kaemyn Heritage, Sam Breager, Zach Ritter, Emmett Smith, and Ryan Muench also had notable performances. Jack Gjovick won the triple jump (40-3) while Muench (36-0) and Milt Versmen (34-4) were fifth and sixth place, respectively. Gjovick also was tops in the long jump (20-0 1/4).

Rhinelander (160) won the team title on the boy's side. They were followed by Pines (146), Lakeland (115), Ashland (80), Three Lakes (72), Tomahawk (65), Hurley (27) and Mercer.

Both the boys and girls teams will be in action at the Great Northern Conference meet hosted by Antigo on Tuesday of this week.

Regionals and Sectional events will then be set for the following week.



HOLE IN ONE! — Bill Kuhn got an early season hole in one at the Eagle River Golf Course May 10. This was his second hole in one on hole 7. Kuhn hit a 5 hybrid rescue club. —Contributed Photo

NHAL franchise announces Windigo name, mascot

BY CHRIS OATMAN
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Wisconsin Windigo has been selected as the team name and mascot for the incoming North American Hockey League (NAHL) team as it gets set for its first season in Eagle River this fall.

The Copper Island Hockey Club LLC, owners of the team, made the Wisconsin Windigo choice from 153 entries in their team naming contest and announced the winning name, May 3.

"It was really neat to see some of the entries, and we're excited to move ahead with the Windigo name and insignia," said Cooper Island Hockey Club partner, David Rowe.

The name was submit-

ted by 13-year-old Jonathon Gould, who is a goaltender in the Eagle River Recreation Association's (ERRA) youth hockey program.

"I was playing some goaltender virtual reality when I came off that and my dad said, 'sit

down, we need to talk about something,'" said Gould. "I was pretty speechless and super happy. It's pretty cool to get this recognition."

The Windigo, also spelled Wendigo, is a mythical creature said to haunt the Great Lakes region, especially during winter blizzards. The Windigo has several characterizations, but is generally referred to as a giant antlered reindeer-like beast.

In recent years, the Windigo has become somewhat of

a fixture in North American pop culture. It has become a frequent subject in film and literature.

It is featured in novels such as Rick Yancey's "The Curse of the Wendigo" and Stephen King's "Pet Sematary."

The Windigo also appears in the "My Little Pony" cartoon, Marvel comics and video games.

"My teammates and I had a couple of conversations about mythical creatures," said Gould. "Until then, I hadn't heard about the Windigo."

"I just thought that it was kind of a good name. It was unique. It was local, like the Great Lakes region, Michigan, Wisconsin. That's why I decided to enter the name."

Jonathon will receive game tickets and Windigo team

apparel for winning the contest. His father, Tim Gould, said it's been special for his son to win.

"It's built his confidence," he said. "People at school, teachers and classmates, say things to him about their excitement that he was able to name the team. When I told him, he just kind of sat there with his mouth open just in awe that the team is going to be the Wisconsin Windigos."

The NAHL is a 29-team league based in Dallas. It's a Tier 2 Junior A hockey league sanctioned by USA Hockey. In the past five years, over fifteen hundred NAHL players have made NCAA commitments and thirty more with NAHL ties have been selected in the National Hockey League draft.

"I think to have an NAHL team here is going to give the local communities an opportunity to have their skaters seen and will provide exposure for our youth players as they continue to grow and play in high school," said Tim Gould.

"A lot of my teammates, we all want to at least get to the NAHL," said Jonathon Gould. "It's cool that I might end up playing for the team that I named."

Could that happen? Well, Jonathon's uncle, Bobby Gould, was a standout goalie at Northland Pines High School. He went on to play at UW-Stevens Point, where he was named a Division III All-American.

Rowe stated that the club will begin establishing more of a Windigo footprint in the



The Wisconsin Windigo will be the team name and logo for the team's inaugural season. —Contributed Image

coming weeks with releases of the teams official website and social media platforms. For more information, visit nahl.com.

SPORTS

Bluejays baseball team gets top seed in WIAA Division 4 Regional playoffs

BY DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

Following back-to-back Northern Lakes Conference (NLC) wins this week, and a tough 2-1 loss on the road in Peshtigo last weekend, the Three Lakes/Phelps Bluejays baseball team earned a first-round bye and the top seed in their seven-team Division 4 Regional.

"The boys have earned it," said coach Brad Bisnette. "We prepare all year to try and make a run in the postseason, and they have set themselves up for that."

With the top seed, the Bluejays will await the winner of No. 5 seed Tigerton and No. 4 seed Gresham who will play Thursday, May 26. Three Lakes/Phelps will then host the winner of that game Tuesday, May 31 at 5 p.m. at Don Burnside Park in Three Lakes.

Wausau Newman Catholic is the No. 2 seed on the bottom of the bracket and will open play May 26 by hosting No. 7 seed Elcho. Bowler is the No. 3 seed and will host No. 6 seed White Lake.

Some seeding meetings were held Sunday evening with the rest of them set for this week. A full listing of the

brackets can be found online at wiaawi.org.

Loss to Peshtigo

It was a pitcher's dual and defensive battle on the road in Peshtigo as the Bluejays fell, 2-1.

Cole Melton led off the top of the first with a single, and then advanced to second on an error to give the Bluejays a base runner in scoring position early. Melton would make his way around to score without a hit as Three Lakes/Phelps took an early 1-0 lead.

Cole Melton made the lead stand into the fourth when he gave way to Jared Kaufman, who ran into trouble immediately.

After getting the first hitter to ground out to third, he surrendered a single before getting a fielder's choice to put one on with two outs.

Back-to-back hits including a two-run double gave Peshtigo a 2-1 lead, a lead they'd hang onto the remainder of the game.

Three Lakes/Phelps got the tying run in scoring position in both the fifth and sixth innings, but failed to push it across.

Chase Melton led the Bluejays with two hits on the day. Cole Melton had the only other hit.

NLC wins

The Bluejays moved into a steady second place in the NLC standings this week, using a pair of 11-1 wins over first Laona-Wabeno this past Monday and following it with a win over Crandon Tuesday.

Kaufman controlled the Rebels lineup in a home game, holding down the opposing offense as he allowed just three hits and one unearned run while striking out six and walking no one.

At the plate the Bluejays were led by Josh Cogar and Cole Melton, who each had two hits. Melton had four runs batted in on the day and a run scored.

Chase Melton added two runs batted in and scored three times while the team racked up 11 hits on the afternoon.

Just a day later against Crandon, the team had a similar outcome as they jumped on top 2-0 in the first, added one run in the second and then exploded for seven runs in the third to coast to a five-inning 11-1 win.

Cole Melton went the distance on the mound as the lefty allowed four hits and one earned run while striking out a pair and walking just one.

Three Lakes/Phelps added



The Bluejays baserunners were on the move in their 11-1 win over Crandon last week. Sophomore LJ Terlizzi (No. 11) and freshman Carter

Flannery move from station to station during the win.

—Photo By Kerry Griebenow

11 more hits on the day led by Cole Melton with three and three runs batted in. Sawyer Siedschlag added a pair of hits and two batted in while Carter Flannery also had a big day with a hit, a run

scored and three runs batted in.

At 5-2 in the NLC, Three Lakes is just a half-game ahead of Goodman-Pembine (5-3). They trail Florence (6-1).

The team hit the road Monday as they were at Goodman-Pembine. They will then host Elcho, May 17 and also host Northland Pines in a non-conference matchup this Thursday.

Pines softball gets one back in GNC, falls at home by one run to Mosinee

BY DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

A few days after falling at home by a run to Tomahawk, the Pines softball team got one back against their Great Northern Conference rival as they went to Tomahawk last Monday and won 15-13.

After falling behind 10-3 after the third inning, Pines chipped away with two in the fourth and then opened the flood gates in the fifth as they scored nine times to take a 14-10 lead going into the bottom of the fifth.

Tomahawk would get one back in the fifth and then score two in the seventh, but it wasn't enough to overcome the deficit late.

Starting pitcher Savannah Satterburg gave up just four earned runs across the first three innings, but six unearned runs helped Tomahawk early before Aubrey Beyer came to the circle in the fourth and went the rest

of the way. She allowed just two earned runs and four hits across her four innings of work.

Satterburg paced the Pines offense with five hits on the night. She knocked in three runs and also score twice from the leadoff spot.

Beyer and Madison Stebbeds each had two hits while Gertie Garaghty added a hit and two runs batted in.

Tuesday at home against Mosinee, the Pines offense continued to strike the ball well, erupting for an 11-run fifth inning and nearly tipping one of the league's best teams before falling 15-14.

"We've had a lot of one-run losses this year, but this one was easier to swallow as I feel we didn't give it to them this time," said Pines coach Jacob Schueller. "We played good clean softball down the stretch, and had great at-bats all through the lineup."

After Mosinee jumped in front 2-0 to start the game, a bases-clearing double off the bat of Stebbeds put Pines in

front 3-2 after one.

Mosinee would come back then with five in the second, three in the third, one in the fourth and two in the fifth to take a 13-3 lead with Pines needed to score at least one in their half of the fifth to continue.

They instead crossed the plate 11 times in the inning, their biggest one-inning output so far this year.

"It seemed like we had a little competitive edge to us in this game that's been lacking this year," said Schueller. "If we can keep that going into the playoffs we're going to be a scary team in the postseason."

Stebbeds led the way with three hits and four runs batted in on the night. Halle Kerner added three runs and two hits of her own to go along with two hits each for Carly Huelskamp and Tommie Springer. Beyer added a hit and three runs batted in.

Following the two conference games, Pines went on later in the week to defeat

Crandon, 10-2 and Amherst, 8-6. Sandwiched between the two wins was a tough 9-6 loss to Auburndale.

After finishing up their conference season this past Monday night at home against Lakeland, the team will enter the WIAA Division 3 postseason next Tuesday on the road when they travel to face Amherst.

Pines received a six-seed in the 10-team Regional. If they win their first match, they'll play either No. 2 seed Oconto or the winner of No. 10 seeded Menomonee Indian and No. 7 seeded Wittenberg-Birnamwood.

For a full listing of the playoff brackets go to wiaawi.org.



Northland Pines batter Madison Stebbeds puts her bat to the ball as she gets set to drive a three-run double to left-center during last week's one-run loss to Mosinee.

—Staff Photo By DOUG ETTEN



Pines second baseman Kelly Neff tries to reach a hard ground ball to her left as teammate Gertie Geraghty charges in to assist from

right field during last week's conference loss to Mosinee.

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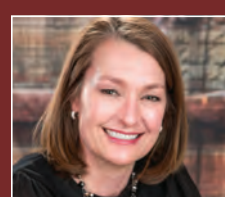
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READ AND SEED — Hanson's Garden Village, in conjunction with the Rhinelander District Library, hosted a "Read and Seed" event May 14, featuring local children's book author Cindy Pesek. The event was free to the public and children were able to participate in several planting activities after the reading. Pesek read and signed purchased copies of two of her published works "Papa Chuck's Garden" and "Max and Mr. Gene - The Syrup Man."

Above: Excited children gather for a photo.

Below: Pesek introduces the inspiration for her children's book, her husband, Chuck Pesek (pictured in background).

Left: Children had the opportunity to plant a tomato plant or marigold with the star of the book "Papa" Chuck Pesek. Three-year-old Christian Saffia chose a tomato starter to plant for his dad for Father's Day.

—Staff Photos By STEPHANIE DYE



Luncheon to benefit Responders Retreat

A women's luncheon to benefit the first Responders Retreat will be held Saturday, May 21, at Reuland's Conference Center in Minocqua.

The event will feature a luncheon catered by Reuland's Catering Buffet, nature photography, a light cash bar and entertainment by comedian Jeremy Nunes.

Doors open at 11 a.m. and lunch will be served at 12:30

p.m. The entertainment show will follow at 1:30 p.m.

All profits from the event will go to benefit Responders Retreat, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide respite and relief to first responders with PTSD symptoms incurred in the line of duty.

Tickets cost \$50.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Liz at (630) 281-0268.

'I Love Eagle River' wristbands on sale

The "I Love Eagle River" wristband program is back and participants can save while shopping in downtown Eagle River.

The wristbands can be purchased for \$5 and are able to be used to save money when shopping at any participating Eagle River area businesses.

"This is a great opportunity for customers to save when shopping locally," said project coordinator Kathy Holperin.

Each business offers a different deal for those who show their wristband. Most deals involve a certain percentage discount off purchases.

The wristbands can be used from now until the end of this year.

Wristbands are available for sale at Aiello's On Wall Street, Buckshot's Down-

town, the Eagle River Chamber office, Eagle Craft & Hobby, Grandma's Toy Box, The Hiker Box, Hooked & Tagged, The Salon & Spa on Railroad Street and at the Wednesday Farmers Market.

In addition to these business locations, discounts can be found at 11 more Eagle River businesses.

Watch for the wristband poster in business windows or pick up a list of participating businesses when you purchase your wristband.

"This is the ninth year for this fundraiser and the program proceeds allow the Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce to fund special events for local residents and visitors," added Holperin.

For more information, visit one of the above businesses or call Kathy Holperin at (715) 477-2227.

Sheriff's office to hold blood drive on May 26

The Community Blood Center will hold a "Battle of the Badges" blood drive Thursday, May 26, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Vilas County Sheriff's Office, located at 330 Court St. in Eagle River.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old (or 16 years old with parental permission),

weigh at least 110 pounds, be in general good health and have a photo ID.

Donors are encouraged to eat a regular meal and drink plenty of fluids prior to giving blood.

Appointments are requested. To make an appointment, call Chris Kamps at (715) 479-3699.

Arts center in Three Lakes kicks off season on May 27

By GAY SCHEFFEN
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-REVIEW

Randy Sabien and Corky Siegel are two unforgettable performers coming together for a collaboration of their superior talents in a special evening to remember Friday, May 27, at 8 p.m.

According to National Public Radio's Jazz Profiles, "Sabien delivers the past, present and future of jazz violin." He performs as a soloist with symphonies across the country, is the leader of his own bands, a guest of Big Top Chautauqua, Austin City Limits, a pianist, guitarist, singer and composer — and a muskie fisherman, as well.

Corky Siegel is the co-founder of the Chicago Siegel-Schwall Blues Band, a Chicago Blues Hall of

Fame inductee and Lifetime Achievement awardee. He is known internationally as one of the world's great blues harmonica players, blues pianist and singer-songwriter.

These two are also educators who devote time to musically inspired youth. They weave classical, blues, country, jazz and rock together.

Tickets cost \$25 for adults, \$10 for ages 13 and younger, and are available at the door, by calling (715) 546-2299 or visiting tlca.org.

Beer, wine, soda and concessions available for sale.

A concert is planned Saturday, June 4, featuring "Humbird" from the Twin Cities.

For more information, visit tlca.org.



RANDY SABIEN



CORKY SIEGEL

Not that you asked, but...

By Eric Johnson



Sky-high dream

"It doesn't take much in the way of mind and body to be a lookout. It's mostly soul."
—Norman Maclean "A River Runs Through It," 1976

I've checked several boxes off my job bucket list over the lengthening decades of my working career: living a brief, if memorable, afternoon drive Dr. Johnny Fever existence as a disc jockey in my early days; 33 years and counting "word smithing" as a journalist; and 15 years chasing pager calls as a volunteer firefighter.

Like any fisherman worth his time-worn creel will earnestly attest, there's always the story of the one that got away. And one dream job that I had my eagle eye on got away like the elusive "granddaddy of them all" lunger.

With most of my working career now behind me and the prospect of retirement appearing distantly on an ever-closer horizon, I was reminded the other day of the job that got away; happily whiling away my "retirement" years in a fire lookout tower high over the northern Wisconsin forest canopy.

Those thoughts came to mind the other day as I was driving on Highway 51 through Marathon County at Mosinee, and spotted the familiar sight of the towering and now rusting remains of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) idled fire lookout tower.

On a lark, I pulled off the highway and followed the sight of the Mosinee fire tower past the Kwik Trip onto

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LIFESTYLE



ARTIST RECEPTION — The Three Lakes Center For The Arts hosted an artist reception May 6, featuring “the godfather of North Woods ceramics” John Langer of St. Germain. During

the reception, guests could communicate with the artist about his work. Above, Langer (right) describes how he created a piece of pottery to Three Lakes residents Don and Joan Meeder.

—Photo By Kerry Griebenow

Nicolet receives grants to further education

Nicolet College recently applied for and received nearly \$1 million in grants from the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) to advance instruction and services in academic areas here in the North Woods.

“In the end the biggest beneficiaries of these grants will be the students,” said Nicolet President Kate Ferrel. “They’ll learn the skills and receive a quality education that leads to careers with family-supporting wages.”

“In addition, the local economies in the North Woods will also reap rewards by having that skilled workforce that businesses need to be efficient, productive and profitable.”

In all, Nicolet applied for and received 13 state grants that will total \$989,348. The WTCS awards grants annually and Ferrel made special note of the fact that Nicolet received all of the grants for which it applied.

“It’s not often a college receives 100% of the grants it applies for,” Ferrel said.

“This accomplishment is a direct reflection of the high level of innovation from staff across campus. The insightful ideas they put into the grant applications will advance higher education in the region and take student learning to the next level.”

The largest grant,

\$350,000, will be used to further expand the college’s “family” of patient simulators used to train students in Health Career programs. Officials said this next generation of simulators will have advanced features that allow students to practice on what is known as high-risk, low-volume scenarios.

“Clinical training where students go out and work in health-care settings is a central part of the education for many health career students,” said Candy Dailey, dean of Health Occupations at Nicolet. “But being a rural area with relatively low-patient volumes compared to larger urban areas, the students may not be exposed to that wide of a range of health conditions even though they are spending months in these facilities.”

“What these new simulators will allow us to do is create a variety of high-risk health scenarios that aren’t that common and thereby expanding their experience base when they start careers in health care facilities.”

School officials said other funds will go to developing and implementing diversity, equity and inclusion work; culturally relevant curriculum within program areas; and the piloting of virtual reality assessment and simulations.

Grants will also go to enhance a variety of student

support services at the college; upgrade the Career Services and Career Coaching programs; and support work-based experiential learning opportunities for students.

Money from this family of grants will also be used to fund the Student Emergency Assistance program, which helps students pay for a variety of unexpected life events that would otherwise force them to drop out of college.

Other funds will be directed toward programs for all middle and high school students in the Nicolet district visiting the college for career and college exploration events. These will include the Career Expo for seventh graders and the Heavy Metal Tour for eighth graders.

High school students will have the opportunity to attend College Visit Day, Skills Competition Day and Live From the Heart, an on-campus event where students interested in health care careers will video-conference to watch a live heart surgery.

“At its core it’s all about creating opportunity for students, giving them the tools, knowledge, skills and experiences they can benefit from in whatever professional endeavor they choose,” said President Ferrel.

For more information, visit nicoletcollege.edu or call (715) 365-4493.

Johnson: Towers shut down

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a few side streets to the corner of Ranger and Florence streets, appropriately near Ranger Park.

Pulled over and parked on the side of the road, I wistfully gazed up at the abandoned fire lookout tower, the glass window panes of the intimate 7-by-7 foot metal cab reflecting the sun and clouds, lost in a reverie of swirling thoughts of what might have been.

It was December 2015 that the DNR announced the closure of its 72 towering 100-foot 1930s and ’40s vintage fire lookout towers, citing safety concerns around the aging structures and the increasing obsolescence of manual fire monitoring in the age of the cellular 911 calls. At the time, the DNR estimated the cost of replacing its roster of fire lookout towers at \$25 million.

The DNR’s decision followed a national trend of states moving away from fire towers or eliminating them.

With the 2016 decommissioning of the fire lookout towers, the DNR said it would reallocate the \$100,000 saved from ending the program for more airplane fire monitoring; an enduring practice launched by pioneer, aviator-turned “flying fire warden” Logan “Jack” Vilas in June 1915, in Boulder Junction.

The DNR noted at the time that 60 of its 72 towers had been staffed part time for an average of 17 days the previous fire season. It also was noted that 90% of forest fires at the time were being reported by citizens.

A once-familiar sight in the North Woods, fire lookout towers had been in place in Vilas County since at least

as early as 1916, when the DNR forerunner Wisconsin Conservation Commission reported in its biennial report that three 55-foot towers were in place at Rest Lake, Muskellunge Lake and Oxley, near Boulder Junction.

In the heydays, the Wisconsin DNR once operated 119 across the state, augmented by 38 U.S. Forest Service towers dotting the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest.

A fixture of the nation’s landscape, some 10,000 fire lookout towers dotted the United States in their waning 1950s heydays; a number dwindled to around 300 manned towers according to 2019 figures from the Forest Fire Lookout Association.

Gazing at the Mosinee fire tower, visions of cartoon Conservation Warden Mark Trail from the Milwaukee Journal comics pages of my youth danced in my head. I envisioned my retired fire-spotter self up in the cozy, if spartan, confines of the fire lookout cab with a wooded panoramic landscape spilling out to the horizon around me. I’d have my binoculars, maps, radio and table-sized 360-degree Osborne Firefinder compass at the ready to spot, locate and call in fires with eagles circling around in the sky around me, riding the winds.

Looking up, I imagined my life in the solitude of nature up in the cab, windows propped open for a soft, gentle breeze. I’d be reflecting, thinking big thoughts and writing great contemplative masterpieces like a modern-day Aldo Leopold or Henry David Thoreau; enjoying a paid writing retreat with breathtaking views, an old-school manual typewriter at the ready to log my serendipi-



The fire lookout tower in Mosinee was one of 72 shut down by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in 2016, when the fire-spotter program was eliminated after a century of service.

—Photo by Eric Johnson

tous inspirations.

Not surprisingly, authors like Edward Abbey, Jack Kerouac, Norman Maclean and Gary Snyder all logged time as fire lookouts.

“The technical aspects of a lookout’s job can be mastered by any literate anthropoid with an IQ of not less than 70 in about two hours. It’s the attitude that’s difficult. Unless you have an indolent, melancholy nature, as I do, you will not be happy as an official fire lookout,” wrote Abbey in his 1977 essay “Fire Lookout: Numa Ridge.”

Looking at the rusting Mosinee fire tower, I was snapped from my rich inner fantasies back to the grim 2022 reality. It’s time to find a new plan for my pensive retirement, my sky-high dreams having crashed to Earth.

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Green Bay Packers Foundation seeking applicants for grants

The Green Bay Packers Foundation is currently seeking applications for its annual grant program which is open now until July 1.

This year the foundation will focus on awarding grants to organizations that will use the funds for programs or projects that address animal welfare, civic and community, environmental and health and wellness including drug/alcohol and domestic violence.

Only organizations whose programs fit the established criteria may apply for and be considered for grants.

Different focus areas are emphasized through the application process each year, and this is the third year of the current three-year grant cycle.

In 2023, the focus areas will be elderly, homelessness, human services and hunger.

Organizations that are classified nonprofit, exempt from Federal income tax under

section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code with a valid IRS Tax ID for a minimum of two years, and are located in the state of Wisconsin are eligible to apply for a grant.

Organizations may only apply for a grant once during the three-year cycle.

All grant applications received will be reviewed

by the Green Bay Packers Foundation Trustees, who will finalize the list of grant recipients in October. A public announcement of the grant recipients will take place in November.

For eligibility guidelines or to apply for a grant and complete the application, visit packers.com/foundation.

Lions club annual dinner set

The Boulder Junction Lions Club will be holding their annual Chicken and Pork Steak Dinner on Saturday, May 28, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Boulder Junction Community Center.

Meals include a choice of grilled chicken or grilled pork steak including a salad, roll, baked potato, beans and dessert. Coffee and milk also are

included. Soda, bottled water, and beer will be available at an additional cost.

Carryouts will be available and all meals are \$15.

All proceeds raised at the Chicken and Pork Steak Dinner are given back to the community.

For more information, call Otis Voeltz at (715) 385-9236 or Bob Bertch at (715) 892-2366.



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Two local businesses receive statewide Main Street recognition

The Warehouse Art Center and Hooked & Tagged, were recently recognized for their outstanding downtown revitalization efforts at the 31st Wisconsin Main Street Awards ceremony held in Fond du Lac on April 22.

Wisconsin Main Street is a community development program administered by Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) that targets Wisconsin's historic commercial districts.

WEDC provides technical support and training to the 34 Main Street communities and 83 Connect Communities to help them revitalize their business districts based on guidelines developed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Since the program's inception in 1987, Wisconsin Main Street community projects have resulted in the creation of more than 3,000 new businesses and more than 16,000 net new jobs.



Donna Murray-Tiedge, Karen Margelofsky and Judy Atkins (pictured left to right) accept the award for The Warehouse Community Arts Center for their community based programs in the North Woods. — Contributed Photo

The Warehouse Art Center's Ancestral Women Exhibit took top honors in their newest award category for Best Historic Preservation Education Initiative at the event, which was hosted by the WEDC.

The awards ceremony recognized the efforts by

Wisconsin Main Street volunteers and staff for their historic preservation and downtown economic development efforts of communities in Wisconsin in 2021.

"WEDC congratulates The Warehouse Art Center and Tom and Sarah Zidek, owners of Hooked & Tagged, for their outstanding efforts to revitalize and improve downtown," said Missy Hughes, secretary and CEO of WEDC. "A vibrant downtown is critical to a community's overall economic development as well as the quality of life for its residents, and we commend both businesses for being among the best in the state when it comes to strengthening its downtown."

The project goals were to offer a wide range of arts programming that helped people of all ages connect more deeply to the North Woods by engaging with the arts across time, species, culture and self.

Executive Director of the Warehouse Donna Murray-Tiedge stated, "The Warehouse plans to continue to forge connections by featuring a local artist exhibit each summer. The theme for 2022 is 'Living With the North Woods'."

Hooked & Tagged took

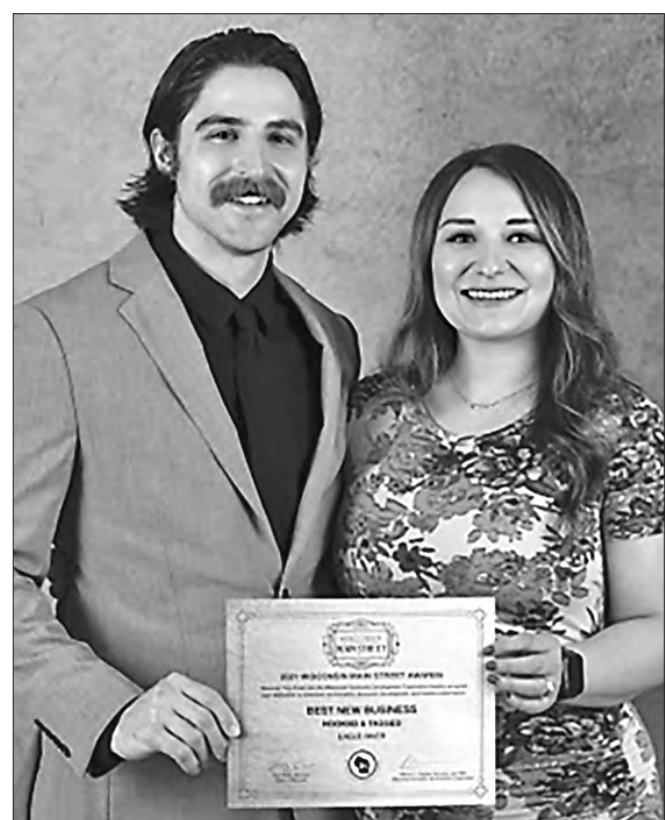
top honors in the Best New Business at the event hosted by the WEDC.

"Hooked & Tagged created an exciting new vibe to the downtown and provided a physical location to a phenomenal online business success known across the nation," stated Executive Director of Eagle River Revitalization Program Karen Margelofsky. "The success story is an inspiration to young entrepreneurs and their brand is a model for the next generation for doing business."

Tom and Sarah stated, "Communication with customers and employees is very important. We believe excellent customer service is key to a successful business as well as giving back to your community in any way we can."

The owners continue to expand their offerings by adding a home décor store called Northern Joy across the street from Hooked & Tagged in Eagle River, and will be opening their second Hooked & Tagged store in Minocqua later this year.

Eagle River Revitalization Program Inc. has been part of the Wisconsin Main Street Program and a Nationally Accredited Main Street Community since 1999.



Tom and Sarah Zidek, owners of Hooked & Tagged on Main Street, received recognition for their community revitalization. — Contributed Photo

Arts and craft show planned for May 28

The seventh annual Memorial Day Arts and Craft Show is scheduled Saturday, May 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in downtown Eagle River.

The Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center encourages the public to shop the North Woods themed arts and crafts sale, along with many handmade items in conjunction with sidewalk sales. Music,

food and beverages also will be available for purchase.

This one-day event, held rain or shine, kicks off the 2022 summer event season and is expected to draw over 3,000 attendees.

For more information about the Eagle River area and its events, contact the Eagle River chamber at (800) 359-6315 or visit eagleriver.org.

Health department supports immunization campaign

In 2020, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) launched a Plan to Protect Campaign supporting childhood vaccines, but over the last two years while focus shifted to Covid, many children fell behind schedules of routine vaccines and the Plan to Protect campaign was put on hold.

These routine vaccines help to protect against illnesses such as hepatitis B, chickenpox, whooping cough and measles. The Vilas County Public Health Department (VCPHD) announced its support of the DHS relaunch of the immunization campaign.

Goals of both the campaign and VCPHD are to:

- Get new parents to start their child's vaccine schedule on time;

- Get parents to catch up on their child's vaccine schedule, if behind; and

- Encourage parents to talk to their children's doctors or health-care professionals if they have questions.

Parents should take the opportunity to get their children's vaccines up-to-date at their health-care provider during routine well-child vis-

its or during sports clearance appointments.

Through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program, the VCPHD has routine childhood vaccines available for qualifying children who are not able to get the vaccine through a health-care provider. Children qualifying for VFC vaccines include children enrolled in or eligible for Medicaid, who are American Indian or Alaska Native, who don't have health insurance, or who have health insurance that doesn't pay for all vaccines.

In addition to these childhood vaccines, the VCPHD offers the Covid vaccine for children. The VCPHD has the Pfizer Covid vaccine available for individuals ages 5 and older. These vaccinations are available by appointment on Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m.

For questions regarding the status of a child's immunization schedule, contact your health-care provider or the Vilas County Public Health Department.

For more information on the Plan to Protect campaign or the youth Pfizer Covid vaccine, visit the DHS website at dhs.wisconsin.gov.

Classic vehicles needed for car and truck show

Planning for the 2022 Eagle River Car and Truck Show, which will take place in downtown Eagle River is well underway.

This year's show will be held on Saturday, Aug. 27, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce and the Eagle River Downtown Committee encourages owners of classic and specialty cars and trucks to save the date to showcase their unique and interesting vehicles at show.

This is a great opportunity to show off any specialty and classic vehicles to an approximate 2,500 people that attend this event annually.

Food, music and drinks will be available for purchase during the event.

Day-of-event registration is \$10 per vehicle and registration starts on site at 6:30 a.m.

Trophies will be awarded for many categories, including "People's Choice."

For more information, please contact Terry Lyon at (920) 246-0116.

Officials address teen drug use at Northland Pines

Northland Pines School District recently partnered with the Vilas County Sheriff's Office and Eagle River Police Department to host a presentation for teenagers regarding drug use.

This presentation, titled "Recognizing Drug Use in Teens," will be held on Thursday, May 26, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Northland Pines high school auditorium.

The presentation will focus

on the current drug trends in both the entire community and in teenagers.

This presentation is meant to raise awareness for parents that drugs do not discriminate, and that early detection is the best course of action in preventing drug and alcohol addiction in the future.

For more information, contact Nicole at the Northland Pines School District at (715) 479-4473, ext. 0516.



The Northwoods Singers performed at Ely Memorial Church in Land O' Lakes last week for its spring concert which was dedicated to the people of Ukraine. The performance concluded with the Ukrainian National Anthem. —Photo By Bob Hughes

Northwoods Singers perform concert in honor of Ukrainians

By BOB HUGHES
LAND O' LAKES CORRESPONDENT

The Northwoods Singers performed a concert last week at Ely Memorial United Church of Christ in Land O' Lakes that was dedicated to the people of Ukraine.

At the start of the concert Pamalyn Lee, director of the Northwoods Singers, announced to those in attendance that the concert was in support of the brothers and sisters of Ukraine, as

they continue to stand united against the destruction and loss of life suffered with the invasion by Russia.

This music event was the singing group's planned spring concert that was first organized before the invasion of Ukraine, Lee added, and that the majority of the music pieces chosen ended up having a significant meaning.

As the group prepared for its spring concert, due to Covid still being prevalent, Lee said she sent music scores to each of the groups and that a lot of time was spent prac-

ting by members on their telephones with each other rather than in person.

Only a few practices had taken place with the singers all together before the concert performance, she added.

Under Lee's direction, the singers put on an evening of music that included some music pieces that appeared to be well known as attendees joined in.

The audience took part in numbers like "Yesterday," by John Lennon and Paul McCartney, "Moon River," by Henry Mancini, "Blowin'

in the Wind" by Bob Dylan and "The Impossible Dream" by Mitch Leigh.

The evening closed with the playing of the Ukrainian National Anthem, along with the Ukrainian Flag hoisted behind the singers, then a silence to remember for the people of Ukraine, Lee added.

As an encore the singers performed "You Raise Me Up."

The music event was followed by refreshments and a chance to meet the performers. Organizers added that a large crowd was in attendance.

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LIFESTYLE

BACKWARD GLANCES

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QUILTS FOR VETS — 2022 marks the eighth year Wounded Warriors in Action (WWIA) will bring Purple Heart Veterans to Eagle River for a muskie fishing adventure. Each year ladies from the Northwoods Quilters present the visiting wounded veterans with handmade, patriotic-themed quilts. This year's 10 quilts are

complete (above) Here we see (left to right) Aileen Williams, Marti Wegner and Cheryl Gorshe displaying three of the ten quilts to be presented to this year's Warriors. The WWIA Muskie Chal-Lunge will take place Sept. 22-25 on the Eagle River Chain of Lakes.

—Contributed Photo

Spring luncheon a success

The Women's Fellowship of First Congregational United Church of Christ (UCC) in Eagle River hosted a Spring Luncheon at the church on Tuesday, May 10.

The luncheon, which recognized the women of First Congregational UCC for their work and contributions to the church was highlighted by performances of forensics and music by students from Northland Pines High School, who then stayed for the luncheon in Fellowship Hall.

Student performers had earned first place awards at the state competition on May 7 at Stevens Point.

The women's fellowship is chaired by Linda Sanborn and others who worked on the presentation at the luncheon were Sharon Breit, Mary Lou Congdon, Tobi Johanssen, Deb Stolze, Marion Arndt, Jim Sanborn, the Rev. Tim Shirley, Debbie Brown, Alex Fluegeland and Terry Posto.



Women's Fellowship of First Congregational United Church of Christ Eagle River sponsored a luncheon May 10 with performances from (left to right) Norma Yaeger, accompanist; Malia Remme, Owen Libby, Addisan Rottier, Massa Justice, Riley Moore, Davis Beyer, Brooke Bennett and Mrs. Kate Janssen, vocal instructor. Not pictured are Frankie Milanowski and Ellyn Reese.

—Contributed Photo

First Congregational United Church of Christ is located at 105 N. First Street in Eagle River and is the only church in the North Woods with a progressive Christian message and focus.

Services are at 7:30 and 10

a.m. on Sundays except for the last Sunday of each month when it is a unity service at 9 a.m. The goal of the unity service is that it provides the opportunity for the church to unite more broadly with the local community.

Eagle River class of '72 plans 50-year reunion in September

Eagle River Union High School class of 1972 will hold its 50-year reunion this September in Eagle River.

An informal gathering

with cocktails and socializing is planned for Friday, Sept. 9, at 6 p.m. at Jerry Burkett's home.

The main event will be held Saturday, Sept. 10, starting at 5:30 p.m. with cocktails, followed by an hors d'oeuvre buffet at 7 p.m. and after-dinner cocktails at 8 p.m.

Saturday's gathering will be held at Club Denoyer located at 5324 Highway 70 West in Eagle River.

Cost for the event at the

club is \$25 per person at the door. It will include a buffet, tax and tip. A cash bar and photo will be provided for an additional cost.

Organizers ask that classmates respond by August 1, if they are coming or not, along with how many guests will attend with them.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Gail Schwenn at (715) 479-4394 or pinpointridingstables@hotmail.com.

Scarlett O'Hatters of the Northwoods plan June luncheon

The Scarlett O'Hatters of the Northwoods will hold a luncheon on Thursday, June 2, at Pitlik's Resort restaurant, located at 4833 Sand Beach Drive in Eagle River.

BADGER BRIDGE IN EAGLE RIVER

Results of 5/19/22

North-South, first place, Bob Dow and Jerry Baerenwald; second, Dan Del Ponte and Ed Stoeber; third, Max Hurd and Mary Saggau.

East-West, first place, Mary Jo Berner and Dick Nelson; second, JoAnn O'Brien and Larry O'Brien; third, Marcia Holt and Bob Holt.

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.

The event will begin with a social hour at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at noon.

Registration and menu choices must be provided for the event by Tuesday, May 25.

This year's event will provide three entrée choices; chicken masala with wild rice, spaghetti with meatballs and garlic bread or shrimp scampi provencal with olive oil, fresh tomatoes and fresh basil on fettuccine. All meals include a small salad with choice of ranch or Italian dressing. Dessert is a sugar biscuit with fresh strawberry sauce and whipped cream.

Cost for the meal is \$20 per person.

For more information or to register for the event, contact Joyce Dumas at (414) 412-4002.



In 2002, the Eagle River American Legion Post 114 gathered to install a donated Cobra helicopter used in the Vietnam War. Cost of installation was \$8,000. —News-Review Archive

One Year Ago - 2021
Health officials lifted the mask guidelines for those who received their Covid vaccination . . . Drug Take Back collected more than 60,000 pounds of unwanted medication . . . The Northwoods Children Museum in Eagle River reopened for play, since the start of Covid.

10 Years Ago - 2012
A record-setting 338 runners and walkers left the starting line in the Journeys Marathon 5K event . . . Vilas supervisors favored a lease-purchase option for four years over long-term bonding for 10 years for two communication towers to improve radio transmissions for emergency responders . . . WRJO 94.5-FM in Eagle River took three first-place awards at the annual Wisconsin Broadcaster's Association competition.

20 Years Ago - 2002
More than 150 runners left the starting line at the sixth annual Journeys Marathon; a record 678 runners and walkers competed in four events . . . Then-Gov. Scott McCallum signed Executive Order No. 42 that ordered legislation on chronic waste disease.

30 Years Ago - 1992
Permits used by Chippewa Indians for spearing dropped more than 15% from the previous year . . . A jury awarded a 53-year-old cerebral palsy victim from Conover more than \$110,000 who had assets converted to other family members without his permission.

40 Years Ago - 1982

50 Years Ago - 1972
Bandow's Bar and Liquor Store in Eagle River was renamed Verjon's Bar and Liquor Store . . . A total of 332 seniors from four area high schools graduated.

60 Years Ago - 1962
Jo Mary Hendrickson was crowned queen of the Rotary Club Carnival . . . The General Telephone Co. announced that work on the new dial system for Land O' Lakes and Phelps was on schedule to be completed.

70 Years Ago - 1952
St. Germain Lions Club received its charter from then-Gov. Krueger . . . It

was announced that more than three times as many prisoners were committed to county jail in Eagle River as there were the same time period the previous year.

80 Years Ago - 1942
The father of then-Editor of the News-Review Joyce Larkin died following a long illness . . . Extensive improvements at the Eagle River municipal bathing beach were being completed for the season.

90 Years Ago - 1932
The entire North Woods district of Wisconsin dedicated the George Washington unit in the Argonne National Forest. . . Ten fires were set by one man, within a period of two hours, that created a serious fire condition in the Flambeau National Forest.

100 Years Ago - 1922
Vilas County News added a radio department due to growing interest in radio . . . Phelps Auto Co. advertised a fully equipped automobile for \$525.

Lac Vieux Desert Association fundraiser raises nearly \$2,000

By SHARON GIFFORD
PHELPS CORRESPONDENT

The Lac Vieux Desert (LVD) Lake Association recently held a fundraiser at Sunrise Lodge in Land O' Lakes.

Organizers said 97 people attended and enjoyed the all-you-can-eat breakfast.

The combined profit from meals and raffle tickets sold was \$1,994, which will be designated for the LVD walleye hatchery project and enhancement of LVD's water quality.

Winner of the one-person fishing kayak raffle was Chris Gustafson.

The LVD Lake Association consists of 172 members and is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Current board members



At a recent Lac Vieux Desert Lake Association fundraiser held at Sunrise Resort, a one seater fishing kayak was raffled off to winner Chris Gustafson. Pictured in front of the raffled kayak from left, Rick Johnson and Doug Carriveau, board member.

include Robbie Andersen, president; Terry McGinty, vice president; Rick Johnson, treasurer; and Sharon "Gabby" Gabinski, secretary.

LVD Lake Association will

hold its August Fest fundraiser, Aug. 14 at Hillside Resort in Phelps.

For more information, call Andersen at (715) 891-2992.

Women's club to hold luncheon

The Lakeland Area Republican Women's Club will hold its luncheon meeting Wednesday, May 18, at 11:30 a.m. at the Minocqua Country Club.

Registration and social time will be followed by lunch at noon with a guest speaker. Local, state and national politics are on the agenda.

For more information, call club Vice President Claire Boles at (414) 659-8471.



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Students from Land O' Lakes enjoy the reward for their efforts in the local plastic bag recycling program. Pizza from T.J. Grizzlies was donated by Bent's Camp while bowling at Alley Lanes and Tavern. —Photo By Bob Hughes

Plastic waste program brings students to forefront of recycling

A plastic waste program started in 2019 by John and Kristin Sarama is now overseen by a new group of volunteers. The Saramas said they thought it was a good time to hand over the collection program so the next generation has the opportunity to get involved in the recycling process and see its benefits. The program is now being run by Darren and Erin Doss and Carie Brock, Land O' Lakes Elementary School and SOAR school principal, together with students.

Bags that can be collected as part of the plastic program include grocery, bread, ice, food storage, cereal, salt and produce; as well as bubble wrap, plastic shipping envelopes, and pallet and case wraps labeled No. 2 or No. 4. All plastic items donated must be clean, dry and free of food residue. Once collected, the plastic is given to Next-Trex, a plastic film recycling program by Trex.

Plastic film, once collected at various locations and when reaches enough pounds, the town will receive a Trex bench made out of recycled plastic film.

One bench from the Next-Trex program was delivered last winter and will be placed in town this spring. The Doss duo added that a goal of the program was to collect enough pounds of plastic to receive two additional benches, semi-annually, for the Land O' Lakes town hall grounds and the other for around town. The Dosses remarked that their six-month goal was to collect 500 pounds between last November and this May, adding that collections

ramped up in late January. To date they have collected over 1,000 pounds of plastic and will be able to get two benches semi-annually, totaling four per year if the community continues to donate its plastic. Organizers said community support and efforts toward obtaining additional benches is appreciated. In the local area, Charlies NW Market in Land O' Lakes and Camp's Supervalu Foods in St. Germain have been great supporters in the

collection process, said organizers. Collection bins can be found at Headwaters State Bank, Charlies NW Market, and Land O' Lakes Elementary and SOAR schools. Students were rewarded for their hard work with the program and the whole school was recently invited to a "Bowl and Pizza" lunch at The Alley Lanes and Tavern. Pizza was from T.J. Grizzlies and donated by Bents Camp. Organizers went on to add that students had a good time bowling and one student exclaimed, "We all love pizza!"

Land O' Lakes Senior Dining

Love of Life Café
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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.

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WED., MAY 25
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Salad
Garlic bread
Apple
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New Auxiliary Officers at VFW 8400 are sworn in. From left, Chris Phelps, Eric Zorr, Donna Barth, Karen Dowd, Bill Kahlanburg, Kathy Hirvala and Jack James —Photo By Bob Hughes

VFW auxiliary officers sworn in

After a regular meeting at the Land O' Lakes Veterans Center, officers were sworn in for the State Line 8400 Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. New officers were sworn

in by Vickie Newburg, Wisconsin Auxiliary District 10 representative. Officers said moving forward the auxiliary is focused on promoting the veterans

center and helping at community events. For more information or to become a member or volunteer, contact Karen Dowd at karendowd233@gmail.com.

PUBLIC NOTICES

(One Week, 5/18/22)
Notice of Pending Application for Proposed Pier
Jodi Winger, PO Box 61, Minocqua, WI, 54548, has applied to the Department of Natural Resources for a permit to pier. The project is located in NE 1/4, SW 1/4, Section 28, Township 40N, Range 07E in Town of Arbor Vitae, Vilas County.
The Little Arbor Vitae Condo Association proposes to expand the existing pier to accommodate 8 slips, one for each condo owner of the property.
The Department will review the proposal provided by the applicant and any information from public comments and the public informational hearing. The Department will determine whether the proposal complies with ss. 1.11, 30.12, and 30.208, Stats., and ch. NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code, and ensure that the required mitigation meets the standards in s. 281.36(3r), Stats. if the project impacts wetlands.
The Department has made a tentative determination that it will issue the for the proposed permit activity.
If you would like to know more about this project or would like to see the application and plans, please visit the Department's permit tracking website at <https://permits.dnr.wi.gov/water/SitePages/Permit%20Search.aspx> and search for IP-NO-2022-64-01180.
Reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request.
Any person may submit comments and/or request a public informational hearing by emailing Nicole.Hays@wisconsin.gov or over the phone at 715-628-0069. If you are submitting general comments on the proposal, they must be emailed or verbalized within 30 days after the date this notice is published on the Department's website. If you are requesting a public informational hearing, the request must be emailed or verbalized within 20 days after the date this notice is published on the Department's website. A request for hearing must include the docket number or applicant name and specify the issues that the party desires to be addressed at the informational hearing.
If no hearing is requested, the Department may issue its decision without a hearing. If a public informational hearing is held, comments must be postmarked no later than 10 days following the date on which the hearing is completed.
The final decision may be appealed as indicated in the decision document.
Docket Number IP-NO-2022-64-01180
STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
For the Secretary
BY: /s/ Nicole Hays
Water Management Specialist
Date: May 09th, 2022
4229

(Three Weeks, 5/18-6/1/22)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY
Case No. 2021CV000087
Reverse Mortgage Funding LLC, Plaintiff,
v.
Patricia A. Wyant, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a judgment of foreclosure made in the above-entitled action on January 26, 2022 in the amount of \$73,617.80, I will sell at public auction, located in the Courthouse Annex Addition, main public entrance, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, WI 54521, on
June 16, 2022
At 2:00 PM, all of the following described premises, to wit:
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Street Address: 6193 Carlson Road, Land O Lakes, WI 54540
Tax Key No. 12-1677
THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD AS IS AND SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL REAL ESTATE TAXES, SUPERIOR LIENS OR OTHER LEGAL ENCUMBRANCES.
TERMS OF SALE: CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK or CERTIFIED FUNDS, payable to the Clerk of Courts (10% down payment at sale, balance due within ten (10) days of Court approval; down payment to be forfeited if payment not received timely) (Cashier's Check is required if down payment is \$20,000.00 or more). Buyer must comply with minimum bidder qualifications as set forth in Wis. Stat. § 846.155. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price.
Joseph A. Fath
Sheriff of Vilas County, Wisconsin
Codrills, Moody & Circe, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
(414) 775-7700
50-21-00511
NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.
4218

(Three Weeks, 5/18-6/1/22)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY
— PROBATE —
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 22PR32
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Mildred M. Sweeney
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth November 26, 1930 and date of death December 12, 2020, was domiciled in Lake County, State of Illinois, with a mailing address of 500 Hunt Club Rd., Gurnee, IL.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is August 19, 2022.
5. A claim may be filed at the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St., Eagle River, Wisconsin, Probate Branch.
/s/ Dawn Halverson
Probate Registrar
May 9, 2022
Frank J Portera/Lavelle Law, Ltd.
1933 N. Meacham Rd., Ste. 600
Schaumburg, IL 60173
847-705-7555
Bar Number 1105952
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(Three Weeks, 5/18-6/1/22)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY
— PROBATE —
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 22-PR-36
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Paris M. Jenkins
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth February 15, 1955 and date of death April 14, 2022, was domiciled in Vilas County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 3344 Kaleta Drive, Eagle River, Wisconsin 54521.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is August 19, 2022.
5. A claim may be filed at the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Probate Office.
/s/ Dawn Halverson
Probate Registrar
May 9, 2022
Attorney Paul J. Payant
Sommer, Oik & Payant, SC
PO Box 308 - Antigo, WI 54409
715-623-3743
Bar Number 1016519
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RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY PLANNED — A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Conover-Phelps Trail will be held Saturday, May 28 at 10 a.m., at the Phelps Lakefront Pines Park located in downtown Phelps. The trail, which began construction in 2010, was completed in the fall of 2021 and is 10.2 miles long. The ceremony will include a number of speakers, the burning of station markers, along with the ribbon cutting. —Photo By Sharon Gifford

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TEA AND SCHOLARSHIPS — The Three Lakes Women's Club held its annual tea May 11 at the Reiter Center to award scholarships to senior girls. This year the club awarded eight \$1,000 scholarships. Taking part in the tea are, from left, Joyce Nykolayko,

Three Lakes Women's Club, seniors Megan Lester, Margaret Mouw, Karmyn Meixner, Sara Gruszynski, Jasmine Neumann, Mari Szews and Amanda Rieck, and Eileen Hansen, Three Lakes Women's Club. Not pictured, Isabella Baker. —Photo By Jennifer West

Genealogy society plans meeting May 23

The Three Lakes Genealogical Society will meet Monday, May 23, at 1 p.m. in the lower level of the Edward U. Demmer Memorial Library in Three Lakes.

The program for this meeting will be a discussion on how to write a genealogy narrative, led by Nancy Bailey. Anyone interested in genealogy, discovering family roots or learning about family history is welcome to attend all meetings.

The meeting can also be viewed on bluejeans.com,

courtesy of the library. To attend the meeting virtually, email the library at demmer@demmerlibrary.org.

For more information, contact Nancy at (715) 479-8971. Also on the schedule, the society will host a "Beginning Genealogy" workshop the evenings of July 14 and 19 at the library. Both sessions are the same, so guests do not need to attend both.

The public is welcome to these workshops. More information will be released closer to the dates.

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., MAY 19
Lemon pepper fish
Baked potato
Peas
Rye bread
Creamy fruit salad

TUES., MAY 24
Spaghetti and meat sauce
Italian-blend vegetables
Garlic breadstick
Diced pears
Rhubarb cake

MON., MAY 23
Hamburger stroganoff
Mashed potatoes
Broccoli salad
Whole-wheat bread
Strawberries

WED., MAY 25
Spanish rice chicken casserole
Pease
Sourdough bread
Pineapple
Blueberry coffee cake

PUBLIC NOTICE

(One Week, 5/18/22)
RESOLUTION 051022 AMEND APPROVED PUBLIC DEPOSITORIES INVESTMENT POLICY RESOLUTION TOWN OF THREE LAKES, WISCONSIN
A resolution approving the list of financial institutions with which the Town of Three Lakes is authorized to do business in accordance with the provisions contained in the Town's Investment Policy.
BE IT RESOLVED by the TOWN BOARD of the Town of Three Lakes as follows:
A. Laona State Bank
B. Nicolet National Bank

C. Other Financial Institutions approved by the Town Board
The institutions listed herein are approved for deposit, investment and safekeeping of Town funds, as provided for in this Investment Policy and shall remain approved until such time as amended by future resolution.
/s/ Jeffrey M. Bruss, Town Chairman:
/s/ Susan L. Harris, Town Clerk
Adopted: 05/10/2022
Effective: 05/18/2022
Published: 05/18/2022
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CITIZENS OF THE MONTH — The Three Lakes Elementary April Citizens of the Month were recently announced. Earning recognition are, front row from left, Whitney Baumetz, first grade; Parker Lewis, fourth grade; Gwen Ellis, second grade;

Moby Rempert, kindergarten; Alexis Mendez, third grade; and back row, Grace Mandli, fifth grade; Jacob Gincauskas, sixth grade; and Cora Johnson, sixth grade. —Photo By Jennifer West

Demmer library to hold used book sale

The Edward U. Demmer Library will hold a used book sale Saturday, May 28, from 9 a.m. until noon.

A large selection of adult fiction and nonfiction, youth, children's, hardcover, and paperback books will be available.

In addition to the books,

a limited number of audio-books, CDs, DVDs, and VHS tapes will be available.

Hard cover books cost \$2, trade paperbacks, \$1, plus special bundle pricing on some items. Patrons also can choose the fill-a-book-bag option for \$10, while book bag supplies last.

Book sales at the Demmer library are managed by volunteers and proceeds help support special library programs and functions.

For more information on the book sale or volunteer opportunities, call the library at (715) 546-3391 or visit the library's Facebook page.



Accepting a \$1,000 donation from Lord Gary's Sauce are Downtown Three Lakes Rocks President Jacqui Sharpe and Vice President Jan

Witt. Funds will be used to enhance the downtown Three Lakes area. —Staff Photo By MICHELLE DREW

Three Lakes Rocks Inc. receives \$1,000 donation

Lord Gary's Sauces recently presented Jacqui Sharpe and Jan Witt of Downtown Three Lakes Rocks Inc. with a \$1,000 donation.

A spokesperson for Lord Gary's Sauces said that the organization recently won grand prize in a sauce contest. The company's founder and namesake, a Three Lakes resident, wanted to gift 100% of the winnings to help restore the downtown

community of Three Lakes. "Three Lakes is a special place and we feel it's a good thing to give back to our communities," the spokesperson said.

According to Sharpe, president of Downtown Three Lakes Rocks Inc., the organization is a new downtown revitalization organization devoted to developing and growing a caring community with a vibrant downtown that promotes a high

quality of life for residents and visitors alike by focusing on organization, promotion, design and economic vitality.

The donation is part of Lord Gary's "Let's all be friends" initiative in which he encourages random acts of kindness.

For more information, visit facebook.com/downtownthreelakesrocks. Donations can be sent to: P.O. Box 487, Three Lakes, WI 54562.

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Students from the Reading Heroes program, formerly named Hot Reads, at St. Germain Elementary School rode in emergency vehicles to lunch at Knockers in St. Germain. The program recently restarted since the start of Covid. —Contributed Photo

Reading Heroes program restarts at St. Germain Elementary School

As part of the Reading Heroes program, 12 children and their chaperones got to ride in two fire trucks and an ambulance to Knockers in St. Germain.

The children's arrival at the restaurant was heralded with lights and sirens. At the restaurant, the children enjoyed pizza followed by cake and cookies before riding in the emergency vehicles back to school.

Reading Heroes is a reading incentive program offered

at St. Germain Elementary School. Children who meet their reading goals are eligible for the monthly program that runs throughout the school year.

The program, initially called the Hot Reads program, was started 15 years ago by Tim and Lou Clark to encourage children to read. Both were members of the St. Germain Fire Department, and Lou was a teacher at the school.

That program was sidelined for a couple of years, unable to

continue during Covid.

Last year, Vilas County Sheriff's Department Captain Jerry Ritter, contacted the Clarks with an interest in restarting the program as a joint effort of the Vilas County Sheriff's Department, Plum Lake Fire Department and Ambulance Service.

From that contact, the program was rebooted to its current name, the Reading Heroes program.

The reading program will end for this school year with

the visit of emergency vehicles to the school's Field Day program in June.

"Numerous parents have approached us to thank us, commenting that it helps their children to focus on reading," said Ritter. "It allows the children to get to know the deputies and emergency responders on a fun basis and to develop a strong partnership with the community."

For more information, contact St. Germain Elementary School at (715) 542-3632.



Plum Lake Public Library
Sayner, Wis. 715-542-2020

The Plum Lake Nonfiction Book Club will meet Monday, May 23, at 11 a.m., at Plum Lake Public Library to discuss "Me and Patsy Kickin' Up Dust" by Loretta Lynn. A virtual option also will be available. For more information, contact the library.

The library offers the streaming service Kanopy for anyone with a library card. It is available on all Apple

and Android devices, as well as SmartTV apps like Roku, Apple TV and Fire Stick.

The library has a monthly newsletter available on the website or at the front desk.

Plum Lake Library is fine-free. All overdue fines are forgiven on library items. Charges still apply for lost or damaged items.

The library's hours are Mondays and Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wi-Fi is available at all times on-site.

For more information, call (715) 542-2020, visit plum-lakelibrary.org or stop in at 8789 Peterson St. in Sayner.

St. Germain Senior Meals

St. Germain
Community Center
Serving at 10:30 a.m.

Sponsored by ADRC of Vilas County

Carry-out and home-delivered meals only. 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., MAY 25

Spanish rice chicken casserole
Peas
Sourdough bread
Pineapple
Blueberry coffee cake

THURS., MAY 26

Brat

Potato salad
Baked beans
Raspberry gelatin poke cake

FRI., MAY 27

Hearty bean soup
Turkey sandwich
Grape juice
Crispy rice treat

Tim and Lou Clark named parade grand marshals

Tim and Lou Clark have been named the grand marshals for this year's Independence Day Parade in St. Germain.

The couple was unanimously chosen during a recent meeting of the Independence Day Committee based on their long-term service to the community and its residents.

"It is with a great deal of pride that the St. Germain Independence Day Committee has the honor to nominate Tim and Lou Clark as grand marshals for the Independence Day Parade for 2022," said Cookie Lough, Independence Day Committee chairwoman.

"Individually and as a team, they have given their time, as well as emotional and physical support in helping members of the community."

The nomination was submitted by Ken and Ellyn Dahnke who referenced their outstanding community service.

The Clarks' activities include serving on the St. Germain Fire Department; making and delivering meals to older residents, especially during the holidays; assisting with the Special Olympics; and other civic work in the community.

After moving to St. Germain in 1984, Tim purchased Trollan Refrigeration and Heating.

He began serving area residents with his expertise in heating and refrigeration systems, including 24-hour emergency service, Lough said.

Within two weeks of moving here, Tim joined the St. Germain Fire Department. As a member for more than 35 years, he held many positions from captain to fire chief and was named Firefighter of the Year numerous times.

Lou moved to St. Germain in 1997 and in her first year, she also joined the St. Germain Fire Department. As an active member, she served as secretary for several years.

Lou worked as a teacher in the Northland Pines School District for 21



Tim and Lou Clark were recently named the Grand Marshals for this year's Independence Day Parade in St. Germain. The Clarks were unanimously chosen during a recent meeting of the Independence Day Event Committee.

—Contributed Photo

years, primarily in the St. Germain Elementary School.

They met through their fire department involvement and married in 2007.

In addition to their emergency response role in the fire department, they have volunteered at department fundraisers such as the summer flea markets and the annual spring fish fry, where they spend hours helping in the kitchen, added Lough.

Like other members of the fire department, Tim and Lou participated in training sessions and responded to numerous calls during the year.

Several years ago, Tim started the Hot Reads program to encourage children to read.

Children received free books at the beginning of the school year, and those who achieved reading goals were given a ride on a fire truck and lunch at a local restaurant.

This program continues today as the Reading Heroes program, working with the Plum Lake Fire Department and Ambulance Service, Vilas County Sheriff's Department, Knockers Pizza and St. Germain Elementary Parent Teacher Organization.

In addition to teaching, Lou has coached basketball and softball for the Special Olympics. Other volunteer

activities include assisting with the Community United Church of Christ's (UCC) church school and its youth group programs.

Tim served as a St. Germain town supervisor for two years. During that time, he started a Town Parks and Recreation Committee to maintain and improve recreation areas for residents and visitors to enjoy.

He also was a school bus driver for several years, aiding in getting area children to school.

The Clarks worked with other St. Germain groups to organize Winter Fun Days, a free program for children offering games and lunch.

Members of the Community UCC, the Clarks have worked on many maintenance projects.

For three years they have prepared and delivered holiday meals to seniors and shut-ins and also provided transportation to those needing a ride to medical appointments.

"Tim and Lou have worked quietly and diligently for many years to make St. Germain a good place to live, demonstrated by their actions the true nature of service," said Ted Ritter, a committee member. "Choosing them as parade marshals is a great way to honor all they have done for the community."

St. Germain Chamber to offer two grants; deadline June 30

The St. Germain Chamber of Commerce (SGCC) recently announced two new grant opportunities for St. Germain.

The first grant is the Destination Marketing Organization Grant for \$70,000. The money will be awarded to St. Germain organizations to be used to maintain existing trails or create new trails.

Penny Strom, executive director of the SGCC stated, "We are excited to offer this grant made available to us through the State of Wisconsin as part of the American Rescue Plan. The chamber was awarded \$114,360, with \$70,000 directed specifically to trail maintenance and development."

"In the state's grant application the chamber submitted, we focused on how more visitors came to St. Germain during the pandemic, resulting in above-average usage

of our trail systems, both non-motorized and motorized. Unfortunately, many organizations suffered financially during this time. We are hoping to assist them with some financial relief to help them continue making the trail system in St. Germain some of the best in the State."

The second grant is the St. Germain Tourism Grant; a \$40,000 grant that will be given annually to projects that will increase visitors and make a positive economic impact in St. Germain.

Strom said in order to be funded, projects must show that they will generate an increase in visitors and make a positive economic impact in the local area, and projects should have a broad appeal and target markets outside the local area.

"We are excited to see how these monies will help increase the visitor experi-

ence in St. Germain," Strom added.

"In addition, these funds are aimed at assisting organizations in bringing awareness to the area by creating new attractions and marketing projects. The criteria of being awarded the grant will be based on the scope of the projects and needs of the organization(s)."

Deadline for both grants is Thursday, June 30.

For more information on these grants or to apply, stop by the chamber, visit its website at st-germain.com, or contact Strom at (715) 477-2205 or sgexecutive@frontier.com.

The chamber is located at 473 Highway 70 in St. Germain.

Strom said if not all monies are spent during this period, a second round of applications will be offered in October.



Plum Lake Ambulance receives a \$6,500 donation from West Bay Radar Racers and Knockers Bikini Run. Pictured from left: Lou Clark, Kevin

Rasmussen, Tim Clark, Jackey Postchow, Zachary Kendrick, Calvin Hendrick, Amy Greenburg, Denise Gehl and Shelley Hodkiewicz.

—Contributed Photo

Plum Lake Ambulance Service receives \$6,500 donation

Plum Lake Ambulance Service recently received a donation of \$6,500 from the West Bay Radar Racers and the Knockers Bikini Run held annually in St. Germain.

The nonprofit groups raised the funds during the Hiller's Radar Run event held last February on Little

St. Germain Lake.

The radar runs have become one of the largest in the state, showcasing St. Germain as a premier snowmobile destination, according to Shelley Hodkiewicz of Knockers.

Hodkiewicz added that the bikini run was the biggest monetary fundraiser of

the weekend with more than 20 bikini racers participating to support breast cancer patients.

In addition to Plum Lake Ambulance, other groups receiving donations raised during the event were the St. Germain Fire & Rescue Department and the Pink Ribbon Riders.

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CONTEST WINNERS — Winners of the creative writing contest held at the Eleanor Ellis Public Library were announced. Pictured above, back row from left, Keira Riihimaki, Robert Wenberg, Nadia Steeno, Eragon Wenberg and Raelee Steeno. Middle row from left, Paxton Mokry and Aletheia Vetter-Garcia. In front, Addison Szuta. To the right, pictured from left, Sophia Perez, Carter Paral, Riley Butler and Kylie Roberts. —Contributed Photos



Blood drive slated at St. Mary's May 19

The Community Blood Center and Phelps community will hold a blood drive Thursday, May 19, from noon to 4 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, located at 4494 Town Hall Road in Phelps.

weigh at least 110 pounds, be in general good health and have a photo ID.

Donors are encouraged to eat a regular meal and drink plenty of fluids prior to giving blood.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old (or 16 years old with parental permission),

Appointments are requested. To make an appointment, call The Community Blood Center at 1-(800) 280-4102.

Congregational Church to hold memorial day service

Phelps Congregational United Church of Christ will host a special Memorial Day service Sunday, May 29, at 9 a.m.

local Wounded Warrior Project. A free-will offering will be taken to further the project's future goals.

This year's service will feature the history of Arlington Cemetery and a vision of "A Soldier's Tour at Arlington National Cemetery," as commented by Tom Cotton, a U.S. Senator from Arkansas.

A free breakfast will be served following the service.

A summary of Phelps Military Hill located on Highway 17 will be included, as well as a presentation of the

"We invite anyone and everyone to join us in celebrating and honoring those who have paid the price for our country's freedom," said church member Sharon Caskey.

The church is located at 2303 Highway 17 in downtown Phelps.



ELEANOR ELLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY
PHELPS, WI 54554

The Eleanor Ellis Public Library will host a free presentation on common scams, fraud and identity theft Wednesday, June 8, at 3 p.m.

The presenter will be Jeffrey Kersten, agency liaison for the Bureau of Consumer Protection within the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

As the agency's liaison, Kersten travels around the state to educate the public, businesses and law enforcement on privacy protection, data security, identity theft and other areas of consumer protection.

Kersten has more than 12 years of experience as a police officer and is a prior Consumer Protection investigator for the bureau.

The Next Chapter Book Club will meet Wednesday, May 18, at 6 p.m., to discuss "This Tender Land" by William Kent Krueger. Call the library to reserve a copy. This group is open to adults and new participants are welcome. This club meets the third Wednesday, monthly. Patrons also can find the

club's book choices for the year on the library's website.

The Write On writers group will meet Tuesday, May 31, at 6 p.m. This club is for writers of any skill level who are looking for writing support. Participants are encouraged to bring a sample of their writing to share. This group meets monthly. Visit the library's website for future meeting dates and times.

All programming information hosted by the library can be found by visiting the library's website or Facebook page or by calling the library.

New movies on the shelves include "Clean," "Dog," "Uncharted" and "The Outfit."

New children's books on the shelves include "Bisa's Carnival" by Joana Pastro, "Build-a-Bug" by Sara Ball,

"A Butterfly is Patient" by Dianna Hutts Aston and "The Harvey Stories Series: Books 1, 2 and 3" by Colleen Nelson, "How Does a Seed Sprout?" by Eric Carle, "How Does a Tadpole Grow?" by Eric Carle, "Kids Cook Gluten-Free" by Kelli Bronski and "The Whole World Inside Nan's Soup" by Hunter Liguore.

Library hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesdays, from 2 to 6 p.m.; and Saturdays, from

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. No-contact pickup is available at all times via the outdoor locker system and is available by calling the library. Delivery and pickup also is available through Eleanor Ellis Homebound. Wi-Fi and digital services are available at all hours. Print cloud-based, wireless printing services also are available.

For more information, call (715) 545-2887, stop in at 4495 Town Hall Road in Phelps or visit phelpspubliclibrary.org or Facebook at Eleanor Ellis PL.

Kentuck Lake district meeting set

The Kentuck Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District will hold its annual meeting Saturday, May 28, at 9 a.m.

The meeting will take

place at the new fire apparatus garage located at 16603 Tuttle Road, Eagle River.

Coffee and donuts will be served starting at 8:30 a.m.



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY — Eric Eismueller, owner of Old World Charm Bed and Breakfast in Phelps, cleans a section of Highway 17 as part of the Adopt-A-Highway program. —Photo By Sharon Gifford.

Notice of Meeting to Adjourn Board of Review to Later Date State of Wisconsin, Town of Phelps, Vilas County

The Board of Review will meet on the 8th day of June, 2022 at 5:50 p.m. at the Town Hall, 4495 Town Hall Rd., Phelps, WI 54554, for the purpose of calling the Board of Review into session during the 45-day period beginning on the 4th Monday of April, pursuant to Wis. Stat. 70.47 (1).

Due to the fact the assessment roll is not completed at this time, the Board of Review will be adjourned until the 18th day of August, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the Board of Review and procedural requirements if appearing before the Board of Review. (See Wis. Stat. 70.47 (2)):

1. After the first meeting of the Board of Review and before the Board of Review's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the Board of Review may contact, or provide information to, a member of the Board of Review about that person's objection except at a session of the Board of Review.
2. No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board of Review by telephone, or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the Board of Review or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under sub. (3)(a), that person provides to the Board of Review Clerk notice as to whether the person will ask for removal under sub. (6m)(a) and, if so, which member will be removed and the person's reasonable estimate of the length of time the hearing will take.
3. When appearing before the Board of Review, the person shall specify, in writing, the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are subject of the person's objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at the estimate.
4. No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board of Review by telephone or object to a valuation, if that valuation was made by the assessor or the objector using the income method, unless the person supplies to the assessor all of the information about income and expenses that the assessor request as specified in the manual under Wis. Stat. 73.03 (2a). The municipality or county shall provide by ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the assessor under this paragraph and shall provide exceptions for persons using the information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or if the duties of their office or by order of a court. The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determines that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under Wis. Stat. 19.35 (1).

Additionally, pursuant to Wis. Stat. 70.45, the assessment roll for the year 2022 will be open for examination starting on the 8th day of August, 2022, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The assessor shall be available at this time at the Town Hall, 4495 Town Hall Rd., Phelps, WI 54554.

Instructional material will be provided at the open book to persons who wish to object to valuations under Wis. Stat 70.47.

Notice is hereby given this 18th day of May, 2022 by:

Sheryl Ward,
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Outdoors

Tribes adding some not-so-good history

MAYBE it's just ironic that the recent over-harvest of 121 walleyes on a single lake by members of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa occurred on the very lake where legal off-reservation spearing began some 37 years ago?

I believe it was April 25, 1985, that members of the same band slid their boats into Squirrel Lake west of Minocqua to mark the first time tribal members acted upon the Jan. 25, 1983 federal appeals court decision that overturned the Voigt case in favor of the tribes.

That three-judge panel ruled, in a nutshell, that President Zachery Taylor did not have the authority to take off-reservation gathering rights away from the six Chippewa tribes by executive order in 1850.

The case went back to the district federal court where it was determined that the state would have sole management authority over the resources, yet the tribes would share equally in the harvest of fish and game.

It was on May 4 of this year that members of the Lac du Flambeau band put 28 spears on Squirrel Lake despite having only 21 permits available, and they speared 534 walleyes — 121 fish over their safe-harvest declaration.

They did the same thing the previous night on Dam Lake on the Sugar Camp Chain, sending out nine spears despite having only 7 permits for 22 walleyes each. They harvested 201 walleyes, exceeding their safe-harvest declaration by 47 fish.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has been pretty tight-lipped on the apparent mishap, with no explanation to date on whether it was the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission or the tribes that gave out too

In the Outdoors
By
Kurt Krueger



many permits, or whether spears themselves were to blame for exceeding their permit numbers.

The big issue for sport anglers is whether the tribal goof-up will result in changes to fishing regulations for the rest of the walleye season on Squirrel and Dam lakes. Though it has rarely occurred, past over harvests have resulted in bag limit changes — including the possibility of a zero bag limit.

There's also the nagging question of whether any of this was done on purpose, possibly to make a statement about spearing regulations the tribes have openly criticized?

DNR officials claim exceeding the safe-harvest declaration isn't technically an "over-harvest" because neither the long-nor short-term health of the fishery is jeopardized.

Sounds like a bunch of bureaucratic gobbledegoose to me. If they exceed the safe harvest limit, then it's an over-harvest, plain and simple.

And for the record, that type of carelessness with the resources — significantly exceeding their declaration on two lakes — probably isn't the legacy tribal members are trying to attain.

I'm waiting to see if the DNR enforces its own court-approved rules involving the "pulse rule," which basically has the tribes going back and forth each year from just under 60 percent of the safe harvest to just under 95 percent of the

safe harvest. Each year the department comes up with a safe harvest maximum for spearing on every lake in the ceded territory.

Officials say that if the tribal harvest exceeds 60 percent of the safe harvest two years in a row, the tribes cannot spear that lake the following year.

Lac du Flambeau spears declared a maximum harvest on both Squirrel and Dam lakes in 2021, declaring just under 95 percent of the safe harvest. They took 702 walleyes from Squirrel Lake and 240 walleyes from Dam Lake.

Barring some clerical error or other explanation for the suspected over-harvest this year, the tribes should get a no-spear penalty on these two lakes in spring 2023.

Off-reservation treaty rights may be the law of the land thanks to federal courts, but that doesn't mean the DNR can't do everything in its power to prevent this high-efficiency harvest method from causing permanent damage to the fisheries.

Once again, regulations involving spearing have to be conservative and strictly enforced because this isn't the same as angling — which is somewhat self-regulating.

If there were only 100 adult walleyes left in a lake, spears could successfully take half or more by targeting them on the spawning grounds at night. Anglers, on the other hand, would be hard-pressed to catch a fish with such low numbers. That's the difference.

For those who don't remember, we pretty much proved through more than 50 years of research on Escanaba Lake that even unlimited angling on a quality walleye lake can't wipe out the fishery.

We went decades with no season closure, no bag limits and no



This file photo shows the results of high-efficiency spearing on any given night or lake during the walleye spawning season. —Photo By The Author

size limits, and Escanaba with its great natural reproduction and undeveloped shorelines still contained one of the highest concentrations of adult walleyes in Wisconsin.

The DNR better know that anglers are closely monitoring how these spearing over-harvests play out on Squirrel and Dam lakes.

This is a big deal for anglers, lakefront property owners and the tourism industry, because reduced bag limits and lake closures can do incredible damage to the sport fishing industry.

What we don't need is a slap on the wrist and weak enforcement, which would send tribes the wrong message.

Nicolet College launches outdoor adventure season

An upcoming Outdoor Adventure program at Nicolet College is offering 30-plus courses to anyone interested in exploring the outdoors and learning new skills.

"The Outdoor Adventure program is all about creating that pathway for people to get outside, enjoy new experiences, and learn new skills," said Nicolet College Outdoor Adventure Coordinator Terry Rutlin. "Over the past couple of years we've seen an increasing number of people in classes and it's exciting to see so many new faces and see the enjoyment they experience on any number of adventures."

As is customary, the upcoming slate of classes will feature several new offerings as well as traditional, longtime favorites.

New classes include a multi-day fly fishing adventure to the scenic Bois Brule River in northwestern Wisconsin, how to train retriever bird hunting dogs, primitive fire starting with a bow drill and wild rice processing, among others.

Popular courses from previous years include Loon Paddle on the Turtle-Flambeau Flowage with loon experts Terry Dalton and Jeff Wilson, the Kayak/Canoe Cookout on the Willow Flowage and the assortment of instructional kayak, paddleboard, canoe, and mountain bike classes that increase the skill level of individuals interested in these activities.

A growing trend in recent years has been the popularity of foraging-oriented classes. One of those is "On the Hunt for Wild Mushrooms," which was first held three years ago.



The Outdoor Adventure program at Nicolet College will feature more than 30 different classes this coming summer, including Introduction to Kayaking, Saturday, June 25, on Lake Julia just south of Rhinelander. —Contributed Photo

"Back then if someone would have told me mushroom hunting would be as popular as it is, I think I would have had a hard time believing them," Rutlin said. "But every time we've offered it the class has filled. We've also added a second class and that's always filled as well. People clearly are interested in wild mushrooms and want to learn as much as they can about them and also identify which mushrooms are safe to eat and which ones need to be avoided."

Building on that populari-

ty, the college is also offering a class that teaches individuals how to grow their own shiitake and oyster mushrooms.

Other related offerings include Foraging in the Northwoods, which provides broad-based instruction on general foraging, and Fall Wild Cranberry Foraging, where students learn about wild cranberries and also visit an area sphagnum bog to collect a bounty of berries.

New this year is the Wild Rice Processing class, which will teach individuals how to properly prepare their rice

after it has been harvested.

Outdoor photography classes include an afternoon workshop on the shores of Lake Superior with noted photographer and writer Jeff Rennie, as well as a general outdoor photography class and another that focuses specifically on fall photography.

To view the full list of classes, the details of each, and to register, visit nicoletcollege.edu/outdooradventure. To have a paper catalog sent to you or for more information, contact (715) 365-4544.

Fishing with the Guides

By George Langley



Waiting for walleye recovery, some turn to bass, crappies

There is one thing which has not changed since the winter: the wind. It has been blowing for what seems like forever and with heavy gusts. All through the winter, it mandated some sort of shelter for most anglers. Now, it's making fishing tougher by continuing to blow us around as we try to hold on the good spots. Oh well, we could just go to the quiet side of the lakes and hope for a little action.

The water conditions are pretty good, but that rain last week sure stirred up the water. Temperatures vary on the lakes from 45 degrees to the 50s on many lakes, but they are at a standstill now until we get some more warm weather. Lakes are very full with all that rain and there has been consistent current on the Chain.

The walleye spawn is pretty much over. There has been some weed growth and the walleye, when they leave the shorelines, will very much relocate in these weeds and do some considerable feeding into June. The males are the more aggressive fish at the moment, but as time goes by, there will be more females caught as they begin to feed after the efforts of the spawn.

Jigs and minnows are working well. Use the large fatheads (Tuffies) for best results with the lightest jigs the wind will allow. Most commonly, 1/8-ounce jigs work the best. It's not the worst idea to start on structure on the shorelines such as downed trees and then, work deeper if you don't find them there.

Walleye are not the only game in town, however, as the bass are starting to locate on shorelines in pre-spawn style. Even before the spawn, you'll find large females cruising the shores "inspecting" for their spawning site and these females are pretty voracious in feeding on anything they find. These fish will be spawning on all lakes for weeks. It's time for the annual sermon about releasing the fish after catching them to finish the spawn.

Not to be outdone, some crappies have started to move into shallow areas on pre-spawn feeding patterns. It is hard to tell at the time of this writing how the cooler weather will affect their spawning efforts.

We've got a lot to look forward to yet this spring. As the water warms, we'll have a wonderful procession of fish in our sights in those spawning areas, not to mention the walleyes hitting the weeds.

Good luck and good fishin'.

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Trees For Tomorrow reports summer programs thru August

Trees For Tomorrow (TFT) recently announced its summer nature adventure programs to be held May through August. Tailored to individuals and families, nature adventure programs run from 1 to 4 p.m., and each program an average of 3 hours.

Offered on the third Saturday of each month with seasonal activities, these programs focus on connecting people to nature for an afternoon, providing a taste of outdoor recreation and learning in the North Woods.

On May 21, educators will lead a canoe trip on the Wisconsin river. The program includes beginner paddling instructions before heading out on a calm stretch of the river to enjoy a leisurely paddle with educational talks by experienced staff.

Closed-toed shoes are required and participants should wear weather-appropriate clothing and bring a water bottle. All participants must wear a life vest, provided free of charge to those who don't have one. Canoes are available for rental at an additional fee of \$10. Those too young to paddle may sit in the middle of the canoes to enjoy the ride.

Educators invite the public to explore a bog with them on June 18 for participants 5 and older. The program starts at TFT's campus and includes an introduction to bogs. The group will depart for a nearby bog to walk on the mat and investigate the vegetation



Trees For Tomorrow's first summer nature program will feature a canoe ride down the Wisconsin River on May 21. To sign up, contact Trees For Tomorrow. —Contributed Photo

that makes bog ecosystems unique. Participants should wear waterproof, knee-high rubber boots, limited sizes are available to borrow if needed. The bog mat is floating and participants should wear clothing that can get wet if they encounter a weak spot.

The July 16 nature adventure program will take a closer look at campfire cooking at the TFT campus outdoor bonfire pit. Educators will cover different cooking techniques from cast iron cooking to preparing dehydrated meals. Recipes will also be

available for taste testing. Participants with dietary concerns may contact program coordinator Beth at beth@treesfortomorrow.com in advance.

On Aug. 20, participants in this nature adventure program will learn introductory map and compass skills and apply those new skills to completing an orienteering course. Compasses will be provided free of charge for use during the program.

"Summers are meant to be spent outdoors exploring and adventuring," says program

coordinator Bethany Heft. "Join us for our nature adventure programs and explore with a knowledgeable educator by your side."

Registration is required at least 48 hours in advance. All participants younger than 18 years must be accompanied by a paying adult. Cost per person is \$15.

Registration for these nature adventures can be found on TFT's website at treesfortomorrow.com.

For more information, contact Bethany at (715) 479-6456 ext. 224.

Migratory bird season regulations approved

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recently announced the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board (NRB) voted unanimously during the April board meeting to approve the 2022 migratory bird season framework and regulations.

Utilizing the input from hunters and new scientific research, there will be changes to the 2022 migratory bird hunting season.

Highlights from the approved season structure include an updated definition of the open water duck zone boundary, simplified regulations for the open water restrictions on approved inland open water hunting lakes, and a restructuring of the north, south, and open

water zone's scap seasons.

"The 2022 season frameworks are based on the most current scientific data, as well as on input from the public, conservation and hunting groups and results from a waterfowl hunter survey," said Taylor Finger, DNR migratory bird ecologist.

"We used all the tools in our toolbox to collect public input. We used virtual meetings and expanded online outreach to ensure engagement with our customers. In total, we received more than 1,400 comments regarding the 2022 waterfowl season proposals," Finger added.

To learn more about Wisconsin waterfowl hunting, visit the DNR website at dnr.wisconsin.gov.

Early Season Dates			
Early Species Season	Open	Close	Limit
Early Teal	Sept. 1	Sept. 9	6 teal/day
Early Goose	Sept. 1	Sept. 15	5 Canada geese/day; 20 light geese/day
Mourning Dove	Sept. 1	Nov. 29	15 dove/day
Woodcock	Sept. 24	Nov. 7	3 birds/day

Duck Season Dates And Bag Limits. Opening Day Shooting Hours Will Begin One-Half Hour Before Sunrise For All Regular Waterfowl Hunting Seasons.

Duck Season	First Open	First Close	Second Open	Second Close
Youth Hunt	Sept. 17	Sept. 18		
North Zone	Sept. 24	Nov. 22		
South Zone	Oct. 1	Oct. 9	Oct. 15	Dec. 4
Open Water Zone	Oct. 15	Dec. 13		

Duck Bag Limits	
Species	Total daily bag limit is 6 ducks of any species, including no more than the following
Mallard	4 mallards, of which only 2 may be hens
Black Duck	2
Canvasback	2
Wood Duck	3
Pintail	1
Redhead	2
Merganser	5 mergansers, of which only 2 may be hooded mergansers

PMTT opens season at Cave Run; Eagle River angler places second

BY GARY RIDDERBUSCH
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Professional Musky Tournament Trail (PMTT) opened its 24th season with a visit to that venerable "Southern Capitol of Musky Fishing" — Cave Run Lake in Morehead, Ky.

Wild fluctuations in weather, water levels, water temperatures and spring muskie spawn cycle made for some tough pre-fishing for the more than 200 anglers completing this event, according to PMTT Director Tim Widlacki.

"But if there is any one thing we have also learned while following this group of 'Hard Core' muskie hunters around the country some 20-plus years is that regard-

less of the adverse conditions, somebody always seems to figure it out, connects the dots and puts a fish or two on the board," said Widlacki.

First place went to Shan Horsley of Tollesboro, Ky., and Nick Adams of Camp Dix, Ky., with two fish measuring 41 and 35.75. They won a total of \$16,500, including the Recon Boats \$1,000 Bonus Bucks and the Musky Hunter Big Fish Award on Saturday.

Second place went to Ron Haynes from Carol Stream, Ill., and Ladd Wildeson of Eagle River. On Saturday, they netted a 31-incher while splitting time between the lake's two statistically highest producing areas, Zilpo Flats and Scott's Creek. They chose to stick with it Sunday, but soon found themselves

second guessing. As the time wound down with zero action in Scott's, they moved back to the Flats. They hooked up on their second fish, a 38.5-incher to secure the second-place finish. They also won the Sunday Big Fish Award.

No other Eagle River area teams finished in the top 10. Last year's PMTT world champions, Chris and Peter Blicharz of Three Lakes, fished at Cave Run, but boated no legal fish over 30 inches, according to Chris Blicharz.

Because of the tough conditions, only 18 fish were registered Saturday and just nine were put on the board on Sunday.

The PMTT will come to the Eagle River and Three Lakes Chain of Lakes for qualifier number two June 25 and 26, with a \$20,000 first-

place prize with a full field of anglers.

The third qualifier will be at Leech Lake in Minnesota Aug. 26-27 and the Recon Boats World Championship will be at Okauchee, Oconomowoc and Pewaukee lakes in southern Wisconsin Sept. 23-25.

For more information about the PMTT or the Eagle River-Three Lakes qualifier, visit promusky.com.

Fox and coyote presentation scheduled May 25 at Nicolet

Residents in the North Woods are increasingly seeing foxes and coyotes where they shouldn't be, such as crossing a busy street or cruising through a neighborhood.

These kinds of interactions are becoming much more common, even in such unlikely places as downtown Madison, according to UW-Madison Wildlife Professor David Drake.

Since 2014, Drake has been researching this growing natural phenomena and will bring his latest findings to a special presentation Wednesday, May 25, at 9:30 a.m. in the Nicolet College Theatre.

Sponsored by UW-Madison's Badger Talks program, Nicolet College and the college's Learning in Retirement program, the event is free and open to the public.

"Traditionally much of our knowledge and research on

foxes and coyotes has been from rural or wild settings," Drake said. "With urbanization continually increasing, our studies look at how these animals use the urban landscape and how their life histories and behaviors change as a result. A big part of this involves their relationship with humans."

Drake said he routinely began spotting red fox and coyotes on the densely-packed UW-Madison campus and even living under a campus building, which led him to launch the University of Wisconsin Urban Canid Project.

Drake and his team of researchers live-trap and radio-collar these urban canines to allow researchers to remotely monitor the animals' locations without having to see or disturb them. Collecting location data over a long period of time allows

researchers to better understand where animals are spending their time and what may be drawing them there.

Blood, nasal and fecal samples are also collected to analyze what diseases are prevalent in the fox and coyote populations in Madison.

"These animals interact with humans on a daily basis, most often without ever being noticed," Drake explained. "And understanding the health of these canines can have direct implications when it comes to the health of domestic animals."

The presentation is part of the Learning in Retirement Ced's Nature Series, named after local long-time educator, writer and naturalist Ced A. Vig, who started the nature series in the late 1990s.

For more information, visit nicoletcollege.edu/lir or call (715) 365-4491.

Loon presentation set in St. Germain

The Sayner-St Germain Fish and Wildlife Club will be hosting a loon presentation Thursday, May 26, at 7 p.m. at the St. Germain Community Center.

Presenters, Linda and Kevin Grenzer, will be giving a talk on "Protecting Loons." The Grenzers have devoted many hours rescuing loons

and have stories to tell about loons and loon rescues.

They will focus their talk on what can be done by the public to protect loons from human factors such as fishing line, boats and lead poisoning.

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Our View

Annual Military Salute calls for supporting troops

Our annual Military Salute is included this week in all copies of the Vilas County News-Review and The Three Lakes News, a special tab designed to feature stories from war veterans, provide advanced details on Memorial Day ceremonies and generally support American troops.

The focus of the special section is observing National Military Appreciation Month, which was declared by Congress in 1999 to ensure the nation was given the chance to publicly show its appreciation for the troops, past and present.

The observance began May 1 with Loyalty Day, kicking off the month-long celebration with a day to reaffirm our loyalty to the United States, and to reflect on the proud heritage of our American freedom.

Other days were set aside for special recognition of historic events, including Victory in Europe Day. It was May 8, 1945, when Germans throughout Europe unconditionally surrendered to the Allies — marking the end of World War II in Europe.

Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third Saturday in May every year. This year, on Saturday, May 21, Americans will be asked to observe a single holiday for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service.

The special month culminates with Memorial Day on Monday, May 30, a federal holiday set aside to commemorate the men and women who died while in military service. Our special section is published 10 days prior to Memorial Day in order to give all our subscribers advanced details on the ceremonies that are planned throughout the North Woods.

We'd like to thank the patriotic, community-minded businesses that helped support this year's Military Salute, for we could not have done it without them.

Everyone can practice wildfire safety measures

The spring wildfire season is in full swing and it's vital to the protection of area residents and forests that people strictly observe burning regulations.

We are fortunate to have Department of Natural Resources fire experts and numerous volunteer fire departments at the ready, but the public can do its part to prevent tragedy from striking.

Until spring green-up is complete, the fire danger will be extremely high in northern Wisconsin. All residents can observe state burning rules, properly put out campfires and get permits when necessary.

Behind the editorial 'we'

Members of the Vilas County News-Review editorial board include Publisher Kurt Krueger, News Editor Michelle Drew and reporter Doug Etten.

Graduates, strive to be of value

THIS WEEK'S COLUMN is a message to graduates at all levels.

You can be whatever you want to be. You have no limitations. The whole world is open to you. The future is ahead of you and you can accomplish whatever you set your mind to. It's OK to dream and you don't have to be asleep to dream.

Polio vaccine pioneer Jonas Salk told us "Hope lies in dreams, imagination and the courage of those who dare to make dreams into reality."

Be nice to your friends and they will be nice to you. People respond to the way you treat them. If you are mean and selfish, no one will want to play or work with you. Share your gifts and don't be a bully. Be considerate of the feelings of others. Remember, friends are God's way of smoothing out the bumps on the road of life.

Be thankful for what you

People Make the Difference

By Byron McNutt



have. There are many who are not as fortunate as you. Be grateful for your home and family. It doesn't matter what someone else has. Simone de Beauvoir, a writer and philosopher once said "That's what I consider true generosity. You give your all and yet, you always feel as if it costs you nothing."

Don't complain. Whining is annoying. If you have something to say, say it. If you complain all the time, no one will want to listen to you. Surround yourself with people with positive attitudes. Celebrate achievements and special occasions.

Ziad Abdelnour said "Chance decides who you

meet, your heart decides who you want and your behavior decides who stays in your life."

Strive to do your best and you will be surprised by how much better your life is. You will feel good, and be respected and trusted. Strive not to be just a success, but rather of value. When we strive to be of value to another person, we generate immense faith and trust in their heart for ourselves. Faith goes a long way and gets stronger with time.

It's just a fact of the times. Today, no one is impartial, open-minded, fair-minded, neutral or unbiased. If ignorance is bliss, there would be

more happy people. Make a commitment to always be happy. Don't allow others to upset you. There will always be mean people, ignore them.

When possible, go and visit people you adore and think are wise. Go for the enlightenment and be open to a greater perception of the world. Look for knowledge, empathy and understanding. In order to be wise, one has to have a strong set of values. Those values change from person to person.

The standard definition of wisdom often includes the accumulation of personal experience and knowledge, which then creates an ability to make good judgments. Truly wise people are walking on some form of moral ground that recognizes the other person. That means having humility, intellect and moral.

Something good usually
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Impressive tom spreads its tail

This tom turkey was spotted in Land O' Lakes last week displaying his impressive plumage. Male turkeys can be recognized easily by their tail fans, "beard" of feathers on the chest, bright facial wattles and iridescent sheen to the feathers.

—Staff Photo By CHRIS BOONE



Robert Koehler

Patriarchy no longer rules

"THEN THE LORD God said 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.' " —Genesis 2:18, Revised Standard Version

One chapter later, after Eve was held responsible for the "first sin" — Adam, the submissive male, just did what she told him to — we have: "To the woman He said, 'I will greatly multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband and he shall rule over you.' " — Genesis 3:16

Some people are able to liberate the creation story from its theological misogyny, but for most believers, especially the male ones, it's pretty clear. Women are commanded, indeed, they were created, to do what they're told. This is our cultural infrastructure, aka the patriarchy, 10,000 or so years in the making.

The prejudice leaps into the New Testament with "Let a woman learn in silence with all submissiveness."

—1 Timothy 2:11, and on and on. Thomas Aquinas, 1,300 years later, high-fiving Aristotle, agreeing that a woman is a "misbegotten male." Jump forward another seven centuries and we get Supreme Court of the United States Judge Samuel Alito saying "Roe was egregiously wrong from the start. Its reasoning was exceptionally weak and the decision has had damaging consequences. And far from bringing about a national settlement of the abortion issue, Roe and (Planned Parenthood v. Casey) have enflamed debate and deepened division."

As everyone knows at this point, a woman's right to an abortion, a woman's right to be in full control of her own body, is now in jeopardy. This is a terrifying possibility. If the Supreme Court overthrows Roe v. Wade, the

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Intrepid angler carries the day

FOR MANY PEOPLE, the Wisconsin fishing season began May 7. For one intrepid angler, the season did not begin until a few days later.

On a morning with a gentle breeze blowing, this intrepid angler departed the shore of an unnamed lake in his fishing kayak, armed with two ultra-light rods, a container of home-dug worms, an anchor composed of two small bricks tied together and a collapsible fish-holding bag.

Flipping a piece of worm impaled on a tiny, bright-orange jig and suspended 3 feet below a very small foam bobber, the rig failed to attract any eager bluegills in the vicinity of a giant white pine that gracefully leaned out from the shore.

Drifting slowly along the shoreline, flipping cast after fruitless cast toward the shore most of the time, out toward deeper water from time to time, the intrepid



Trails & Tales By Will Maines

angler failed to get a single bite during a half-hour of fruitless fishing.

Then, he said "The heck with it." Flailing with a well-used kayak paddle, he sped toward an old standby. At the base of a high bank guarding the shore, he anchored a short distance from a fallen pine that laid perpendicular to the shore, extending out a good 30 feet or so.

Though many of the branches had rotted away over the years, enough remained, most of them underwater, to make a perfect cast a wee bit difficult. The trick, the intrepid old-timer knew, was to get the cast as close as possible

to the underwater fish-sheltering branches without getting too close so as to risk a snagged jig.

For several casts he was almost perfect, close enough anyway, to entice three bluegills to his bait, after which a quick twitch of a hook set and a fun battle with 2-pound test line led the fish to the aforementioned fish basket. Of the three, the smallest was 8 inches, the biggest 9.

Several more casts enticed only a couple of juvenile 6-inch scrappers which were quickly returned to the safety of the underwater pine branches.

Moving around the outward end of the tree, the intrepid angler re-anchored and began casting in close to the branches some more. Action was slow, nonexistent actually, and after a fruitless 20 minutes of trying, he decided to fight the battle at

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OPINION/COMMENTARY

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that location on another day.

Moving down the shore, he stopped at another of his sure-fire fishing spots. A dying spruce leaned out from the shore at that point and an angler who could make an accurate cast could loop a bobber-suspended jig underneath dangling limbs where bluegills liked to hang out.

On this particular morning of his maiden outing, no fish at all were inclined to become a part of the intrepid angler's first fresh-fish meal of the season.

An hour of drifting the shoreline, working a tiny plastic-tailed jig at times, casting the worm rig at others, result-

ed in one 5-inch bluegill being brought boat-side.

So it was, that the intrepid angler made the decision to return to his drowned pine tree. Casually flipping his jig shoreward, he miscalculated by what Bob Uecker would describe as a pitch "just a bit outside" and watched the jig land near shore in less than 2 feet of water.

He hardly expected any self-respecting bluegill to be residing in water that shallow, but before he could take a single crank of the reel handle, the bobber disappeared. He gave a tug and instantly was connected with a hefty brawler of a bluegill.

The battle bent the ultralight rod considerably, but in a few seconds, a bluegill just barely shy of 10 inches was in his hand and hence, into the

fish basket.

For this intrepid angler, seven bluegills would make a sumptuous meal for him and his very lovely wife. He now had four. With renewed confidence, he flipped another cast to a landing spot just a dozen feet offshore. Almost immediately, the bobber once again disappeared.

This time it was a 7 1/2-inch fish which was immediately dubbed worth keeping. In five more minutes of fishing, he had his seven-fish bag limit for the day.

After that, he fished for fun, but only after he pinched the barb on his jig to make releasing bluegills much easier and safer for the fish.

About 20 minutes later, he had to admit he had been a bit too smug about his fishing skills. Only one little dandip-

rat of a bluegill deigned to grab his jig in that time span and that one flipped off the hook before he even began a real "tug o' war."

Chastened somewhat, the intrepid angler grabbed his paddle, made his way to the rustic sand landing and headed home.

There, the best was to come. After some handy knife work, he had 14 filets ready to be dipped in garlic-laced crushed cracker crumbs then, dropped gently into a frying pan holding just the right amount of hot oil.

The intrepid angler and his very lovely wife devoured every morsel of those perfectly browned slabs of bluegill, along with crisp potato slices and some tangy pickled beets. A feast fit for a king and queen. Life was good.

FORK aims to help feed kids with \$10,000 matching grant

Letter to the Editor:

Why is Feed Our Rural Kids (FORK) offering \$10,000 as a matching grant in support of the Northwoods Weekend Backpack programs?

As the president of FORK, I get asked a lot of these type of "why" questions. Keep them coming. But the question of why FORK is supporting the Northwoods Weekend Backpack programs is one question that I felt needed to be answered with a response to the broader community.

When FORK was created, our objective was to fill in the gaps between the needs of children from food-insecure homes and the needs of those children met through programs already available within this community. To that end, FORK has created five nutritional support programs. Learn more at feodurruralkids.org.

But let it be understood that our FORK programs to support food-insecure families are not the only programs in place, and not the only programs in need of and deserving of the broader community's support. The Weekend Backpack program

was one of those existing efforts prior to the creation of our organization. It is not only one of the programs that we believe is worthy of this community's support, but it is a program worthy of FORK's support.

Since day one, our mission has been to provide nutritional support to children. In offering up this \$10,000 challenge to the community, we are doing exactly what we intended to do from day one, *that is to help feed kids.*

We hope you will take this opportunity to join our efforts to support the Weekend Backpack programs serving the children of the Three Lakes, Phelps and Northland Pines school districts.

You can donate at feodurruralkids.org/weekend-backpack-program or individuals can mail in their donations to: Northwoods Weekend Backpack Programs, 4887 Echo Ridge Drive, Eagle River, WI 54521.

Remember, all donations through the end of May will be matched up to \$10,000 raised.

Perry Pokrandt
 President of Feed
 Our Rural Kids Inc.

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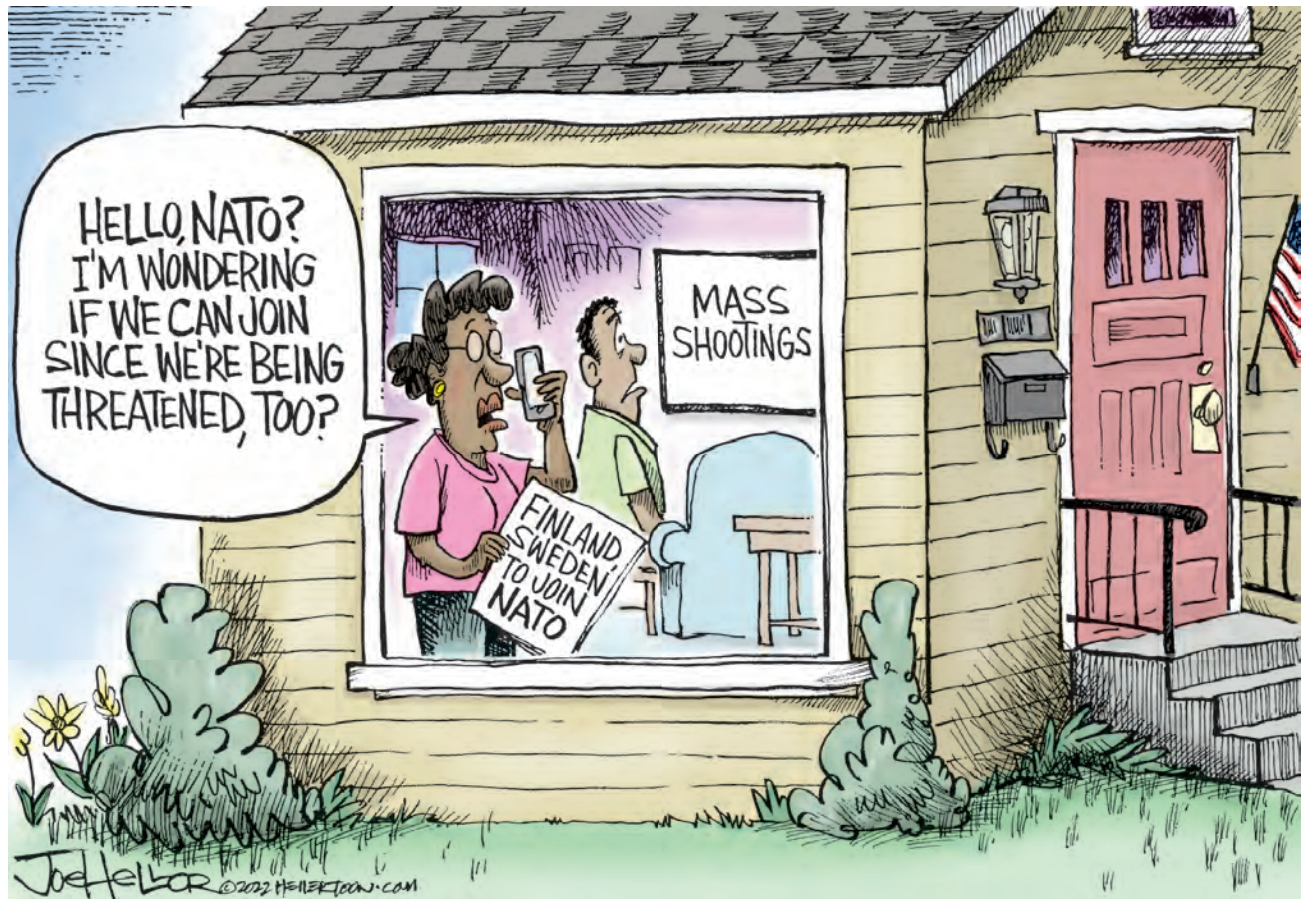
comes to those who prepare; those who fail to prepare rarely have good things happen to them. I've come away with the belief that wisdom is actually more about intuition and a kind of sensitive, intentional consciousness.

Wisdom is being able to discern how people are presenting themselves to you, what they really mean and then, knowing how to download all that information. There are certain things you know about human beings

and about the world that no one has actually ever taught you. You can just feel it; you know it in your spirit.

When you're trying to accomplish something great, open up your mind to life; the real world. Once you open your eyes, you want to go learn. The people that come into your life, the people that you trust; they get you to try things, get you to listen differently, get you to travel to different places.

Those people will be the most important to your growth. Knowing that, is what wisdom is. You may meet that special person tomorrow.



Vilas County's Rustic Road 60 is worth saving

Letter to the Editor:

In Vilas County, we are privileged to have one of the state's Rustic Roads; a designation given only to those roads most picturesque, with characteristics that cannot be found anywhere else.

Rustic Road 60, Highway K, is one of those deemed worthy of the title. It also is, once again, my home. It is winding and the trees live a little closer to the road, giving each visitor a tunnel of trees to whisper through in any season, though fall and fresh

snow days are particularly spectacular.

Highway K makes its way between eight different lakes, with special views of most, peppered with many birds and rarely else-seen wildlife.

My father, now 93 years old, spent all but the first five years of his life living on Highway K. He knows its best fishing spots, though he will not share them with you. He knows where the fox family has lived since he was a boy. If you ever want frog legs, he knows how to find the bull-

frogs, too.

Between Lost Canoe and White Sand lakes, there is a continuous canopy overhead. Through the trees, you get glimpses of Lost Canoe Lake on one side and White Sand on the other, each with stopping places where most visitors pull off to take pictures of the beauty once they catch their breath.

Rustic Road 60 also wraps around Little Star Lake, so close you can see the pebbles in the water as you pass. It is not uncommon for a heron to

be found fishing within feet of the road's shoulder.

In 1899, Star Lake, near the end of Rustic Road 60's route, became a town overnight as Williams and Salsich logging operations came north from Wausau to harvest the virgin timber. They built a mill in Star Lake and railroad operations carried loggers and lumber back down state to accommodate the population growth Wisconsin would experience for the next

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WHAT OTHERS SAY

Voters urged to help vanishing species

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-REVIEW

MADISON — With 36% of Wisconsin turtle species and 24% of bird species declining and in trouble, leading conservation organizations are calling for a May Congressional vote on a bipartisan bill that would bring \$18 million a year to Wisconsin for conservation of 400 animals at risk of extinction.

They urge Wisconsin voters to contact their U.S. senators and representatives to tell them to pass the Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA).

"Each week seems to bring more dire news for our natural world," said David Clutter, executive director of the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin. "Recovering America's Wildlife Act is a 'once in a generation' opportunity to save our wildlife and their habitats."

Direct links to Congressional offices and comment forms, an email template and more information for Wis-

consin's Coalition for RAWA can be found at wicoalition-forrawa.org.

Nationally, more than 12,000 wildlife species are in trouble; their populations low, declining or endangered and threats from habitat loss, invasive species, climate change and disease accelerating.

In Wisconsin, 416 species are at risk, a group that includes monarch butterflies, piping plovers, long-eared owls, wood turtles and four cave bat species. Hundreds more species in Wisconsin are classified as species in need of information, as little is known of their locations and abundance.

Wisconsin currently receives \$900,000 a year from the federal government to fund its Wisconsin Wildlife Action Plan Congress requires all states to have. RAWA would give Wisconsin, other states, territories and the District of Columbia the funding they need to fully carry out these action plans.

States would receive \$1.3

billion annually, paid for from existing revenues from environmental penalties, for voluntary, collaborative habitat work, scientific research, invasive species control, and other conservation efforts with public and private partners. Tribal nations would receive \$97 million annually for proactive conservation work on millions of tribal lands. Plus, conservation efforts for 1,600 U.S. species already on the federal Endangered Species List would get a financial boost.

The goal is to keep declining species from becoming endangered and to help those that are endangered recover, said Mark LaBarbera, executive director of Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, which represents more than 200 hunting, fishing and other affiliated sporting conservation organizations.

"Our members know that their hunting and fishing depend on having healthy ecosystems, and that pheasants, deer, turkey, ducks,

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legality of abortion will be decided state by state and at this point, more than half of them are ready to pass legislation turning it back into a crime. Oklahoma, for instance, just passed a law making abortion illegal after about six weeks, when cardiac activity can be detected in the embryo, with no exceptions for rape or incest.

"Yes, I'm angry," wrote Elizabeth Warren. "I'm angry at the justices who deliberately deceived the American people. I'm angry at the Republicans in Congress who stole two Supreme Court seats to get us to this day. And I'm angry at the cruelty of the anti-abortion politicians who will impose enormous pain, suffering and possible death on people who have the fewest resources to fight back."

The passage of Roe v. Wade in 1973 was a direct undoing of the infrastructure of patriarchy: male rule, female submissiveness. It dug to the core of who we are and began creating change at, perhaps, the deepest level of being human.

Playwright Eve Ensler, also known as V, put it this way. Overturning Roe "will

catalyze and amplify the right-wing misogynist project that is taking away the rights of women everywhere. If we allow the erasure of this central right for women, it will escalate the erasure of them all.

"This is not about babies, it is about destroying women's agency and autonomy. And we know that this will most harshly affect the lives of Black and Brown women and marginalized people," that is to say, those without the resources to travel long distances for an abortion.

In short, this is a complex combo of racism, sexism and God. It's not an issue to be solved with simplistic "pro-life" self-righteousness. I honor and value all who are truly pro-life, who stand against trillion-dollar military budgets, a nuclear-armed planet, poverty and starvation, but "these self-styled pro-lifers don't seem to care much about 'life once a baby is born,'" wrote Jill Filipovic three years ago at The Guardian, in reference to Donald Trump's supporters. "They want to cut aid to needy children, and health care to poor mothers and pregnant women. They oppose contraception and sex education; the most effective ways to reduce the abortion rate. Many of them continue to support a president who

separates small children from their parents and keeps them in squalid cages."

She wrote that they saw in Trump "a kindred spirit who would work for their interests; their primary interest being a symbolic reassertion of their cultural dominance."

But cultural, patriarchal, dominance is at the end of its reign, with or without Roe v. Wade. Of course, if the leaked Supreme Court's draft holds and Roe is overturned, if legal abortion turns into a patchwork right across the national landscape, chaos will ensue.

"There will be marching, demonstrations, sit-ins, petitions," wrote Robin Morgan. "Women will go ahead and disobey the law. What are they going to do when half the population is in revolt? Not 20%, not the ultra-right wing, not the evangelicals; women are going to control what happens to our own bodies. No matter how many thousands of us have to go to jail. We are not turning back the clock. No way."

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NEWS



BLOOD MOON — The moon took on a red “blood moon” appearance during the lunar eclipse Sunday night. Only red, orange and yellow light from the sun passes through Earth’s atmosphere to reach the moon. All other colors are scattered by clouds, air and dust particles.

—Photo By Kerry Griebenow

Rustic: Highway K is a road worth saving

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half-century.

The camp population of more than 600 residents had many businesses, 84 family homes, a public school and a doctor’s office. Visitors can see the sobering unnamed infant burial site in the tiny Star Lake Cemetery, created quickly one winter when influenza ravaged the town.

Did you know that the Hodag was actually created

on Rustic Road 60? Practical joker and lumberjack Eugene Shepard created the monster at Ferncroft Resort, located on Ballard Lake and toted it, along with his outlandish tale of its capture, to exhibit it at his home town of Rhineland-er’s county fair.

There is not another Rustic Road in Wisconsin or indeed in the country, with as rich a history.

Historic Rustic Road K is now at risk. Plans to “improve and modernize” it during repaving, which is slated to occur within the next two years, has already damaged the road with preliminary vigorous brushing, limbing and removal of smaller trees along the road’s edge. As concerned citizens cry out, it is so important to understand that this is not the cry of a few crazy “flatlander tree huggers.” This is the cry from the forest and lakes, ancestors and locals, and visitors who travel here, awed by the view.

John Scrip, a Schaumburg,

Ill., native wrote recently “It’s sad that the county doesn’t understand the value. Maybe they’re too close to the merchandise. They have those sights and sounds available so maybe they don’t see the value through the eyes of those many of us who don’t. Rustic Road 60 should be a national landmark.”

For me, there is no place like home. For John and many others, there is nowhere else on Earth that fascinates, restores and gives hope in the way the natural beauty of Highway K does. There is no putting it back together if these improvements continue going forward. We will lose the unique beauty, our heritage and the generations to come will never get to experience this most special of places.

Let your thoughts be heard by our county and state government, local radio, TV and newspapers. *Save our Rustic Road.*

Rustic Road 60, on Highway K in Vilas County, Wis-

consin is a road like no other, a road worth saving.

Susie Wilsie-Govier
Star Lake

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grouse and other game species will also benefit from habitat work funded by RAWA,” he said.

More than 250 other Wisconsin organizations and businesses have signed on to a letter supporting RAWA, and voters in the 2022 Spring Hearings held by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Congress overwhelmingly supported passage of RAWA: 85.4% of Wisconsin voters who voted on the issue supported the legislation.

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READER OPINION

America’s health autonomy hinges on new amendment

Dear Editor:

Just when the majority of Americans who believe this country could never be subjected to any more destruction than what’s been foisted upon it since the last national election, comes the final nail in the coffin that had to be nefariously devised for the most impenetrable roadblock of totalitarianism the world has ever seen.

While we’ve been distracted by ongoing orchestrated chaos from all directions and a timely criminal leak of an

upcoming Supreme Court ruling, our national sovereignty has crept within mere days of being handed over to the U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) by whomever is in charge of the Joe Biden administration.

WHO’s primary role is to direct international health within the U.N.’s system and to “consult” with its national partners in global health responses. The World Health Assembly (WHA) on the other hand is the governing legislative body that controls the actions of WHO.

Next week, during its yearly summit in Geneva, Switzerland, May 22-28, ultimate control over America’s health-care autonomy plus that of the other 193 member nations, 99.4% of the world’s population, hinges on the vote of the Biden administration’s proposed amendments recently presented to WHA.

The timing of the vote could not be better for passage at a time when our Capitol Hill politicians not only have been kept in the dark on this transformational scheme, but are distracted themselves with campaigning and thus, might not be able to mobilize enough resistance in such a short period of time before the vote. And if the amendments pass, the enactment timelines conveniently change so that the grace-review period by nation members is drastically shortened from the longstanding 18 months to just six months.

This not only brings the “binding” enactment date to just shortly after our midterm elections in November, but even if the balance of power in Congress flips as expected, Republicans would be powerless to reverse the outcome by not taking official control

until January.

The regulations in the amendments will legally and unilaterally empower WHO’s director-general to declare health emergencies or crises in any nation for whatever reason without the burden of hard evidence and be shielded from any resistance by the targeted nation(s). With 20 prominent countries, plus the 27 comprising the European Union also on board, the Biden administration’s amendments are a lock to drive that final nail home with more vengeance than ever could have been imagined just two years ago.

And even though communist China supposedly is our most formidable foe, their financial support of WHO and therefore their own best interests, are only enhanced by these amendments that neuter U.S. sovereignty; not to mention that WHO’s Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, simply known as Tedros, has close ties with China and its communist worldview.

In a recent address to the WHO executive committee, Tedros proclaimed “The priority is to urgently strengthen WHO as the leading and directing authority on global health, at the center of global health architecture. We are one world, we have one health, we are one WHO.”

Because knowledge is power, anyone can help save our nation simply by absorbing the official government documents. As a matter of fact, this treasonous threat to our freedom was exposed by a single citizen inadvertently stumbling upon the contents quietly posted April 12 and bravely sounding the alarm.

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