



# Lifestyle

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## Northwoods Share to host Valentine's drive-thru dinner

Northwoods Share will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a free Valentine-themed drive-thru community pick-up-and-go dinner next Tuesday, Feb. 15.

Dinner organizers thank the second grade class at Northland Pines Elementary School for making Valentine's Day cards to accompany each boxed dinner distributed.

The caterer will be Trig's and Laura's deli department and the menu will feature lasagna, fruit, garlic bread and red velvet cupcakes.

Boxed dinners will be distributed starting at 5 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. or when

dinners run out, whichever comes first. Meals will be distributed at the Northwoods Share Needs Ministry building behind The Rock Mission Center, 1019 E. Wall St. in Eagle River. Cars should line up at the orange cones.

Northwoods Share's Needs Ministry and Interdenominational Churches Helping-Encouraging-Loving-Providing (IC HELP) is open Wednesdays from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., but is closed when schools are closed.

In emergencies, call (715) 891-8966 or visit northwoodsshare.org for additional information.

## Tara Lila to host 10 snowshoe celebration

Tara Lila will be hosting its 10th annual Snowshoe Celebration this Saturday, Feb. 12, from 4 p.m. to dusk at its Sundstein Unit, 128 Sundstein Rd. in Eagle River.

Held snow, cold or shine, participants are encouraged to dress for the weather for the free, family-friendly event.

A guided naturalist tour will leave the Rulseh Shelter

at 4 p.m.

Beginning at 4 p.m., there will also be a warming campfire with hot chocolate and s'mores.

A luminaire walk candlelight snowshoe will be held at dusk.

For more information on Tara Lila and the snowshoe celebration, call (715) 544-5353 or visit taralila.org.

## Vacationland Voices choir returns this year

Vacationland Voices, a community choir under the auspices of the Headwaters Council for the Performing Arts, will return this year.

"If you love to sing and can attend rehearsals, we would like to hear from you," said Vacationland Voices Spokeswoman Karen Stanton. "Without music the world would be B<sub>b</sub> (B-flat)."

Vacationland Voices is directed by Lori Hunter.

Response is needed by the choir as soon as possible to order music.

Rehearsals will begin Wednesday, June 15, in the Northland Pines High School Auditorium, located at 1800 Pleasure Island Road in Eagle River.

Concert dates are July 27 and 28, depending on Covid-19 restrictions for auditorium seating capacity.

Vacationland Voices has a history dating back to 2013 and donates 100% of free-will offerings to local charities.

For more information or to join, contact Jean Meyer at jmmeyer51@gmail.com.

**SNOWY SLEDS** — The Three Bear Sled Dog races held in Land O' Lakes last weekend were a cold and snowy event, but that didn't slow down people of all ages who took in the races. Northland Pines SOAR students walked the grounds selling "edible hand warmers" (above); the snow didn't bother the excited dogs as they prepared to race (right); and the Kid's Mutt Races were a popular event with more than 40 youths signed up (bottom left). —STAFF PHOTOS



## Not that you asked, but...

By Eric Johnson



### Fever's gone

"All right, Cincinnati, it is time for this town to get down! You've got Johnny, Dr. Johnny Fever, and I am burning up in here! WHOA! We ALL in critical condition babies, but you can tell me where it hurts, 'cause I got the healing prescription here from the big 'KRP musical medicine cabinet! Now I am talking about your 50,000-watt intensive care unit, babies! So just sit right down, relax, open your ears REAL wide and say 'Give it to me straight, doctor, I can take it!'"

—Howard Hesseman as Dr. Johnny Fever Caravella, "WKRP in Cincinnati," 1978

Famously referenced in the 1972 Don McLean song "American Pie," Feb. 3, 1959 for most Americans is known as "The Day the Music Died," when rock and rollers Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson were killed in a plane crash during their 24-day "Winter Dance Party" tour across the Midwest.

For me, Jan. 29, 2022 will be "The Day the Music Died" with the passing of actor Howard Hesseman, perhaps best known among Generation X like myself, as disk jockey Dr. Johnny Fever on the Emmy-nominated 1978-82 CBS situation comedy "WKRP in Cincinnati," which chronicled the misadventures of the colorful, offbeat staff of a struggling fictional Ohio radio station. Show creator Hugh Wilson famously based the show on

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## Johnson: Passing of 'Dr. Johnny Fever' spurs memories of own radio days

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his real life experiences working ad sales at Top 40 formatted WQXI-AM 790 in Atlanta, basing a number of the characters and some of the show's early storylines on the people and events at "Quixie in Dixie." Not surprisingly, American disc jockeys praised "WKRP" as the first TV show that realistically portrayed the nation's radio business.

My personal favorite "WKRP" character and childhood hero wannabe was Hesseman's perpetually broke and cynical morning drive man Dr. Johnny Fever, who made a career living out the show's introductory theme song lyrics — "packing and unpacking, town to town, up and down the dial." Moonlighting Saturdays as disk jockey for San Francisco underground rock station KMPX-FM 107 in the 1960s, Hesseman had the professional chops to realistically play Fever, often ad-libbing his on-air banter behind the WKRP mic.

Growing up in the waning heydays of the AM band's musical era in Milwaukee, listening to the humorous schtick of WTMJ-AM 620 afternoon drive jock Jonathan Green and watching the small screen antics of the WKRP

crew, I was the stereotypical radio geek of the era, recording cassette tapes with my witty "EJ the DJ" banter on fantasy "Toast of the Town" WINE-AM 1440 between live commercials and interludes of eight tracks and vinyl featuring sound effects, classic golden age comedy bits and an eclectic mix of tunes ranging from the Carpenters, Chicago and Earth, Wind and Fire to Foreigner, one-hit-wonder Starbuck and crossover country music superstar Ronnie Milsap.

Soon after, I moved up to the broadcasting wonders of Ronco's "As Seen on TV" Mr. Microphone, a small wireless FM radio transmitter in a plastic microphone that allowed you to set your radio to 88.1 and hear *your voice*.

High school diploma in hand, I was later off to Marquette University in Milwaukee to study broadcast communications and journalism.

Hosting my weekly four-hour "Rolling Radio Show" on campus radio station WMUR-AM 750, I entertained with David Letterman-ish schtick ranging from parody "Bowling for Cheese" listener promotions to the comedic serialized superhero radio drama "The Amazing

Adventures of Muskrat Man" for my seven listeners.

Eventually I landed in the big time — commercial radio — barking behind the mic as the afternoon drive man spinning vinyl old school country ballads and western swing for my 4,500 human and bovine listeners at "LUV Radio" WLUV AM-FM, Rockford, Illinois' "WKRP in Cincinnati." Broadcasting from "The LUV Shack," a barn-red station sitting in the midst of an expansive prairie field affectionally known as "LUV Acres," I presided over an eclectic five-hour mix of afternoon drive and early evening programming that included my countrified Rolling Radio Show, the Top 20 LUV Country Countdown, the buy-and-sell Tradio radio marketplace, and Gospel Hour.

Thanks to the dogged efforts of seventh grade Spanish teacher Señor Leech back in the day, I was able to muddle my way through the nightly Hora Española, playing the Spanish language version of Stevie Wonder's 1984 R&B hit "Te Llama Porque Te Amo" on doble ve - eh-leh - oo - bay, quince veinte, noventa y seis punto siete (WLUV 1520/96.7).

True to "WKRP," WLUV was home to a motley crew of



Returning to his old haunts, News-Review Assistant Editor Eric Johnson last visited WLUV AM-FM in Rockford, Ill. in January 2020, following the death of his former boss, mentor and long-time friend, 1962-2020 WLUV owner Angelo "Papa Joe" Salvi.

characters in its own right — "Big Guy" owner-GM "Papa Joe," Katherine Hepburn-voiced office manager Virgie, and an ensemble cast of air staff including expansive morning drive man "Moose," Johnny Fever-ish mid-day man-of-many-voices Denny and Venus Flytrap-inspired night man "William Gee," who presided over WLUV's Soul, R&B and Jazz show, "Twilight After Dark." My role in the LUV comedic drama was that of 'KRP program

director Andy Travis, the sensible straight man.

It was a fun run while it lasted, living a real life sitcom and checking DJ off my bucket list, leaving The LUV Shack with a wealth of memories to launch a "WKRP" reboot. A true blessing, my time at WLUV led to a deep friendship with Papa Joe that endured for more than three decades after I left LUV Acres to go packing and unpacking, town to town, just not on the dial.

## Lions to host Winter Frolic this Saturday

The Conover Lions Club will host its annual Winter Frolic fundraiser Saturday, Feb. 12, from noon to 3 p.m. at Conover Town Park.

Winter Frolic will feature sled races, raffles, food and refreshments.

The races for children begin at 1 p.m., with awards in each age group.

Participants will need to bring their own sleds, tubes and saucers.

The children will be towed to the top of the sled hill by the Conover Sno-Buddies Snowmobile Club trail groomer.

Food and beverages will be available at the park's indoor shelter

Proceeds raised by the Lions Club will support a number of local and international Lions causes, including Wisconsin Lions Camp in Rosholt, which serves nearly 1,300 special campers a year with vision, hearing and mild cognitive disabilities and Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes.

Conover Town Park is located one block east of Highway 45 on Highway K

For more information, call (715) 477-0575.

## Annual Blizzard Blast planned at Conover Community Park

The eighth annual Northwoods Blizzard Blast is planned for Saturday, Feb. 19 at Conover Community Park, featuring activities for winter enthusiasts of all ages.

Chilly Charlie's Children's Carnival features winter-themed games for children. Prizes are awarded for games such as Snowman Pong, Ring Toss, Chilly Charlie's Challenge, Find my Buttons, and more. Kids will also enjoy Snow Art Fun, using nature's own materials to create art in the snow. The Dogsled Dash is a popular attraction, where children take home their own Master Musher's certificate and medal. Talented face painting artists will be on site.

Recliner Races, Ice Bowling and Slap Shot Hockey

events, along with open skating, will be held on the ice rink in the center of the park. The baseball diamond will host the Firefighter Challenge Competitions. Demonstration and instruction in snowshoeing and archery will be held throughout the day.

For a more serene activity, horse-drawn sleigh rides will depart the park every 15 minutes, traveling through scenic forest lands. Cross-country ski enthusiasts may want to check out the Pioneer Creek Recreation Trail. Trails are groomed for both classic and skate ski enthusiasts.

The Northwoods Blizzard Blast Artisan Bazaar is held the same day from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the Conover Community Center, located adjacent to the park. Handcrafted

winter wear, seasonal crafts and nature-inspired jewelry will be showcased. Attendees are encouraged to sample featured dips, desserts and drink mixes and take home their favorites. Authentic fur hats, mufflers, headbands and gloves will be available. Home décor, Wisconsin sports team items, weather stations and weaved rugs will also be for sale. Offerings will also include goat milk lotions and soaps, as well as alpaca products.

Activities on the park grounds kick off at 10 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. There is no admission fee to the park. All events are free for spectators to enjoy. Single event tickets will be available for purchase for those who want to get in on the action. Sandwiches, s'mores, snacks and refresh-

ments will be available all day. Warming bonfires and heated restrooms are located throughout the park.

Conover's popular sledding hill and ice rink will have open areas for free use all day. Loaner skates and sleds are available on site. The town park features nighttime lighting for those that wish to stay and play into the evening.

By Conover town ordinance, dogs are not allowed on the park grounds during events. Working huskies, horses and ponies will be at task in their event space.

Proceeds raised at the event go to area fire and EMS departments.

For more information call (715) 547-8120 or visit Northwoods Blizzard Blast on Facebook.

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**BLIZZARD BLAST**  
FEBRUARY 19 | 10AM - 4PM  
WINTER ACTIVITIES | CARNIVAL FOR KIDS | SLEIGH RIDES  
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FREE FAMILY FUN!  
Guided Naturalist Tour 4 PM  
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For more information, (715) 544-5353 or TaraLila.org



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# Trees For Tomorrow program offers a la carte options

The Trees For Tomorrow (TFT) environmental education center in Eagle River is slated to host its first week-long Nature ReTreats program of the year, centered around cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, from Feb. 20-26.

In addition to a traditional overnight format, TFT is offering an a la carte option titled "ReTreats by the Day" for those who wish to attend only certain portions of the week. Both the week-long and by-the-day Nature ReTreats options are tailored to adults and provide an environment where participants can meet and form connections with like-minded individuals from around the state and region, while enjoying premier outdoor winter recreation and learning activities.

The program provides everything from basic skiing and snowshoeing instruction helping beginners discover a new hobby to assisting intermediate-level participants further develop their skills.

"Here in Wisconsin, and really the entire Midwest in general, we tend to have long winters," said TFT Education Department Manager Kim Feller. "When you have a hobby that gets you outside in the snow, it really can help you make a celebration out of the season instead of dreading it. What's great about the a la carte



Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing will be the featured activities at the upcoming Trees program. —STAFF PHOTO

option is that it gives people an opportunity to try out certain activities to see if they're a great fit before spending money on equipment."

Advanced-level skiers and snowshoers are also

welcome to attend.

Each day of the week features different experiences, and some highlights include excursions to the Sylvania Wilderness, Nicolet National Forest and Northern Highland-Ameri-

can Legion State Forest.

"Trees for Tomorrow is very lucky to be centrally located to so many beautiful and diverse trails on public lands," said Feller. "Our ReTreats itinerary really does bring participants to the best trails our area has to offer."

The Ski and Snowshoe ReTreats a la carte options start at \$30 for a half-day experience, including equipment rental. Participants can register for either a morning, afternoon or entire day on as many days as they wish during the week. If registrants want to sign up for a full day, they should register for the morning and afternoon session separately. Guests also have the option to sign up for a lunch for a nominal cost provided by TFT's hospitality staff if they are planning to stay for the entire day.

For more information and registration for both the weeklong and by-the-day Nature ReTreats programming visit [treesfortomorrow.com/visit](http://treesfortomorrow.com/visit) or call (715) 479-6456 and ask to speak with TFT Program Coordinator Todd Starling.

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

## Local spring arts show planned in Eagle River

North Woods artists, resident and visitors are welcome to join the local Wisconsin Regional Art Program (WRAP) show this spring in Eagle River.

Plans are to conduct the show, locally sponsored by the Land O' Lakes-based Headwaters Art League, in person this year. Because of Covid-19, the show was held virtually last year.

Backed statewide by the Association of Wisconsin Artists, the WRAP show will be held at the Walter E. Olson Memorial Library, located at 203 N. Main St. in Eagle River.

Amateur artists of all types are welcome to enter the show, which offers local and state awards. Up to three entries may be submitted for this show.

WRAP encourages nonprofessional student and emerging artists to create and exhibit their work. The long-standing program encourages people who have a serious interest in art, and create art for the love of doing it in a professional manner, with statewide recognition.

WRAP began as a satellite program of UW-Madison, but is now administered by the Association of Wisconsin Artists, while still retaining ties with UW-Madison through an annual exhibition of WRAP art in the fall, and an affiliation with the UW Art Department.

Monetary awards as well as wide recognition are offered at this well-attended state show.

Entries and a payment of \$30 is due Wednesday, April 20. Checks should be made out to Headwaters Art League and mailed to Headwaters Art League WRAP Coordinator Sandie Pauly, P.O. Box 238, Land O' Lakes, WI 54540. Alternately, entries and payment can be paid by visiting [wiscartists.wildapricot.org](http://wiscartists.wildapricot.org), clicking on the WRAP page, and signing up for the Eagle River Headwaters Art League show.

The artwork will be due Saturday, April 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Judging will take place by Saturday, June 4.

Additional information on submission and eligibility of amateur artwork is also available at the WRAP site.

As a major component of the show, the Headwaters Art League will hold a workshop planned for June 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The workshop is open at no charge to participating artists, as well as a \$5 fee for interested spectators. More details on the workshop and the presenting artist will be forthcoming.

Headwaters Art League is a local art organization which encourages local amateur artists, hosts the local WRAP show, and promotes membership and participation in workshops hosted by Land O' Lakes Arts.

For more information, contact Pauly at (715) 547-3135 or [sandiepaul2@aol.com](mailto:sandiepaul2@aol.com), or assistant Barbara Nehring at (715) 547-3333 or [trading-postint@gmail.com](mailto:trading-postint@gmail.com).

## Northland Pines drama students to present 'Shrek' Feb. 18 thru 20

Music and drama students at Northland Pines High School (NPHS) will perform "Shrek: The Musical" Feb. 18-20 in the NPHS auditorium.

Showtimes are 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Northland Pines High School is located at 1800 Pleasure Island Rd., Eagle River.

Based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film, "Shrek: The Musical" is a Tony Award-winning fairy tale adventure, with music by Jeanine Tesori and book by David Lindsay-Abaire.

"Shrek brings the beloved characters from the film to life on stage and proves there's more to the story than meets the eye," said director Kate Janssen, Grades 6-12 choral director for the Northland Pines School District (NPSD). "Shrek, an ogre, is an unlikely hero who finds himself on a life-changing journey alongside a wise-cracking Donkey, a feisty princess, a short-tempered villain, a gingerbread man, and over a dozen other fairy tale misfits. What ensues is a mess that calls for a real hero, and Shrek proves that beauty is truly in the eye of the ogre."

Popular songs from the production include "Big, Bright, Beautiful World," "Story of My Life," "I Know It's Today," "Forever," "Freak Flag" and "I'm a Believer."

More than 60 NPHS students are involved in the cast, crew and pit orchestra for the musical.

Students playing major roles are senior Frankie Milanowski as Shrek, junior Emma Perry as Fiona, junior Massa Justice as Donkey, junior Christian Sandberg as Lord Farquaad, junior Alyssa Imse as the Dragon, freshman Owen Libby as

Pinocchio and senior Molly Payne as Gingy/Sugar Plum Fairy. An ensemble of student actors are featured as fairytale creatures, dancers, guards and villagers. The show will also feature five sixth-graders from Eagle River Elementary School portraying the youth roles in the cast.

Many additional students are involved as tech crew including Nicholas Fluegel (sound designer), Sophia Simac (lighting designer/student director), Grace Indermuehle (lighting assistant/student director), Mac Williams and Kaemyn Heritage (spotlights), Nicholas Petreikis (stage manager) and Marissa Brassell (prop manager), along with a student group of stage crew members.

The live pit orchestra, under the direction of Jennifer Anderson, includes NPHS students Andrew Hartwig, Evan Burke, Chloe Zmek, Natalie Simac and Drew Schulta. The pit orchestra also includes adult players Rachel Strong, Carie Kluever, Bethany Puffer, Kristyn Lohoff, Cindy Nel-

son, Forrest Mann, Norma Yaeger, Linda Bender, Maximilian Tomaso, Peter Stoltman, Karol Baugh and Peter Aerts.

The NPHS musical is directed by Kate Janssen, with choreography by Ann Perry, acting coaching by Bernie Hupperts and Jeffrey Libby, pit coaching by Forrest Mann, costuming by Judy Clure and Becky Deditz, hair and makeup design by Amy Price, technical direction by Jeff Janssen, set construction by Gary Schwenn of Shiloh Construction, and set painting by Lou Deditz, Char Croker, and Karly Kolehouse. Advertising, social media and graphic design was provided by Ashley Heid.

"We are excited to bring the 13th annual Northland Pines High School musical to life with SHREK," says Janssen. "We continue to enforce multiple safety procedures with our students in order to safely produce a show during the continued Covid pandemic. I'm extremely proud of our students and thankful for the support our school and community has shown us. I hope

you join us, in person or on the livestream, to see our hardworking NPHS students in action for this heartwarming musical fairy tale."

Following NPSD Board of Education safety protocols, all ticket groups in the audience will be socially distanced from other groups. Limited public tickets are now available by calling NPSD Activities Secretary Christine Ueb at (715) 479-6286, Ext. 2.

The performances will also be live-streamed through ShowTix4U. Stream passes to view the live stream will be available beginning Feb. 14 at [showtix4u.com/event-details/60409](http://showtix4u.com/event-details/60409) at no charge. Users must register on the site in order to receive their pass.

The production at Northland Pines will again host three reviewers from the Jerry Awards program through the Overture Center in Madison, who will review the show and provide students with feedback on many aspects of the production. If any students are recognized with nominations for outstanding work, they will be notified later this spring.



Singer/songwriter Brett Winters will perform his indie-folk brand of music Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. —Contributed Photo

## Brett Winters to perform Feb. 11 at The Warehouse

Local indie-folk singer and songwriter Brett Winters returns to The Warehouse Community Arts Center this Friday, Feb. 11, from 7 to 9 p.m.

This free, family-friendly event will also be virtually live streamed from The Warehouse Art Center Facebook page.

"Brett acoustically and vocally blends classic to modern folk styles from artists such as Paul Simon, Gordon Lightfoot and Nick Drake to today's sounds of Ben Howard, Gregory Alan Isakov and Phoebe Bridgers," said Angela Badeau, creative arts coordinator at The Warehouse. "Brett's inspiration for songwriting and acoustic talent observes life's milestones and road

bumps. Often using alternative tunings to explore the fretboard and conjuring foreign soundscapes, he layers on top a Jonsi-like falsetto to engender wistful passion. His deep lyrics, both thought-provoking and soothing, poignantly paint a life in service to healing, connection, and dignity."

Winters' first studio-recorded album, "Closet Heart," is available on most listening platforms. For more information, visit [www.brettwintersmusic.com](http://www.brettwintersmusic.com).

The Warehouse Community Arts Center is located at 107 S. Railroad St. in downtown Eagle River.

For more information, call (715) 479-4060 or visit [eagle-riverart.com](http://eagle-riverart.com).

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### Events

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

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

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

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

### Health

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

### Meetings

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

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

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

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

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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** — Meets the first Thurs. of each month at 6 p.m. at St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church in Eagle River. Call Brian Habersetzer, (715) 477-1396.

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

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

**LIONS CLUB** — The St. Germain Northwoods club meets the first Wed. of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church in Sayner. Call (715) 891-4061.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**THREE LAKES GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** — Meets the fourth Mon. of each

month at 1 p.m. at Demmer Library in Three Lakes. Call Nancy Bailey, (715) 479-8971.

**THREE LAKES GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** — Ask Your Genealogist, meets Thurs. from 2-4 p.m. at Demmer Memorial Library in Three Lakes. No appointments necessary.

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

**VFW** — Eagle River Post 8637 meets the fourth Thurs. of each month at 6 p.m. Call (715) 479-8810.

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

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

### Recreation

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

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

**CRIBBAGE/SCRABBLE** — Meets Wed. at 12:30 p.m. at Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. Groups playing any other board or card games welcome. Call Kalmal Center, (715) 337-2510.

**HAPPY HATTERS** — Meets the last Wed. of each month at 9 a.m. at the Eye on Entrepreneurs building in Eagle River to make hats for distribution to patients and newborns at local hospitals. Call Bonnie Kegley, (715) 617-0130.

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

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

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

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

**NORTHWOODS CARVERS** — Meets Wed. at 12:30 p.m. at Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. All ages welcome, beginner or advanced. Call John Modjewski, (715) 479-6093.

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



Women on Snow participants Beckie Maday of Brookfield, Ill., Maggie Regan of Redwood Falls, Minn., and Aimee Herrick of Chilton pose for a picture at the 2022 Eagle River Ice Castle in downtown Eagle River as part of their sightseeing sledding travels through the North Woods. —Photo By Jacki Hildebrand

**NORTHWOODS SINGERS** — Meets Tues. at 6 p.m. at Ely Memorial Church in Land O' Lakes. New singers welcome. Call Bill Morgan, (847) 254-9623.

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

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

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

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

**SHEEPHEAD/MAHJONG** — Meets Thurs. at 12:30 p.m. at Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. Call Don for Sheephead, (715) 337-2265; for mahjong, call Joy, (715) 573-8836.

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

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

**WINTER BINGO** — Meets Tues. at 1 p.m. at Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. Call Kalmal Center, (715) 337-2510.

### Support Groups

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** — Closed discussion meeting, Mon., 7 p.m., First Congregational United Church of Christ, Eagle River; open big book study, Tues., 7 p.m., First Congregational United Church of Christ, Eagle River; closed discussion meeting, Wednesday, 5 p.m., Kalmal Community Center, Eagle River; closed discussion meeting, Fri., 7 p.m., First Congregational United Church of Christ, Eagle River; closed discussion meeting, Tues., 7:30 p.m., St. Theresa Catholic Church, Three Lakes; closed discussion meeting, Thurs., 7 p.m., St. Germain Community United Church of Christ; closed step meeting, Sun., 2 p.m., Land O' Lakes Town Hall. northwoodsaa.org.

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

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

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

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

**GENERAL CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP** — The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Vilas County's pro-

gram, meets the third Thurs. of each month from 10:30-11:30 a.m., online. Caregivers will need to have access to a computer or iPad and have internet access. Minimal computer skills are necessary. Call Amie, (715) 479-3625.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## WEDDING



### Dalbec-Voelz

Aubrey Dalbec and Kevin Voelz were united in marriage Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022, at Bond Falls in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

The bride's brother, David Dalbec, presided.

Both immediate families were present.

The bride is the daughter of Steve and Maribeth Dalbec of Wadsworth, Ill.

The groom is the son of

Dale and Sandy Voelz of Portage, Mich.

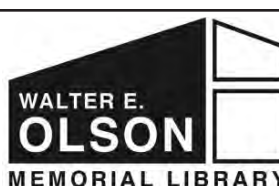
The couple resides in Eagle River.

The bride is employed as the executive director of the Northwoods Children's Museum in Eagle River.

The groom is employed as an exploration geologist at Big Rock Exploration out of Minneapolis, Minn.

## Library Corner

203 N. Main St., Eagle River, WI 54521  
Tel: 715-479-8070 | Fax: 715-479-2435



Tax forms are available at the library. Basic state and federal forms are available for free, and library staff can assist with printing any other forms that may be needed. Patrons can also sign up for AARP tax assistance by calling (715) 479-3727.

Learn something new in 2022 with free Gale Courses. New classes start Feb. 9. Browse courses at education.gale.com/lnwater.

The library added a new addition to its children's area — a stuffed sloth. Help the library give it a name by sharing naming ideas at tinyurl.com/258du2yj.

Story time with Ms. Tori is held Tuesdays at 10 a.m., featuring stories and songs. The library also has Take & Make crafts to enjoy every week.

Stop in and explore the Olson Memorial Library's "Library of Things", which offers a family pass to the Northwoods Children's Museum, cake pans, kids' STEAM kits, ukuleles and more.

New on the library shelves: "Wolf Hollow" by Victoria Houston, "Breaking the Maafa Chain" by Anni Domingo, and "The New Native Kitchen" by Freddie Bitsoie and James O. Fraiole. See what else you can find at the

Olson Memorial Library at eagleriver.northernwaters.org.

All are welcome at the library's book groups. Contact the library for location details and to reserve copies of the current discussion books.

The Afternoon Book Group will meet Thursday, Feb. 10, at 1 p.m., to discuss "The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue," by V.E. Schwab. The March discussion book will be "Bark of Night," the 19th book in David Rosenfelt's Andy Carpenter mystery series.

The Fact & Fiction Book Group will meet Monday, Feb. 14, at 1 p.m., to discuss "Eleanor," by David Michaelis. March's book selection is "Radium Girls: The Dark Story of America's Shining Women," by Kate Moore.

Book sales are ongoing in the library lobby during open hours.

The library is open for in-person visits and curbside service. Library hours are Mondays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesdays-Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; with around-the-clock Wi-Fi and digital services.

For more information, contact the library at (715) 479-8070 or olsonlibrary@gmail.com, or visit olsonlibrary.org.

## ON CAMPUS

**EAU CLAIRE** — Bria Rubo and Jonathan Tomasoski, both of Eagle River; and George Jackson of St. Germain graduated from UW-Eau Claire.

Rubo graduated from the College of Arts and Sciences with a Bachelor of Arts in psychology.

Tomasoski graduated from the College of Business with a Bachelor of Business Administration in marketing.

Jackson graduated from the College of Business with a Bachelor of Business Administration in business administration.

**MENOMONIE** — Daymion Spurgeon of Eagle River graduated from UW-Stout with a Bachelor of Science in applied mathematics and computer science, and a Bachelor of Science in game design and development-computer science.

Jenna Sima of Sayner graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in interior design.

**OSHKOSH** — Gillian Bellman of Eagle River graduated from UW-Oshkosh's College of Letters and Science with an associate of arts and science.

**RHINELANDER** — The following students were named to the dean's list at Nicolet College.

Lori Merkel of Conover; Avery Adamovich, Grace Allison, Matthew Berkelman, Jade Bittenbender, Brooke

Brewer, Mary Felli, Toni Garrison, Haylee Glauner, Jordan Irene Hartman, Amanda Hook, Lisa Ann Hunt, Rowan Klaver, Hannah Lewis, Katie Massoglia, Grace Menuet, Damien Pearson, Ben Rappert, Amanda Rieck, Matthew Rudolph, Adam Wolf and Hannah Yuds, all of Eagle River; Brittney Anderson, Brooke Anderson and Kate Thoma, all of Land O' Lakes; Jennifer Turner of Phelps; Kylie Renee Rutta and Dustin Wichmann, both of St. Germain; Madeline Perry and Blu Xiong, both of Sayner; and Ivy Camphausen, Jennifer Crom, Kaitlyn Laska, Jazmyne Ruenger and Ethan Snyder, all of Three Lakes.

**WHITEWATER** — Ella Baltus of Three Lakes graduated from UW-Whitewater cum laude with a Bachelor of Business Administration in general business.

Katie Hayes of Eagle River graduated with a Master of Business Administration.

**MARQUETTE, MICH.** — Samuel Smith and Jacqueline Smith, both of St. Germain; Madeline Indermuehle of Conover; and Hannah Leach and Hadley Miles, both of Eagle River were named to the dean's list at Northern Michigan University.

**MANKATO, MINN.** — Hadley Burns of Eagle River was named to the honor list at Minnesota State University, Mankato.



## LIFESTYLE



Oscar G. Johnson Medical Center Director Jim Rice (center) was presented with a commendation award in recognition of his 30-plus year career serving veterans and their families. Presenting the award was Veterans Integrated

Service Network 12 Director Victoria Brahm (left) and Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Operations Renee Oshinski, Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Operations.

—Contributed Photo

## Medical center director retires

After a 30-plus year career caring for veterans and their families, James W. Rice, director of the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain, Mich., has announced his retirement.

"It has been a great honor to provide health care for our veterans," said Rice. "I am grateful to have worked with so many compassionate staff members who are dedicated to serving our nation's heroes and supporting their families."

Rice was appointed medical center director on April 10, 2011. The medical center is a primary and secondary level care facility with 17 medical/surgical beds and a 40-bed Community Living Center that provides residential care. In addition to its inpatient services, the facility provides a large scope of outpatient care and operates eight clinics across its catchment area, serving over 24,000 enrolled veterans in Michigan's upper peninsula and northern Wisconsin. Rice oversaw all aspects of this Level 3 complexity medical center with an annual operating budget of more than \$200 million.

Under his leadership, the Iron Mountain VA experienced significant accomplishments in innovation, comprehensive quality care, employee engagement and patient satisfaction. He mentored team members and empowered his staff to continually improve their daily work. He modeled servant leadership and made transparent, data-driven decisions on behalf of veterans, staff and taxpayers.

His positive influence is evident in the many awards

and honors the facility has received during his tenure, including 2020 Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Best Patient Experience Award, 2018 and 2019 Best Experience Awards for Level 3 Medical Center, and 2017 and 2019 Large Business of the Year Awards from the Iron Mountain Chamber of Commerce. The facility continually receives a 5-star rating from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for inpatient satisfaction. The community living center has also received 5-star quality ratings using CMS assessment methodology. In addition to the many patient care awards, staff have also continually ranked the facility as a Best Place to Work, as determined nationally by the annual All Employee Survey.

In addition to facility awards, Rice was recognized as one of the recipients of the 2021 Meritorious Executive Presidential Rank Award for his sustained accomplishments throughout his career. The honor represents the top award a civilian federal employee can receive. Rice was also a Certified Mentor Fellow Level for VHA, a member of the Health Care Leadership Institute, a semi-finalist in the Rochester Institute of Technology and USA Today's Quality Cup Competition as a member of the Strategic Healthcare Group for Occupational and Environmental Health Care Executives and an Outstanding Federal Employee of the Year Award Nominee in the category of Excellence in Management.

The facility has spent over \$93 million in construction

updates and additions and has experienced significant modernization of technology and progressive growth during Rice's tenure. Health care services were most recently expanded to Gladstone with an outpatient clinic that provides local health care to more than 2,000 veterans. Continued construction will expand both primary and secondary care at the main facility in 2022.

Rice started his career with the VA in January 1990, working as the Chief of Safety at the Detroit Medical Center. He was the Network 11 Safety Manager, responsible for all safety aspects within the Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) from May 2000 to October 2006. He then took the position of Quality Management Officer in VISN 11 until April 2011, where he was responsible for the development, oversight, coordination and leadership of all quality and performance programs.

In addition, Rice has served as the acting medical center director at the Aldea E. Lutz VA Medical Center in 2009; the Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital in 2012; the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in 2013; and served as the acting network director for VISN 12 in 2015 and 2019.

"I'm anxious to spend more time with my family and exited to focus on my hobbies," said Rice. "It's been a very fulfilling career and it's bittersweet to leave a job I have enjoyed, but I appreciate the opportunities I have been given to care for veterans and their loved ones, and the privilege of working with so many incredible people."

## AARP accepting grant applications

AARP Wisconsin invites local organizations and governments to apply for the AARP Community Challenge grant program.

These grants fund quick-action projects that help communities become more livable in the long-term by improving public spaces, transportation, housing, civic engagement, coronavirus recovery, diversity and inclusion, and more.

Now in its sixth year, the grant program is part of AARP's nationwide Livable Communities initiative, which supports the efforts of cities, towns, neighborhoods and rural areas to become great places to live.

"AARP Wisconsin is excited to kick-off the Community Challenge again in 2022 to continue helping communities across Wisconsin become great places for people of all backgrounds, abilities and ages, especially people 50-plus," said AARP Wisconsin Interim State Director Christina FitzPatrick. "The program has proven that quick-action projects can lead to long-lasting improvements right where Wisconsinites live."

AARP will prioritize pro-

posals that support residents age 50 and older, are inclusive, address disparities, and directly engage volunteers.

The community challenge grant program provides direct support to all community types, with nearly 40% of past projects benefitting rural communities, 20% going to suburban locations and 40% improving urban places.

Granted projects have demonstrated an ability to help garner additional funds or support from public and private funders, encourage

replication and overcome local policy barriers, and receive greater overall awareness and engagement.

The community challenge is open to 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4) and 501(c)(6) nonprofits. Other types of organizations are considered on a case-by-case basis.

The application deadline is 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 22. All projects must be completed by Nov. 30, 2022. To submit an application and view past grantees, visit [aarp.org/communitychallenge](http://aarp.org/communitychallenge).

## Retired educators' association sets meeting

The Rhinelander Retired Educators' Association (RREA) invites interested education colleagues living within the North Woods to their next meeting to find out what the association is all about, including its purpose and activities.

RREA meets only six times a year, with its next gathering scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 16, at the Cedric A. Vig Outdoor Classroom at 4321

S. Shore Dr. in Rhinelander. Lunch on your own starts at 11 a.m., followed by a short meeting, and then a noon speaker presentation from a family engagement coordinator promoting a Run Into Reading event that can be compared to the Amazing Race idea.

For more information or reservations, contact Karen Amstadt at (715) 367-2471 or [amstaphi@gmail.com](mailto:amstaphi@gmail.com).

## BACKWARD GLANCES

Compiled by  
Eric Johnson

### One Year Ago - 2021

The number of single-family housing permits issued in Vilas and Oneida counties increased 30% over year-prior figures . . . Civil Service Commission Chairman Wally Obermann reported Vilas County experienced a steep drop in deputy sheriff applicants over the past eight years, from 135 for vacancies to five to seven applicants.

### 10 Years Ago - 2012

Former-Vilas County Circuit Judge Tim Vocke, Rhinelander attorney John O'Melia and Oneida County District Attorney Michael Bloom filed election papers to replace retiring Oneida County Branch II Judge Mark Mangerson . . . Rhinelander city council President Alex Young announced his Republican candidacy for outgoing Dan Meyer's 34th State Assembly seat.

### 20 Years Ago - 2002

The Vilas County News-Review brought home eight reporting, photography and newspaper design awards from the 148th annual convention of the Wisconsin Newspaper Association . . . St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic School in Eagle River celebrated its 75th anniversary with a special Eucharistic service and evening program.

### 30 Years Ago - 1992

Firefighters from seven North Woods departments fought an early-morning blaze that gutted The Loonery, an arts, crafts and gift store in Three Lakes . . . A 34-year-old Menomonee Falls man was killed when his sled struck a tree in Boulder Junction.

### 40 Years Ago - 1982

Local efforts sought to revive North Woods rail service along a recently abandoned Chicago and North Western Railway line passing through Eagle River and Land O' Lakes . . . Eagle River police were investigating a string of bur-



Firefighters from seven departments were called to Three Lakes in January 1992 to fight a total-loss early morning fire at The Loonery, one of the largest arts and crafts stores in the state.  
—News-Review Archive Photo

glaries that hit Trees For Tomorrow, Wall Street Pancake House, Eagle River Elementary School, Travelers Inn, Colonial House Restaurant, First Congregational Church and several private parties.

### 50 Years Ago - 1972

More than 400 delegates representing 175 affiliated snowmobile clubs were expected in Antigo at the third annual convention of the Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs . . . The Eagle River Eagles, Three Lakes Bluejays and Phelps Knights basketball teams were competing in subregional WIAA tournament action.

### 60 Years Ago - 1962

Oneida County Under-sheriff John Scott reported that losses in a weekend burglary at the Clearwater Lake general store included .22 caliber ammunition and cigarettes . . . A preliminary civil defense survey of public and private buildings in Eagle River got underway to identify possible mass fallout shelter locations.

### 70 Years Ago - 1952

Vilas County News-Review Editor Joyce Larkin was among the Wisconsin delegates pledged to Republican-presidential aspirant U.S. Sen. Robert Taft . . . Eagle River city attorney Frank Carter reported no

candidacy papers had been received by the filing deadline to succeed Interim Mayor Otto Schmidt Jr.

### 80 Years Ago - 1942

Eagle River Lodge No. 248 of the Free and Accepted Masons celebrated its 50th anniversary with a lodge remodeling project and planned anniversary program . . . Instituted by President Franklin Roosevelt in a bid to save energy and make better use of daylight, Vilas County residents moved their clocks ahead one hour to a year-round "war time."

### 90 Years Ago - 1932

Bells at the old graded school in Eagle River rang for the last time as students transitioned to the new elementary school . . . Eagle River's poor families were slated to receive the proceeds raised at a fundraising winter sports carnival to be held at the Jack O' Lantern estate.

### 100 Years Ago - 1922

A posse was formed in Boulder Junction by Vilas Sheriff Patrick Gaffney to search for the killer of Big Lake resort owner J.S. Powers . . . University of California-Berkeley professor A.O. Lawson reported that seismographs indicated an earthquake of unusual severity and intensity shook the world 1/25th of an inch.

## Online library users check out millions of digital, audiobooks

Wisconsin's Digital Library, a collaboration of all 16 of the state's public library systems, broke records in 2021 by lending more than 7.2 million digital books and audiobooks.

Since its inception in 2016, Wisconsin's Digital Library has seen steady and occasionally explosive usage growth, demonstrating the ongoing value of public libraries lending ebooks and digital audiobooks. Even as physical library buildings reopened and collections were once again accessible, usage of the library continued to climb.

To meet last year's growing demand from patrons, Wisconsin's Digital Library

added more copies of popular titles and collections of always-available ebooks and digital magazines for readers who want to avoid the line and start reading right away.

Of the more than 115,000 titles in the collection, the following were the most popular in 2021:

— Digital books: "Nomadland: Surviving America in the Twenty-First Century" by Jessica Bruder, "The Four Winds: A Novel" by Kristin Hannah, "Bridgerton Collection" by Julia Quinn, "The Giver of Stars: A Novel" by Jojo Moyes, and "Little Fires Everywhere: A Novel" by Celeste Ng; and

— Digital audiobooks:

"Cold Mourning: Stonechill and Rouleau Mystery Series, Book 1" by Brenda Chapman, "Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants" by Robin Wall Kimmerer, "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens, "Talking to Strangers: What We Should Know about the People We Don't Know" by Malcolm Gladwell, and "Becoming" by Michelle Obama.

Readers in Wisconsin just need a valid library card to access digital books from Wisconsin's Digital Library, powered by OverDrive, using any major device, mobile or desktop. Visit [wplc.overdrive.com/](http://wplc.overdrive.com/), download the Libby app, or call your local library to get started borrowing ebooks, audiobooks, and digital magazines anytime, anywhere, for free.

### BADGER BRIDGE IN EAGLE RIVER

Results of 1/31/22

North-South, first place, Dan Del Ponte and Richard Nelson; second, David DeRoche and David Tarsi.

East-West, first place, Marie Anderson and Sharon Sanborn; second, Jerry Baerenwald and Bob Dow.

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.

### More Than A Meal Café

The Rock  
Senior nutrition meals  
Serving at noon  
Sponsored by ADRC of Vilas County

Participants who have not been fully vaccinated will be asked to wear a face mask. Carry-out meals will be available. Call Jennie Johnson at (715) 891-1221 to reserve your meal. Donations are accepted. No one will be denied service because of inability to contribute. All meals served with 1% milk and coffee. Lighter substitute of grilled-chicken salad available.

#### MON., FEB. 14

Cheese-stuffed shells with marinara sauce  
Carrots  
12-grain bread  
Diced pears  
Apple cake

#### TUES., FEB. 15

Chili with macaroni  
Salad  
Apple slices

#### WED., FEB. 16

Oven-baked rosemary chicken  
Baked sweet potato  
Cauliflower

Corn bread  
Grapes

#### THURS., FEB. 17

Barbecue pork sandwich on a whole-wheat hoagie  
Scalloped potatoes  
Coleslaw  
Diced peaches  
Cookie

#### FRI., FEB. 18

Chicken rice casserole  
Garlic green beans  
Pickled beets  
Whole-wheat bread  
Fudgy black bean brownies





## LIFESTYLE

# The tale of two snomo clubs

## Two clubs team up in Three Lakes to keep trails smooth and connected

BY REG VIDEGAR  
SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-REVIEW

While out riding the trails in Three Lakes, you may pass by one of five groomer rigs marked with the "Three Lakes-Brule River Trails" emblem on its sides.

These rigs that identify the local snowmobile club are impressive to see and highlight the long-awaited snowmobile season. You may have navigated your way to Three Lakes using a Three Lakes-Brule River Trails trail map you purchased at an area business. For many, including the locals, this is the only snowmobile organization in town.

But there are two. It was March 1967 when local snowmobile enthusiasts formed the Northern Lights Snowmobile Club (NLSC) primarily as a social club sponsoring local snowmobile racing events, including the Summer World Championship Snowmobile Races. Then in 1970, no longer "just a social club," the group initiated a trail program consisting of trail marking, maintenance and policing.

Trails were developed and routinely maintained by pulling a drag behind an Evinrude or Alpine snowmobile until December 1976 when they took delivery of a Tucker Snow-Cat groomer. In December 1981, they added a used Uni-Mug groomer to their fleet.

The networking of state trails we now have was very much in its infancy and many of those early trails still exist today.

As the snowmobiling sport grew and more trails developed, the club continued its trail program through some very tough years in the early 1980s. This led to the club making a heart-breaking decision to relinquish all trail responsibility in April of 1984.

At that time, they were responsible for 120 miles of trails. The ever-increasing workload issues and increasing associated costs were too much for the small-town club.

The lack of help, state funding issues, some warmer weather, lack of snow and waning support from



This photo ran originally in the Three Lakes News in December 1976 and showcases the newly-purchased Tucker Sno-Cat, displayed by Jerry Guenther, trail groomer boss for the Northern Lights Snowmobile Club.

area businesses all contributed to the unfortunate circumstances.

Several local organizations, including the chamber of commerce, Lions Club, Waterfront Homeowners Association, Tavern League, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and others came to the rescue and formed the Three Lakes Trails Inc. organization that continued with all the trail duties.

NLSC endured as a social club, hosting fundraising activities to help support the new grooming organization.

Today, Three Lakes-Brule River Trails maintains approximately 186 miles of snowmobile trails including trails in neighboring Forest County. In 2011, the club acquired trail grooming equipment from the town of Alvin and were awarded the rights to groom 45 miles of the Brule River trail system.

Three Lakes geographically is primarily lakes and swamps that provide early season challenges to an early trail opening.

The group of nearly 50 volunteers is tasked with all aspects of the trail acquisition, safety, maintenance and grooming of the trails, working with the local, county and state regulative authorities. They currently maintain a fleet of grooming equipment that includes a new 2022 John Deere tracked tractor; a 2019 New Holland tracked tractor; a 2014 and a 2018 Piston Bully snow groomer, and a 2006 Fendt tractor. They all pull drags manu-

community St. Germain. They also fundraise with an annual chili cook-off, a gun and meat raffle, various meat sandwich sales during the year and a golf outing in May.

Northern Lights Snowmobile Club ranks as one of the oldest and largest clubs in Wisconsin and currently has over 485 members on its roster.

In 1969, NLSC was one of five clubs that together created the Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs (AWSC). The club's history and its contributions to the sport of snowmobiling is notable. Seasonal fundraisers include a Groom to Ride raffle to win a snowmobile and other prizes, an annual Christmas party, spaghetti dinner, a trailside weenie roast, and a host of other fundraising activities at local businesses.

All fundraising proceeds go to the Three Lakes-Brule River Trails organization. In addition to six monthly meetings, social activities include weekly group rides that run Tuesday through Friday. During the rides members visit various destinations within 100 miles round-trip or so, and most include a lunch stop. A favorite club activity also is a 4-day, 3-night overnight ride to someplace a fair but rideable distance away from Three Lakes which offers camaraderie, riding fun and adventure.

Three Lakes, selected as an AWSC Snowmobile Friendly Community in 2018, is very pro-snowmobile and businesses

welcome sledders. The Three Lakes Tavern League hosts two community-wide poker runs during the sledding season to support the grooming operations.

Kallie Volk, a junior at Three Lakes High School, was crowned in November as the very first Three Lakes Ice Queen and will represent and promote both clubs at their local events.

Together, the two clubs provide some of the best opportunities for snowmobilers to experience well-groomed and incredibly beautiful trails in the northern Wisconsin landscape and to simply enjoy the sport of snowmobile trail riding.

Three Lakes is an important hub in northern Wisconsin's snowmobile trail system. Trails going north connect with the Sno-Eagle system near Eagle River, the Phelps Snowmobile Club trail system, as well as to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan near Nelma. Going east, they connect with Florence County Blue Ox Trail Riders system near Tipler, and going south, connect with the Forest County Blackbear Sportsman's Club system in Hiles. To the south they also connect with the Rhinelander Hodag Snow-Trails system in Monico, as well as the Sugar Camp system of trails to the west.

To learn more about our clubs, visit our websites northernlightsclub.com and threelakestrails.com, or find the clubs on Facebook.

Reg Videgar is president of the Northern Lights Snowmobile Club.

# Campanile to host winter dance party

For the fun and nostalgia of classic rock, it's hard to top the 1950s hits of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens or the voice of the Big Bopper growling "Hello, BAAAAAYY-bee" on his August 1958 vinyl hit "Chantilly Lace."

North Woods residents can relive early rock and roll at John Mueller's "Winter Dance Party" tribute show Thursday, Feb. 10, 7 p.m., at the Campanile Center for the Arts, located at 131 W. Milwaukee St. in downtown Minocqua.

The show is the official recreation of the final tour of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper as the only show endorsed by both the Holly and Valens estates. The concert will feature more than two hours of hit songs of the 1950s era including "That'll Be the Day," "Peggy Sue," "Oh, Boy," "Rave On" and more by Holly, Valens' "LaBamba" and the Big Bopper classic "Chantilly Lace."

On Feb. 3, 1959, in a plane crash near Clear Lake, Iowa, an event often referred to as "The Day the Music Died," Holly, Valens and the Big Bopper died.

The plane crash was the last of a long string of losses to the stars of the era. Jerry Lee Lewis was banished for marrying his 13-year-old cousin, Little Richard retired and returned to preaching, Elvis got drafted into the U.S. Army, and Chuck Berry got arrested for bringing a minor

across state lines.

The Feb. 10 tribute show at the Campanile Center is a recreation of that last tour before that fateful day.

John Mueller, the critically acclaimed former star of the U.S. touring version of the London/Broadway hit musical "Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story," performs as Buddy Holly, and Linwood Sasser fills the legendary footsteps of the Big Bopper. Ray Anthony performs as Ritchie Valens and is a renowned star of the "Legends of Rock and Roll" show at the Imperial Palace in Las Vegas. The very authentic and energetic four-piece band (guitar, drums, stand up bass and sax) includes Grammy Award-winning Mike Acosta on saxophone.

Doors for the show open at 6 p.m., with the show starting at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$28 in advance of the show and can be purchased online by visiting [campanilecenter.org](http://campanilecenter.org), calling the Campanile office at (715) 356-9700, or stopping at the Campanile Center ticket box office to purchase tickets in person.

The Campanile Center for the Arts, located in downtown Minocqua at the corner of Milwaukee and Flambeau streets, is a nonprofit arts center committed to developing, promoting and supporting the arts in the Lakeland community.

For more information, visit [campanilecenter.org](http://campanilecenter.org).

# '52nd Street: The Music of Billy Joel' coming to Ironwood Theatre

52nd Street, an 8-piece band from Milwaukee, will bring its full concert Billy Joel tribute show to Ironwood, Mich. Thursday, Feb. 10, featuring some of the most talented musicians in the region.

"The show is packed with hits from start to finish and features 'spot-on' performances of the songs that made the 'Piano Man' from Brooklyn one of the top selling and beloved artists of all time," said Ironwood Theatre spokesman Vic Calore. "With baby grand at center stage and an energetic performance from the supporting cast, 52nd Street will feature Tony Goff on lead vocals and Joe Hite on piano and vocals."

No stranger to the Ironwood Theatre stage, Hite performed in Ironwood with "American Idol" headliner Naima Adedapo in 2014.

The Italian Renaissance-styled Ironwood Theatre, built in 1928, is located at 113 E. Aurora St. in downtown Ironwood, Mich.

Committed to supporting local youth, the theater announced that special guest Michael Genisot, a 16-year-old junior at Hurley K-12 School, will appear with the 52nd Street Band to sing one

of Joel's hits.

A lifelong musician, Genisot started singing when he was five years old. He currently sings with the Hurley High School Choir, Garage Choir, and is a Camp Cornerstone worship leader. Genisot spends his free time listening to his favorite artists — Billy Joel and The Beatles, as well as collecting and listening to music on vinyl.

Doors open for the concert at 6 p.m., with Kelly's Wine Bar open. Tickets will be available in the theater box office one hour before the show.

Tickets are on sale online at [ironwoodtheatre.net](http://ironwoodtheatre.net) or the theater box office at 107 East Aurora St. For more information call (906) 932-0618.

Face masks are required at the Ironwood Theatre regardless of vaccination status. All patrons, staff and volunteers must wear a face mask covering their mouth and nose at all times, with no exceptions. Face shields are not an acceptable alternative. Face masks will be provided at no cost to those who do not have a mask. Those experiencing Covid or flu-like symptoms should stay home.

# Aspirus Health shares safety tips for hitting the slopes

A Wisconsin winter offers an array of ways to explore the great outdoors, and skiers of all skill levels can enjoy the views and unique terrain.

"When the snow hits the ground, skiing can be one of your favorite things to do," said Dave Callaghan, Aspirus physical therapist and ski patrol director. "It's important to remember that accidents on the hill are pre-

ventable. Before you strap into your bindings, keep in mind that a day on the slopes can be dangerous. To ensure you spend more time tackling double-black diamonds, check out the following safety reminders from Aspirus."

- Stay in shape. Follow a regular fitness program before heading to the slopes. A basic layer of conditioning will strengthen muscles and build

endurance that will help prevent injuries.

- Check your equipment. A bindings check is always a smart move. Make sure all gear is in tip-top shape.
- Ski or snowboard at the appropriate level.

- Warm up. Don't forget to do a little stretching to loosen and warm up cold muscles. Focus on calves, hamstrings,

quadriceps and shoulders.

- Hydrate. Don't forget to drink plenty of fluids as the day goes on. Dehydration can lead to fatigue.

"Education about skiing and snowboarding is important because it can help reduce personal injury," said Callaghan. "Taking lessons or keeping up to speed on etiquette and rules of the slopes is very important."



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# Women's club tours project at Camp American Legion

The Lakeland Area Republican Women's Club (LARWC) annual philanthropy program chose Camp American Legion in Lake Tomahawk their 2021 outreach project.

LARWC donated time, money and talent to help rebuild and refurbish Cabin 15 at the camp, one of 19 cabins currently used to house Wisconsin veterans and their families for a 5-day vacation at the camp, with all meals provided at no cost to them.

Major work on the cabin was overseen by Chuck Stelzner and his fellow veterans at Sheboygan Falls

Legion Post 149. LARWC members recently toured to visit the completed project.

With only four full-time paid employees, the camp relies heavily on volunteers to help give Wisconsin's veterans a memorable and worry-free vacation in the North Woods.

For more information on donating to or volunteering at Camp American Legion visit [campamericanlegion.org](http://campamericanlegion.org).

LARWC was founded in 1985 to provide women of the North Woods a platform for sharing in the political process. For more information visit [wifrw.org/get-involved/](http://wifrw.org/get-involved/) local-clubs.