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THREE EAGLE RUN — About 500 runners and walkers participated in the Three Eagle Half Marathon and 5K Oct. 9. The runners and walkers enjoyed the fall colors on the point-to-point run between Eagle River and Three Lakes. —Photos By Kerry Griebenow



WTC donations making progress; shopping to start

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Donations to Warm The Children, a program to provide winter clothing to qualifying families and sponsored by the Vilas County News-Review, have started to come in, according to Warm The Children's coordinator Toni Ruthven.

"We've even had some donations come in online. Though we've had a few come in that way in previous years, this year's system makes it easier than ever to donate," Ruthven said.

Ruthven noted that the News-Review picks up all administrative fees and every donation, no matter how large or small is greatly appreciated.

So far, there are 40 volun-

teer shoppers returning this year.

"In previous years, 40 has been our average number of shoppers," said Ruthven. "Something good to have come out of the pandemic was that we acquired new shoppers."

Shoppers are always needed as they are such a vital part of this program, Ruthven said.

"If people can't donate money, I ask that they consider donating their time. It's about an hour and even if you are only able to take one child shopping, it's a tremendous help," she said.

Shopping starts Saturday,

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Tickets available now for annual wine walk

The Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce invites all shopping enthusiasts to an enjoyable afternoon of shopping and wine sampling in downtown Eagle River at the fourth annual Wi-Does Wine Walk.

The event will be held Saturday, Nov. 20, from noon to 5 p.m.

"Grab your friends and spend some time exploring what Eagle River shops have to offer while enjoying a sampling of hand-picked red and white wines," said Kim Emerson, executive director of the Eagle River chamber.

Emerson explained that each participant will receive an event wine glass and have the opportunity to sample up to 15 of the more than 30 wine options at participating businesses. Also provided will be a map of all the wine stops at participating stores, many of which will offer special discounts just for the event. Horse drawn wagon rides with a tour of downtown Eagle River also will be available during the wine walk.

Tickets can be purchased

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Not that you asked, but...

By Eric Johnson



Flipping the calendar

"Thirty days hath September, April, June, and November. When short February's done, all the rest have thirty-one."

—Traditional verse mnemonic

I owe a lot to Mrs. Nommensen, my fondly-remembered kindergarten teacher at Milwaukee's Salem Lutheran School.

More than half a century later, I still remember the lyrics and lilting score of the traditional nursery rhyme mnemonic memory verse that unlocked the mysteries of the 12-month Gregorian calendar for my 5-year-old classmates and I.

In 9.58 seconds — I just timed it on my iPhone — I can still come up with the length of any month of the year on a dime.

Thankfully, she spared us the 1577 version: "Thirty dayes hath Nouember, Aprill, Iune and September; Twentie and eyght hath February alone. And all the rest thirty and one, but in the leape ye must adde one."

Mrs. Nommensen also kindly spared us the rigors of the Latin version: "Junius Aprilis September et ipse November. Dant triginta dies reliquis supadditur unus. De quorum numero Februarius excipiatur."

Neither one exactly trips off the tongue, although I imagine, matey, that the 1577 version might work with a few frothy pints of olde English "bere" in a lively pirate-voiced drinking song, putting on my com-

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Tennis club sets Roaring '20s fundraiser

The Greater Eagle River Tennis Association (GERTA) has announced "the swankiest bootleg party of the season for a great cause" to take place Saturday, Nov. 6, from 7 to 11 p.m. at Eagle Waters Resort in Eagle River.

GERTA President Sue Richmond said the event is a fun, fall fundraising effort to benefit the reconstruction of Eagle River's 46-year-old tennis courts, located adjacent to the Vilas County Fairgrounds. These are the only tennis courts open to the public in the Eagle River area.

Tickets to the Roaring '20s and prohibition-themed party include two drinks, Eagle Waters' appetizers, and live music by the popular rock n' roll and country band Bogfoot out of Sugar Camp.

In addition to entertainment, the evening will feature extensive and valuable raffle baskets from local merchants and individuals, a 50-50, wine/booze pull and more, said Richmond.

Costumes from the 1920s Prohibition Era are optional but a prize will be given for the best costume of the evening.

For more information on the event, visit gerta-

tennis.org. Tickets can be purchased at eventbrite.com or by sending a check to GERTA, P.O. Box 1714, Eagle River, WI 54521.

Tickets cost \$50 before Oct. 31, then will be available at the door for \$60. All funds directly benefit the reconstruction.

Fundraising in effect

GERTA maintained the courts for Vilas County, completing maintenance and repairs over the last 25 years until October 2020 when the county board passed a resolution to quit claim the tennis court parcel to the association.

With the transfer of the property, GERTA began its extensive \$250,000 fundraising effort to reconstruct and rebuild the aging courts. Efforts have raised more than \$200,000 and reconstruction of the courts should be completed in late spring of 2022, according to Richmond.

"A complete reconstruction assures long-lasting use into the future, making these courts available to new generations of recreational tennis players in our community as well as to our numerous summer residents, tourists and guests," said Richmond.



Mike and Sandra Mettler don Roaring '20s costumes in preparation for the prohibition-themed fundraiser benefiting the reconstruction of Eagle River's tennis courts. Tickets cost \$50 in advance and can be purchased online. —Contributed Photo