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Committee, citizens reach Rustic Road agreement

BY SARA CARIAS
ASST. EDITOR

An agreement has been made in good faith between the Vilas County Highway Committee and concerned residents regarding Highway K, also known as Rustic Road 60.

Highway K is the only Rustic Road in Vilas County.

At a highway committee meeting May 17, landowners along the Rustic Road were permitted to speak but not allowed to ask questions.

No action was taken by officials which invigorated members of the Save Our

Rustic Road group to pursue the issue they referred to as “unnecessary and detrimental to the county.” The group then ramped up its efforts, displaying signs down the 12-mile stretch of Rustic Road 60 and garnering support.

Members from the Save Our Rustic Road group were invited to join a meeting May 26 with members from the highway department, Vilas County Board supervisors, forestry personnel from the state and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and Wisconsin Rustic Roads Board Vice Chairman Dan Fetterly.

As a result of that meeting, a verbal agreement in good faith was reached on many of the issues surrounding Highway K. A written plan is in the process of being finalized.

“Thanks to everyone’s efforts, we had some positive meetings over the last couple of days. Although we have not crossed the finish line, we have made important progress,” said Doug Scott, co-founder of Save Our Rustic Road.

At the meeting, county highway officials committed to working with community representatives to establish ground rules and a written process for vegetation main-

tenance, road maintenance and road improvements. The county committee agreed to hold off on any brushing until the written process is finalized.

Officials at the meeting indicated that some trees would still need to be cut down for safety reasons — specifically dead trees, trees with low hanging branches that could interfere with large trucks and buses, and trees that created a safety hazard. The highway department will mark trees that are recommended to be cut and obtain input from community repre-

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County Highway K, also known as Rustic Road 60, is a 12-mile stretch between Star Lake and Boulder Junction, and the only Rustic Road in Vilas County. —Contributed Image



SMILING GRADS — Carolyn Schaars was all smiles as she made her way out of the Northland Pines field house, diploma in hand, after Sunday’s graduation ceremony. More grad pictures can be found on Pg. 1B. —Staff Photo By MICHELLE DREW

Arbor Vitae fatality caused by speed, road rage: Ritter

No roundabout planned at 17, 70

BY KEN ANDERSON
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Vilas County Traffic Safety Commission was informed on the recent fatal accident on Highway 70 in Arbor Vitae by Captain Gerard Ritter of the sheriff’s department, who said it was not an accident, but a preventable crash.

Ritter indicted it appears that speed and road rage resulted in a crash. The vehicle was passing multiple vehicles on a double yellow line and collided with a truck loaded with furniture.

“This was a preventable crash,” Ritter stated. A 23-year-old male passenger from Illinois died as a result of the May 25 collision and both drivers were taken to the hospital for evaluation.

Lt. Dale Soltow praised the cooperation of many departments working together,

including the Lac du Flambeau police chief. Highway Commissioner Troy Schalinke indicted there was a need for highway repair and his staff had to bring in fresh gravel.

Vilas has had 127 vehicular crashes so far this year. Many are concentrated in the Eagle River area as well as in the area of highways 70 and 51 in Arbor Vitae.

June ranks as the highest month for crash injuries and many who are injured are age 65 and older. July 27 will be recognized as Speed Awareness Day.

Construction projects
Area road construction activity includes the current project on highways 17 and

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Phase One completed for new Rotary Square community area

BY MICHELLE DREW
NEWS EDITOR

Revitalization of the city-owned vacant lot located at the corner of First and Wall streets began Memorial Day weekend with some new astroturf and seating installed at what was a vacant lot just a few weeks ago.

This is just the first phase in a bigger project to upgrade the space into what Karen Margelofsky, executive director of the Eagle River Revitalization Program (ERRP), called a “Vibrant and inviting social gathering area.”

A task force of volunteers has been working to create a plan and raise funds to transform the space. This initiative was kicked off with a donation of \$125,000 from Carol Hendricks to the Eagle River Rotary Foundation for “Rotary Square – A Com-

munity Project.” Rotary Foundation is also contributing \$50,000 toward the project and another anonymous member pledged \$25,000.

“Even though the progress may seem slow, we have come a long way in less than a year,” said Margelofsky, who is also a Rotary club member. “The collaboration between the city, Rotary, and task force volunteers has been phenomenal and the plan is starting to come to life.”

While Rotary has raised a generous amount of money so far for the improvements, Margelofsky said that the full project is not even halfway funded yet.

“The landscaping committee presented a Phase One plan to Rotary with a budget of \$38,400 for landscaping the front half of the lot to provide an improved area for this summer,” Margelofsky said. “Thanks to some in-kind donations, the improvements were

under budget which leaves more funds to put towards the building planned for the spring of 2023.”

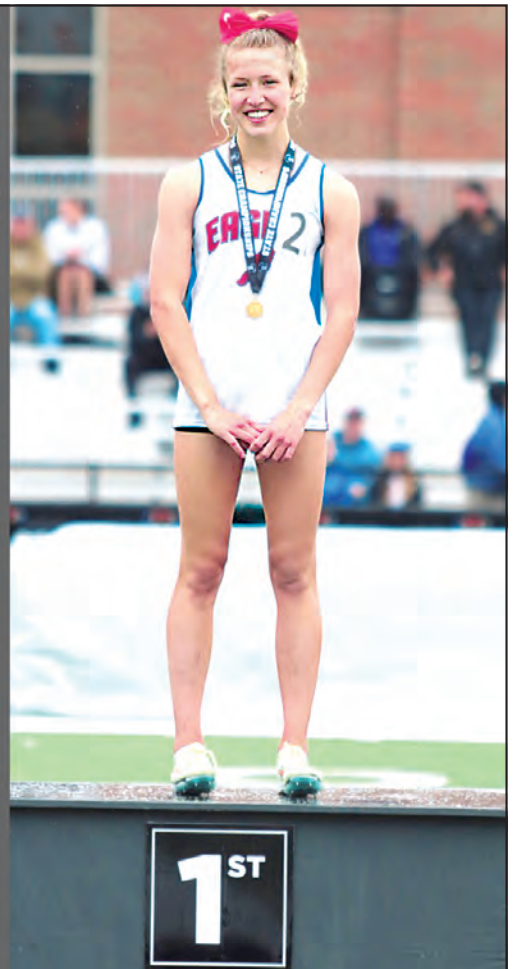
Full plans include providing a pavilion offering four public bathrooms (all unisex, with two being ADA compliant, and equipped with baby changing stations), a serving station for local organizations to use for fundraising activities, and a covered seating area. The lot will also be landscaped with tables, shade, lighting and many other features which will be decided later on with community input.

The Wisconsin Main Street Association has secured a professional consulting firm to provide a community workshop Thursday, June 16, from 4 to 6 p.m. The consultants from alltogetherstudio.com will facilitate interactive activities to discover how to best utilize the space for the

To SQUARE, Pg. 2A



STATE CHAMPS — Three Lakes’ junior Kallie Volk, left, and Northland Pines’ sophomore Nora Gremban each came home from La Crosse with State Championship medals. Volk was a Division 3 champion in the high jump,



also taking second in the long and triple jump. Gremban defended her State titles in both the Division 2 800- and 1,600-meter events. Read more state results in Sports beginning on Page 12A. —Contributed Photos

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 31	80	55	None	Mon., May 31	70	42	.02"R
Wed., June 1	67	47	None	Tues., June 1	74	36	.40"R
Thurs., June 2	70	39	None	Wed., June 2	76	46	None
Fri., June 3	62	36	.02"R	Thurs., June 3	73	47	None
Sat., June 4	73	33	None	Fri., June 4	87	50	.03"R
Sun., June 5	73	47	TR. S	Sat., June 5	92	68	None
Mon., June 6	67	42	.05"R	Sun., June 6	86	71	None

LAST YEAR The average daily high at this time last year for the next seven days was 84, while the average overnight low was 58. There was rain on three days measuring 1.89 inches.

COMPARISON Days precipitation recorded since April. 1, 2022, 39 days; 2021, 43 days. Average high of past 30 days, 2022, 68; 2021, 68. Average low of past 30 days, 2022, 45; 2021, 41.

FOREST CONDITIONS As the weather continues to reach warmer temperatures, the mix of rain and sun has prompted a lush greenery amongst the forest floor and initiated the budding of leaves and flowers.

STREAMS AND LAKES Lakes and rivers continue to remain seasonally high as precipitation persists throughout the North Woods. Fishing and outdoor recreational water activities are picking up for the summer season.

FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy. High: 69° Low: 47°
Thursday: Times of sun and clouds. High: 73° Low: 48°
Friday: Times of sun and clouds. High: 70° Low: 44°
Saturday: Mix of sun and clouds. High: 72° Low: 47°
Sunday: Times of sun and clouds. High: 71° Low: 54°

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

NEWS



The vacant lot in downtown Eagle River is looking a bit more vibrant after the completion of Phase One, which included new, bright green astroturf, red and blue benches for seating, as well as some foliage. —Photo By Gary Ridderbusch

Square: Workshop set June 16 at square

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greatest benefit and impact added to the community.

“Everyone is invited to attend this workshop held at the Rotary Square next Thursday,” Margelofsky said. “We are not only looking

for community input for the space but also contributions. Contributions can take the form of in-kind donations for materials or labor for items needed for the space, or any size monetary donations are greatly appreciated.”

Anyone who works for a

company that would be interested in sponsoring an item, would like to match funds for personal donations, or offers grants for community projects should contact Karen Margelofsky at (715) 477-0645 to discuss options.

Rotary Foundation is a

501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and is accepting donations for Rotary Square at IncredibleBank in Eagle River.

For the latest projects and undertakings in the Eagle River area by ERRP, visit eagleriverrevitalization.org.



SOMBER CONCLUSION — The sun peeked through the clouds at the conclusion of the Three Lakes Memorial Day service held May 30 at the Three Lakes cemetery. —Photo By Kerry Griebenow

Drs. Redman, Gelinas welcome new member to eye care practice

Drs. Redman and Gelinas along with their staff have announced Jessamyn Kichak Kovacs, O.D., R.N., as the newest member of the growing Redman Gelinas Eye Care group.

Her primary areas of interest will be comprehensive eye care, including dry eye and glaucoma diagnosis and treatment, cataract management, and expertise in all types of contact lenses.

Kovacs will begin seeing patients at the three clinics in Woodruff, Eagle River and Park Falls on July 1. This date also marks the 42nd anniversary of Redman and Gelinas Eye Care providing professional eye care services in the North Woods.

Kovacs has an extensive

background of more than 20 years in the ophthalmic and nursing fields. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from UW-Stevens Point and then an Associate degree in Nursing from Northeast Wisconsin Technical College in Green Bay. She then completed her additional four years of education and training to earn her Doctor of Optometry degree from Western University of Health Sciences College of Optometry in Pomona, Calif.

A native of Mercer, Kovacs said she is very happy to move back to the North Woods with her husband, Chad, and two children so they can enjoy the same small-town upbringing that she experienced growing up in the Mercer area.



JESSAMYN KICHAK KOVACS

For the last several years they have lived and worked in the Madison area. Kovacs said she is excited to join the Redman Gelinas Eye Care team and help continue its

more than 40 year history of providing high-quality eye care using all of the latest technologies available in the ophthalmic field.

She and her husband look forward to renewing old acquaintances and making new friends as well as enjoying all the outdoor activities the North Woods has to offer. The doctors and staff at Redman Gelinas Eye Care are confident that their patients, both existing and new, will find Kovacs to be an extremely capable and caring optometrist and a welcome addition to the North Woods health care community.

For an appointment, call the offices in Eagle River at (715) 479-9390, Woodruff at (715) 356-2262, or Park Falls at (715) 762-2300.

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NEWS

Strom resigns as director of chamber

BY STEPHANIE DYE
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

After nine years as the face for the St. Germain Chamber of Commerce, Penny Strom has resigned from her position as director.

Strom's career at the chamber all began with a phone call. She contacted the local chamber to obtain information on lodging and restaurants that could accommodate a large group of people for whom she was planning a trip to the area. At the time, she lived four hours away and was told she could not have the material emailed or mailed to her, that she would have to come in to the office.

Strom was flabbergasted. She worked with several chambers previously and had significant customer service knowledge. She mentioned then, that if the position for chamber director ever became available, she would be interested.

After deciding to move to the North Woods several years later, Strom had a chance meeting with a friend who mentioned the St. Germain Chamber of Commerce was looking for help.

She applied and immediately was offered the position.

"The first thing I changed when I became director was that if anyone called for information, we mailed it," Strom said. "As a chamber, I wanted both tourists to have the opportunity to obtain any information they needed and our local businesses to be promoted properly by doing this."

Quickly, many changes happened. The lobby became open to the public 24 hours. Mailings were sent out regularly. The chamber became an active part of the community and moved its location into a new building.

Being community-minded was integral to Strom for the chamber's success. She created new events, strengthened connections among businesses and the chamber, increased membership and worked to make St. Germain a town in Wisconsin that was appealing to visitors in order to strengthen the economy.

Strom served several other entities during her time as St. Germain chamber director. She was appointed to the Destination Wisconsin Board of Directors, the Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce Executive Board



Strom holds one of the many informational pamphlets available in the chamber's 24-hour lobby, a feature she established during her time as director.

—Staff Photo By STEPHANIE DYE

and the Vilas County Executive Board. The Secretary of Tourism for the State of Wisconsin awarded her for her hard work and determination while working in this position.

"It was a difficult decision, but I feel it is the right choice for me at this time," said Strom, who plans on staying in the area. "I am excited to come to the many events I worked so hard to create and enjoy them as a visitor from now on."

The St. Germain Chamber of Commerce has cur-

rently not filled the position and plans to work together to continue the chamber's work until Strom's replacement is hired.

"I have made so many meaningful connections during my time here," Strom expressed. "I am grateful for the members and visitors I have been able to serve in the last nine years."

Strom's last day with the chamber was June 3. She now plans on enjoying her time off enjoying the North Woods she has so passionately promoted.

Vilas sees medium Covid levels; one new death

BY NEWS-REVIEW STAFF

On the heels of Vilas County's 86th death due to Covid, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) came out in support of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendation that children ages 5 to 11 should receive a booster dose five months after their initial Pfizer-BioNTech (Pfizer) Covid-19 vaccination series.

With this recommendation, DHS and CDC now recommend Covid-19 vaccine booster doses to everyone 5 years of age and older.

The CDC also recently strengthened another booster recommendation, encouraging people 12 and older who are moderately or severely immunocompromised, and people ages 50 and older to get a second Covid-19 booster dose.

"The recommendation of the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine booster dose for ages 5 to 11 provides parents with an excellent opportunity to ensure their children receive additional protection from Covid-19 prior to summer activities," said DHS Secretary-designee Karen Timberlake. "We encourage everyone ages five and older to join the more than 2 million Wisconsinites who have already gotten their booster or additional Covid-19 vaccine doses. Staying up to date with your Covid-19 vaccines is the best protection for preventing the worst outcomes from this virus."

The Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine is the only vaccine authorized and recommended for ages 5 to 17 for the primary series and booster doses at this time. DHS strongly recommends that everyone who is eligible to get a booster should get one as soon as possible. Booster doses can strengthen and extend protection against infection, serious

illness, hospitalization, and death from Covid.

Anyone in Wisconsin can get vaccinated at no cost — even if they do not have insurance or their insurance does not cover Covid vaccination. To find a Covid vaccine provider, visit vaccines.gov, or call 211 or 1-(877) 947-2211.

For more information, visit the DHS Additional Doses and Booster Doses webpages at dhs.wisconsin.gov.

Covid rises

DHS continues to track the impact of Covid using CDC's Covid Community Levels, which are based on the number of new cases and hospital capacity. As of June 3, CDC data indicated that both Vilas and Oneida counties are in the "medium" Covid Community Levels.

Other data indicated by the CDC data indicated 11 Wisconsin counties have moved into the "high" Covid Community Level Category; in addition to Vilas and Oneida counties, 18 additional Wisconsin counties are experiencing medium levels, and 41 are experiencing low levels. Residents in counties with a high Covid Community Level are recommended to wear a well-fitting mask or respirator in public indoor settings, regardless of vaccination status.

The Vilas County Health Department reported one death associated to Covid-19 last week, a female in her 80s. This is the first death associated to Covid in Vilas County since March.

For more information, visit covid.gov or to find a vaccine location, visit vaccines.gov.

For more information on treatment options, Covid testing or vaccination options nearby, contact the local health department or primary care provider.

Grow North awarded \$75,000 to solve child-care challenges

Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) announced awards totaling more than \$20 million in Project Growth grants that will be in the coming months.

These grants will go to 28 cross-sector community teams and over 100 businesses to help solve the challenges facing Wisconsin's child-care system and bolster the state's economy. One of the groups to be awarded funding is Grow North Regional Economic Development Corp. in Oneida County which will receive \$75,000 in the fall.

Data from DCF shows that 54% of Wisconsin residents live in a child-care desert where three or more children compete for every slot in day care, and 70% of rural Wisconsin is a child-care desert.

Average child-care costs

exceed other essentials for Wisconsin families, but workers in the field — although many are highly educated — are usually underpaid. DCF data shows that the average median wage for state child-care workers is \$13 per hour, while the median wage of other workers is \$19 per hour. In addition to low wages, at least 48% of early child-care programs lack health insurance benefits and only 52% of early child-care workers report access to paid sick leave.

"We have seen in various communities across the state that when business, economic development, early-learning, and other community partners come together and innovate, everyone benefits," said DCF Secretary Emilie Amundson. "These grants are helping us kick-start and

build those partnerships, as well as find innovative and sustainable child-care solutions that can be modeled in communities and businesses across the state."

During the five-week application period, the Project Growth grant program received a large amount of interest with over 660 Partner Up! applications and 39 Dream Up! applications. While funding was limited, DCF was able to award grants to communities and businesses in each region of the state, with an emphasis on areas deemed child-care deserts.

The Dream Up! Child Care Supply-Building grant program, administered by DCF partner, First Children's Finance, focuses on building child-care supply through a collaborative communi-

ty approach. Twenty-eight cross-sector teams will receive strategic planning support and \$75,000 in grant funding to evaluate, plan, sustain, and expand existing child care, and support new child-care programs.

Locally, Grow North Regional Economic Development Corp. was awarded one of the Dream Up! grants.

"Grow North has been getting the relationships and resources in place to address the childcare crisis in the region," said Grow North Executive Director Brittany Beyer. "We will be able to use Oneida County as a pilot site, which will help us understand how to address each county's unique set of challenges by participating in this program."

For more information, visit dcf.wisconsin.gov.

Three Lakes approves school's design contract

BY KERRY GRIEBENOW
THREE LAKES CORRESPONDENT

The Three Lakes School District Board of Education approved the contract with MSA Professional Services for the site design of the Highway A School Forest property development at its special meeting on June 1.

The board voted 5-0 to approve the contract in the amount of \$38,300, with work on the site design to begin immediately. District Administrator Teri Maney stated that funding for this contract was in the school district budget.

According to MSA Project Manager Phillip Kriesel, the preliminary site design work will include a complete survey of the property to establish accurate boundaries, a topographical study, a wetlands delineation assessment, determination of groundwater well access, and stormwater infiltration assessment of the area.

Each of these steps are necessary before moving forward with any physical work being done, except for general brush cutting to determine a feasible route for a planned walking trail system.

Due to a backlog for surveyors at the present time, Kriesel stated that the prelim-

inary site plan design may not be completed until sometime in July, at which time it would be brought to the board for its approval.

Once the preliminary site design is approved by the board, the remainder of the timeline for the project would include development and approval of a final design plan possibly by August, permits secured for all phases of the project in September, and a potential build start date in October or November, which Kriesel stated is still a reasonable time for preliminary site work, such as parking lot, to take place.

"Having things ready to open for next spring (2023) may be difficult, as we are already a bit late in the season (for this process)," Kriesel said. "Possibly late spring."

Maney said that the main components for the property include a safe parking area for buses, students and others using the property, a pavilion to be used for education and shelter, an educational trail system, and a trap range for the school trap club's use.

The contract with MSA includes preparing all specifications for the site and filing for all permits, however the actual cost of all permits remains the responsibility of

the district.

Likewise, any on-site staking for parking lot, pavilion and other structures being proposed, as well as electrical design and any possible soil remediation needs will be the responsibility of the district.

"I recommend hiring one general contractor for the project, so the school district is not the general contractor, as well as having one school district point-person that has the authority to OK any decisions necessary in a timely manner," Kriesel said.

Maney added that the next steps to be taken by the board and those working on this project include completing a conceptual plan for the site, developing a school forest curriculum for students and the walking trail system, and addressing fundraising efforts, including possible naming process for the site.

The district has initiated a naming process for the site, with community individuals urged to offer submissions for this effort. To date, there have been 35 submissions for naming, and the board requested the task force submit their top five choices to be brought to the board at its next regular June meeting.

"A thorough discussion and much thought should be

given to the naming of this site," Maney said, adding that it is not a simple process. "There will be future opportunities for individuals, groups and organizations to be considered for naming rights to various projects within the site, such as pavilions, classrooms and trap range, as these are developed."

Maney will act as point-person for the project, while Justin Szews, district junior and senior high school principal, will be the "on-the-ground person," supporting on-site activities.

Szews stated that there is a group available to immediately begin general brush clearing and flag a rough layout for the trail system, taking into consideration both planned on-foot traffic as well as ATV access for crews and emergency vehicles.

"Wow, this is a big project! And we want to do things right," Maney concluded, noting the large scope of the plans for the school forest.

She said that the district may consider the addition of a school forest coordinator in the future for ongoing facilitation once the site has been developed.

The next scheduled meeting of the Three Lakes School Board is June 15.

Fatality: FROM PAGE 1A

70 between Eagle River and Highway D which is expected to be finished before July 4.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation studied the possibility of putting in a roundabout at the intersection of highways 17 and 70, but found it didn't meet the criteria. Once construction is complete there will be different signage and lane restrictions. The wayside and

boat landing at that location are owned by the state, not Vilas County.

A major project on Highway 45 North from Eagle River to the Michigan border is expected to start later this year. Highway N west of Sayner is now complete and open for public travel.

The next meeting of the Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled Sept. 7.

Mercer library opens bike repair station

The Friends of the Mercer Public Library welcome the community to participate in a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a new bike repair station on Tuesday, June 14, at 11 a.m.

The project was supported by the Friends of the Mercer Library with matching grants from Gogebic Range Health Foundation and the Gary and Virginia Theisen family.

The library is installing a Saris Deluxe Public Work Stand with bike pump and

gauge. This repair station features tools attached to retractable cables and allows for fast and easy bicycle maintenance for visitors to the Mercer Bike Trail.

This is the latest addition to the Mercer Library Reading Garden, an outdoor area featuring tables with umbrellas, benches, a demonstration rain garden, and other planting areas.

For more information, call the library at (715) 476-2366.

Republican women's club to host luncheon June 15

The Lakeland Area Republican Women's Club will host a luncheon meeting Wednesday, June 15, at noon at the Minocqua Country Club.

The two guests speakers will include Amy Loudenberg, candidate for secretary of state and Orlando Owens,

candidate for treasurer. They will speak to club members and attendees during the luncheon.

Registration and social time will start at 11:30 a.m.

For more information or to register, call Vice President Claire Boles at 414-659-8471.

OBITUARIES

Bertie-Leigh Berg

Bertie-Leigh Berg died Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at the NuRoc nursing home in Laona from complications of pancreatic cancer. She was 91.

She was born July 16, 1930, to Leo and Carrie Bloomer. Mrs. Berg was preceded in



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death by one brother, Richard Bloomer; and one daughter, Laura Berg.

She is survived by her husband of 72 years, Larry Berg; four children, Cathy, Larry Jr., Steven and Margaret; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held July 16 at Praise Chapel Church in Crandon.

Gaffney-Busha Funeral Home in Eagle River is serving the family.

Harry M. Dodd

Harry M. Dodd, age 77, born in Milwaukee, Wis., and a long-time resident of Three Lakes, Wis., passed away suddenly on May 24, 2022.

He was predeceased by parents, Mel and Millie Dodd; and brothers, Tom and Richard Dodd.

Surviving family members include his daughter, Carol Dodd; granddaughter, Rayven Dodd; and former wife and good friend, Claudette Raven.

Harry was an avid water



DODD

skier. He enjoyed fishing, boating, shooting pool, playing golf, and snowmobiling. He could often be found outside with his dog by his side, while he worked on multiple projects. He loved people and was a great storyteller. Harry filled up a room with his personality and was loved and will be missed by many.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday afternoon, July 9, 2022, at Pike's Pine Isle in Three Lakes.

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

PAID OBITUARY 5074

Marilyn Jean (Riley) Dunphy

Marilyn Jean (Riley) Dunphy, 95, passed away Tuesday, May 24, 2022.

Born in Cudahy, Wis., on April 3, 1927, she was the daughter of the late Lawrence and Ada (Horne) Riley. They made their home in Eau Claire, Wis., where she graduated from Eau Claire High School in 1944.

She married Ray Dunphy March 11, 1947.

Marilyn was a homemaker with a secondary career of accounting secretary. The Dunphy family operated the Eagle River Steakhouse, and spent their retirement years in McAllen, Texas.

Marilyn's faith was an important part of her life, and she spent years of service at each church including singing in the choir, playing hand bells, bible study, and countless hours in the church kitchen.

Marilyn was an accomplished bridge player, and won her match one month prior to her passing. She enjoyed playing games of any kind and coveted the number one spot on the chicken foot leader board. She knitted and sewed many of her children's clothing, and shared her talents donating pieces to Knit for Kids. She was known for her home-cooked meals and wonderful desserts.

She dedicated many years of service to the Hospital Auxiliary in Eagle River, Wis., and Edinburg, Texas.

She loved to read books, and enjoyed solving crypto quips. Marilyn was an avid sports fan, loved the NCAA basketball tournament and following "her" Astros.

Marilyn's beloved family was the most important aspect of her life. She recited her family's names in alphabetical order each night as part of her evening prayer routine. Marilyn was the most patient, kind and understanding woman and will be dearly missed.

Marilyn is survived by her sisters, Lois Kildahl, Appleton, Wis., and Ellen Riley, The Villages, Fla.; children, John



DUNPHY

Anthony (Kaaren) of Huntsville, Texas, Thomas Kerry (Pamela) of Eagle River, James Eric (Jenny) of Fond du Lac, Wis., Ann Maureen (Butch) of Eagle River, and Kathleen Mary (Neil) of Lodi, Wis.

There are nine loving grandchildren, Alauna Marie, Jacob Eric (Michelle), Carly Lynn (Angus), Courtney Michelle (Will), Casandra Rose (Jason), Jordan Mitchell (Kat), Michael James (Eva), Samuel Glenn (Sasha), and Kian Riley (Caroline); thirteen loving great-grandchildren, Elliot James, Finley Holden, Asher Ray, Jude William, Oliver Jacob, Rowan Alder, Eve Elizabeth, Elon Thomas, Leah Kathryn, Gemma Estelle, Joel-Henry, Arthur Paul, and Hannah Victoria. Also, many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents and husband of 62 years, she was preceded in death by her brother, Dennis; sister-in-law, Barbara; and brothers-in-law Howard Kildahl and Jim Dick.

The family would like to thank Pastor Michelle Vernone of First United Methodist Church of Edinburg, Texas, for the loving support and blessings provided throughout her life. Her attention, prayers and gift of song during the journey to be with the Lord brought the family so much peace. Thank you to the staff of Sundale Senior Living who provided excellent care and companionship to our precious mother. We also appreciate the care given by Huntsville Memorial Hospital, especially nurse Sam and Dr. Pillai who led us to our caring hospice nurse, Katelyn.

A Celebration of Life will take place July 7, at 3 p.m. in Eagle River at the home of her daughter Ann and Butch, 400 Tamarack Drive. The family will plan a service this fall in Edinburg, Texas, at First United Methodist Church. She will be buried with Ray at the Rio Grande Valley State Veteran's Cemetery.

A memorial in Marilyn's honor is established at the First United Methodist Church in Edinburg for the updating of the playground area and the Walter E. Olson Memorial Library, Eagle River, Wis.

PAID OBITUARY 5076

Grace Kettermann

Grace Kettermann, 94, of Conover, Wis., was called home to eternal rest on May 31, 2022.

She was born in Polar, Wis., to Minnie and Edward Flemming. Grace lived in Milwaukee, Wis., for over 37 years and moved to Conover where she lived for the past 37 years.

Those left to cherish her memory are children, Gail



KETTERMANN

and Carl (Geraldyn); grandsons, Kristopher and Michael; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rudy; parents, and four brothers.

A memorial service/celebration of life will be held in August at the Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church in Conover.

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

PAID OBITUARY 5075

Voeltner services set Thursday at cemetery

A graveside service for Elaine Mary Emma Voeltner (née Priebe) will be held Thursday, June 9, at 10 a.m. at the Eagle River Cemetery.

Ms. Voeltner died Dec. 5, 2021, at age 84.

Gaffney-Busha Funeral Home in Eagle River is serving the family.

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sentatives on selected trees.

Officials indicated that the highway department no longer intends to eliminate the tree tunnels or canopies along Highway K, and said there is no plan to straighten any existing curve in Rustic Road 60.

Clean up of what is left over from brushing this winter will be deferred until the written process is finalized.

Still up for debate is the proposed 3-foot paved shoulders along Highway K. It was suggested by a Rustic Road Board member that the road qualified for shared use status because of its low traffic volumes, and also that having a paved shoulder on just one

side of the road was a possibility. However, the county highway department did not commit to any of those approaches and is still considering its options.

"I am encouraged by the commitments made at this meeting, and we should know in the next few weeks whether things are working out as positively as I am hoping," said Scott.

He added that in the meantime, members of the group will initiate a "temporary cease-fire" of media publicity as well as other efforts, as a show of good faith on their end, but said that if progress is not made they plan to re-initiate their efforts in full.

Obituary policy

Death notices that appear in this space weekly are written and/or edited for content and consistency by assistant editors of the Vilas County News-Review and The Three Lakes News. Obituaries written in the paper's standard format are printed at no charge. Unedited obituaries written by the family may be printed for a fee, either in the obituary column or in smaller type with a border. For more information, call (715) 479-4421.

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NEWS

Violence against health-care workers on the rise: Aspirus

Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, another surging issue has been sweeping the country, specifically in hospitals.

Within the past few years, hospitals and health care systems have seen an increase in violence against health-care workers, according to Aspirus Health officials.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) defines workplace violence as "The act or threat of violence, ranging from verbal abuse to physical assaults that is directed toward people at work or on duty." In a three-year span, health-care workers and social services accounted for around 70% of the nearly 25,000 workplace assaults reported each year.

Hospitals Against Violence Day recently passed; a day to bring awareness to violence against health-care workers and highlight how America's hospitals and health care systems combat violence in their workplaces and communities.

Violence against health-care workers occurs in all types of settings, from busy emergency rooms and surgery centers to walk-in clinics and nursing homes. Unfortunately, due to the long-standing history in the industry, incident and assaults are too often perceived to be just "part of the job," according to health officials. These instances of violence can also lead to a heavy physical, emotional and mental toll, including post-traumatic stress disorder, an increased risk of burnout and depression.

"Many health-care workers have experienced some form of workplace violence and when individuals start to experience assaults on a reg-

ular basis, it can take a toll on them. While perceived as part of the job, it certainly shouldn't be tolerated," said Robin Rudie, Aspirus chief nursing officer.

According to the National Library of Medicine, 65% of nurses experienced workplace violence over the past year. Whether it be verbal abuse, threatening behavior, sexual harassment or physical assault, many incidents, as much as 46%, are never even reported.

Health-care workers feel compassion and empathy for those entering the hospital, knowing that they may be experiencing difficult times. However, as health-care workers continue to support and care for their community, it's important that individuals show kindness and understanding as they do their jobs to the best of their ability.

"Nurses here have a lot of compassion for their patients. We see them on their worst days, and often while they are still processing some life-changing or devastating news. This can cause a lot of emotions for patients and their families, which can make them want to lash out," said Lindsey Graff, Aspirus clinical outcomes nurse.

Aspirus officials said it takes workplace violence events seriously and encourages employees to report any incidents to include verbal, physical and mental abuse. There are several internal employee assistance services for those seeking help.

Officials added it desires to create a safe environment for all health-care workers, patients and visitors.

Entire state now meets air quality standards

Statewide air quality continues to improve as health risks of key pollutants decline in response to federal and state emission controls, according to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

"Wisconsin residents enjoying the outdoors this spring will breathe cleaner air than in the past," said officials.

All of Wisconsin now meets National Ambient Air Quality Standards, set to protect public health, for fine particles, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide and lead, the DNR said in its 2021 Wisconsin Air Quality Trends Report.

Among the report's findings, concentrations of fine particles from forest fires, wood stoves and other sources dropped 35% from the early 2000s to 2020.

In January, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency designated the City of Rhineland and nearby towns in Oneida County as in attainment of the sulfur dioxide standard. Now all of Wisconsin meets the standard.

A significant reason for the achievement is that statewide emissions of sulfur dioxide decreased 90% since

2002. That was made possible when many power plants and industries switched from burning coal to natural gas for generating energy.

Madison Gas and Electric, for one, plans to cut out coal altogether by 2035.

Such targets, and the growing transition to renewable energy, support the state's first-ever Clean Energy Plan recently announced by Gov. Tony Evers. One of the plan's goals is carbon-free electricity by 2050.

Only one key pollutant, ground-level ozone, continues to pose an occasional health risk on warm summer days along portions of the Lake Michigan shoreline in eastern Wisconsin, officials said.

Some positive news for shoreline residents and visitors is that ozone concentrations dropped 25% in the region from 2001-'20, the report said.

One reason for the decline is a 39% cut in industrial emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in that period, according to officials. Tailpipe emission standards and use of cleaner-burning fuels also reduced amounts of nitrogen oxides and VOCs in highway vehicle exhaust.

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THREE BOOMS — One of the highlights of the Eagle River Memorial Day service each year is the 8th Wisconsin Artillery cannon salute which is carried out three times throughout the ceremony. —Staff Photo By MICHELLE DREW

Vilas County Court report

Land O' Lakes man, 62, appears on fifth-, sixth-offense OWI

A 62-year-old Land O' Lakes man appeared June 1 in Vilas County Circuit Court on two felony charges of fifth- or sixth-offense operating while intoxicated (OWI), and fifth- or sixth-offense of operating with a prohibited alcohol concentration.

A ruling for Scott G. Hamann is scheduled July 13 at 8:30 a.m. The charges are related to an alleged incident May 11, 2021.

Tiffany Ann Barton, 30, of Eagle River, pleaded not guilty at a preliminary hearing June 2 on a felony charge of possession of methamphetamine (meth). Probable cause was found and she was bound over for arraignment. Bond was continued. She is scheduled for a pretrial Aug. 16 at 1:30 p.m. The charge is related to an alleged incident Jan. 9.

Randy J. Burgess, 42, of

Eagle River, was found guilty due to a plea of no contest May 31 on a felony charge of possession of meth. The court ordered 12 months in county jail with 105 days credited, and court costs. The charge is related to an incident Feb. 16.

Christina L. Cortright, 50, of Arbor Vitae, pleaded guilty June 3 to a charge of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The other felony she was facing was dismissed. The court order 12 months in county jail which was imposed and stayed; as well as 24 months of probation with conditions, and court costs. The charge is related to an incident July 6, 2021.

Garet W. Mendez, 36, of Minocqua, pleaded guilty June 2 to a felony charge of possession of meth with a repeat modifier. The two other misdemeanor charges he was facing were dismissed.

The court ordered one year in jail which was imposed and stayed; two years of probation with conditions, 40 hours of community service and court costs. The charge is related to an incident June 18, 2021.

Justin M. Allen-Theobald, 30, of Lac du Flambeau, pleaded guilty June 3 to a felony charge of possession of meth with a party to a crime modifier and a felony charge of manufacturing/delivering less than 3 grams of amphetamine. He had seven other felony charges dismissed. The court ordered one year of jail which was imposed and stayed; and two years of probation with conditions. The charges are related to incidents on July 10 and 11.

Matthew D. Joles, 33, of Lac du Flambeau, pleaded not guilty June 2 on a felony charge of prisoner throwing or expelling bodily substanc-

es. Joles waived his right to an attorney and was bound over for trial. Bond was continued. He is scheduled for pretrial July 5 at 1:30 p.m. The charge is related to an alleged incident May 16.

George J. Wolfe, 38, of Lac du Flambeau, pleaded not guilty in two cases May 31, on a felony charge of possession of meth and two misdemeanor charges of battery and bail jumping. Wolfe is scheduled for pretrial in both cases June 22 at 9:30 a.m. Charges are related to alleged incidents May 12 and 20.

Samantha Jo S. Young, 30, of Lac du Flambeau, pleaded not guilty June 2, on a felony charge of maintaining a drug trafficking place with a party to a crime modifier. Bond was continued and pretrial was set July 20 at 3:30 p.m. The charge is related to an alleged incident June 23, 2021.

POLICE REPORT

Vilas County Sheriff

Vilas County Sheriff's dispatchers last week reported at least 18 911 hangups, one abandoned vehicle, one animal accident, 10 car vs. deer accidents, one nonreportable accident, four accidents with property damage, three requests to assist another agency, four burglar alarms, six ambulance requests, one animal neglect offense, one animal noise, five animal problems, four attempts to locate, three ATV complaints, one watercraft accident, one report of child abuse, 10 requests to assist citizens, one citizen problem, two criminal damages to property, one report of disorderly conduct, five disturbances, two domestic violence complaints, three fires, one grass fire, one structure fire, one fireworks complaint, three reports of found property, one report of gas fumes, two reports of harassment, one juvenile problem, two reports of lost property, one missing person, two noise complaints, four operating while intoxicated (OWI) offenses, one parking problem, one probation violation, four vacation checks, one request to assist an officer, one report of lewd and lascivious, two requests to remove subject, six reports of suspicious circumstances, three thefts, one medication theft, one threats complaint, 39 reports of hazardous conditions, 12 traffic violations,

two trespassing complaints, one unsecure premise, one weapons offense and nine welfare checks.

There were at least 47 informational or procedural entries.

In the past week, one or more persons were booked at Vilas County Jail for the following offenses: hold on warrant for another agency, operate after revocation, OWI-first offense, OWI-second offense, misdemeanor or bail jumping, disorderly conduct, intentional child neglect, possession of marijuana, domestic violence and failure to appear.

Eagle River Police

Among the calls received by Vilas County dispatchers were at least 37 calls for the Eagle River Police. These included three animal problems, one attempted burglary, one citizen dispute, nine requests to assist citizens, two possessions of marijuana, two driving under intoxication offenses, one false alarm, one failure to appear, two juvenile problems, one report of lost property, one noise complaint, one report of suspicious circumstances, one request to watch property, two accidents with property damage, two traffic offenses, two thefts, one utility problem and four welfare checks.

Three persons were taken into custody and booked into the Vilas County Jail.

Applicants sought for 2-year women's board position

Wisconsin Women in Government (WWIG), a statewide, bipartisan, nonprofit organization of women in government service, recently announced it is seeking professional women to join the WWIG Board of Directors for a two-year term beginning in August.

"We invite those interested in creating opportunities that support and advance the careers of women who choose to work in or with government to apply for our board," said WWIG President Amanda Graham. "This is a meaningful and rewarding way to broaden your own personal leadership skills, while supporting other women who also choose to commit their careers to public service."

The board of directors is an all-volunteer working board that seeks women of diverse backgrounds who are willing to contribute their time and experience to support the organization's fundraising, event planning and

communications efforts.

Women who work in government, those who work with government through a role in the private sector, and women with previous experience working with nonprofit organizations are encouraged to apply.

The board typically will meet at least six times per year, and board members are expected to participate in WWIG's committees and events.

To apply, women should send their resume and a cover letter describing why they would like to join the WWIG Board of Directors to wwigquestions@gmail.com by June 21. Applicants should include a description of relevant experience and the specific skills they can contribute to the board. Experience in fundraising, communications and event planning is particularly desired.

For more information, visit wiscwomeningovernment.org.

Program prepares teens for safe driving

This summer, teenagers will get behind the wheel for the first time as they work to earn their driver's license, but it can be a dangerous time.

More than 30% of deaths involving teen drivers happen during the "100 Deadliest Days of Summer" — Memorial Day to Labor Day, according to the American Automobile Association.

Wisconsin has many laws designed to prepare teenagers for safe driving, including the

Graduated Driver's License (GDL) program.

"GDL restrictions and requirements help give our teens a safer start to their driving career by limiting higher-risk situations and distractions," said Wisconsin State Patrol Superintendent Anthony Burrell.

To be eligible for an instruction permit, drivers must be at least 15 years old, be enrolled in a certified driver's education program, and

pass the knowledge and signs test. Drivers with an instruction permit are required to have a valid, regular license holder in the front seat of the vehicle — an instructor, parent or guardian, or someone 21 years of age or older.

Drivers ages 16 to 18 can apply for a probationary license if they are violation free for at least six months, have completed a minimum of 50 hours of supervised driving (including 10 hours at

night) with a parent or guardian, have completed all driver's education course work and behind-the-wheel hours with an instructor, and pass a road test (or receive a waiver).

For the first nine months of a teen's probationary license, GDL restrictions aim to give new drivers an opportunity to develop skills in lower-risk situations.

For more information on teen driver licenses, visit wiscnsdmv.gov/teendrivers.

Broadband funding increased to \$125 million

Gov. Tony Evers and Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) Chairperson Rebecca Cameron Valcq recently announced that additional funding would be available for the current round of the State Broadband Expansion Grants.

This brings the total available funds to \$125 million — \$25 million more than what was announced in November. The funding for the grants comes from the 2021-23 Biennial Budget signed by Gov. Evers in July, which will be used to expand high-speed broadband internet to unserved or underserved areas of the state.

Businesses serving a number of towns in Vilas and Oneida counties put in their applications during the last round of grant applications to bring broadband services to

surrounding communities.

Verizon Wireless sought \$1.275 million and pledged \$3.8 million that would upgrade services in Eagle River, Arbor Vitae, Boulder Junction, Conover, Presque Isle, and St. Germain, while Spectrum Mid-America put in two separate requests to serve customers in Arbor Vitae, Cloverland, Conover, Presque Isle and the town of Lincoln, as well as a large request for portions of Oneida County including the Three Lakes area.

PSC will evaluate each grant based on the matching funds, public-private partnerships, economic development, scalability, impact, and the proposed service area's existing broadband service needs.

"I promised to work to ensure every Wisconsinite had

access to high-quality, high-speed internet, and our State Broadband Expansion Grant Program is one of the fastest and most efficient ways we have to do just that," said Evers.

"I'm proud our work over the last three years is helping provide more than 300,000 homes and business with reliable, high-quality internet, and the funding for this grant round will help us build on that good work so that students, workers, business owners, families, and communities can access the internet in every part of our state."

In March, the PSC received 194 applications requesting more than \$495 million in grant funding from the program. PSC is expected to make grant decisions in the coming weeks.

"I thank Gov. Evers for

his continued investment in closing the digital divide and connecting hundreds of thousands of our fellow Wisconsinites to needed infrastructure," said Valcq. "Over the past four years, the historic investments made in broadband have allowed communities across the state to realize the societal, educational, and economic benefits of high-speed internet."

Since 2019, state and federal funds allocated under Evers for broadband grants have provided or will provide more than 300,000 homes and businesses access to new or improved services.

A map of 2022 grant applications, a list of previously funded broadband expansion grant projects, and more information about the broadband expansion grants can be found at psc.wi.gov.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE COURT ORDERS:
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BY THE COURT:
/s/ Dawn Halverson
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May 24, 2022
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS A. MULLEN DOD: 05/07/2022
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A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.

THE COURT FINDS:
1. The decedent, with date of birth 11/16/1955, and date of death 05/07/2022, was domiciled in Vilas County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 5993 Beaver Trail, Eagle River, WI 54521.
2. All interested persons waived notice.



REIN RECOGNIZED — At the Vilas County Board meeting on May 24, Chairman Jerry Burkett announced that he would begin recognizing county employees when he or any other county board member hears directly from a resident that an employee has done an exceptional job. He had received a phone call from a Vilas resident about an employee from the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) that went above and beyond to help this resident. Burkett requested that Amie Rein, ADRC specialist, come to the podium to be recognized for helping the resident.
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Blood center reports immediate O-neg need

The Community Blood Center (CBC) announced an immediate need for Type O-negative blood donors to help stabilize its Type O-negative blood inventory, which is "dangerously low."

While all blood types are important, Type O-negative blood is often used in emergency situations when the patient's blood type is unknown because anyone can receive O-negative blood, regardless of blood type.

"The challenge is that only 9% of the population has O-negative blood," said John Hagins, president and chief executive officer at the CBC. "It is crucial we have enough blood on our shelves to meet the needs of O-negative patients and patients whose blood type is not yet known during an emergency."

He added a hospital patient may need dozens of units of blood in an emergency, and that many times, a blood transfusion is needed immediately for a patient to survive.

"When there isn't time to check the patient's blood type, a hospital will rely on a blood donation from an O-negative blood donor," said Hagins. "O-negative blood donors are universal blood donors, meaning that their blood donation can meet the need of a patient of any blood type. As such, it is vital to have a stable and adequate supply of O-negative blood available for unexpected situations."

According to Hagins, the CBC only has about 25% of the desired inventory level and need blood donors to step forward and ensure that blood is available. This plea comes one week after a local emergency depleted CBC's Types A and O blood supply to concerning low levels. The inventory has still not recovered as the nation enters one of the most challenging times of the year for blood collection, added Hagins.

For every person who presents to donate between now and Sunday, June 12, CBC officials said it will make a monetary donation to help provide blood collection supplies for Ukraine. CBC is one of several blood centers across the nation participating in this campaign.

Hagins said the CBC is urging healthy and eligible community members to schedule a blood donation immediately and in the next week at communityblood.org or by calling 1-(800) 280-4102.

Newspapers now allowed to send more nonsubscriber copies

Newspapers that previously were limited to sending up to 10% of their Within County circulation to nonsubscribers without commingling are now officially allowed up to 50% nonsubscriber copies.

The United States Postal Service (USPS) recently published its new rule, as was required by the Postal Service Reform Act of 2022. The new law went into effect April 6, but USPS put it into effect starting May 27.

The new rule allows much broader sampling to nonsubscribers and nonrequesters than community newspapers have enjoyed for the past century. Congress passed the new rule in recognition that newspapers needed a broader ability to attract new subscribers, particularly as service problems have caused mailing lists to shrink.

The rule affects only Within County mail. For Outside County mail, newspapers can still send up to 10% to nonsubscribers without commingling, or up to 50% by commingling the nonsubscriber copies with subscriber copies.

National Newspaper Association (NNA) Chair Brett Wesner, president of Wesner Publications in Cordell, Okla., said the new rule was a major victory for NNA members.

"We have been seeking this increase for decades," Wesner said. "It took the interest of Rep. James Comer, R-Kentucky, and other leaders in the postal reform effort this year to finally help us over the finish line. NNA is grateful for their assistance."

NNA Postal Committee Chair Matthew Paxton, publisher of the News-Gazette in Lexington, Va., said he recognized that some members had begun using the sampling allowance when Congress passed the bill.

A newspaper regularly sending 5,000 copies each week to Within County subscribers who are in good standing, now can send up to 2,500 copies to nonsubscribers. These nonsubscriber copies do not have to be mixed in with the regular mailing.

NEWS



EAGLE RIVER SERVICES — Memorial Day services were held on the Vilas County Courthouse lawn in Eagle River May 30 featuring artillery cannon salutes, performances by the Northland Pines High School band and choir, guest speaker Rep. Rob Swearingen and a bagpipe solo performed by Tom McKale. Some scenes of the ceremony included:
Above: The Color Guard performed their traditional rifle salute.
Right: A wreath-laying is carried out as onlookers watch solemnly.
Below: Poppies are placed on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.
 —Staff Photos By MICHELLE DREW



**HERE RESTS IN HONORED GLORY
 AN AMERICAN SOLDIER KNOWN
 ONLY TO GOD ALONE**

Room tax grants provide \$20,000 for Minocqua-area organizations

The Let's Minocqua Visitors Bureau & Chamber of Commerce announced the recipients for the 2022 room tax grant allocations.

Successful awardees demonstrated that they would utilize funds for tourism development and promotion in the Minocqua area.

The board reviewed six applications with a total request tallying nearly \$52,000 from nonprofit groups and organizations throughout the area.

"We would like to extend a congratulations to the 2022

room tax grant recipients as well as those that were not awarded. These organizations' hard work is clearly making a difference for all those that work, live and play in our beautiful North Woods home," said Krystal Westfahl, executive director. "We look forward to seeing what these folks do to help area growth in the future."

Applicants needed to provide evidence that their efforts would focus on bringing people to the area, creating positive economic impact or work toward future devel-

opment projects within the destination. The board also considered applications from nonprofit groups and organizations that offer activities or events that would encourage people to stay longer.

Applicants were reviewed through a series of questions that looked at their ability to articulate their future plans, as well as how the funding would help the destination.

Four organizations received funding, including Minocqua Winter Park which was awarded \$3,000 to go toward enhanced photogra-

phy of all its area events. The photos will be utilized on its newly refreshed website, social media accounts and advertising pieces.

Cross Country Cruisers and Minocqua Forest Riders snowmobile clubs were each awarded \$5,000; and Lake-land Area Mountain Bike Organization was awarded \$7,000 to go toward print and map distribution, online and print advertising, and the continuation of its direct mail campaign.

For more information, visit letsminocqua.com.

Applicants sought for Oneida County judge

Gov. Tony Evers recently announced that he is seeking applicants for the Oneida County Circuit Court Branch 1 Judge.

The appointment will fill a vacancy being created by Judge Patrick F. O'Melia's resignation, effective Aug. 1. The new judge will complete a term ending July 31, 2023.

Applications must be sub-

mitted by Tuesday, June 21, at 5 p.m.

To apply, email a completed application form and supporting materials to judicialappointments@wisconsin.gov. The application can be found on the "Apply to Serve" page at evers.wi.gov.

For more information, contact the Governor's Office of Legal Counsel at (608) 266-1212.

Stroke follow-up clinic now open at Aspirus

Stroke is a leading cause of death and serious disability in the United States, with almost 800,000 people experiencing a stroke every year according to the CDC.

However, with improved quality of care, specialized follow-up and risk factor education, deaths could continue to decline.

To promote the best possible recovery and minimize the risk of a future stroke, Aspirus Spine and Neurosciences now offers a specialized Stroke Follow-up Clinic.

"When a patient experiences a stroke, it can be extremely overwhelming, with many things happening in a short period of time," said Nurse Practitioner Aspirus Spine and Neurosciences Dana Stuard. "The goal of the Stroke Follow-up Clinic is to meet with patients within the first week or two after leaving the hospital to make sure they know the next steps in their treatment, provide them with education and plan follow-up to maximize recovery and reduce the chance of having another stroke."

According to the CDC, about one in four strokes occur annually in people who have had a previous stroke. But by controlling risk factors additional strokes could be prevented. This is especially critical for those who may

have had a transient ischemic attack (TIA), also called a mini stroke.

"Although symptoms may go away, a TIA is a serious warning sign of a future stroke for which you should seek medical help" said Stuard. "The Stroke Follow-up clinic also provides treatment to TIA patients who have been seen in the Emergency Department but who were never admitted to the hospital."

Strokes and TIAs require emergency care as soon as possible. The signs of a stroke often appear suddenly. By knowing the warning signs, you can help get the treatment you or a loved one needs as quickly as possible.

Use the acronym, BE FAST, as every second counts for care.

- Balance: a sudden loss of coordination or balance;
- Eyes: a sudden change in vision;
- Face: sudden weakness on one side of the face or facial droop;
- Arm: sudden arm or leg numbness or weakness;
- Speech: sudden slurred speech, trouble speaking, trouble understanding speech; and
- Terrible headache: sudden onset of a terrible headache.

For more information, visit aspirus.org/stroke-care.

Two local groups awarded telemedicine grant funds

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) awarded more than \$790,000 in funding from the Medical Telecommunications Equipment Program, also known as the Telemedicine Grant Program, with awards going to two area organizations.

The funds will support 12 projects that will purchase medical telecommunications equipment to enhance access to medical care in rural or underserved areas, for people with disabilities, or promotes technologically advanced medical services.

The Human Service Center in Rhinelander which serves residents in Vilas County, received \$46,023 to purchase two video conference suites for mental health

counseling and therapy, while the Lakes Community Health Center Inc. received \$96,245 to purchase a digital x-ray device for the NorthLakes Community Clinic in Iron River, Mich.

"The projects funded, use broadband and telecommunications services to reduce barriers to getting necessary health screenings as well as decrease the time to access emergency or specialized care for our vulnerable communities," said PSC Chairperson Rebecca Cameron Valcq.

Qualified applicants must be a nonprofit medical clinic or hospital that is governed by a board of directors that meets certain criteria.

For more information, visit psc.wi.gov.



CULVERT WORK — Repairs were made the morning of June 3 to the Scott Creek culvert on Highway 32 east of Three Lakes. A

worker onsite stated it was due to a culvert failure, and not the planned replacement that was to occur later in the month.

—Photo By Kerry Griebenow

Do you need a Zoning permit?

- ✓ Fences
- ✓ Garages/Sheds
- ✓ Decks/Porches
- ✓ New Construction
- ✓ Driveways/Parking areas
- ✓ Additions
- ✓ Remodeling
- ✓ Signs
- ✓ Building Demolition
- ✓ Excavation

A quick call to the **City of Eagle River Zoning Department** can save you time and money by being informed of City Zoning Ordinances and Regulations.

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Robin Ginner, Zoning Administrator

715-479-8682, ext 227



Snowmobile Capital of the World ★ ATV/UTV Capital of Wisconsin ★ Hockey Capital of Wisconsin

NEWS



TREE PLANTING — A crew of 11 planters accompanied by one foreman planted 71,000 trees in two days on the Vilas County Forest last month. According to Forest Administrator Chad Keranen, the company is Superior Forestry based out of Arkansas, with all 11 planters from Mexico. “They planted 2-year-old red pine on sites that were cut over due to maturity and insect damage. Both sites were sprayed with herbicide last summer to kill competing vegetation, and both sites were scarified (this is where a trench or scalp of soil is removed so the planters know where to put the trees in rows),” Keranen explained. —Contributed Photo

PUBLIC NOTICES

(Three Weeks, 6/8-6/22/22)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF TAX LIENS PURSUANT TO SECTION 75.521, WISCONSIN STATUTES, BY VILAS COUNTY, LIST OF TAX LIENS, FOR 2022, NUMBER 1
NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF PROCEEDING IN REM TO FORECLOSE TAX LIENS BY VILAS COUNTY
CASE NO. 2022GF4
TAKE NOTICE that all persons having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in or lien upon the real property described in the list of tax liens Number 1, on file in the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court of Vilas County, dated January 10, 2022, and hereinabove set forth, are hereby notified that the filing of such list of tax liens in the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court of Vilas County, constitutes the commencement by said Vilas County of a special proceeding in the circuit court for Vilas County to foreclose the tax liens therein described by foreclosure proceeding in rem and that a notice of the pendency of such proceeding against each piece or parcel of land therein described was filed in the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court on January 10, 2022. Such proceeding is brought against the real property herein described only and is to foreclose the tax liens described in such list. No personal judgment will be entered herein for such taxes, assessments or other legal charges or any part thereof.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all persons having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in or lien upon the real property described in said list of tax liens are hereby notified that a certified copy of such list of tax liens has been posted in the office of the County Treasurer of Vilas County and will remain posted for public inspection up to and including August 31, 2022, which date is hereby fixed as the last day for redemption.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any person having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in or lien upon any such parcel may, on or before August 31, 2022, redeem such delinquent tax liens by paying to the County Treasurer of Vilas County, the amount of all such unpaid tax liens and in addition thereto, all interest and penalties which have accrued on said unpaid tax liens, computed to and including the day of redemption plus the reasonable costs that the county incurred to initiate the proceedings plus the person's share of the reasonable costs of publication under sec. 75.521(6), Wis. Stats.
Dated this 10 day of January, 2022.
VILAS COUNTY, WISCONSIN
/s/ Paulette M. Sarnicki
Vilas County Treasurer
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE FORECLOSURE OF TAX LIENS PURSUANT TO SECTION 75.521, WISCONSIN STATUTES, BY VILAS COUNTY, LIST OF TAX LIENS, FOR 2022, NUMBER 1
CASE NO. 2022GF4
TO THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR VILAS COUNTY, WISCONSIN:
NOW COMES Vilas County, a political subdivision of the State of Wisconsin, by Paulette M. Sarnicki, its County Treasurer for said county, hereby files the attached List of tax liens for Vilas County for taxes as hereinafter indicated, sales for the year as hereinafter indicated, and alleges and shows the Court as follows:
1. That each of the following described parcels of land have been sold to Vilas County for delinquent taxes, and two (2) or more years have elapsed since the date of the tax sales certificates, being the sales for the years indicated in the attached list.
2. That Vilas County is now the owner and holder of tax liens for the years indicated in this List, as evidenced by the tax sales certificate numbers in the attached list.
3. That Vilas County has by Ordinance adopted by the County Board of Supervisors of said County, August 16, 1988, Ordinance No. 88-2A, elected to proceed under Section 75.521, Wisconsin Statutes for the purpose of enforcing tax liens in said county commencing after August 16, 1988.
4. That said List, made and filed pursuant to the provision of Section 75.521, Wisconsin Statutes, is attached herewith.
5. That interest on the principal sum of each tax lien listed above is charged at the rate of one percent (1%) per month, from February 1, of the year of sale to date of redemption.
6. That all descriptions by lot and block number refer to plats and maps filed in the office of the Register of Deeds for Vilas County, Wisconsin.
7. That the Townships of Arbor Vitae, Boulder Junction, Cloverland, Conover, Lac du Flambeau, Land O'Lakes, Lincoln, Manitowish Waters, Phelps, Plum Lake, Presque Isle, St. Germain, Washington,

Winchester, and the City of Eagle River, municipalities having any right, title, or interest in the land, or in the tax liens, or proceeds thereof, as shown on Page 1 through 7 of the List.
8. That a three hundred one dollar and 50 cents (\$301.50) charge will be assessed to each parcel of land for filing, title search, publication and foreclosure on all tax liens together with additional reasonable costs as allowed by law.
WHEREFORE, Vilas County petitions for judgment vesting title to each of said parcels of land in Vilas County in fee simple absolute, as of the date of entry of judgment in this action, and barring and foreclosing any and all claims whatsoever of the former owners, their heirs, successors, or assigns, and any person claiming through and under them, and all persons, both natural and artificial, including the State of Wisconsin, infants, incompetents, absentees, and non-residents who may have any right, title, interest, claim, lien or equity of redemption in or to said lands since the date of filing this List of tax liens in the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court for Vilas County.
Dated this 10 day of January, 2022.
VILAS COUNTY, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
BY: /s/ Paulette M. Sarnicki
Vilas County Treasurer
Treasurer's Office:
Vilas County Treasurer
330 Court Street
Eagle River, WI 54521
715-479-3609
LIST OF TAX LIENS OF VILAS COUNTY
BEING FORECLOSED BY PROCEEDING IN REM NO. 2022
Item Description O-Owners, M-Mortgages, L-Lienholders C-Case No. Sale Year Tax Year Principal Amount
2-484 S15 T40 R06 440279 440278 PRT NE SE, O-Jacob J. Kukich, PO Box 1996, Woodruff WI 54568, L-Vilas Co Treasurer, V-William C Delapp, 8200 Saratoga Dr #401, Naples FL 34113, V-Mary A Delapp, 8200 Saratoga Dr #401, Naples FL 34113, L-WI Dept of Revenue, OFC Legal Counsel, PO Box 8901, Madison WI 53708, L-WI Attorney General, 114 E State Capital, PO Box 7857, Madison WI 53707-7857, 17, 2019, 2018, \$574.59
2-728 S24 T40 R06 916/610 736/575 Lot 27 Runkwood Estates, O-Michael F Nelson, 90877 Mid Lake Rd, Woodruff WI 54568, O-Thomas A Nelson, 90877 Mid Lake Rd, Woodruff WI 54568, L-Vilas Co Treasurer, 30, 2019, 2018, \$170.00
2-800 S24 T40 R06 467320 269/654 OL 2 BLK 2 Elk Mound Sub, O-Elizabeth M Wolff AKA Elizabeth Wolff, 10036 Little Arbor Vitae Dr, Arbor Vitae WI 54568, L-Vilas Co Treasurer, 31, 2019, 2018, \$1.98
2-888 S24 T40 R06 520/178 PRT NW SW, O-June A Belk Smith, 828 2nd Ave, Waldo WI 53093, L-Vilas Co Treasurer, 39, 2019, 2018, \$251.42
2-1332 S27 T40 R06 600/523 Lot 28 In-Wood-Tea Estates Plat, O-Cornelia C Dorsky, 5150 Three Village Dr, Lundyhurst OH 44124, O-Jonathan J Bromboz, 23511 Chagrin Blvd, Unit 502, Beachwood OH 44122, L-Vilas Co Treasurer, 65, 2019, 2018, \$95.64
4-1716 S20 T42 R07 480/364 Lot 10 BLK 2 Sam J Williams First Sub, O-Mark Allen Wahlgren, 10411 Main St, Boulder Junction WI 54512, O-Nancy Ann Wahlgren, 10411 Main St, Boulder Junction WI 54512, L-Vilas Co Treasurer, L-Asset Acceptance LLC, 23405 Vandyke Ave, Assignor of Bank of America, Warren MI 48093, O-Nancy Wahlgren, PO Box 748, Boulder Junction WI 54512, 154, 2019, 2018, \$1,051.06
6-530-11 S21 T40 R09, 494854, 468043, Prt Govt Lot 5, O-Rickey Kuehlem, 7016 CTH K, Star Lake WI 54561, L-Vilas Co Treasurer, V-John R Bob Carlsson, 6325 Nelson Lake Rd, Eagle River WI 54521, V-Betty June Carlsson, 6325 Nelson Lake Rd, Eagle River WI 54521, L-Howard Young Health Care Inc, 240 Maple St, Woodruff WI 54568, O-John R Carlson, 1269 W Harbor Dr, Woodruff WI 54568, 183, 2019, 2018, \$242.48
8-2027, S22 T42 R10, 405334, Prt SE NE F/K/A 4-3, 4-2 F14, O-Debra L Wolff, 4390 Hackley Cir, Apt 15, Phelps WI 54554, O-James P Merkel Sr, 4390 Hackley Cir, Apt 15, Phelps WI 54554, L-Vilas Co Treasurer, M-Nicolet National Bank, Successor of 1st National Bank of Eagle River, 1200 Hansen Rd, Green Bay WI 54304, 298, 2019, 2018, \$496.70
12-2022, S15 T43 R08, 078/093, Prt NW SE, O-Clara Rahr, PO Box 525, Manitowoc WI 54221, O-Marshall Davies, PO Box 525, Manitowoc WI 54221, L-Vilas Co Treasurer, 433, 2019, 2018, \$4.74
12-1124-02, S17 T42 R09, 419156, Prt SW SW Lands Lyng S Of White Squaw Lake, O-Indian Lake Partners, LLC, 5424 Hwy 10 E, Stevens Point WI 54481, L-Vilas Co Treasurer, 474, 2019, 2018, \$95
12-1550-01, S02 T42 R10, 429686, N 1/2 SE NE Exc 642-579, 962-258, O-Rick Simms, PO Box 216, Land O Lakes WI 54540, L-Vilas Co Treasurer, 499, 2019, 2018, \$408.90
12-2210, S33 T43 R10, 826/540, Lt 2 Charlotte Lake Forests, O-Susannah E Jennings, 4610 CTH B, Land O Lakes WI 54540, L-Vilas Co Treasurer, O-Susannah Jennings, 4610 CTH B, Land O Lakes WI 54540, L-Northeast Pines School District, 1800 Pleasure Island Rd, Eagle River WI 54521, 542, 2019, 2018, \$276.09

12-2230, S33 T43 R10, 116/125, Lt 71 Charlotte Lk Forests, O-George Grosch, 3021 N Pierce St, Milwaukee WI 53212, L-Vilas Co Treasurer, 544, 2019, 2018, \$14.23
14-165-01, S03 T39 R10, 615/010, Prt NE NW, O-Kim M Belliveau, 123 S Pearl St Apt #2, Berlin WI 54923, L-Vilas Co Treasurer, L-US Department of Justice, Western District of Wisconsin, 222 W Washington Ave Ste 700, Madison WI 53703, L-US Department of Justice, Assistant Atty General Tax Division, 950 Pennsylvania Ave NW Rm 4603, Washington DC 20530, L-Procedure Section, IRS Special, Stop 5303 MIL/FCL, 211 W Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee WI 53203, 567, 2019, 2018, \$533.37
14-212, S04 T39 R10, 465/360 205/621, FRL NE NW, O-Lois Gough, 1091 Sundstein Rd, Eagle River WI 54521, L-Vilas Co Treasurer, 575, 2019, 2018, \$53.95
14-292, S07 T39 R10, 885/070 563/067, Govt Lot 3, O-Laurea Frances Raddatz LE, 31213 Bushnell Rd, Burlington WI 53105, O-Steven Raddatz RM, 31213 Bushnell Rd, Burlington WI 53105, L-Vilas Co Treasurer, 579, 2019, 2018, \$169.57
14-443, S11 T39 R10, 466465 427/151, Prt Lot 8 Plat Pincetr, Agrmt 569-183, Assmt Inc CN 445-01, O-Charles L Polacek, PO Box 1004, Eagle River WI 54521, L-Vilas Co Treasurer, O-Charles Polacek, 597 US Hwy 45 S, PO Box 293, Eagle River WI 54521, L-Midland Funding LLC, 8875 Aero Dr Ste 200, By Its Servicing Agent Midland Credit Mgmt Inc, San Diego CA 92123, 587, 2019, 2018, \$475.70
14-445-01, S11 T39 R10, 466465 427/151, Prt Lot 8 Plat Pincetr, Assmt Comb W/ CN 443, O-Charles L Polacek, PO Box 1004, Eagle River WI 54521, L-Vilas Co Treasurer, O-Charles Polacek, 597 US Hwy 45 S, PO Box 293, Eagle River WI 54521, L-Midland Funding LLC, 8875 Aero Dr Ste 200, By Its Servicing Agent Midland Credit Mgmt Inc, San Diego CA 92123, 2019, 2018, \$0.00
14-603, S18 T39 R10, 885/070 563/067, Govt Lot 2 Exc 280-468/382, 516-243, 552-491, 699-399, 365/610 "F14", O-Laurea Frances Raddatz LE, 31213 Bushnell Rd, Burlington WI 53105, O-Steven Raddatz RM, 31213 Bushnell Rd, Burlington WI 53105, O-Steven Raddatz RM, 31213 Bushnell Rd, Burlington WI 53105, L-Vilas Co Treasurer, O-Debra Holsten FKA Debra Raddatz RM, 31213 Bushnell Rd, Burlington WI 53105, 598, 2019, 2018, \$246.92
14-1703, S32 T40 R10, 465/360 465/354 297/045, NE SE Exc 52145 Of N784' Of E382', Assmt Inc CN 1704, 1705, 1707, O-Lois Gough, 1091 Sundstein Rd, Eagle River WI 54521, L-Vilas Co Treasurer, 646, 2019, 2018, \$3,205.13
14-1704, S32 T40 R10, 505/373, S 216' Of N784' Of E 382', NE SE, Assmt Comb W/CN 1703, O-Lois M Gough, 1091 Sundstein Rd, Eagle River WI 54521, L-Vilas Co Treasurer, 2019, 2018, \$0.00
14-1705, S32 T40 R10, 465/360, 465/354, 297/045, NW SE, Assmt Comb W/CN 1703, O-Lois Gough, 1091 Sundstein Rd, Eagle River WI 54521, L-Vilas Co Treasurer, 2019, 2018, \$0.00
14-1745, S33 T40 R10, 465/360, 205/621, NW SW, Assmt Inc CN 1746,1747, O-Lois Gough, 1091 Sundstein Rd, Eagle River WI 54521, L-Vilas Co Treasurer, 648, 2019, 2018, \$1,656.11
14-1746, S33 T40 R10, 465/360, 465/354, SW SW, Assmt Comb W/CN 1745, O-Lois Gough, 1091 Sundstein Rd, Eagle River WI 54521, L-Vilas Co Treasurer, 2019, 2018, \$0.00
14-1747, S33 T40 R10, 465/360, 205/621, SE SW, Assmt Comb W/CN 1745, O-Lois Gough, 1091 Sundstein Rd, Eagle River WI 54521, L-Vilas Co Treasurer, 2019, 2018, \$0.00
18-67, S02 T41 R11 422521, 977/807 897/278 899/412, 699-412, Prt Govt Lot 2, O-Douglas G Horstman, 17642 US Hwy 45 N, Bruce Crossing MI 49912-8717, L-Vilas Co Treasurer, O-Douglas G Horstman, 4384 Deerskin Rd, Phelps WI 54554, V-Jeffrey H Trumbull, 4025 E 17th St, Tucson AZ 85711, V-Kay T Trumbull, 4025 E 17th St, Tucson AZ 85711, L-US Department of Justice, Western District of Wisconsin, 222 W Washington Ave Ste 700, Madison WI 53703, L-US Department of Justice, Assistant Atty General-Tax Division, 950 Pennsylvania Ave NW Rm 4603, Washington DC 20530, L-Procedure Section, IRS Special Stop 5303 MIL/FCL, 211 W Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee WI 53203, 714, 2019, 2018, \$4,473.13
18-71-02, S02 T41 R11, 5365112, Prt Govt Lot 2, O-Tom Cat Holdings, LLC, PO Box 61, Phelps WI 54554, L-Vilas Co Treasurer, 715, 2019, 2018, \$486.99
18-82, S02 T41 R11, 525923, Prt Govt Lot 3 Lot 5 Blk D, Unrec Plat Twin Phelps, O-Craig Booth, PO Box 322, Phelps WI 54554, L-Vilas Co Treasurer, L-Nicolet National Bank, Successor of 1st National Bank of Eagle River, 1200 Hansen Rd, Green Bay WI 54304, 716, 2019, 2018, \$824.80
18-101, S02 T41 R11, 525922, Prt Govt Lot 3 Easmt 527072, O-Craig Booth, PO Box 322, Phelps WI 54554, L-Vilas Co Treasurer, L-Nicolet National Bank, Successor of 1st National Bank of Eagle River, 1200 Hansen Rd, Green Bay WI 54304, 719, 2019, 2018, \$91.78

The real estate transactions listed below are being published at the request of many of our readers. The information is public record and reflects an index of each week's transactions.
Property transactions exceeding \$10,000 recorded at the Vilas County Court-house the past week and the transfer fee:
May 26, 2022
Diane Lausar to Richard J. Karnes and Tina R. Karnes, gov lot 5 in 17-40-11, \$2,484
Richard J. Long Trust and Trustee Richard J. Long to Thomas R. Warwick and Cathleen A. Warwick, SW NW and gov lot 1 in 25-44-5, gov lots 4 and 5 in 26-44-5, and gov lot 7 in 23-44-5, \$2,265
Rita Hogenmiller to Steven A. Bergdahl, gov lot 1 in 11-40-10, \$232.50
David M. Jorgensen and Mary C. Jandick to Richard Zenisek and Mary C. Zenisek, unit 8 in Eagle River Tall Pines Condos, \$1,305
Craig Schattschneider to Gregory H. Stocke Sr. and Carol A. Stocke, gov lot 1 in 2-41-11, \$166.80
Paul W. & Linda L. Moscherosch Irrevocable Trust, Trustee Paul W. Moscherosch and Trustee Linda L. Moscherosch to Mariusz Szelezak and Edyta Szelezak, lot 2 in CSM5679, lots 1-3 and outlot 1 in CSM5675, and gov lot 1 in 12-40-11, \$214.50
Carl F. Moscherosch and Joel K. Moscherosch to Mariusz Szelezak and Edyta Szelezak, lot 2 in CSM5679, lots 1-3 and outlot 1 in CSM5675, and gov lot 1 in 12-40-11, \$429
Robert E. Galliani Revocable Trust and Trustee Robert E. Galliani to Michael John Kedaitis, lot 32 in Forest Acres, \$45
Glenn J. & Carol Eggert Living Trust of 2003 and Trustee Glenn J. Eggert to Ion Moraru and Doina Sofroni, SE SW in 25-40-8, \$2,775
Peter J. Olk to Kevin Konnow, gov lot 4 in 35-43-10, \$75
May 27, 2022
John A. Purtell and Melana S. Purtell to Christopher J. Stang, gov lot 8 in 13-40-10, \$84
Sean P. McCaleb and Lisa A. McCaleb to Patrick R. Cocquyt, gov lot 4 in 27-43-7 and gov lot 1 in 34-43-7, \$405
Mark A. Birkholz and Lin R. Birkholz to Jessie T. Vanouse and Lisa M. Vanouse, gov lot 7 in 26-40-10, \$1,155

Mariusz Szelezak and Edyta Szelezak, lot 2 in CSM5679, lots 1-3 and outlot 1 in CSM5675, and gov lot 1 in 12-40-11, \$214.50
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Richard A. Liberski and Guardian Bruce Liberski to Phillip P. Olson and Hedwig M. Olson, lot 3 of block 4 in De Haas' Red Oaks Estates, \$480
Jessie T. VanOuse to Daniel Patrick Johnston, lots 24, 31, 32, 34 and 35 of block 7, and lot 8 of block 13 in Rockwood Estates North Division No. 4; and lot 1 in CSM5662, \$150
May 31, 2022
Gateway 76 Inc. to Gateway Express LLC, gov lot 2 in 35-43-10, \$840
Fleming Family Revocable Trust 12/28/98 and Trustee Frances M. Fleming to Andrew C. Crawford and Melissa A. Crawford, gov lot 3 in 35-40-6, \$716.70
Robert J. Colliès and Alice I. Colliès to Christopher R. Fancy and Michele S. McGrreal, NE NW in 25-40-9, \$1,030.50
Carol B. Smith to Jonathan W. Eichman, Christopher M. Welcenbach and Sara L. Welcenbach, NW NW in 12-41-11, \$420.60
Brent D. Jensen and Michelle M. Kyles to John Joseph Walsh and Mary Elizabeth Walsh, unit 03 C8 in Pinestone Crossing Condominium, \$168
Phyllis M. Johnson and POA Cheryl L. Skoglund to Trey C. Greeley and Renata A. Greeley, gov lot 4 in 23-41-9, \$1,771.20
Mark E. Renc and Barbara A. Renc to Garvin Services Inc., gov lot 4 in 35-43-10, \$322.50
Jamie M. Fath and Susan J. Fath to Daniel J. Plautz, Rachel A. Plautz, Daniel E. Plautz and Barbara J. Plautz, gov lot 5 in 19-40-8 and unit 11 in Fath's Big Woods Resort Condo, \$1,275

(One Week, 6/8/22)
NOTICE OF LIQUOR, BEER AND/OR WINE LICENSE APPLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE APPLIED FOR A LICENSE TO SELL AT THE PREMISES DESCRIBED BELOW IN THE TOWN OF LINCOLN, VILAS COUNTY, WISCONSIN, INTOXICATING LIQUOR AND FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGES AS DESCRIBED IN CHAPTER 125 OF THE WISCONSIN STATUTES SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY CHAPTER 425 OF THE WISCONSIN STATUTES, AND ALL ACTS, AMENDATORY THEREOF AND SUPPLEMENTARY THERETO AND HEREBY AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE LAWS, REGULATIONS, ORDINANCES, AND RESOLUTIONS STATE, FEDERAL AND LOCAL, AFFECTING THE SALE OF SUCH LIQUORS IF A LICENSE BE GRANTED THE UNDERSIGNED.
TOWN OF LINCOLN 2022 - 2023 FERMMENTED MALT BEVERAGE:
Custom Landscaping of Eagle River, Inc, Todd Monge, Agent, Prime Choice Meat Market at 1144 Highway 45 South
Much Mohr, LLC, Wendy Mohr, Agent, Eagle River Tobacco Road at 687 Highway 45 South
Shannon Marie Rhoades, Paul's Pump & Pantry at 4341 East Wall Street
CLASS B COMBINATION LIQUOR AND FERMMENTED MALT BEVERAGE:
Renner Corporation, Rhine Renner, Agent, Geo's AT 4412 East Wall Street
Koranda Holdings LLC, Laura Koranda, Agent, 70 East Road House at 1298 East Dollar Road
Shotskiss LLC, Jaime Riemeier Agent, Shotskiss at 1295 White Pine Drive
Chef Reneze's of the Northwoods, LLC, Rene Ayvazzadeh, Agent, Chef Rene's at the Inn at 5260 Highway 70 West
Kent D. Zdrolik, Uncle Kent's at 1835 Watersmeet Lake Road
Nagy Family, LLC, Cheryl Nagy, Agent, Club Denoyer at 5324 Highway 70 West
L'Wier Hospitality, Inc., Ella Baltus, Agent, Lumpy's Bar & Grill at 838 Highway 45 South
Best 98 LLC, Brian Park, Agent, Best Western Derby Inn at 1800 Highway 45 North
Jalisco, LLC, Nestor A. Rojas, Agent, Agave Azul at 4090 Highway 70 East
Shannon Marie Rhoades, O'Brien's Pub at 4331 East Wall Street
Braywood Libations LLC, Gene K. Ahlborn, Agent, Braywood at 4109 Braywood Lane
L & L Offerdahl LLC, Leif Offerdahl, Agent, Kickback Grill at 1980 Highway 75 North
Mud Creek, LLC, Mary Consoer, Agent, Mud Creek Saloon at 5267 Highway 70 West
CLASS B FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE:
Eagle River Recreation Association, Jeremy Barber, Agent, Eagle River Recreation Association at 4149 Highway 70 East
Kickin Axe Up North LLC, Becky Yelding, Agent, Kickin Axe Up North LLC, at 1161 Highway 45 South
Shelly D. Sauvola, Town Clerk

(Three Weeks, 6/8-6/22/22)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY
PROBATE — NOTICE TO Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No. 22PR40
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ADELINE M. FETTING DATE OF DEATH: 4-25-2022
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 11-8-1924 and date of death 4-25-2022, was domiciled in VILAS COUNTY, STATE OF WISCONSIN, with a mailing address of 1609 MITTEN LAKE ROAD LAC DU FLAMBEAU, WI 54538.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is September 16, 2022.
5. A claim may be filed at the VILAS County Courthouse, EAGLE RIVER, Wisconsin, Probate Branch.
/s/ Dawn Halverson
Probate Registrar
June 1, 2022
JOHN C. HOULLIHAN
HOULLIHAN LAW FIRM, S.C.
P.O. BOX 630
MINOCQUIA, WI 54548
715-356-1422
Bar Number 1016296
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June 1, 2022
Julius L. Scheffler III & Karin Revocable Declaration of Trust and Trustee Karin Scheffler to Little C LLC, lots 22, 23 and 192 in Kehteamaug Lodge, \$1,350
Gerald D. Hedberg and Connie L. Hedberg to Joshua E. Hedberg and Dominica D. Hedberg, SE SE in 14-41-10, \$75
Kenneth E. Shepski Sr. and Mary Lou Shepski to Gerald L. Koukol, gov lots 4 and 5 in 26-44-5, gov lot 7 in 23-44-5, and SW NW and gov lot 1 in 25-44-5, \$900
Rowe Spangler Family Trust 02/05/99, Trustee Ann H. Rowe Spangler and Rowe Spangler Family Trust 02/05/99 to Paul D. Korinek and Cheryl M. Korinek, Omitted Lands 05-41-12; gov lots 1, 3 and 4, and SW SW, NW NW and NE NW in 4-41-12; Omitted Lands 04-41-12; Omitted Lands 33-42-12; Omitted Lands 34-42-12; gov lot 2 in 5-41-12; gov. lots 6-8 in 33-42-12; and gov lots 4 and 5 in 34-42-12, \$2,925
Roemer Revocable Trust 12/29/92 and Trustee Peter P. Roemer to Ellen J. Doran 2020 GST Trust, gov lot 2 in 16-42-5, \$4,800
Steven D. Spilde to Salvatore F. & Patricia T. Balistreri 2007 Revocable Trust, gov lot 3 in 27-42-7, \$1,725
Antoinette Ulrich, Antoinette Jaskowiak and Richard Jaskowiak to Steven S. Sorg and Angela M. Sorg, gov lot 3 in 8-40-6, \$1,833
June 2, 2022
Magda LLC to Boulder Springs Laundry LLC, lot 11 of block 2 in Boulder Junction Assessors Plat, \$975
Michelle A. Warshawsky Living Trust and Trustee Michelle A. Warshawsky to Fabermade LLC, gov lot 6 in 26-40-5, \$750
Kory A. Dross and Elizabeth K. Dross to Jonathan R. Bohnen, lot 1 and outlot 1 in Spirit Pines, \$169.20
Scott A. Schwartz and Lisa A. Schwartz to Cory Mutter and Karen Mutter, gov lots 8 and 9 in 34-40-5, \$959.70
Heartwood Forestland Fund VII LP to Jaime L. Hudack, NE SW, NW SW and SE SW in 16-43-5, \$576

NEWS

State sees first-ever Clean Energy Plan

Gov. Tony Evers, together with the Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy, recently released the state's first-ever Clean Energy Plan.

The Clean Energy Plan identifies dozens of paths and strategies aiming to lower energy bills and prices at the pump for Wisconsin families, promoting energy independence by reducing reliance on out-of-state energy sources, creating an estimated more than 40,000 jobs by 2030, and investing in job training and apprenticeship programs in innovative industries and technologies.

Wisconsinites continue to be concerned by rising costs in grocery store aisles and at gas pumps while industries face challenges getting resources and supplies. Oil and gas prices have been subject to major disruptions and volatility due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, creating uncertainty in markets at home, including gas prices in Wisconsin which recently exceeded \$4 per gallon.

National inflation has also recently reached the highest level in decades. At the same time, the plan comes as there are historic opportunities presented by an influx of federal dollars to invest in once-in-a-generation efforts to speed up production of cheaper, cleaner energy, replace water infrastructure to ensure access to safe, clean drinking water, reduce the impacts of extreme weather, help families and businesses save on energy costs through energy efficiency, and invest in innovative jobs, job training, and apprenticeship programs.

A 2019 study conducted by the Center on Wisconsin Strategy estimated that, each year, Wisconsin sends more than \$14 billion out of state due to the state's dependence on out-of-state energy sources.

"Whether it's lowering energy bills and prices at the pump, building infrastructure that can withstand extreme weather events, ensuring every Wisconsinite has clean, safe drinking water, or investing in new jobs, apprenticeship, and training to address our state's workforce challenges — you name it — the strategies in our Clean Energy Plan can help us create good paying jobs that don't require a college degree and bring talented workers to Wisconsin while saving money, reducing energy costs, and building the sustainable future we want for our state, Evers said. "By expanding and speeding up production of cheaper, cleaner energy like wind and solar here in Wisconsin, we can keep our money here at home rather than relying on unpredictable markets often disrupted by foreign leaders and conflicts."

The plan, which aims to change the adverse trajectory of the effects of a changing climate, builds on the work of the Evers Administration over the last three years, including the Governor's Task Force on Climate Change, but it was also designed to be flexible to adapt to future technology innovation and market changes. The plan considers and incorporates thoughts, plans, and suggestions of people and entities throughout Wisconsin, including utilities, private industry, frontline communities, tribal nations, government partners, and academic experts, among others, to provide a framework

to ensure Wisconsin can transition toward cheaper, cleaner energy.

"Wisconsinites believe in conservation, and we want to protect our natural resources while protecting our pocketbooks at the same time. The good news is that we don't have to choose — we can do both if we start working smarter as a state — and that's what this plan is all about," said Evers.

Evers previously signed Executive Order #38, creating the Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy, charged with developing the Wisconsin Clean Energy Plan to promote the development and use of clean and renewable energy across the state, advance innovative sustainability solutions that improve the state's economy and environment, and diversify the resources used to meet the state's energy needs.

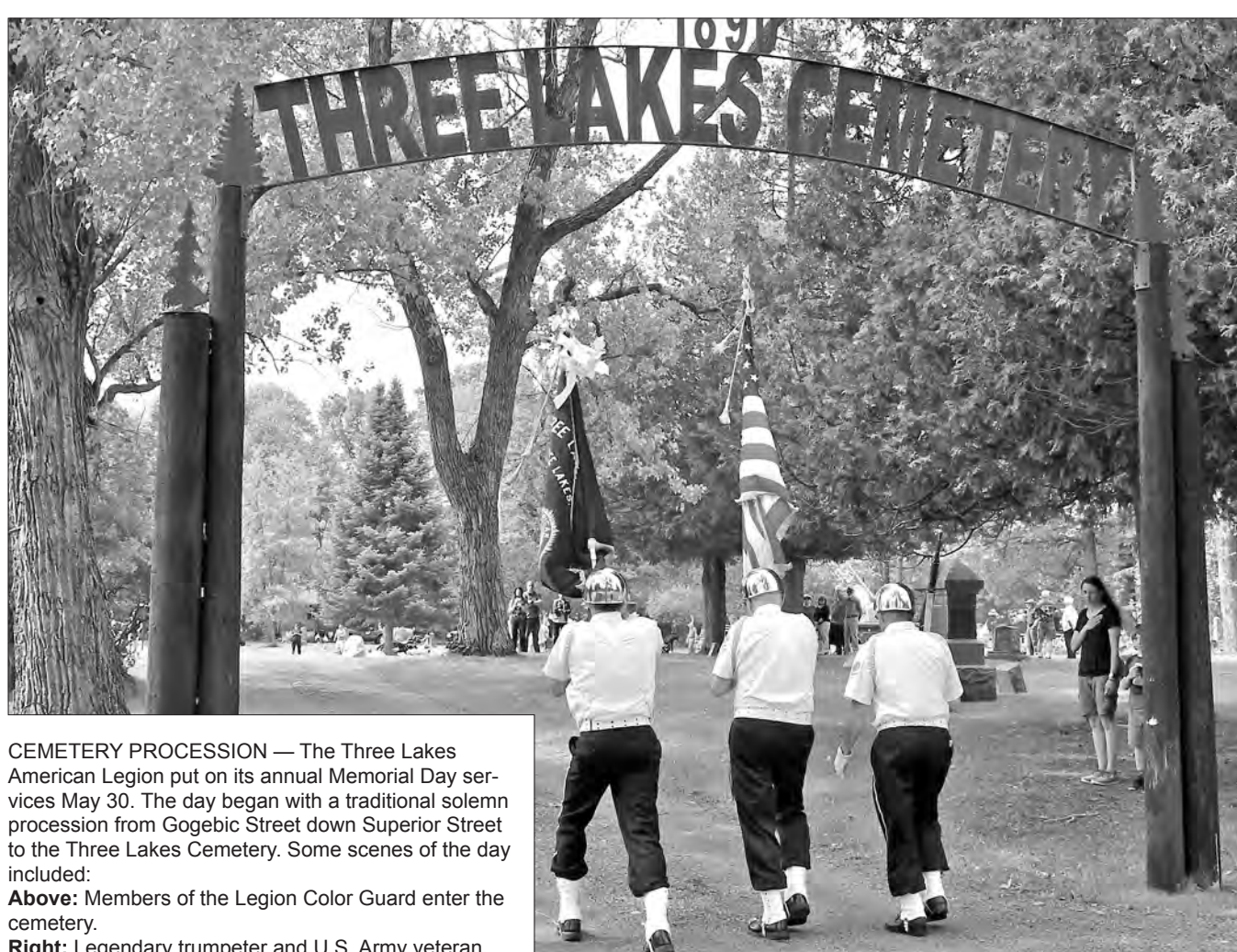
The order also established the state's goal to reach 100% carbon-free electricity by 2050. Additionally, Evers also previously joined the U.S. Climate Alliance, a bipartisan group of governors who are committed to implementing the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement at the state level in an effort to combat climate change.

Executive Order #38 also charged the Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy with ensuring the state is fulfilling the carbon reduction goals of the Paris Agreement. The objectives identified in the Clean Energy Plan include putting Wisconsin on a path to achieve 100% carbon-free electricity by 2050 and ensuring that the state of Wisconsin is contributing to the carbon reduction goals of the Paris Agreement.

"This is a historic moment. Gov. Evers' Clean Energy Plan meets the scale and scope needed to properly address the climate crisis," said Kerry Schumann, executive director of the Wisconsin Conservation Voters.

"Wisconsin's long-standing dependence on fossil fuels must come to an end because it's no longer sustainable for our health, our economy, and our well-being. The Clean Energy Plan builds on our ongoing efforts to transition Wisconsin to 100% clean energy by 2050. It will aid the local clean energy resolutions we have helped pass in county and city governments across the state," Schumann added. "This plan is a much needed step to addressing the climate crisis and creating economic opportunities for the people of Wisconsin. We look forward to working with the governor to build a clean energy future that creates opportunities for everyone in the state."

According to the International Renewable Energy Agency, solar and wind are among the cheapest energy sources available in the world and getting cheaper every year. At the same time, the Clean Energy Plan cautions that without urgent, meaningful action to address the climate crisis, Wisconsinites will see an increase in their utility bills as they use more energy to heat and cool their homes in response to changing weather and temperatures in the coming years. By investing in clean, renewable energy today while costs are at an all-time low, Wisconsin can reduce the burden of future energy costs on utility customers.



CEMETERY PROCESSION — The Three Lakes American Legion put on its annual Memorial Day services May 30. The day began with a traditional solemn procession from Gogebic Street down Superior Street to the Three Lakes Cemetery. Some scenes of the day included:

Above: Members of the Legion Color Guard enter the cemetery.

Right: Legendary trumpeter and U.S. Army veteran Skip Wagner offers "Taps" during the ceremonies.

Below: American Legion Post 431 Commander Mike Silber welcomes those attending the memorial event. Graduating seniors Mari Szews and Sara Gruszynski also gave speeches, and members of the American Legion Auxiliary took part in the ceremony.

—Photos By Kerry Griebenow



Resources available for those suffering from mental illness

BY SARA CARIAS
ASST. EDITOR

While one in five people will experience a mental illness during their lifetime, everyone faces challenges in life that can impact their mental health, according to Mental Health America (MHA).

Mental health refers to one's emotional and social well-being and impacts how people think, feel and behave. It plays a role in connecting with others, making decisions, handling stress and many other aspects of daily life, according to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

In Vilas County, The Humans Service Center (HSC) provides residents of Vilas, Oneida and Forest counties with services that include behavioral health services, mental health therapy, and alcohol and drug abuse counseling. Services are covered through a patient's insurance or through a sliding fee scale based on the patient's ability to pay, said Kirsten Carlson, clinical coordinator at HSC. Crisis services are also provided by HSC to individuals at no cost to the patient, 24 hours a day and seven days a week.

Causes and risks

About half of Americans will meet the criteria for a diagnosable mental health condition sometime in their life. There's often no one single cause for a mental health condition, instead, there are many possible risk factors.

Some risk factors for mental health conditions include: trauma; environment, also known as social determinants

of health like financial stability and health care access; genetics; brain chemistry; and one's habits and lifestyle such as a lack of sleep or poor nutrition, Carlson said.

Alcohol can also be a factor. Individuals who frequently drink alcohol are more likely to be depressed than those who moderate their use, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in 2020.

Covid effects

It was toward the end of Covid-19's first peak that HSC began to see an increase across the board in individuals who were seeking mental health services.

Specifically, its crisis program saw the most significant uptick.

"It wasn't necessarily people who were really sick with a serious mental health disorder, but more so individuals who couldn't get in to see counselors or psychiatric doctors due to either a lack of availability or lack of access, said Bridget Plautz, emergency services coordinator at HSC.

"What's really interesting is we saw an inverse relationship with those who carry a serious mental health diagnosis," said Carlson. She added that those with the more serious illnesses thrived because they found themselves with more money initially, faced less pressures from society and there were less people out and about so they felt more comfortable in the community.

According to Carlson, similar to what the medical field has seen during Covid. The desire to provide services is big and the ability to provide

them due to lack of providers is disheartening. She added that HSC is working to grow its availability of telehealth services to county residents as a solution to this issue.

Tips

Sometimes individuals don't know what to look for when it comes to assessing if themselves or someone they know is dealing with a mental health issue.

"The one thing I would say, to people in that place, is if they reflect on who they are currently and they don't think and feel how they used to, that is an indicator that something may be up and they should consider talking to a mental health professional about what is going on in their life," said Carlson.

Addressing symptoms early; getting regular sleep (everyone is different but somewhere between six and 10 hours a night regularly); regular exercise; healthy nutrition; journaling, which she said will help individuals express their emotions; and talking to people about what they're dealing with in life are all things people can do to decrease any symptoms, said Carlson.

Resources

In addition to the HSC services and programs it offers, there are other local resources available to Vilas County residents.

Some resources include online support groups and various apps that individuals can download to their phone or other devices that will help connect them with resources. The Healthy Minds app from UW-Madison is free and provides meditation, training and education. The center also

works with outside organizations such as New Horizons Family Services located in Eagle River and Rhinelander.

New Horizons, owned by Rhonda Benefit, is a company that provides various support services and programs throughout Vilas and Oneida counties for children, parents and other adults.

Specifically, one of the programs New Horizons is contracted by HSC for is its Comprehensive Community Services program. This program works along with individuals and their team towards recovery goals and objectives. Services provided are based on the self-identified needs of the individual, and also provides an integrated service approach to youth with mental health disabilities at risk of out of home placement.

Most of New Horizons' clients are youths, according to Benefit, but said it also works with adults in various capacities. In addition to working with HSC, New Horizons works with social services in both counties, child protective services, the foster care system and Youth Justice. Parents or others interested in the services provided by New Horizons, can contact its office at (715) 420-0220.

"I heard this the other day and it is true, we (mental health professionals) are on the front lines of people's suffering," said Carlson. "Be kind, show compassion to yourself and others. So many people have been through different pros and cons with Covid and have suffered major losses."

For more information on HSC, contact (715) 369-2215 or visit thehumanservicecenter.org.

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NEWS

Phelps board considers new community center

By SHARON GIFFORD
PHELPS CORRESPONDENT

The Phelps Town Board and a citizen committee have been working with an architectural design firm to develop concept plans for a new town hall/community center.

The draft plans include an expanded town office space, conference rooms and a fireproof storage room for town documents. Plans also would house the Phelps library, the chamber of commerce offices, and a large gathering hall for events.

The existing town hall dates back to the 1960s and shares the building with the Eleanor Ellis Public Library. It only has seating for about 20 people and lacks conference rooms, adequate stor-

age and other amenities.

The proposed 14,000-square-foot building would be located in Waverling Park between Highway 17 and the soccer field.

The Phelps Town Board also has been conducting a series of master planning workshops to assess overall town needs over the next five to 10 years.

"In addition to figuring out how we can afford a new community center, we need to look at all future expenses, especially on road maintenance and maintaining our expanding park facilities," said town Chairman Steve Doyen.

The town will hold an information session Tuesday, July 12, at 6 p.m. in the Waverling Park Pavilion to unveil the new community center plans and the other proposals from the master planning workshops.

New state plan approved to meet demand for workers

In responding to workforce challenges exacerbated by the pandemic, the Governor's Council on Workforce Investment (CWI) recently presented a 2022-'26 Strategic Plan to meet the demand for skilled workers and sustain Wisconsin's robust recovery.

Meeting in Appleton, CWI Chair S. Mark Tyler and members sent Gov. Tony Evers comprehensive strategies to reinvigorate education at all levels, engage all employers, increase workforce participation, and align and maximize resources over the next four years.

"Much has changed since the CWI developed our last strategic plan four years ago," Tyler said in the plan's cover letter to Evers. "However, the charge of the CWI remains the same and the significance of our work has never been more important."

"Aside from difficulties finding and hiring new workers, there are several other issues impacting businesses such as lack of access to child-care, broadband, transportation and housing," added Tyler. "All these issues directly or indirectly impact employers and their ability to acquire and retain talent. As governor, you have emphasized 'connecting the dots' and that is exactly what we hope to accomplish through this plan."

The council consists of 36 members including business leaders, workforce representatives, state legislators, local elected officials, and leaders representing education, community, and labor organizations throughout the state. The council works closely with the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) in developing strategies to meet the needs of employers and workers.

"With the visionary workforce investments Gov. Evers has made through the \$130 million Workforce Solutions Initiative, Wisconsin is experiencing a robust recovery," said CWI Executive Director and DWD Secretary-designee Amy Pechacek. "The council's strategic plan will help guide additional investments and initiatives, as we and our partners, under the leadership of Gov. Evers, work to meet the needs of all job seekers, workers, and employers. To ensure we can measure our success in implementing these strategies over the next four years, we've also established specific goals and related metrics."

Approved unanimously by the council, the strategic plan focuses on four broad areas, each with a series of goals and objectives:

• Education: Goal of reinvigorating Wisconsin's culture and value of education and innovation to fuel ideas

with specific objectives in early childhood education, career pathways for youth and adults, and entrepreneurship.

• Employers: Goal of engaging all employers to drive, build and utilize Wisconsin's workforce development system, with a series of specific objectives, such as increasing the number of employers offering work-based learning, and supporting employers' efforts to attract, hire and retain employees from all populations.

• Workforce: Goal of increasing Wisconsin's workforce participation by improving access to job opportunities among other steps. Specific objectives include strengthening collaboration and support of equity and inclusion efforts, and as another objective, providing incentives to help individuals receiving public benefits transition to sustainable employment.

• Organization and Resource Alignment: Goal of advocating for resource alignment to maximize return on investment and use data for continuous improvement of the workforce system. Specific objectives include identifying and addressing organizational and structural changes necessary to improve collaboration and accountability.

The council's strategic plan was approved against the backdrop of record-low unemployment numbers for the state. DWD reported the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics preliminary, seasonally adjusted employment estimates for the month of April at 2.8% — tied with the record low from March — as job growth and labor force growth continued.

In setting goals and objectives for the four years ahead, the council also provided an assessment of the state's economy.

"The outlook for the state's economy is positive, although the ramifications of new viral strains are yet to be determined. Wisconsin's fourth quarter 2021 real gross domestic product exceeded pre-Covid levels and state job numbers have returned to 98% of pre-pandemic levels," stated the assessment.

"Other positive indicators are that employment levels in a few industries, such as manufacturing, construction, and professional business services, are back near pre-pandemic levels or higher; and, as of March data, Local Area Unemployment Statistics employment is above pre-pandemic levels. Wisconsin's employment-to-population ratio and labor force participation rate continue to exceed the national figures," it said.

For more information, visit wi-cwi.org.



A ribbon cutting ceremony was recently held in downtown Phelps for the new Conover-Phelps Trail. Those taking part in the ribbon cutting are, from left, Steve Doyen, Phelps town board; Jake

Krueger, MSA Engineering Company; Dale Reynolds, representing the Jim Hedberg family; Dale Mayo, Conover town board; and Tim Wright, Great Headwaters Trail. —Photos By Sharon Gifford

Ribbon cutting ceremony held for new Conover-Phelps trail

By SHARON GIFFORD
PHELPS CORRESPONDENT

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the Conover-Phelps Trail was recently held in downtown Phelps.

The ceremony started with a welcome by Phelps Project Manager Rollie Alger, of Phelps. He then introduced Phelps Town Board Chair Steve Doyen who congratulated everyone involved on the completion of the trail.

"Many years ago, many people said this project would never get off the ground. Look at us now years later; a beautiful trail completed. I would like to congratulate all who were involved," said Doyen.

Alger then provided a timeline of the trail's construction history. Planning for the trail began in 2010, construction began in 2015 and was completed in the fall of 2021. The trail crosses several private property parcels for which easements were granted. He thanked all the property owners for their cooperation and support of the construction, as well as the neighbors along the trail who baked cookies for construction crews.

Great Headwaters Trail (GHT) Executive Director Jeff Currie explained the partnership between the towns of Conover and Phelps that led to the development of the trail, as well as the community members from each town who were instrumental in getting the project off the ground.

According to Currie, Jim Hedberg, who recently died, was instrumental in talking with the Conover community about the value of the trail. Phelps resident Roger Ganser, who also died last summer, was a donor and avid supporter who lived on North/South Twin lakes. Marge Hiller, Phelps town clerk, handled the paperwork as the trail moved eastward. Brian Blank, of Phelps, took on the role of treasurer when the project's grant money came through.

"It was because of the grant and the generosity of many donors and supporters from the community that the trail got completed," said Currie. He added that next for GHT, there is no trail from Phelps or Conover to Land O' Lakes and no trail south to Eagle River from Conover.

Marty Flanagan, of Phelps, and his wife, were lead donors of the last section of the trail.

"This is unbelievable —

the effort and dedication to get this project accomplished," Flanagan said. "My wife and I are so excited to see this happen."

Other officials from the county and various organizations commented on the trail project and its opening.

Jerry Burkett, Vilas County Board chair, said he supported Steve Doyen and Jeff Currie when there was a problem about trail location.

"This is the perfect blend of private individuals, the state, towns of Phelps and Conover coming together and throwing away the word 'me' and using the word 'we' — what are 'we' going to do?" Burkett said. "We're all here for the same reason — to enjoy our beautiful county using the bike, ATV, snowmobile trails, fishing and boating."

"I created a T-shirt — 'Vilas County God's country' — and I believe in that. So I can take no credit for these trails, just my support," added Burkett.

Wisconsin Bike Federation Executive Director Kirsten Finn spoke at the event about the purpose of the federation.

"We teach people how to ride bikes safely and advocate for bike-friendly laws and trail infrastructure and put on awesome events for bike trails," Finn said. "As a family, we biked the Conover-Phelps Trail in 2019. The trail is so direct and fast and convenient — a wonderful way to get between these two communities."

"Bike and walking trails are not just nice to have, cycling is a \$2.25 billion dollar annual economic engine and consumer spending is \$1.52 million of that. Bicyclists love spending money on beer, coffee, lunches, hotel rooms, so this trail is an investment in the economic development of this region. In the next five years, an unprecedented amount of money is coming into Wisconsin for transportation through the bike partition infrastructure and that money is all up for grabs in a competitive process. It's time to get your grant writer to work. The money is there now to finish your trails," Finn said.

Also at the ceremony was James Yach, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) secretary representative for northern Wisconsin, who thanked the many people who put forth effort to make the trail a reality and offered praise on the beauty of the trail.

"Vilas County is right in the heart of northern Wis-

consin," Yach said. "The Wisconsin DNR does recognize the value of recreational trails across northern Wisconsin. (They are a) major economic driver that the trails provide to northern Wisconsin."

Yach said that over the course of the last 10 years, the DNR has issued six grants for this project, just shy of \$650,000.

"People don't realize the price tag that is associated with trails throughout the state. There have been countless donors and matches, but the department is the grant manager to provide these opportunities for these outdoor recreations," he said.

Kathy Schmitz, Vilas County Economic Development Corporation (VCEDC) executive director, thanked everyone involved in the project and commended Currie, saying that GHT and VCEDC have very similar goals. Schmitz added that GHT's efforts to build family-friendly walking trails, along with efforts by the VCEDC to showcase those trails, display both groups' commitment to growing the economy and quality of life in the North Woods.

"In Vilas County, we are the envy of the rest of the state," she added.

Alger then invited Laura Van Wakenberg to speak about the first major event on the Conover-Phelps Trail planned this July.

We're bringing the Ride with Leinie event to the Conover-Phelps Trail Saturday, July 30," said Van Wakenberg. "This is the 11th annual ride, but the first time on this trail. This event was started years ago by the Wilderness Trail group in Land O' Lakes, and the main feature is Dick Leinenkugel riding bikes and drinking beer."

She noted that it is a very popular event and acts as a trail fundraiser for GHT.

"As they had reached their goals, they decided not to

continue on after 10 years but Dick said, 'Hey Great Headwaters Trails, I still want to do this'," explained Van Wakenberg.

The ride starts in Conover at the town park with three rides to choose from — a 40-mile road ride, a 20.4-mile ride and a 10.4-mile ride with Leinenkugel. A picnic lunch at the Conover Town Park will be served afterward, and door prizes and raffle drawings will be available. All proceeds will go to the development and enhancement of the eastern county bike trails.

A presentation of the plans for the three segments of the Conover-Phelps Trail as built were given to Doyen of the Phelps Town Board and Dale Mayo of the Conover Town Board, presented by Alger.

"Fifteen years ago when I was a Vilas County Parks administrator, two county board supervisors approached us. They asked if the county could purchase that piece of property and turn it into a recreational corridor," said Mayo. "A grant was written and the property, which was in pretty bad shape, was obtained. Being serious about this project, they included GHT and built that first segment."

"Three major bridges had to be built. We used the snowmobile program for a partnership on it and built the bridges. The bike program paid for the trail bond surface. So many people worked along the way together to get this trail done," he said.

As the ceremony came to a close, Tim Wright who represented GHT, commended and recognized Alger for all his time and work he contributed for the trail by awarding him with the Presidents Special Award.

"It has been a labor of love, a partnership and a privilege to work together with all of you to get this task done," said Alger.



The rain didn't keep spectators and supporters away from the ceremony to celebrate the opening of the new trail.

NOTICE OF OPEN BOOK TOWN OF THREE LAKES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Assessment Roll for the Town of Three Lakes will be open for inspection on the 22nd day of June 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at 6965 West School Street, Three Lakes, Wisconsin. Those wishing to view the assessment roll may do so at that time.

Susan Harris,
Town Clerk

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PLOW TRUCK RFP NOTICE

The Northland Pines School District will accept proposals to purchase one new ¾ ton or larger, full-size pickup truck suitable for snowplowing. Please visit www.npsd.k12.wi.us for details on the proposal process or contact Dave Bohnen, Building & Grounds Director, at dbohen@npsd.k12.wi.us or by phone at (715) 479-5031. The Northland Pines School District is an equal opportunity employer and reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

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NEWS

Tips given on when to aid wildlife

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds the public that keeping wildlife in their own environment this spring and summer is important, as well as keeping a safe distance from baby wild animals.

It is currently the peak season for fawns to be born, so many people may come across newborn white-tailed deer. Although newborn, a fawn's best chance of survival is in the wild with its mother.

Once fawns are a few weeks old, they are strong enough to keep up with their mothers and escape from danger, but until then, they lie still in the brush or grass and keep quiet while their mother is off foraging, according to DNR wildlife specialists.

"Mother deer leave their babies alone as a survival strategy. If you come across a fawn lying still and quiet and don't see mom around, that's perfectly natural," said Amanda Kamps, DNR wildlife health conservation specialist. "That fawn is doing exactly what it's supposed to do to keep safe. Even if you don't see the mother doe, she's likely nearby."

Fawns are born with a spotted coat and minimal scent that help them stay safe. The mother knows that being around her fawns will draw attention, so she leaves them alone and checks on them periodically throughout the day, Kamps added.

Knowing what to do before you find a wild baby animal can make all the difference in the moment to protect it. The DNR has various resources to help determine when baby wild animals need help and when it's best to leave them in their natural environment.

People are reminded to not



Although they may look abandoned, fawns are often left alone when their mothers are off foraging for food. These animals should be left alone. —Staff Photo By MICHELLE DREW

bring other people or pets to look at the fawn. The mother will not return while people or other animals are around, so giving the fawn and its mother space is the best thing a person can do to support their natural behavior.

There are a few times when aid is encouraged. If a fawn is in an unsafe location, such as near a roadway, it's okay to move the fawn back from the road several yards. Be sure to wear gloves and a face mask to protect the health of the fawn and consider your safety when walking near a road.

DNR specialists noted that taking possession of any wild animal — including a fawn — is illegal. Fawns have highly specialized diets and socialization needs. Without their mothers or expert wildlife rehabilitation care, they cannot survive in the wild.

If a fawn appears visibly sick or injured, call the DNR or a licensed wildlife rehabili-

tator for further guidance.

For more information on what to do if a fawn or any other baby animal is found that requires help, visit dnr.wi.gov.

There are two rehabilitation centers located in Oneida County that can assist with injured animals. Anyone who comes upon a sick or injured animal can contact Wild Instincts in Rhinelander at (715) 362-9453 or info@wildinstinctsrehab.com.

It should be noted that Wild Instincts is not currently accepting bird species exhibiting neurological signs due to the highly pathogenic 2022 avian influenza event. The organization is accepting raptors and waterfowl on a case-by-case basis, and all other bird species not exhibiting neurological signs.

Wild Instincts is located at 4621 Apperson Drive or online at wildinstinctsrehab.com.

Northwoods Wildlife

Race to benefit pediatric brain cancer set June 25

The Callie Rohr Memorial Canoe Race to raise money for pediatric brain cancer will be held Saturday, June 25, at Rohr's Wilderness Tours (RWT), located at 5230 Razorback Road in Conover.

The day will include three canoe and kayak races on the Wisconsin River. The three options include Paddle for the Cure, a 1.5-mile race; The Callie, an 8-mile race; and a 14-mile, one-day canoe and kayak race on the historic Headwaters of the Wisconsin River.

"This beautiful, fast and wild stream, with lots of challenging turns and obstacles, will make for an exciting and fascinating race," said organizers. "This is the most spectacular part of the river, and you don't want to miss an opportunity to paddle it."

All paddlers will start at the Rohr's boat landing and paddle to different take-out points. Spectators are welcome.

The day will begin with a gourmet breakfast and coffee served at 8 a.m. by the Conover Lions Club.

The Callie will start at 10 a.m. and has 13 different classes in 8-mile and 14-mile races that will begin from the boat landing. Spectators can then move to the Rummels Road Bridge, Heart Lake Landing and Highway K Bridge to see the racers travel down the river, and then finally to River Road where The Callie will end. Lunch will be served at River Road for those race participants, and awards will be presented to the winners in each class.

Paddle for a Cure is for individuals who don't want to race but want to partic-

ipate. Paddle for a Cure is a race that will include media personalities who will race each other on a short 1.5-mile course for the titles of Fastest TV Station and Fastest DJ on the Water. This class is also open to everyone who wants to support the cause. Organizers said individuals, businesses, co-workers, government officials or whoever are encouraged to challenge each other and participate in this race.

The race will start at 3 p.m. from the Rohr's boat landing. Organizers said this race shouldn't be missed as the media personalities attempt to take off. Once they all manage to get started, the excitement shifts to Rummels Road where it will be seen who wins but more importantly, who completes the 1.5-mile race.

Rohr's Wilderness Tours will offer beverages and amenities to spectators throughout the day.

At 5 p.m. a pig roast will be held, and awards presented to the winners in each class of The Callie. A live auction and music will follow dinner. Beverages will be served all afternoon and through the evening for purchase.

The Rohr family lost Callie to a brain tumor 23 years ago. In 2021, Rohr's Wilderness Tours was able to donate \$14,700, which brought the total to over \$200,000 raised and donated over the last 17 years to research and fight pediatric brain cancer.

"Alone, there is only so much you can do, but together, we can move a mountain," said Marcia Rohr.

For more information or to register, visit rwtcanoe.com/canoerace.htm.



Mike Silber, (left) honorary speaker during the May 29 ceremony, works with Lion Jim Kelsey to prepare new flags that will be raised during the ceremony. —Photos By Wally Geist

St. Germain Lions Club displays flags at Memorial Day service

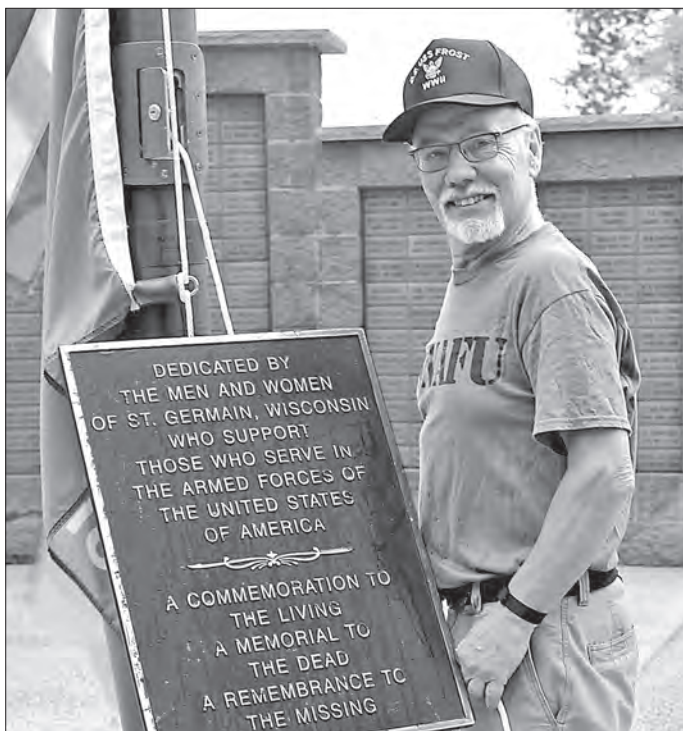
BY WALLY GEIST
ST. GERMAIN CORRESPONDENT

St. Germain held its Memorial Day service May 29 at the veterans memorial located in the community park.

The memorial underwent a restoration project this spring, offering a new walkway, fresh flowering plants and newly seeded area which added to the beauty and respect shown to veterans by the town. In addition to the new landscaping, the St. Germain Lions Club provided fresh, new flags for the memorial as they do each year.

Guest speaker Mike Silber, a 1969 Vietnam veteran, served as a medic during the war. He now lives in Three Lakes and continues serving as a licensed practical nurse at the Forest County Potawatomi Health and Wellness Center in Crandon.

Silber spoke on the theme "Too Many Unknown Soldiers," saying the cost of freedom means that there will be horror in times of war and broken hearts which need mending at home.



Lion Keith Slizewski attends to preparations at the Veterans Memorial May 29 at the St. Germain Community Park.

In addition to Silber, Pastor Josh Reese of St. Germain Evangelical Free Church offered the invocation and benediction.

Larry Dunst provided the

traditional trumpet performance of "Taps," and Lions club member Keith Slizewski gave the greeting on behalf of the club and in honor of all veterans.



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SPORTS

Pines baseball bounced out of Division 3 playoffs at Stratford

BY DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

Things looked in Northland Pine's favor in the top of the first inning of their Division 3 WIAA Regional semifinal at Stratford last week.

Up 1-0 with runners on first and third and no one out, cleanup hitter Landyn Hoeft came to the plate with thoughts of blowing the game open in the first inning.

His hard-hitting grounder though was snagged up the middle by Tigers' pitcher Camden Daul who proceeded to turn a 1-6-3 double play, holding Matt Szafranski at first base to keep the game at 1-0.

Daul, who picked up the complete game win, would get out of the inning without any further damage, and have his offense pick him up with three runs in the fourth, two in the fifth and one more in the sixth, as they cruised to a 7-2 win over Pines last Tuesday afternoon.

"The score isn't very telling of how close this game was," said Pines coach Peter Aerts. "It was a quality high school baseball game that was pretty evenly matched. Both teams pitched really well with only walking one batter a piece, and I thought hitters on both teams battled all day with low strikeout numbers from both teams as well."

Pines would get a runner in scoring position in the second, after James McCormack singled with one out. He moved to second on a wild



Third baseman Eric Nagel gets set to make a throw to first base in front of shortstop Matt Vedder during the first inning of last week's playoff game in Stratford. —Staff Photo By DOUG ETTEN

pitch, but was then caught trying to advance on a Brady Beyer grounder back to Daul, who snagged another one and cut McCormack down trying to advance to third.

Eric Nagel then grounded back to Daul to end the inning, an inning that was the last that Pines would have a runner in scoring position, until they were down 7-1 going to the top of the seventh.

There, Matt Vedder led with a single, was moved to second as Jack Bunter walked, to put two on and no one out. Vedder then stole third base, and scored as Beyer ground-

ed too short, putting Bunter on second, but two outs.

Nagel would end the threat as Daul got him to fly out to center, to end the game.

"Stratford is a very high-quality team and found a way to hit a few more line drives than we did, and they had them at key moments," said Aerts. "It was a disappointing finish, but I am really proud of how they played this game and throughout the whole season."

Stratford would go on to face Wittenberg-Birnamwood in the Division 3 Regional final, winning there on a walk-off grand slam, off the bat of

Braeden Schueller in the bottom of the seventh inning.

They'll take on Oconto in the Division 3 Sectional this week, with the winner of that game going on to play either Amherst or Kewaunee, for a shot at the State tournament.

Hoeft would draw the loss to Stratford, going 5.1 innings, allowing five earned runs while striking out five and walking no one. Beyer pitched the final two-thirds of the sixth, allowing one hit.

Pines had a total of six hits on the day, one each from Devin Kevilus, Szafranski, Austin Samanske, Vedder, McCormack and Nagel.

Sports Sidelines

By Doug Etten



State Track will stay at Veterans Complex

Following another outstanding Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) State Track & Field State Championships in La Crosse, it's great to see that the association and UW-La Crosse have agreed to five-year contracts to host the event through 2026.

"On behalf of the 516 schools in the membership, the WIAA extends gratitude for the generous support of Explore La Crosse and the supporting community, in welcoming this event to Roger Harring Stadium at Veterans Memorial Field Sports Complex at UW-La Crosse for the next five years," said WIAA Executive Director, Stephanie Hauser. "The outstanding track and field facility, as well as the support of the community and the university, make this the greatest of experiences for all who take part – student-athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers and spectators."

There really is no other State event that rivals the atmosphere of the State Track & Field Championships. And though recent improvements to the facility have made it more difficult for people like me to make their way from event to event in a short period of time, there is nothing like hearing the crowd rise to their feet and cheer as athletes make their way down the front stretch at Veteran's Memorial Sports Complex.

The agreement with UW-La Crosse provides the WIAA usage of the entire Veterans Complex as well as Mitchell Hall. Starting in 2023, the newly constructed field house will also be available during the State Meet.

The Veterans Complex was opened in 2008 and seats 9,556 with additional seating and standing room for the State Track & Field Championships.

The cooperative efforts of UW-La Crosse, Explore La Crosse and corporate sponsor partnerships with local businesses have contributed to recognizing La Crosse as the premier destination and location for the State Track & Field Championships.

The State Track & Field Championships have been held at Veterans Complex on the campus of UW-La Crosse since 1990, with the exception of 2020 when the event was canceled amidst the Covid pandemic. The championships have grown in stature since moving from Madison in 1990.

Held traditionally the last weekend in May or the first weekend in June, the State Meet has attracted an average attendance of 15,732 throughout the 31 years in La Crosse, including an average of 21,000 in the five years prior to the pandemic. The projected annual economic impact of the State Meet in the La Crosse area is approximately \$4 million.

Gremban repeats twice, Volk wins at WIAA State Track & Field meet

BY DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The North Woods was well represented at the WIAA State Track & Field Championships held at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse this past Friday and Saturday.

Two individuals in particular made their presence felt most, including sophomore Nora Gremban of Northland Pines who doubled-up for the second year in a row with State titles in the girls 800- and 1,600-meter races.

And Three Lakes junior Kallie Volk, who after qualifying for the State Championships in four different events, had three podium finishes including a State title in the girls Division 3 high jump where she cleared a school record 5-feet 5 inches.

"Kallie really had a coming out party at State," said Three Lakes coach Andy Wyss. "If they didn't know about her before; they do now."

Both Gremban and Volk had their share of ups and downs prior to their success on the state's biggest track and field stage.

Gremban's first year of cross country was cut short by COVID-19, and for Volk she missed her entire freshman season as high school sports as a whole were put on hold in 2020.

"Her attitude and confidence were through the roof. And she really showed up at State setting personal records in all three jumping events," said Wyss.

Volk had a near flawless high jump competition, cruising through the opening heights without a miss until

she was down to just her, Christine Sleeter of Suring and Izzy Bender of Fennimore, who all cleared 5-4.

Volk was the second of the three competitors to take her turn at the winning height of 5-5, and after a slight miss on her first attempt, she cleared the bar on her second and was the only competitor to do so, making her a State champion for the first time in her career.

It was a busy Friday afternoon for Volk who along with the high jump was also competing in the girls long and triple jump before taking part in the girls 400-meter race following her three field events.

Though Volk failed to qualify for the finals in the 400 meters, she finished in second place in the girls long jump (18-0 3/4) and was also second place in the girls triple jump (37-2 1/2).

"She went from sitting at home last June to making it to State in all four of her events this year," Wyss said of Volk. "And then she came home with three medals, one gold and two silver, in just an unreal comeback performance."

For Gremban, she came into the meet seeded as the top runner in the 1,600-meter race in Division 2, but was seeded second behind Isabella Lozier of Shorewood in the 800. In fact, Lozier's time of 2:14 was faster than the personal-best time for Gremban in that event.

With the 1,600-meter championship already in the rearview, coach Josh Rhode said it was fun getting to see Gremban's game plan for winning the 800-meter race come together as the race unfolded.



Nora Gremban grimaces as she approaches the finish line during last Saturday's 1,600-meter final at the WIAA Division 2 State Track & Field Championships in La Crosse. —Photo By Matt Frey

"Her mom (Amy) is her running coach and together they sort've decided how they wanted to attack the 800-meter race knowing they would need a near flawless race to be able to win over Lozier," said Rhode. "And the plan worked to perfection."

With a two-lap race in front of her, Gremban stuck to the heels of Lozier who broke the trail around Veter-

an's Memorial Stadium for about the first 500 meters. From there, Gremban kicked into another gear, passing Lozier on the backstretch of lap two and holding on for a personal record of more than two seconds better, and school record, winning the event in a time of 2:12.40.

"The fact she won last year added some pressure to come

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Area Babe Ruth teams get season underway

BY CHRIS OATMAN
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Northwoods Babe Ruth League baseball season is underway featuring action for players and teams ages 13 to 16 years old.

The communities of Eagle River, St. Germain, Three Lakes, Minocqua, Crandon, Rhinelander and Tomahawk make up the two-tier league with mainly 13- and some 14-year olds competing in the Prep League division while 14- to 16-year old players take part in the Senior League.

The Prep League opened May 23 with all six teams in action. Eagle River won at Lakeland, 12-4. The winning pitcher was Ethan Miller who went 3.1 innings on the mound, striking out five batters and allowing just two earned runs.

Miller also had three hits and four runs batted in. Charlie Johnson had three RBIs, while Xavier Gaffney and Everett Leslie had two hits each.

The other opening Prep League games saw Crandon top St. Germain 21-1 and Rhinelander beat Tomahawk 15-4. All three games on the May 25 schedule were postponed.

In week two of Prep League play Eagle River dropped a 4-3 decision at Rhinelander in eight innings. Brody Hoeft pitched 4.1 innings for Eagle River, allowing no runs on two hits and striking out four.

Charlie Johnson pitched the remaining 2.2 innings, allowing no earned runs on no hits with three strikeouts.

Offensively Ryan Rydeski, Everett Leslie, Griffin Beyer, Johnson and Hoeft all had hits.

Last Thursday Eagle River beat St. Germain 11-6 as Ethan Miller picked up the win on the mound. Hoeft went 2-for-3 with a run batted in and two runs scored. Griffin Beyer had an RBI double and scored two runs while Miller knocked in two runs and scored twice.

Eagle River takes a 2-1 record into its game at Tomahawk June 7. They will visit Palmer Park in Crandon, Thursday, June 9, at 6 p.m.

St. Germain (0-2) hosted Rhinelander June 6. They will then meet Tomahawk, Thursday, June 9, at 6 p.m. at Tyler Kahle Memorial Field.

In other prep league action last week, Crandon beat Tomahawk, 16-3.

In Senior League action which began this week, Crandon beat Eagle River 5-3. Lakeland Gray topped Three Lakes, 12-7. Rhinelander Black defeated Rhinelander Green, 15-1 and Lakeland Black outscored Tomahawk 22-7.

Games scheduled for June 6 included Rhinelander Green at Eagle River and Lakeland Black at Lakeland Green. Rhinelander Green hosted Crandon June 7.

Games scheduled for June 8 include Eagle River against Lakeland Black at 6 p.m. at the 70 West Complex in Minocqua. Also that evening, Rhinelander Black is at Three Lakes at 6 p.m. at Don Burnside Park and Tomahawk visits Crandon.

Friday, June 10, has Three Lakes at Tomahawk at 6 p.m. at Tyler Kahle Memorial Field and Lakeland Gray at Rhinelander Black at Hodag Park.

SPORTS

Pines girls soccer overcomes Baldwin-Woodville 1-0 in Regional championship

BY GARY RIDDERBUSCH
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Zoe Anderson got the game-winning goal in the first overtime and goalie Emily Rottier-Douangmala was credited with a shutout as the Northland Pines girls soccer team defeated Baldwin-Woodville 1-0 to win the WIAA Division 4 Regional championship in Eagle River Saturday afternoon.

The second-seeded Eagles advanced to the Regional final with a 5-0 victory over seventh-seeded Phillips last Thursday in a game also played at Sam Larsen Field.

“What a great game for our girls, who are continuing to seal up their defense,” said Pines coach Rodney Sternhagen following the overtime win against third-seeded Baldwin-Woodville. “Other than a couple ticky-tacky fouls that Baldwin got some free kicks on net, our defense shut them down.”

Pines possessed the ball on their half of the field much of the game on a windy Saturday, but 80 minutes was not enough to allow the Eagles to pull out a victory in regulation. According to WIAA tournament rules, a tied game

is followed by two complete 10-minute halves but no sudden death.

“I reminded the girls before overtime of the four games that got away from us this season and I told them let’s finish this one. You deserve this. Take it,” said Sternhagen.

The Eagle did just that, dominating the first overtime period.

Finally, at the 5:03 minute of the first overtime, a cross came into the box heavily defended by Baldwin-Woodville. Pines took a couple kicks into defenders, but Lauren Reese was on the end of one the deflected balls. She tapped it behind a defender and Zoe Anderson fired it into the back of the net for the 1-0 lead.

“We continued to dominate the second overtime with a number of great scoring opportunities, but their keeper played an incredible game,” said Sternhagen.

The Eagles defense, which was solid all day, gave Baldwin-Woodville few scoring chances in the two overtime periods, and Rottier-Douangmala owned her 18-yard box, scooping up any ball that entered. Pines had 11 shots in OT with seven on frame, while not giving up a shot in OT to Baldwin-Woodville.

“I love the way she is starting to find her starting point and getting out and controlling her box,” said Sternhagen.

Pines put up 28 shots, with 17 on frame for the game. Baldwin-Woodville got 11 shots with eight on frame. It was a very physical game with 12 fouls called on Pines and 10 on Baldwin-Woodville. Pines had five corners kicks, with zero for Baldwin-Woodville.

Northland Pines will play top-seeded Washburn-Bayfield this Thursday, June 9, at 5 p.m. at Washburn.

Washburn-Bayfield beat fourth-seeded Regis 4-3 in the Regional final. The Sectional final will be played Sat-



Members of the 2022 Regional championship Northland Pines girls soccer team are, front row from left, Lauren Reese, Ellyn Reese, Carolyn Schaars, Maleea Eggleston, Emily Rottier-Douangmala, Samantha Haiduk, Megan Ritzer, Grace Wittkopf and Ashlyn Boxrucker; and back row are Allie Kieffer, coach

Rod Sternhagen, Aleena Ryan, Zoe Anderson, Cassidy Sternhagen, Olivia Eliason, Emma Weber, Camryn Cox, Sarah Nagel, Anna Westfall, Grace Plank and Wendy Reese. Not pictured is Rose Tyler. —Photos By Gary Ridderbusch

urday, June 11, at Wisconsin Rapids Assumption, with the time to be announced. The other Sectional semifinal will pit top-seeded Assumption against third seeded Lodi.

Regional semifinal

The Eagles topped the Phillips Loggers 5-0 in the first round of the WIAA Division 4 tournament.

“First thing is, hats off to a Phillips team who played hard and their goalie made a number of awesome saves,” said Sternhagen. “Our girls executed the items we asked of them and I am proud of them for that. They switched the field, played across the back line, used the keeper to switch the field and took shots, finishing the game with 43 shots, including 28 on frame.”

The scoring started early in the game for Pines when Maleea Eggleston placed a perfectly-weighted through ball to a streaking Anderson who used her left foot to find the back of the net at the 4:42 mark of the first half.

“We possessed the ball the

whole game, and found open girls and connected on give-and-go passes with regularity,” said Sternhagen.

But Pines did not find the back of the net again until Carolyn Schaars crossed the ball across the goal face and Anderson tapped the ball into the back of the net at the 30:15 mark to make it 2-0.

About six minutes later, Anderson streaked behind the

defense with a one-touch ball for her three-goal hat trick.

“I am proud of her as she has been battling injuries and this was a break-out game for Zoe,” said Sternhagen.

In the second half, Pines tried players in different positions, some new strategies and emptied the bench. The Eagles got 21 shots in the second half, but struggled to find the back of the net.

At the 75:07 mark, Samantha Haiduk slotted a ball to the foot of Eggleston, who drilled the ball in the left corner of the net to make it 4-0.

And then at the 78:46 mark, Grace Wittkopf came off the right side of the field and came across the goal to kick in her first playoff goal.

Rottier-Douangmala recorded the shutout, her second of the tournament.



Emily Rottier-Douangmala displays the winning plaque.



Teammates celebrate on the field after their big win. The girls will travel to Washburn Thursday, June 9, at 5 p.m. to take on Washburn-Bayfield who is top-seeded.

Three Pines softball players achieve All-GNC recognition

BY DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

Following the 2022 spring softball season there were three Northland Pines student-athletes recognized by the Great Northern Conference softball coaches as the All-Conference awards were announced last week.

All three, Halle Kerner, Carly Huelskamp and Madison Stebbeds earned Second Team honors.

Kerner, a senior, was one of coach Jacob Schueller’s best defensive players, coming into her own after spending the last three years getting better and better at specific parts of her game, he said.

“Halle’s been an exceptional defensive player since she was a freshman, and has become a highly productive offensive player in her junior and senior years,” said Schueller. “She’s a competitor, and someone where you never have to question if you’re getting her best effort in practice or games.”

Kerner’s conference season included 14 hits in 12 conference games. She also had four doubles and 10 runs batted in while swiping five bases and posting a .341 batting average.

“Halle’s been one of the most low-maintenance players I’ve ever had the pleasure of coaching,” said Schueller. “She simply shows up, gets better, competes and has

always been a great teammate.”

Huelskamp returned this season with an offensive mindset that showed, according to Schueller.

“She is a college-level hitter who’s a threat to hit the ball over the fence against any level of pitching,” he said. “This year Carly improved greatly as a catcher as well, and overall defender.”

Only a sophomore, Schueller said Huelskamp will undoubtedly end up as the best hitter to come through the Pines program, and one of the best hitters to ever play in the conference.

She was second on the team in hits in league play with 15. That included four doubles and two homers while she went on to hit for a .405 average. She struck out just six times in 12 league games and 44 plate appearances.

Rounding out the All-GNC awards was Stebbeds who with her teammates was also on the Second Team.

The senior was a mainstay in the leadoff spot and center field since her first game as a freshman for coach Schueller who said she was one of the best defenders in the outfield he’s ever coached.

“Madison has a huge catch radius, and takes great angles to hit balls,” he said. “Offensively, she hits for both average and power, but also has great command of the strike zone. Combine that with her instincts on the base paths



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and she was a true all-around great softball player.”

Stebbeds had 13 hits in league play to go along with a team-high 14 runs scored. She had four doubles, a triple and knocked in a team-high 11 runs in 12 conference games. She also swiped five bases and batted .302 on the season.

Player of the Year awards went to senior Sam Swartz of Antigo and Martha Miller of Medford who along with Laura Burkhart of Antigo and Maddie Marino of Tomahawk were consensus First Team award winners.

Mosinee, Antigo and Medford shared the Great Northern Conference title this season at 10-2. Tomahawk was behind them at 5-7 followed by Lakeland (3-9), Northland Pines (2-10) and Rhinelander (2-10).



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SPORTS

Three Lakes-Phelps baseball bats fell silent in 4-2 home playoff loss to Newman

BY DOUG ETTE
SPORTS EDITOR

After opening the game with a two-run first, the offense for the Three Lakes-Phelps Bluejays baseball team was stifled by Newman Catholic pitcher Josh Klement who pitched a complete-game gem in a 4-2 Regional final win over the Bluejays in Three Lakes last week.

"To say the least, the loss was heartbreaking," coach Brad Bisnette said. "It was a tough game that could've gone either way, and a bitter end to what was a great and memorable season."

Starting pitcher Cole Melton held the Newman offense in check for most of the game. He scattered four hits across six innings before

reaching his pitch limit in the seventh, and giving way to Jared Kaufman, with a runner aboard and no one out.

With the game 2-1 in favor of the Bluejays, Kaufman got into trouble though, allowing a pair of hits and a walk, to go along with an error, as both a run credited to Melton, and two more to Kaufman crossed the plate to put the visitors in front, 4-2.

The Bluejays offense though could scratch out just four hits on the day, as their top three in the order went a combined 0-for-8 and were on base just twice, across all seven innings.

The loss, though it may have dampened the spirits for a few days, didn't distract from the amount of positive things Bisnette said the group has accomplished over the course of the season, and for

the seniors, their career.

"This group of young men is very talented, but much more importantly, they are incredibly tough and jam-packed full of grit," he said. "Congratulations to these young men for the season they put together and thank you for all of the hard work. Five straight conference titles is something to be very proud of."

The Three Lakes/Phelps four hits on the day, came from LJ Terlizzi, Carter Flannery, Brandon Baumann and Josh Cogar.

Klement only struck out four Bluejays hitters, but walked just one batter, in his complete game win. Three Lakes was also plagued with four errors on the afternoon. Newman stranded 10 baserunners compared to four for the Bluejays.



Three Lakes/Phelps baserunner Cole Melton (No. 9) avoids the Newman Catholic catcher as he slides into home safely just ahead of the throw. Bluejays' teammate LJ Terlizzi (No. 11) looks on. —Photo By Kerry Griebenow

Tessier remembered as team dedicates two new amenities

BY CHRIS OATMAN
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Every sport has athletes who in some way, shape or form represent all that is good about it.

"Isaac Tessier exemplified what we feel high school baseball is all about," said Northland Pines High School varsity baseball coach Peter Aerts.

Tessier was an athlete himself, participating in Northern Access Special Olympics in track and field, snowshoeing and bowling. He also enjoyed outdoor sports and riding his bicycle. In addition to baseball, he was a manager for varsity football and basketball.

Tessier came to Northland Pines High School as a sophomore during the 2018-'19 school year. Tragically, at the age of 16, he lost his life in a car accident in Sugar Camp, June 23, 2019. But in his time as a member of the Eagles baseball squad, Tessier became a valued member of the Northland Pines family.

"Isaac was our manager and was in charge of keeping the pitch count during games," said Aerts. "It was great having him on the team. He really helped the attitude of the players, and his pitch counts were always

spot on."

Tessier was remembered during last week's home finale with Antigo as members of his family and many of his friends joined together at the Pines baseball stadium to commemorate his memory and the building of a new press box and concession stand.

"After Isaac passed away, the Tessier family wanted to do something for the baseball team in his memory," said Aerts. "They made an incredibly generous offer to fund the building of a press box and concession stand in honor of Isaac."

Along with the dedication in Tessier's memory, his brother Vinny threw out the ceremonial first pitch for the Eagles' final Great Northern Conference game of the season. In all, it was an emotional evening for Isaac's parents, Greg and Jean, and other family members at the game.

"Next month it will be three years since the tragedy, and we still have very high highs and very low lows," said Greg. "Three years seems like a long time, but for our family it's like the blink of an eye."

Tessier's father went on to say that as a manager, Isaac embraced the team.

"He would refer to the players as 'my athletes,'" he

said. "He kind of took ownership of them at some level and would tell them how they were doing."

Aerts commented at the ceremony that though the physical building is just a building, what it means and stands for is so much more.

"Something like a press box does not soften the blow of losing Isaac, but it will be a constant memory for me to continue his legacy of helping the team have fun and enjoy every game," said Aerts. "His energy was contagious, and when he laughed, you couldn't help but laugh with him. If you had the opportunity to meet Isaac, you were a better person because of it."

Aerts also saluted the Intro to Building Trades Class and Building Trades Class for helping to build the press box, along with a large group of volunteers that included Concrete Specialists and Stop's Heating and Cooling who helped with materials.

Along with the building, Jane Winblad donated the sound system in memory of her late husband, Robert Winblad, who was a dedicated supporter of Northland Pines baseball. His grandson Aiden Winblad was also a member of the team.

Matt Szafranski earns First Team All-GNC

BY DOUG ETTE
SPORTS EDITOR

Following what was a historic season in terms of wins and losses in the Great Northern Conference (GNC), the Northland Pines baseball team was represented by three individuals on the All-GNC postseason teams as announced last week.

Coach Peter Aerts, in his seventh season on staff for the Pines program, along with his players, led the team to a 5-7 mark on the season, finishing in fifth place ahead of Lake-land (3-9) and Tomahawk (0-12).

Mosinee, who will play in the WIAA Division 2 Sectional this week, won the conference with an 11-1 mark. Behind them was Medford (10-2), Antigo (7-5) and Rhinelander (6-6).

There were a spattering of other teams on the First Team All-GNC including four unanimous picks from Medford (Logan Baumgartner, Aiden Gardner, Caleb Guden and Seth Mudgett), four unanimous picks from Mosinee (Keagen Jirschele (twice; pitcher, infield) Davin

Stoffel and Taylor Lemanski. Mason Gray of Antigo was the other unanimous selection.

Making the First Team for Pines was senior outfielder Matt Szafranski, who batted out of the top of the order, and played center field the majority of the season for Aerts' team.

He was fifth best in the league in hits (18) which netted him a .409 batting average. He had three doubles and a homer.

"Being a First Team All-Conference player is an incredible feat in our conference which includes some of the best teams in Division 2 baseball," Aerts said. "Matt was the key guy that made our offense go, with his consistency at the plate. He has the ability to hit both high velocity and off-speed pitches, and use the whole field, which allowed him to do damage no matter who the pitcher was. He also started in center field for us in every game which was a huge piece for us defensively."

Moving to the Second Team was sophomore lefty Landyn Hoeft, who's ability to throw strikes at a high percentage as well as, beating Medford 1-0 in Medford this season, made him a lock for a postseason award.

Hoeft was 3-0 in league play as a starter this season, and didn't allow a single

earned run in 21 innings of work. Overall in 38 innings of work this season, Hoeft struck out 40 hitters while walking only 10.

"We are really proud of the way Landyn developed throughout the year," said Aerts. "He was really focused in open gyms and got better with every start during the season. Landyn is an incredible competitor, and consistently finds ways to get better and challenge his opponent in the strike zone."

Rounding out the awards for Pines was infielder and designated hitter Jack Bunter, who was a member of the Honorable Mention crew.

Bunter batted .333 in conference this year and collected what was the game winning RBI for Pines in their 1-0 win over Medford earlier this year.

"Jack is another balanced hitter who can hit both velocity and off-speed pitches," said Aerts. "He was a big bat in the middle of our lineup and played first and the DH position."

"Jack transferred to our school during the pandemic, and was a great addition to our program. He's a great teammate who brought a true love for the game to the team and a lot of positive energy."



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Results of 5/19/22
Sportsmen's Chalet 8, Club 45 1; Eagle Lanes 6, Buckshots I 3; Uncle Kent's I 9, Sweetwater 0; Uncle Kent's II 5, Dublin's 4.
Top ringers: Cliff Erickson 22, Susie Erickson 19, Blake Benzing 17.
Six-packs: Susie Erickson 6, Brandon Benzing 3, Blake Benzing 2.

Results of 5/26/22
Buckshots I 6, Mike & Brandi's 3; Eagle Lanes 8, Club 45 1; Buckshots II 7, Dublin's 2; Uncle Kent's II 5, Uncle Kent's I 4; Shotskis 9, Sweetwater 0.
Top ringers: Michael Benzing Jr. 19, and Blake Benzing and Dan Haggard 18.
Six-packs: Michael Benzing Jr. 4; Mason Daring, Blake Benzing and Dan Haggard 3.

Results of 6/2/22
Buckshots I 9, Buckshots II 0; Mike and Brandi's 6, Shotskis 3; Eagle Lanes 9, Dublin's 0; Club 45 9, Uncle Kent's II 0; Sportsmen's Chalet 9, Sweetwater 0.
Top ringers: Susie Erickson and Blake Benzing 18, Brandon Benzing and Mary Simac 17.
Six-packs: Susie Erickson, Blake Benzing and Brandon Benzing 4; Mary Simac 3.

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ST. GERMAIN MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE
Results of 5/26/22
Event: Match vs. par
First place: Tom Geigner, Jack Spencer and Mike Cohen 9.
Second, scorecard playoff: Jeff Malison, Dave Preboske and Mike McCormick 8.
Third: Norm Schuettner, Bruce Weber and Jim Bergeron 8.
Closest to the pin, hole No. 14: Mike McCormick.
Longest putt, hole No. 7: Pat Crotty.

Results of 6/2/22
Event: Eliminate
First place, scorecard playoff: Dave Preboske, Jeff Malison, Mike McCormick and Wayne McKinnis 65.
Second, scorecard playoff: Dave Brown, Greg Hanson, Dick Helling and Ron Drake 65.
Third, scorecard playoff: Mike Mason, Pete Lasier, Jack Spencer and Mike Cohen 66.

Closest to the pin, hole No. 11: Wayne McKinnis.
ST. GERMAIN ODD COUPLES GOLF LEAGUE
Results of 5/31/22
Game: Easy as one, two, three, but not me
First place: Larry Jones and Joanne Jones, and Lana Jones and Sherry Stecker 152.
Second: Jim Bergeron and Jan Bergeron, and Jean Reuter and Janelle Ewens 157.
Third: Jim Stecker and Teri Stecker, and Pam Scheible 160.
Closest to the pin, hole No. 2: Jan Bergeron.
Longest putt, hole No. 18: Pam Scheible.

EAGLE RIVER LADIES GOLF LEAGUE
Results of 5/31/22
Event: Low net, low gross
Flight 1: First place, low gross, Katie Rheinschmidt; second, low gross (tie), Debbie Cyrtmus and Sharon Molinaro; first, low net, Sue Crahan; second, low net, Sarah Guenther.
Flight 2: First place, low gross, Penny Neis; second, low gross, Denise Pedersen; first, low net, Dawn Gonitzke; second, low net, Sandy Winter.
Flight 3: First place, low gross

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ST. GERMAIN TUESDAY NIGHT GOLF LEAGUE
Results of 5/31/22
Low gross: Jeff Malison 41.
Low net: Pat Crotty 35.
Closest to the pin, hole No. 6: Jeff Malison.
Longest putt, hole No. 9: Penny McCormick.

PLUM LAKE LADIES GOLF LEAGUE
Results of 6/2/22
Event: Bingo, bango, bongo
First place: Brenda Markkola 16.
Second: Sharon Greenlee 12.
Third: RoseAnn Millar 11.

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SPORTS

Area teams highlight track & field season with solid placings at State Championships

By DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

Both Northland Pines and Three Lakes/Phelps boys and girls track and field teams were well represented at the WIAA State Track & Field Championships held in La Crosse this past Friday and Saturday.

The Bluejays qualified five individuals for the event, as did Pines.

Starting with Northland Pines they were led by sophomore Nora Gremban who won two State championships in the 800-meter run and 1,600-meter run (see other story).

Also qualifying for the meet and running well was her older brother, senior Sam Gremban who posted a time of 4:29.45 to take 14th place in the 1,600-meter run. He also competed in the 800-meter run and took 13th place in a time of 2:04.02.

"Sam had a fantastic running career for Pines and will leave as the indoor and outdoor school record holder in the 1,600-meter run," said Pines coach Josh Rhode.

Andrew Hartwig finished 13th in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 15.82. He also finished 12th in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 42.40.

"Andrew is the last Hartwig to graduate from Northland Pines and joins his brothers Gabe and Evan as Track and Field state competitors," said Rhode.

Jack Gjovick took 14th place in the triple jump in his second trip to the State Meet, after qualifying in the long jump last year. His longest jump of 41-3 was not enough to make it to finals but Rhode was still excited to see him continue to be one of the best in the State in his events.

"He was a team MVP for us, and really had a great season," said Rhode. "We are excited to see what he can do next season."

Rounding out the competitors for Pines was Taylor Franzen who competed in her first State Meet after qualifying in the high jump. She placed 13th in Division 2.

"The opening height was 4-10 which is her personal best height," said Rhode. "Taylor was not able to clear opening height, but the experience will help her next season as she gained a lot of confidence as a result."

The Three Lakes-Phelps

team had another great showing in Division 3, earning a total of four medals, three of which came from junior Kallie Volk who won the high jump and was runner-up in the triple and long jump (see other story).

Jason Berube made a return trip in the pole vault, and finishing in 10th place with a vault of 12-feet.

"Jason definitely left his mark on Three Lakes pole vault," said coach Andy Wyss. "In only two years of vaulting, he increased our school record 15 inches."

"I know he was initially disappointed in his performance at State, and rightfully so. It just didn't come together. He's honestly been plagued with some tough luck, which he's usually been able to overcome. But it got the best of us at State. After some time to reflect, he realizes how much he has accomplished. And his story isn't defined by one meet."

In the discus junior Gus Fink competed after qualifying as the 10th seeded thrower in Division 3. That is where he finished with a final throw of 138-8.

"His first couple throws were shaky, but after settling in, he put out a good throw that he's capable of," said Wyss. "I know Gus wanted to throw even further, but aside from the Sectional meet, his final throw at State was his best throw of the season and still above our old school record. In my opinion, he did awesome."

Another Bluejays competitor who made a return trip was senior Kara Sowinski continued to stack on top of her legacy at Three Lakes with two more State appearances in the long jump and pole vault.

After an 11th place finish in the pole vault last year, she moved up to seventh with an effort of 9-6. She was 16th in the long jump with an effort of 15-9.

"And then making it in long jump was just the cherry on top," said Wyss. "She vaulted well, and it was nice to see her back over 9-6."

"Kara just puts in so much time. She has earned everything she has achieved. I know she wishes we had a bigger girls team to compete with, like we did when she was a freshman. But I'm so glad she stuck with this sport to see it through."

The final competitor who ended his storied high school track career at the Division 3 championships was sprinter



Three Lakes senior Trevin Walkowski (center) gets into his stride during the boys 100-meter dash prelims at the WIAA Division 3

State Track & Field Championships in La Crosse, Friday.
—Staff Photos By DOUG ETTEN

Trevin Walkowski.

"Over his career, Trevin has ended up with three fifth place medals," said Wyss. "I know he wanted to end his season with a bang and stand higher up on the podium, but this was also the first year he had qualified in two individual events with the 100- and 200-meter races."

Wyss said Walkowski had been running both races really well as of late, and felt he was prepared to do well as he came in seeded seventh fastest in the 200-meter event

and fourth in the 100-meter race.

"He was hoping to end up on the higher end of that and come away with a sixth, but it went the opposite direction down to eighth," said Wyss about the 200-meter event. "But for not running in the open 200 in years prior, to end as the eighth best in the State is a pretty good way to go out."

Seeded fourth going into the 100-meter finals, Walkowski responded well as he got a strong start and looked

really good down the straight-away according to Wyss.

"Three-quarters of the race in, I thought he was in a good enough position to make it interesting," said Wyss. "He had moved up two spots from the preliminary races to earn silver. That is a tremendous accomplishment. That is the highest State placing that any sprinter has ever had in the history of Three Lakes Track & Field."

Walkowski's time was 11.31 and just 0.01 seconds behind champion Carson

Tait of Eau Claire Regis.

"Just to get into second took tremendous effort and grit on his part," said Wyss. "He should be proud of that, because we're all so incredibly proud of what he's done for our program."

Collectively the Three Lakes/Phelps girls team scored 27.5 points to finish in sixth place of the 186 girls teams in Division 3 Track & Field, also marking the third consecutive year the team has had a State Champion, each in a different event.

Champs: Volk takes State by storm

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back and repeat again this year," said Rhode. "It's almost an expectation that she's going to go and win, but she's still got to do it. What she's done is just so difficult. The amount of dedication and work that she puts in is just unbelievable. She is just so driven."

Rhode said that Gremban continues to show many in the State track & field community why she is such a special runner.

"Her maturity as a young athlete is just something you don't see a lot of," Rhode said. "She sacrifices so much, but yet understands completely what her goals are and why she is doing what she does. What she has done already is pretty historic, and she has so many more goals to cross off her list in the next two years and beyond."

Already looking ahead to next year's State meet, Rhode said that he's hoping that Gremban can possibly take part in three events, with the 3,200-meter race happening Saturday in Division 2.

"We'll have to see once, but I know Nora's already mentioned it," said Rhode. "I don't think it gets easier from here on. It gets harder as expectations grow. I think her goals are defi-



Kallie Volk eases over the bar at 5-feet 5-inches which not only set a new school record, but also secured her at Division 2 State Championship in the high jump at the WIAA State Track & Field Championships in La Crosse this past Friday.

—Staff Photo By DOUG ETTEN

nately to set history at the State meet."

Both Volk and Gremban were a part of a handful of athletes who drew a lot of attention from many at this past Friday and Saturday's meet. Both of their coaches addressed that attention following what was a stand-out performance for each of them.

"The State meet is a great time to break personal records, and Kallie

didn't want to just make it to State, she wanted to take State by storm," said Wyss. "And she did. It was a two-day competition for the ages for Kallie. As a result, she will have a lot of collegiate eyes on her this off-season. And a lot of eyes on her next year as well."

Rhode said with many of the same goals, Gremban is poised to continue to not just hold steady, but

climb the ranks of some of the best athletes to ever compete in Wisconsin high school track & field.

"I think she has really high goals," said Rhode. "She knows that she runs at a high level, but also understands there are girls out there that are faster. She wants to run in college and wants to run Division 1. And I don't think she's going to let anything get in the way of her goals."



Andrew Hartwig finished 12th in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 42.40.



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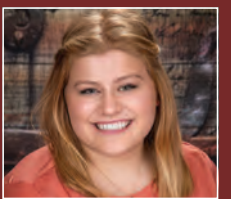
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NORTHLAND PINES GRADUATES — Ninety-seven Northland Pines High School students entered the field house June 5, as seniors departed as high school graduates.

Top: Principal Dan Marien presents each graduate with their diploma.

Above right: Samantha Huelskamp enthusiastically shakes hands with school board members after receiving her diploma.

Right: As is customary, students toss their graduation caps at the end of the ceremony.

Below right: Jacob Aiello displays his diploma during the recessional.

Below left: Frankie Milanowski accompanies Ellyn Reese into the ceremony.

Above left: Milanowski addresses the crowd as student speaker.

—Staff Photos By MICHELLE DREW



Tickets still available for 2 chamber events

A limited number of tickets are still available for two upcoming Eagle River Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center events — Up North Beerfest and the Sip-N-Shop Wine Walk.

Up North Beerfest will be held this Saturday, June 11, from 2 to 6 p.m. at Hi-Pines Campground in Eagle River. The festival will feature 30 of the Midwest's breweries, including the local Tribute Brewing Company.

Attendees will receive a souvenir booklet and tasting glass at the event. Also on site will be live music performed by Grey Wolf Run, a quintet playing a blend of rock, indie, alternatives, blues, and Americana. Food also will be available for purchase from the Rotary Club of Eagle River.

Designated drivers are free to attend if accompanying a paid admission. While parking is available on the grounds, many overnight lodging partners are providing free shuttle transportation to and from Hi-Pines Campground before, during, and after the event.

Tickets are \$50 in advance,

and if available, \$60 at the door. No children, pets or carry-ins are allowed to the event. Smoking is not allowed under the tented sampling areas.

The Sip-N-Shop wine tasting event, slated Saturday, June 18, from noon to 5 p.m., will allow participants to peruse what downtown Eagle River shops have to offer while enjoying a sampling of hand-picked red and white wines.

Each participant will receive an event wine glass to sample up to 15 of the more than 30 wine options and a map of the participating businesses. Several stores will offer special discounts for the event.

Tickets may be purchased for \$35 in advance from the Eagle River Chamber of Commerce or online at eagle-river.org/events/sip-shop-wine-walk. If still available, tickets will be \$45 the day of the event.

Since the event has sold out in the past, advanced tickets are strongly encouraged. On the day of the event, a designated driver ticket is available

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Music festival slated June 11 in Three Lakes

Residents and visitors in the North Woods to its North By Northwoods summer kickoff music festival.

Three Lakes invites residents and visitors in the North Woods to Three Lakes' North By Northwoods summer kickoff music festival this Saturday, June 11, from 2 to 10 p.m. at CyWilliams Park.

The day will offer live music as well as food and entertainment.

Gates will open at 1 p.m. and people who have purchased wristbands can listen to the Old Pine Road Band at 2 p.m.

"The North Woods natives will entertain with their crowd-pleasing blend of soulful funk-grass with a taste of twang and jam-band experimentation," said Jacqui Sharpe, associate director of the Three Lakes Chamber of

Commerce.

After the first show, the winner of the first-ever Three Lakes Rhubarb Fest will be announced.

Then, The UnXpected will take the stage to perform classic covers from every era from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The Milwaukee band will play an eclectic mix of songs from artists such as AC/DC, The Charlie Daniels Band, Cheap Trick, John Mellencamp and more. The band will be joined this year by up and coming Nashville recording artist Jaid Johnson.

The featured act of the evening will be hard-driving southern rock band, The Georgia Thunderbolts from Nashville, Tenn., that will hit the stage at 8 p.m.

"Originally hailing from

To NORTH, Pg. 2B

Not that you asked, but...

By Eric Johnson



This old house

"Home is where love resides, memories are created, friends and family belong, and laughter never ends."

—Unknown

Long before The Byrds turned it into the chart-topping 1965 song "Turn! Turn! Turn! (To Everything There is a Season)," the biblical book of Ecclesiastes, traditionally ascribed to wise King Solomon in the 10th century B.C., sagely reads in Ecclesiastes 3:1 that "to everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven."

I found myself reflecting on that verse last week, as my in-laws moved out of their home of 47 years and downsized into a small condo. For 29 of those years, since I first met my wife during freshman orientation week at Marquette University in late August 1983, their home has been like a second home for me; and on more than one occasion it's been home during various seasons in the ebbs and flows of life.

Walking through their house, dark, silent and empty after the movers departed, I found myself in a pensive state of mind as I recalled all the life that had been lived in that place over nearly a half-century.

A variety of images came to mind as I walked through the house, now no longer a home, as my footsteps now strangely echoed as I strolled the vacant rooms. They included spindly oaks and maples in the

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Rome, Ga., at the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, The Georgia Thunderbolts rise up with a scorching signature style steeped in soulful southern swagger, blistering blues and raw rock," said Sharpe.

The quintet released its full-length debut album, "Can We Get A Witness," on Mascot Records in October 2021.

Pike's Pine Isle will be on site providing food for the day and the Three Lakes Tavern League will run the beverage tent. Merchandise will be available from the chamber as well as the musical acts.

Attendees may bring along their own chair or blanket, or stand to watch the bands. No pets or carry-ins are allowed. Wristbands are on sale

now for \$20 or will be \$30 at the gate. To purchase tickets, visit northxnorthwoods.com.

The public also is welcome to save the date Sept. 9-10 for the fourth annual North By Northwoods Music Crawl, with headliner, The UnXpected scheduled to perform Friday night.

Those who need a place to stay can check out the North-ernaire Resort.

North by Northwoods is sponsored by Watercraft Sales, Pike's Pine Isle Lodge, Black Forest Pub & Grille, 32 South Bar & Grill and Three Lakes Campground.

For more information, visit threelakes.com or Three Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce on Facebook or call (715) 546-3344.



FLEA MARKET OPENER — St. Germain's Firefighters Association sponsors weekly Monday flea markets with space to host about 600 vendors. The first flea market of the season saw more than 580 spaces rented to vendors who generally felt their sales had been better than expected. The pavilion was filled with vendors, hot food sales, clothing and more, while outside, flowers, plants, vegetables, antiques and additional food was available. Hard numbers cannot be counted because of the many entrances and exits from the market, but vendors generally indicated that their sales were respectable and many will return in the succeeding weeks of the summer. Some of the scenes of the day included:

Above: Karen Shively of Gurnee, Ill., shops for the home-grown flowers and plants brought to the market by Steven and Charles Valentine of Curtis.

Right: Steve Musial of Iron River, Mich., hand draws and cuts designs out of wood to accent shutters and other wooden products he produces in his one-man shop.

Below: The pavilion was packed with shoppers. The market is held Mondays from Memorial Day through Labor Day and is open from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

—Photos By Wally Geist



Nicolet College to host drag workshop June 18

Northwoods Pride Festival will return as an in-person event with workshops, entertainment and special events Saturday, June 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Lakeside Center at Nicolet College.

The festival, sponsored by the Rainbow Hodags student club at Nicolet, will also include a drag show, with a workshop prior to the event Saturday, June 18, at 1 p.m. in the Nicolet College Theatre.

Local performers of all levels of experience are welcome to register for this workshop, which will be led by Nicolet Players Artistic Producer K. Woodzick and other community members.

Participants will have access to the Nicolet Players costume stock and wig col-

lection, and the Nicolet Cosmetology Program is lending their support.

"With the popularity of television shows like 'RuPaul's Drag Race, Dragula, and We're Here,' the art of drag has become a mainstream cultural phenomenon," Woodzick said. "Drag and theater are so closely related and the Nicolet Players is proud to support local artists of all genders in empowering them to create performances for Northwoods Pride."

The festival will also feature a keynote speaker, food and a resource fair.

Interested performers can sign up for the Drag Workshop by visiting nicoletcollege.edu and clicking on the Drag Workshop & Show link.



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Johnson: A lot of living

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yard outside, which have grown into stately, shade-giving giants that tower over the brick ranch. I recall the old split-rail cedar fence that once spanned the lot lines for my "cowboy wannabe, farm kid" father-in-law.

Also there were family names etched into a concrete slab for posterity back in 1977, when a metal storage shed went up in the yard, later replaced by a much larger "barn."

And untold rounds of contract rummy, and a "pegs and jokers" game we dubbed "P'moya (It'll annoy ya)" on the three-season back porch in the summer, and around the avocado-colored 1970's vintage card table in the living room during the winter; often in front of the Christmas tree.

I recalled the garden beds overflowing with colorful orange daylilies transplanted "Up North" to Rockford, Ill., from the old Schuman farm near downstate Browning, Ill., where three generations tilled the Illinois prairie soil for more than a century on the state-recognized "Centennial Farm." For as long as

I can remember, a yellowed newspaper clipping marking the notable historic designation, along with a small black and white aerial photo of the Schuman spread, has been thumbtacked on a wall in the garage. For now, both are still there, awaiting retrieval on a final pass-through.

Also the add-on family room, with its centerpiece brick fireplace designed and built to my father-in-law's exacting specifications. Kind of like Tim "The Tool Man" Taylor in "Home Improvement," it's a "more power" fireplace, not a fireplace. Printed words fail to capture Dad's verbal intonations for fireplace vs. fireplace, plus the antics of his face as he makes the distinctions. Dad's "pride and joy" fireplace has been the scenic backdrop for family photos for more than four decades, as the family expanded to include not just my in-laws' three children, but also their children's spouses, five grandchildren and two of their spouses, a niece and nephew, and now, great-nieces and -nephews.

And family meals of breakfast, dinner and supper, and many bountiful holiday feasts around the expansive

dining room table under the old green glass hanging lamp from "The Farm." After things settle down following the upheaval of the big move, the lamp will make its way to the condo dining room for installation; a familiar old face in a new place.

There's been a lot of living at Mom and Dad's; laughter, in blessedly overflowing abundance, and also the tears of various health scares and loss of loved ones over the decades.

Standing in the living room, surveying its gleaming, restored, original hardwood flooring, I chuckle as I remember the day-glow, bright orange '70s deep-pile shag carpeting that greeted me when I first crossed the threshold nearly four decades ago to meet the folks for the first time. "The Yellow Rose of Texas" played when I rang the doorbell that day. It still does. We played charades on the orange shag. Luck or unluck of the draw, I drew "Galveston," pantomiming a shapely "gal," putting on a "vest" and flipping a light switch "on" in an ultimately futile attempt to pull it all together. It's funny what kind of memories stick with you.

And those memories just scratch the surface, far more than an 800-word column could ever hope to accommodate.

Walking around the empty house, now devoid of the life that infused it, it becomes apparent that the old place is no longer home, because the heart of it, my in-laws, have moved on.

Home has moved 11 miles north up the highway; where love now resides, new memories await creation, friends and family still belong, and, God willing, the laughter never ends.

Eric Johnson can be reached at eric@fynorthwoods.com.

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RAINY SALE — Dreary weather didn't deter the festivities from proceeding during the annual Memorial Weekend Arts and Crafts event held May 28 in downtown Eagle River. Streets were filled with vendors and shoppers (above), while Scott Kirby entertained art show attendees as they shopped (below). Custom artwork lined the main street and visitors were able to choose from several unique displays at the event (left). —Staff Photos by STEPHANIE DYE



Northwoods Ukers to perform June 10 at The Warehouse

The Warehouse Community Art Center in Eagle River will host The Northwoods Ukers Friday, June 10, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The group perform a wide range of music genres, from tin pan alley, to rock and roll, to country. To view their music videos, find The Northwoods Ukers on youtube.com.

These free, family-friendly events are also virtually live-streamed at [facebook.com/warehouseartcenter](https://www.facebook.com/warehouseartcenter).

The Warehouse's Inspi-

ration Bar will be open and drinks will be available for purchase. More information for all events can be found online at [eagleriverart.com](https://www.eagleriverart.com).

For more information, contact The Warehouse Art Center at (715) 479-4060 or info@eagleriverart.com.

June Week at the Warehouse sponsors include historic Eagle Waters Resort and Restaurant, Eyes for Your Interior, Vilas Title Service, Joe's Manitou Sea Cave, and Paul Belcher State Farm Insurance.

Renowned guitarist to perform in Three Lakes

Master Fingerstyle Guitarist Claude Bourbon is scheduled to perform Thursday, June 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Three Lakes Center for the Arts in Three Lakes.

Growing up in Switzerland, this French-born guitarist was classically trained but expanded his expertise in music into folk, blues, jazz and rock.

Bourbon is known throughout Europe and America for his performances. He is world renowned and highly acclaimed for his finger-

picking style, uniquely plucking, picking and strumming at speeds which make his fingers blur to the naked eye.

Bourbon sings as well and takes blues, Spanish and mid-Eastern music, jazz and rock into new territories, organizers said.

Tickets are available online at [tlca.org](https://www.tlca.org) or at the door for \$20 for adults and \$10 for those younger than 13.

Beer, wine, soda and concessions will be available for purchase. For more information, contact (715) 546-2299.

Wine tasting event set June 22 at Reiter Center

The Reiter Center will host its annual Sip 'n Swirl wine tasting event Wednesday, June 22, from 4 to 7 p.m.

This event includes wine tastings from local wineries and wine bars, along with gourmet food from area vendors who will provide unique pairings and condiments.

Brett Winters will entertain attendees with his folk-style music.

There will be hors d'oeuvres served throughout the

event and each guest will receive a commemorative glass.

Tickets are a donation of \$25 and are available at the Reiter Center, the Three Lakes Chamber of Commerce and at the door the night of the event.

The Reiter Center is located at 1858 S. Michigan St. in Three Lakes.

For more information on this event or the Reiter Center, visit [reitercenter.com](https://www.reitercenter.com).

Four Pines students receive recognition in Solo/Ensemble

Band and choir students from Northland Pines High School (NPHS) and Middle School recently performed at the Wisconsin School Music Association's (WSMA) State Solo/Ensemble Festival held at UW-Stevens Point on May 7.

To perform at state, each student was required to receive a Star First rating at the district Solo/Ensemble competition held in March.

Each student from the Northland Pines schools performed for and was rated by a qualified WSMA master adjudicator. Students were accompanied on piano by Norma Yaeger and Kate Janssen.

Four Northland Pines performances received special recognition as Exemplary Performance nominees. They were Massa Justice in musical theater and alto solo, Elise Gregersen in trombone solo, and the entire NPHS Jazz Ensemble, directed by Forrest Mann.

Additionally, Gregersen and Justice were named Exemplary Performance Award Recipients for musical theater. Each adjudicator nominates exemplary

performances for their outstanding quality throughout the day and then narrows their nominees down to one or two award recipients at the end of the competition.

The following is a list of the performers and categories.

State, First
 Alto solo: Justice.
 Musical theater solos: Justice, Riley Moore, Brooke Bennett and Molly Payne.
 Trumpet solo: Francis Milanowski.
 Trombone solo: Gregersen.
 Jazz woodwind improvisation solo: Andrew Hartwig.
 Jazz brass improvisation solo: Francis Milanowski.
 Jazz percussion improvisation solo: Owen Uebe.
 Jazz piano improvisation solo: Matt Milanowski.
 Brass duet: Milanowski and Gregersen.
 Jazz Ensemble: Taya Bolte, Evan Burke, Noah Daniszewski, Nicholas Fluegel, Gregersen, Hartwig, Francis Milanowski, Matt Milanowski, Shawn Miller, Kyle Page, Lucas Schmidt, Drew Schulta, Rose Tyler,



Massa Justice, left, and Elise Gregersen were recognized as Exemplary Performance nominees. —Contributed Photo

Alto solo: Addisan Rottier.
 Tenor solos: Davis Beyer and Griffin Beyer.
 Baritone/bass solo: Riley Moore.
 Musical theater solos: Lucas Schmidt and Christian Sandberg.
 Cello solo: Ellyn Reese.
 Saxophone solo: Evan Burke.

State, Second
 Soprano solo: Malia Remme.

Uebe, Jenna Uhrine, Nolan Warner, Sam Warner and Mike Williams.
 Creative Jazz Combo, Steel Train: Hartwig, Frank Milanowski, Matt Milanowski, Warner, Uebe and Schulta.

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at check-in for \$10.

Event check-in is located at Mary Kate's Wine Bar, 205 E. Wall St. from 10 a.m. to noon. Upon arrival, attendees will exchange their ticket for a goodie bag consisting of event flyer, wine glass and sampling punch card.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [eagleriver.org](https://www.eagleriver.org), call the chamber at (715) 479-6400, or stop into the office at 201 N. Railroad St. in Eagle River.

ON CAMPUS

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

Shawna Krusick, Lori Merkel, Isaac Vedder and Samantha Wolf, all of Conover;

Matthew Berkelman, Jade Bittenbender, Toni Garrison, Ashley Henke, Amanda Hook, Nathan Hopkins, Trevor Matthew Hopkins, Hannah Lewis, Lucy Lurvey, Grace Menut, Jessica Miller,

Ben Reppert, Luke Rhode, Mariah Weirick, Adam Wolf and Hannah Yuds, all of Eagle River;

Kate Thoma of Land O' Lakes;

Jennifer Turner of Phelps; Melanie Kuske, Kylie Renee Rutta and Skylar Stretje, all of St. Germain;

Madeline Perry and Blu Dakota Xiong, both of Sawyer; and

Jennifer Crom, Kaitlyn Laska, Benjamin Riker and Anthony Zent, all of Three Lakes.

SUPERIOR — Jill Mesun of Eagle River was named to the dean's list at UW-Superior.

WHITEWATER — Robert Hallisy and Meg Hayes, both of Eagle River, were named to the dean's list at UW-Whitewater.

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Lakes, rivers group awards scholarships to Pines seniors

Carolyn Schaars and August (Gus) Phillipich are the winners of the Vilas County Lakes and Rivers (VCLRA) 2022 Scholarship Award.

VCLRA awards one or two scholarships each year to local high schoolers who plan to continue their education in natural resources.

Upon graduating from Northland Pines High School, both Schaars and Phillipich will begin their studies at UW-Stevens Point in the fall.

Schaars, who expressed an interest in studying environmental science and addressing habitat protection and water quality issues, was singled out by the committee for her passion in these areas. She has lived on both a large chain of lakes in the Eagle River area, as well as a smaller, less populated lake, and has noticed the differences in water quality on



PHILLIPICH SCHAARS

these water bodies.

Phillipich, who received the award by focusing his application on the recognition of the challenges for balancing tourism with lake water quality. He plans to use his leadership skills and his studies in fisheries and aquatic science to contribute to better decisions in lake management.

For more information on VCLRA or opportunities offered, visit [vclra.org](https://www.vclra.org).

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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 northwoodschildrensmuseum.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 third 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

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 Brierenfeldt, (920) 973-5489.

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

KALMAR BINGO — Mondays, including holidays. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., Early Birds at 6 p.m., regular at 7 p.m., at the Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. 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.

MAHJONGG — Meets Thurs. at 11:30 a.m., at Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. A 2021 card is required. Experience preferred. Want to learn mahjongg? Call Joy Vandenhuevel, (715) 573-8836.

NORTHWOODS CARVERS — Meets Wed. at 12:30 p.m. at Kalmal Community



Billie Schilling runs a booth filled with handmade quilts by her mother, Jackie Rosa of Perkinstown, during the downtown sidewalk sales and Memorial Weekend Craft Show in Eagle River. —Staff Photo By STEPHANIE DYE

Center in Eagle River. All ages welcome, beginner or advanced. Call John Modjowski, (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.

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.

SCARLETT O' HATTERS OF THE NORTHWOODS, EAGLE RIVER AREA RED HAT GROUP — Meets first Thurs. of each month for lunch at various area restaurants. New members welcome. Call Jan, (715) 479-6707.

SHEEPHEAD — Meets Tues. at 12:30 p.m., at Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. Call (715) 337-2510.

SQUARE DANCE LESSONS — For fun and fellowship; lessons start at various

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

Support Groups

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

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

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

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

GENERAL CAREGIVER SUPPORT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The Vilas County Tavern League Foundation recently made five \$500 donations to area non-profit organizations that will be matched by the Wisconsin Tavern League Foundation. Pictured here are, left to right, Walter Charter for the Civil Air Patrol, recipient; Pam Zaugg for Northwoods Share, recipient; Dan Ullsperger, President of the Vilas County Tavern League Foundation, donors; Karen Margelofsky for Eagle River Revitalization, recipient; Jared Adamovich for Our Angel Berkley Strong Scholarship, recipient; and Roger Tesch for the Northwoods Shriners, recipient. —Contributed Photo

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QUILT WINNER — As a fundraiser, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary recently raffled off a quilt made by Karen Dowd, president of the auxiliary. The winner of the raffled quilt

was Shirley Thompson, owner and pharmacist at Land O' Lakes Hometown Pharmacy. Left, Thompson accepts her quilt from Dowd.

—Photo By Bob Hughes

Aspirus offering clinical trials to cancer patients

This month is National Cancer Research Month, and Aspirus Health continues to further cancer treatment by contributing to cancer research and offering patients advanced medical treatment through clinical trials.

Aspirus is part of The Cancer Research of Wisconsin and Northern Michigan Consortium (CROWN), a collaboration of three of Wisconsin's largest cancer treatment programs that provide medical research for clinical trials. Through CROWN,

more than 2,000 people have been successfully enrolled in clinical cancer trials.

"We believe that we should give our patients therapies that are better than the standard of care," said Aspirus Radiation Oncologist and Aspirus CROWN Jr. Principal Investigator Dr. Andrew Huang. "Not only do our patients get the chance to get the future standard of care 5-10 years early, but their participation changes medicine for the better."

Trials go through research

and each patient is observed by a research nurse who provides concierge-type nursing.

Clinical trials focus on new treatments, controlling symptoms, screenings, preventing and monitoring, and evaluating how care is delivered.

Clinical trials are being offered at Aspirus Wausau, Aspirus Riverview, Aspirus Langlade and Aspirus Medford Cancer Centers. Aspirus Stevens Point Cancer Care will offer trials in the future.

For more information, visit aspirus.org.

Libraries to host programs on protection against scams

A collaboration between area libraries and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), Agency Liaison Jeff Kersten will spend June 8-10 in the North Woods giving presentations on how to protect oneself against scams, frauds and identity theft threats.

Kersten will discuss common scams, the warning signs of a scam, and what to do if an individual or acquaintance falls victim to a scam or fraud. Several of his presentations will specifically focus on scams that target seniors. Helpful fact sheets from the Bureau of Consumer Protection will also be available.

All programs are free and open to the public. Patrons should contact the location they plan on attending for more information.

The first round of programs will be held Wednesday, June 8, starting with a "Common Scams and Frauds Targeting Seniors" program at 10

a.m. at the Plum Lake Public Library, located at 8789 Peterson St. in Sayner, (715) 542-2020; and noon at the Mercer Senior Center, located at 2518 Martha Lake Road in Mercer, (715) 476-2366.

"Common Scams and Frauds and Identity Theft" is planned at 3 p.m. at Eleanor Ellis Public Library, located at 4495 Town Hall Road in Phelps, (715) 545-2887; and "Common Scams and Frauds" will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Boulder Junction Public Library, located at 5392 Park St. in Boulder Junction, (715) 385-2050.

Thursday, June 9, at 9 a.m. at Presque Isle Community Library, located at 8306 School Loop Road in Presque Isle, (715) 686-7613; "Common Scams and Frauds Targeting Seniors" at noon at the Winchester Public Library, located at 2117 Lake St. in Winchester, (715) 686-2926; and "Common Scams and Frauds" at 3:30 p.m. at Minocqua Public Library,

located at 415 Menominee St. in Minocqua, (715) 356-4437.

Then Friday, June 10, "Common Scams and Frauds" programs are scheduled at 10 a.m. at Walter E. Olson Memorial Library, located at 203 N. Main Street in Eagle River, (715) 479-8070; and noon at Land O' Lakes Public Library, located at 4242 Highway B in Land O' Lakes, (715) 547-6006. "Common Scams and Frauds Targeting Seniors" will be held at 2 p.m. at the Edward U. Demmer Memorial Library, located at 6961 W. School St. in Three Lakes (715) 546-3391.

As Wisconsin's lead agency for consumer protection, the Bureau of Consumer Protection at the DATCP provides information and education, mediates complaints, investigates cases, and takes enforcement actions to fight fraudulent and deceptive practices that harm consumers and honest businesses.



GOODBYE — Pastor Tim Shirley of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Eagle River presents a parting gift and cake with the church's IETD Director Alex Fluegel, who

recently resigned. Fluegel has been instrumental in selecting and installing updated technology systems for the church, and modernized many other areas.

—Contributed Photo

BACKWARD GLANCES

Compiled by Sara Carias

One Year Ago - 2021

Community members and three local churches came together to assist the Netterour family whose home was destroyed by a fire; with volunteers pitching in to move and provide home furnishings, as well as a 40-foot shipping container to be used for long-term storage . . . No new cases of Covid were reported in Vilas or Oneida counties . . . Spring timber sale bids were opened by Vilas County Forestry, Recreation and Land Committee, with high bids totaling \$318,823 on 10 timber contracts.

10 Years Ago - 2012

A 23-year-old Illinois man died as a result of an apparent diving accident on Lost Lake in St. Germain . . . Lac du Flambeau led Chippewa Indians with spearing 15,502 walleyes . . . The Eagle River Historical Society dedicated a military marker for Henry Ashby at the cemetery; Eagle River's first Black resident and a Civil War veteran.

20 Years Ago - 2002

Nearly 130 disabled anglers hit the Chain for Fishing Has No Boundaries . . . Members of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Eagle River celebrated a groundbreaking ceremony for the expansion of its church facilities.

30 Years Ago - 1992

The state bought the 562-acre Dunn Lake Pines old-growth forest stand in Vilas County to protect natural heritage . . . The Three Lakes Lions Club celebrated its 40th anniversary.

40 Years Ago - 1982

It was reported that after six weeks of investigation into the killing of Barbara Mendez, 33, in Minocqua,



In 1992, the St. Germain Ambassadors helped Camp's Red Owl observe 40 years on the town's main street with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the remodeled store.

—News-Review Archive

police were puzzled as to why the killer took only \$2,000 in cash and left another \$15,000 behind . . . Vilas County was asked to reimburse \$382 to two owners of 87 rabbits, bunnies, chickens and ducks killed by dogs at Loon Lake Farm in Lincoln.

50 Years Ago - 1972

A fire destroyed a 17-foot boat on Catfish Lake with no one suffering burns, but one person was taken to the hospital due to shock . . . The new owners of Peacock Lodge in St. Germain were announced as Don Clevenger and Bill Johnson, who both worked for Prudential Life Insurance Co. before moving to St. Germain from Illinois.

60 Years Ago - 1962

James Skalecki, a resort operator and businessman in Vilas for 15 years, announced his candidacy for sheriff . . . It was reported that the first real estate office built in St. Germain was started in the summer of 1960 by Martin Pietz.

70 Years Ago - 1952

Scores of muskies were

caught in the county; the biggest one was 34 pounds and 51 inches, taken out of Sand Lake . . . A then-existing traffic ordinance was ruled unconstitutional with the net result that the county traffic laws were no longer in effect.

80 Years Ago - 1942

Vilas County's "Flying Tiger" Robert Smith sent a first letter to his mother, Joyce Schiddel in Eagle River, from China.

90 Years Ago - 1932

It was reported Eagle River would soon be facing a serious situation in regard to its water supply because the pump was inadequate and did not deliver the capacity it was supposed to under contract . . . It was announced that Three Lakes and Eagle River were to get oiled roads.

Due to the poor condition of the bound volumes of old newspapers used to compile Backward Glances, we will only include 100 years ago as the quality of the books allows.

Master Gardeners to meet June 9

The next Vilas County Master Gardeners and Friends meeting will be Thursday, June 9, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Northland Pines Community Garden in Eagle River.

A rain date will be June 10 from 1 to 3 p.m.

The meeting will begin at

the native garden at the back entrance of the high school and then proceed to the community garden.

Karen Hahn and Marcy Chuckel will lead discussion on how food is grown and contributed to the food pantry from the hoop house, some plots, community mem-

ber plots, beehives, apple orchards and some wild edibles.

There will be bee balm, tarragon, mint and German chamomile available for attendees.

For more information, contact Marcy Chuckel at (715) 617-7110.

Easy Eagles to meet June 15

The Easy Eagles men's luncheon group will meet Wednesday, June 15, at noon at Chef Rene's, located at the Eagle River Inn at 5260 Highway 70 W. in Eagle River.

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

The Easy Eagles is a group of predominantly retired men who meet twice a month, Wednesdays to socialize and share lunch. A speaker leads each luncheon to share timely and noncontroversial subjects.

Other upcoming meetings will be held July 13 and 27.

For more information, call Mike Erstad at (414) 840-3338.

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.

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TUES., JUNE 14

Sloppy Joe
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Baked beans
Grape salad

WED., JUNE 15

Ham and scalloped potato casserole

Pacific-blend vegetables
Whole-wheat roll
Banana
THURS., JUNE 16
Seasoned baked chicken
Twice-baked mashed potatoes
Pickled beets
Whole-wheat bread
Apple cake

FRI., JUNE 17

Stuffed-green pepper casserole
Dill carrots
Raisin bread
Peaches and vanilla pudding



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Sound garden exhibit reopens in Land O' Lakes

Land O' Lakes Arts (LOLA) recently announced that the LOLA Sound Garden Exhibit has returned to the art center.

This free event is a site-specific music and art installation composed by Twin Cities musician James Everest.

Everest records sounds and music for a specific place and then employs custom spatial speaker sets to create an immersive ecosystem of sound that layers and mingles with the existing sounds in nature.

"Each speaker plays a different part of the whole piece, so every step, every turn of the head, every bird song and shifting breeze, results in a different arrangement of music," said Everest.

The LOLA Sound Garden Exhibit is a family friendly event and will take place Saturday, June 18, noon to 4 p.m.; Monday, June 20, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Tuesday, June 21, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The exhibit is located on the forest trail between the Northern Water Museum and community pavilion off Chipewa Drive.

Parking is available at the museum or ball fields by the pavilion.

The LOLA Sound Garden will also feature artwork from local students and community members.

Last April, Everest worked with local students to create pieces for the sound garden, including painted flower pots, benches and upcycled butterflies, as well as, held different workshops in poetry and music. Students from SOAR Middle School, Watersmeet K-12, and Land O' Lakes homeschool all participated.

"It was a really inspiring

week for us at LOLA, being able to bring Everest into the local schools," said McCall Hocking, organizer. "Special projects like these, give students insight into different forms of art and expression, and a sense of pride and ownership, creating art for an experience in which the whole community can participate during the summer. It's so rewarding working with local students, being able to give them these experiences."

Currently, the art center is offering four free workshops that will tie into the LOLA Sound Garden. Taking place June 14-16, offerings in photography, poetry, painting and music will focus on creating while in nature.

Local artists will lead the workshops, including photographer Libby Scott, poet Adrienne Wallner, artist McCall Hocking and Everest.

Workshops are open to all ages and children age 13 and younger must be accompanied by a participating adult.

Art from these workshops will be displayed in the sound garden and will be returned to the artists after the exhibit.

These workshops are designed not only to get people creating, but teaches others to contribute to something bigger than themselves, McCall said.

"Many people don't realize how important the arts are to every part of our lives," said LOLA Board President Lynn Richie. "Look deep in life and you will find being an artist and art is an integral part of life."

Workshops are free and registration is required. For more information or to register, visit lolaarts.com or call (715) 547-3950.



NEW PLANTER — Members of the Conover Fire Department recently replaced the wooden planter box in Conover Town Park.

The electronic information sign sits within the planter and displays community event information. —Photo By Jacki Hildebrandt

Local groups work to provide training for camp counselors

The YMCA of the Northwoods in Rhinelander and the Wisconsin Afterschool Network out of the Marshfield Clinic Center for Community Health are working together to provide high quality training to summer day camp counselors.

According to the Afterschool Alliance, for every child in Wisconsin who is enrolled in an out of school time program, two additional children are waiting for an available program.

The recent pandemic has further highlighted the need for high quality child care for school-age children.

In addition to filling this

logistical child-care need, summer camps help develop important cognitive, social and emotional skills to children who are otherwise at risk of summer learning loss.

Kids have an opportunity to experience new adventures that stretch their skills and create memories that last into the future.

In response to the child-care need in northern Wis-

consin, the YMCA is hosting a summer camp serving 120 children.

As part of the effort to provide this high quality programming, the YMCA is teaming with Wisconsin Afterschool Network out of the Marshfield Clinic Center for Community Health Advancement to provide interactive training around Social Emotional Learning, positive behavior

guidance strategies and self-care for staff.

Staff will engage in a specialized morning of training where they will walk through behavior scenarios and apply information they receive around trauma, child growth and development.

For more information or to apply at the YMCA, visit ymcaofthenorthwoods.org or call (715) 362-9622.

Master Gardeners plan plant sale

After a two-year absence, Master Gardeners of the North will hold its annual plant sale Saturday, June 11 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Stevensport Square in downtown Rhinelander.

The sale will be in conjunction with the art fair on the courthouse lawn and coincide with the other events taking place in downtown Rhinelander that day.

This year's sale will be

slightly different from the previous years with precautions being taken to prevent the spread of invasive jumping worms.

The Master Gardeners will sell more sustainable perennial native plants along with vegetables, herbs, annuals, and houseplants all grown in sterile soils. Volunteers will be on hand to offer advice and help in choosing plants.

Jumping worms have been found in both Vilas and Oneida Counties. All gardeners should be aware of the threat of this species of worm originally from Asia, which can alter soil qualities and make it inhospitable for some plants and animals.

There will be more information available on this invasive worm at the sale to educate the public.

Barnes named as parade marshal

The Conover Chamber of Commerce recently announced its Independence Day celebration festivities which will include a parade, picnic and waterski show.

Events will kick-off with a parade Monday, July 4, at 1 p.m. with a theme of "United We Stand." The parade route will travel Town Road from Highway 45, south to Highway K, then east to Conover Town Park, located at 4697 Park Circle. Retired Conover Fire Chief Randy Barnes will be the parade's grand marshal.

The Conover Lions Club will host a picnic at Conover Town Park with food, refreshments, music, games for chil-

dren and a dunk tank from 1 to 3 p.m. New this year will be live music. Food and beverage tickets will be available for purchase at designated locations in the park, which opens at noon.

The day will conclude with the Chain Skimmers waterski show at Lake Pleasant at 7 p.m., located at 5280 Highway 45.

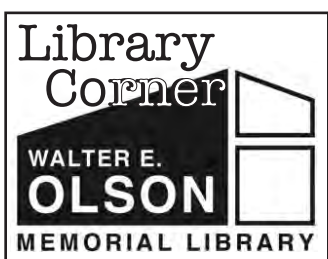
For more information on the parade, contact the chamber at (715) 479-4928 or conover.org.

For more information on the picnic, call the Lions Club at (715) 477-0575.

For more information on the waterski show, call (708) 205-9180.



RANDY BARNES



The summer reading program at Walter E. Olson Memorial Library has begun. Patrons can sign-up for the "Camp iRead" program to earn treats throughout summer and be entered to win end-of-summer prizes. Weekly craft sessions, movies and monthly Read to a Dog sessions also are planned.

The Afternoon Book Group will meet Thursday, June 9, at 1 p.m., to discuss "The Broken Girls" by Simone St. James. This group meets the second Thursday, monthly. July's book will be "In a Dark, Dark Wood" by Ruth Ware.

"Common Scams and Frauds" program will be held Friday, June 10, at 10 a.m. with Jeff Kersten of the Wisconsin Bureau of Consumer Protection. Attendees will learn the details of common scams, the warning signs of a scam, and what to do if they or someone they know falls victim to a scam

or fraud.

Fact and Fiction Book Group will meet Monday, June 13, at 1 p.m., to discuss "American Dirt" by Jeanine Cummins. This group meets the second Monday, monthly. All are welcome at the library's book groups. Contact the library for location details and to reserve copies.

Job assistance from the Department of Workforce Development will be held Wednesday, June 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Job assistance day is held the third Wednesday, monthly.

Ukulele lessons start Friday, June 17, with Cooksey Smith of the of the Ukulele Orchestra of St. Andrews. Free beginner lessons are held every Friday at 1 p.m. and ukeleles are provided.

Project Linus blanket sew day will be held Monday, June 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sew days are held the third Monday, monthly.

The first program in the Summer History Series sponsored by the Eagle River Historical Society will be held Wednesday, June 29, at 1 p.m. Cyndi Stiles will discuss "Menomonic Giizis (Wild Rice Moon): Ojibwe Place for Harvesting and Processing Wild Rice."

The library hosts weekly

activities which include ukulele practice, Mondays from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Ukuleles may be checked out with a library card and participants may bring other instruments. Story time, Tuesdays at 10 a.m., features stories and songs; and Aunt Gracie's Sewing Circle, Thursdays at 9 a.m. Children take-and-make craft kids continue to be available weekly.

Newly released books and DVDs can be found by visiting eagleriver.northernwaters.org.

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

The library is open for in-person and curbside service. Library hours are Mondays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesdays through 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. Wi-Fi and digital services are available at all times.

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

Notice of Public Hearing

Concerning Draft Ordinance Provisions For The Town of Conover

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: that the Town of Conover Board of Supervisors will take public comments pertaining to draft revisions to its Code of Ordinances. This will take place at the Town Center Board Room on July 7th, 2022, at 5:45 p.m.

Chapter 19 – Parks and Recreation

Be further advised that said drafts for all matters above are on file for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk and on the Town of Conover website at www.townofconover.com.

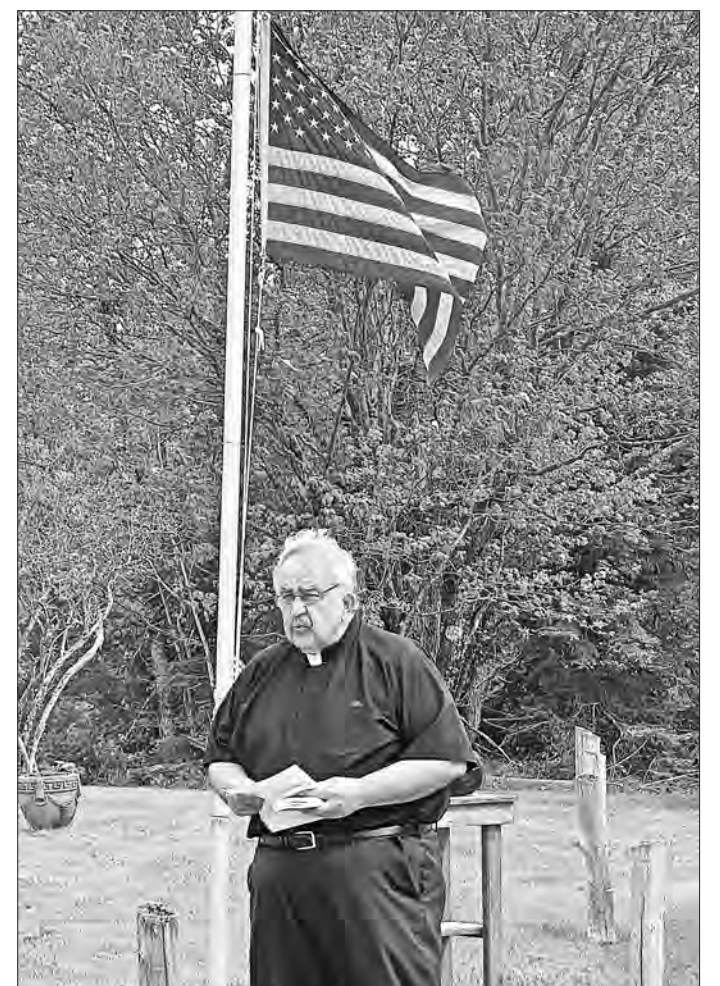
As an option to attending the meeting and speaking in person, written comments pertaining to the proposed Ordinances may be submitted to the Town Clerk, P.O. Box 115, Conover, WI 54519. Written comments must be received in the office no later than 4:00 p.m. on July 7th, 2022.

Dated June 1st, 2022.

Kendra Lederer
Town Clerk

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CONOVER REMEMBERS — Rev. John Kuziej of Pioneer Lake Lutheran Church presides over a Memorial Day service at Hildegard Cemetery in Conover. Rev. Kuziej offered prayers with those in attendance, followed by the playing of Taps. The service concluded with moments of silence in remembrance of lost loved ones. —Photo By Jacki Hildebrandt

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Along with ice cream products sold in support of St. Germain PrimeTimers, members of the Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club offered hot lunch items in the pavilion. Volunteers with the club took a break from sling- ing meals to grab a quick photo op. —Photos By Wally Geist

Attendance hits all-time high for snowmobile swap meet

Attendance and participation by local clubs hit an all time high for the Snowmobile Hall of Fame Swap Meet in St. Germain held Memorial Day weekend.

Craig Marchbank, Snowmobile Hall of Fame, held a pre-show cookout at the Hall of Fame on May 28, where attendees maxed out the food supplies and the 125 vendors provided plenty of opportunity for browsing old and new snowmobile parts as

well as clothing and crafts in the park.

The meet includes judging of antique and restored, snowmobiles, and the lineup included 100 entries with trophies being awarded in each category. Along with ice cream products sold in support of St. Germain PrimeTimers, members of the Bo-Boen club offered hot lunch items in the pavilion, and face painting was offered for attending children.

The event is officially sponsored by Livingston Arctic Cat and Polaris of Hillsboro, N.H. not only as a way of supporting snowmobile clubs and related businesses in St. Germain, but as a way thanking veterans. The event is always held on the Saturday before Memorial Day.

Funds generated by the show will be used to support the Snowmobile Hall of Fame and the St. Germain Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club.



Craig Marchbank poses by his "Toy Box" with his 40th anniversary commemorative book. Each year Marchbank organizes the swap meet and also is involved in snowmobile racing at the Derby Track in Eagle River.



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

The Plum Lake Library recently announced its summer reading theme is "Oceans of Possibilities."

Story time will begin Tuesday, June 21, at 10 a.m. It will be held weekly, Tuesdays, through July 26. Story time is for birth through five years old and will include stories, songs and activities. Contact the library for details.

The library will host weekly programs for families, beginning Thursday, June 23, through July 28 at various parks in the area. Patrons may come early and have a picnic or stay after and play at the park. The first program will kick off June 23 at 1 p.m. at the St. Germain Park Pavilion with Northwoods Lake Life with Bart Kortarba from the Northwoods Wildlife Center. The following week the program will be held Thursday, June 30, at 1 p.m. at the Plum Lake Library. The program is titled Pearls with Kay Davison. Each week will have a different date, time and location. Contact the library for more details.

"Old Bear" by Kevin Henkes, a new story hike book on the Green Loop of the Awas-sa Trail in St. Germain, is now available. The story hike starts at the trailhead behind the St. Germain Elementary School, and is provided by the library in cooperation with the St. Germain Silent Trails Committee.

Patrons are invited to stop by the new FORK food pantry in the library's entry during regular business hours. Individuals can donate or take what one might need.

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

Hours are Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturdays, 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.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

(Three Weeks, 6/1-6/15/22)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY
— PROBATE —
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 22PR37

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Ronald B. Martin
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth March 26, 1953, and date of death November 29, 2021, was domiciled in DuPage County, State of Illinois, with a mailing address of 1N275 Papworth St, Carol Stream, IL 60188.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is September 2, 2022.
5. A claim may be filed at the Vilas County Courthouse, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Probate Branch.

/s/ Dawn Halverson
Probate Registrar
May 20, 2022

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(Three Weeks, 6/1-6/15/22)
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY
— PROBATE —
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 22 PR 30

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
GEORGE F. ELLIS D.O.D. 03/27/22
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth APRIL 28, 1952 and date of death MARCH 27, 2022, was domiciled in VILAS County, State of WI, with a mailing address of 3979 HWY. 17 N. Eagle River, WI 54521.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is September 2, 2022.
5. A claim may be filed at the VILAS County Courthouse, EAGLE RIVER, Wisconsin, PROBATE OFFICE.

/s/ Dawn Halverson
Probate Registrar
May 24, 2022

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REQUEST PROPOSALS

The Town of Plum Lake is seeking proposals to install a new Modine-style garage heater in the grader storage building located behind the Plum Lake Town Hall. Proposals should specify the size appropriate to heat the building. The building does not currently have heat, so installation must include gas piping, electrical and venting. The building may be inspected by contacting the town clerk at either (715) 542-4531 or (715) 892-7049 and making arrangements with her.

Please submit proposals to: Furnace Bid,
PO Box 280, Sayner, WI 54560
Or email to: office@townofplumlake.com.
Proposals must be received by Monday, June 20, 2022.

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NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS CONCERNING A NEW OR REVISED ORDINANCE, TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of St. Germain Board of Supervisors will take public comments at 6:30 p.m., Monday, June 13, 2022, at the St. Germain Community Center regarding the following proposed addition to the Town's Code of Ordinances.

Chapter 10 – Citations

The proposed ordinance can be viewed in the office of town clerk or accessed on the town's website through a link on the home page at townofstgermain.org.

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Members and volunteers for the St. Germain Women's Service Club participate in several events throughout the year, generously donating their time and enthusiasm to aide other non-profit organizations in the area. — Contributed Photo

Women's club serves community

BY STEPHANIE DYE
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

The public doesn't always see the hard work and dedication that provides our local communities with support and sustainability.

This is particularly true with non-profit organizations, like the St. Germain Women's Service Club (SGWSC), that has been serving the area for over 50 years.

This organization is a group of women from the

St. Germain area that work together with a main purpose of serving the community.

The SGWSC raises funds and donates them back to high school student scholarships and other non-profit organizations within the community, such as the St. Germain Fire Department, St. Germain Elementary School, the Vilas County Food Party and other entities as they arise in need.

"Warm the Children is a consistent donation for our group, as we feel passionate about being sure the children

in our community are provided for," said SGWSC member Jacki Goebel.

This year the club awarded five scholarships to Northland Pines Seniors Samantha Huelskamp, Frankie Will, Gertrude M. Geraghty, Brooke Liebenstein and Kely Neff.

The women volunteer their time and skills to host fundraising events. The club's fundraisers include a chicken dinner in the spring, a vendor fair at the St. Germain Independence Day Celebration, a fashion show held at the casi-

no and a cookie and craft fair in conjunction with the St. Germain Holiday Bazaar in November.

New members are always welcomed into the service club, with most meetings held the third Tuesday of the month from Jan. to May and Sept. to Dec. throughout the year. Members work together to host the meetings, choosing a menu and organizing the formal meeting.

For more information on the SGWSC or to join the group, contact Jacki at (715) 891-8028.

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HIGHWAY CLEAN UP — The Three Lakes Lions Club is now a member of the Adopt-A-Highway program and had a photo taken beneath its new sign on Highway A just west of Three Lakes. Members include, from left, Lions Ken Huebner, Dave Hintz, Dave

Sorgel, Chrissy Nowak, Collette Sorgel, Mark Nowak, and Hollie Larkin, dressed as Fran the Lion. Members will clean up litter on their stretch of highway on a regular basis. —Photo By Kerry Griegenow

Two genealogy sessions slated at library in July

People interested in learning more about Beginning Genealogy are invited to save the date for two workshop sessions in July. These will be put on by the Three Lakes Genealogical Society and hosted by the Edward U. Demmer Library.

Workshops are scheduled Thursday, July 14, at 6 p.m., and Tuesday, July 19, at 9:30 a.m. at the library. The sessions will each be about two and a half hours long. Organizers said that both sessions are the same, so patrons only need to attend one.

“If you are thinking about starting an investigation of your family history, or have already started but need more information on how to do it, please attend one

of the sessions,” said Robert Bailey, publicity chair for the Three Lakes Genealogical Society. “Bring your computer, laptop, smart phone, etc., as you will be able to access the internet within the library during the workshop.”

Both workshops will contain an overview of genealogy research and where to find records and more, along with breakout sessions with more instruction on how to use ancestry.com and familysearch.org. Attendees will also get a look into what is available in the Local History Room located within the Demmer library.

Registration is required because of limited space and can be done by calling the library at (715) 546-3391.

Women’s club to honor past presidents

The Three Lakes Women’s Club will honor its past presidents at a luncheon Wednesday, June 15, at the Black Forest Pub and Grill.

Social hour will begin at 11 a.m. followed by a luncheon at noon.

According to club member Collette Sorgel, the purpose of the luncheon is to offer thanks to all the past presidents of the Three Lakes Women’s Club as well as board and committee members over the years for their service to the club.

Paid reservations are required and due by June 10. To reserve a spot, contact the hostess listed first in the women’s club handbook.

Library to host program on senior scams

Scams aimed at older people have been a large problem, and to help combat that, Jeff Kersten, agency liaison for the Bureau of Consumer Protection within the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer

Protection, will provide a program at the Edward U. Demmer Library this month.

Kersten travels around the state to educate the public, businesses and law enforcement on the importance of privacy protection and data

security. He will speak at the library Friday, June 10, at 2 p.m. in the Maple Room to share information on the latest scams and frauds targeting seniors, as well as, tips for spotting these scams and how to keep individuals from

becoming a victim. Resource materials will be provided to attendees during the program.

For more information, contact the library at (715) 546-3391 or librarian@demmerlibrary.org.



MEMORIAL DAY VISITORS — World War II veteran Douglas Robertson, age 95, and his wife, Susan, from Appleton, have attended the Three Lakes Memorial Day ceremonies on numerous occasions. —Photo By Kerry Griegenow

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CITIZENS OF THE MONTH — Three Lakes announced its final Citizens of the Month for May during an assembly held June 2. Earning recognition are, front row from left, Lincoln Koch, first grade; Levi Bonack, kindergarten; Abigail Gensle, second grade;

and back row, Malakai Volkman, third grade; Grayce Lamon, fifth grade; Emma Eppler, sixth grade; Charles Olkowski, fourth grade; and Erica Stauffer, sixth grade.

—Photo By Jennifer West

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., JUNE 9

Paprika chicken
Baby red potatoes
Cauliflower
Raisin bread
Vanilla yogurt and berries

MON., JUNE 13

Loaded broccoli, potato and cheddar soup
Naked chicken breast strips
Mandarin oranges
Apple slices
Cookie

TUES., JUNE 14

Sloppy Joe
Roasted potatoes
Baked beans
Grape salad

WED., JUNE 15

Ham and scalloped potato casserole
Pacific-blend vegetables
Whole-wheat roll
Banana

Weekly concert series begins June 21 at park

The Concerts in the Park series put on by the Three Lakes Historical Society will begin Tuesday, June 21, with live music performed by the band Bogfoot out of Sugar Camp.

The concerts are held weekly on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Cy Williams Park gazebo. There is a rain location in the Three Lakes High School auditorium.

Concert-goers are invited to take along their chairs and a picnic meal to enjoy during

the show.

Other scheduled shows include One Voice, June 28; Santy & Son, July 5; Rhinelander Area Community Band, July 12; Woodland Strings of the North, July 19; and Flying Blind, July 26. Bret & Frisk will close out the series Aug. 3, with a special concert start time at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, (715) 546-2295 or visit facebook.com/threelakeshistory/events.

Pop-up carnival slated downtown June 10-12

The Oneida County Fair is hosting a pop-up carnival fundraiser in Three Lakes to kick-off the summer Friday through Sunday, June 10-12, at the former site of the Oneida Village Inn in downtown Three Lakes.

The carnival will feature rides, games, and carnival food stands. An adult beverage stand also will be available hosted by Oneida Village Inn Square.

The fair will be open Friday from 5 to 11 p.m., Satur-

day from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m.

The full Oneida County Fair is scheduled to be held July 28-31 in Rhinelander.

For more information, visit ocfairwi.com.



SPRING CLEAN UP — Members of Faith Lutheran Church in Three Lakes completed Highway 45 cleanup on May 15. Debby Carlson (foreground) is shown with other volunteers Linda and Roland Swanson (background). —Contributed Photo



BOOK COMPETITION — Three Lakes Elementary School held its Battle of the Books competition recently. Battle of the Books is a quiz-style competition where teams answer questions

about a list of books they were given at the start of the year. This year's winning team included, from left, Grace Mandli, Erica Stauffer and Emma Vestich. —Photo By Jennifer West

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NEW DIRECTOR — Shelly Knack will be the new Land O' Lakes Public Library Director after the retirement of interim director Stacey Adams in May. Knack said she's excited to be returning after

...serving six years as director at Presque Isle. Knack's first official day will be Monday, June 13. Welcoming Knack back to the library is board President Bob Hughes. —Photo By Bob Hughes



SUPPORTING VETERANS — For the third year in a row, Donna Barth and her staff at the Pine Cone Cafe in downtown Land O' Lakes, has invited veterans and auxiliary members from the Veteran's Center of Land O' Lakes to take part in an opportunity to raise money. The veterans and auxiliary members come to the cafe and meet and greet with cafe patrons, then clean up and bus their tables. In addition, the members hold a 50-50 raffle. In return for their labor, the members can collect donations and receive tips. Busy bussing tables are, from left, Karen Dowd, president of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and Kathy Hirvela, secretary. —Photo By Bob Hughes

Land O' Lakes Senior Dining
Love of Life Café
Gateway Lodge
Serving at 11:30 a.m.
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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.

TUES., JUNE 14 Lemon pepper chicken Roasted red potatoes Baked beans Whole-wheat bread Mandarin oranges	WED., JUNE 15 Meatloaf Mashed potatoes and gravy Tomato salad Whole-wheat bread Fruit fluff
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enced players are welcome, and instruction and loaner Mahjong tile sets will be available. Instructional books are also available to check out from the library.

Wisconsin mystery author Jeff Nania will visit the library for a book reading and presentation Thursday, June 23, at 1 p.m. The event is sponsored by Friends of Land O' Lakes Library.

Every Wednesday is Popcorn Day at the library. Patrons can stop by the library for hot, fresh, movie-style popcorn.

The Non-Fiction Book Club will meet Thursday, June 9, at 10:30 a.m. to discuss "The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing, and the Future of the Human Race" by Walter Isaacson. New members are welcome and in-person and virtual options will be available. Contact the library for information.

Upcoming books for both book clubs are available on the library's website calendar or by contacting the library.

Patrons can use the children's area, computers or fireplace, and a private workspace available by reservation.

The library is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wi-Fi is available at all times in the building and from the parking lot with no password required.

For more information, call (715) 547-6006, visit Facebook, or landolakeslibrary.org, or stop in at 4242 Highway B in Land O' Lakes.



A Memorial Day ceremony was recently held at Oak Hill Cemetery in Land O' Lakes. Members of the Honor Guard from the Land O' Lakes Veterans of Foreign Wars took part. Those participating are,

from left, Dan Swieczkowski, Honor Guard commander; Michelle Cruthoff; Terry McGinty; Mark Johnson; Jack James; Dick Owen; Paul Schultz; Tom Dowd; and Russ Diethert, padre. —Photo By Bob Hughes

Memorial Day celebrated in Land O' Lakes

Many people visit cemeteries and memorials on Memorial Day to honor and mourn those who gave their lives serving in the U.S. Military.

In Land O' Lakes, volun-

teers were out placing American flags on the graves of former military personnel in Oak Hill Cemetery for Memorial Day.

Land O' Lakes Veterans of Foreign Wars Command-

er Chris Cichy conducted the remembrance ceremony followed by volleys fired from the Honor Guard and the playing of "Taps."

According to organizers, this year's attendance which

consisted of both residents and visitors, was larger than normal.

The first national observance of Memorial Day was May 30, 1868. Then known as Decoration Day, the day was proclaimed by Commander in Chief John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, for the purpose of honoring Union soldiers who died in the Civil War. This national observance was preceded by many local ones between the end of the Civil War and Logan's declaration.



TOWN HALL CLEAN UP — Students from Northland Pines High School along with volunteers from the Land O' Lakes Planning and Beautification Committee recently spent several hours cleaning up and weeding areas around

Land O' Lakes Town Hall. Those who took part in the clean up are, from left, Ike McClellan, Mary LoMastro (committee volunteer), Wes McClellan and Clara McClellan. —Photo By Bob Hughes



LAST ACT — After 43 years of serving clients at the Headwaters State Bank, Jerry Oik on his final day of work donates \$1,000 to the Little League Baseball teams in Land O' Lakes. Oik's

father (Robert) was also a donor to baseball in Land O' Lakes. Taking part in the donation are Erin Doss and Oik. —Photo By Bob Hughes

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PHELPS POSITIVITY — Phelps students in grades 4K through fifth recently participated in a community positivity project where they created bookmarks and delivered them to their school library and

The Eleanor Ellis Public Library in Phelps. Carol Litchfield, library assistant, explains to students about the insertion of bookmarks into library books on the shelf. —Photo By Sharon Gifford

Summer concerts to begin June 15 at Lakefront Park

The Phelps Chamber of Commerce recently announced details for its Music on the Lake concert series which will begin Wednesday, June 15.

Different bands will perform on select Wednesdays from 6 to 9 p.m. (unless noted) at Lakefront Pines Park in downtown Phelps.

Bands include Unity the Band, Forrest Pike Music, Bret & Frisk, Rebel Jane, and Shirts & Skins.

A special Monday, July 4 concert will take place at 2:30 p.m. with the Forrest Pike Band, followed by Rebel Jane at 7 p.m.

The Summer Party will be held Friday, July 29 with the Chain Skimmers at 5:30 p.m. with Shirts & Skins performing at 6:30 p.m.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase at all events.

For more information visit phelpswi.us.

Registration now open for Phelps Twin Triathlon

The eighth annual Phelps Twin Triathlon will be held Saturday, Aug. 6, at 9 a.m. at Lakefront Pines Park in Phelps.

This year a new course will start and finish in Lakefront Pines Park. The race will include an 8K paddle on North Twin Lake, a 5K run through town and forest trails, and a 20K bike ride on the Conover-Phelps Trail.

Participants may choose to compete as an individual or as a relay team, in just one leg of the competition, or all three.

Registration for the triathlon is due by July 15 in order to guarantee a shirt. Check-in at registration on the day of the race, which begins at 8 a.m.

For more information or to register, visit phelpswi.us/twin-triathlon.



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The Eleanor Ellis Public Library will host a free presentation, Common Scams and Frauds and Identity Theft: Protect and Prevent, Wednesday, June 8, at 3 p.m. Jeff Kersten, agency liaison with the Bureau of Consumer Protection within the

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection will discuss the details of common scams, the warning signs of a scam, and what to do if someone falls victim to a scam or fraud.

Adult book bingo at the library has started. Patrons may get their bingo card and rules from the library or its website. To be entered in the prize drawings, patrons complete a bingo card. Each participant may enter twice. Two winners will receive a

Blizzard Blast 2022 coupon book, which is good through the end of the year, and has a savings of over \$2,500 on dining, lodging, shopping, services and recreation in the area. Drawings will be held July 8 and Aug. 5. Call for more information.

The 2022 Summer Reading Program is set to begin Monday, June 20 and run until Aug. 5. Call or stop by to register beginning Monday, June 13. Parents can also register their children at any time throughout the

reading program.

Children will earn reading incentives each week, including unlocking the bead treasure chest, earning books for Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, weekly prize drawings, craft projects and more.

The library will host a line-up of family programming each week, including presentations by Trees for Tomorrow; Concert in the Tent, Northwoods Ukers; Stories and S'mores around the Campfire, Laura Myska and more. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For information or to register, call Carol Litchfield, youth services coordinator at (715) 545-2887.

The first family program of the summer will be Friday, June 24, at 10:30 a.m. Trees for Tomorrow will present, Reptiles and Amphibians, and participants will make a floating turtle craft. Contact the library for more details and a schedule.

Story time with Laura Myszka will be held Tuesday, June 14, at 2 p.m. It is open to preschoolers and older. Participants receive a take-and-make craft kit, snack, and meet Elliott the Monkey mascot. Story time meets the second Tuesday of every month and can be found under youth programs at phelpspubliibrary.org.

The Next Chapter Book Club will meet Tuesday, June 14, at 6 p.m. The discussion will be about "The Mountain Between Us" by Charles Martin. Book choices and check out are on the library's website. Adults and new members are welcome.

Library hours are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesdays, 2 to 6 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Services available by calling the library include, delivery and pickup through Eleanor Ellis Homebound; no-contact pickup at all times via the outdoor locker system; wi-fi and digital at all hours; and Princh cloud-based, wireless printing. For more information, call (715) 545-2887, stop in at 4495 Town Hall Road in Phelps, or visit phelpspubliibrary.org or Facebook at Eleanor Ellis PL.

Chamber reports summer hours

The Phelps Chamber of Commerce recently announced its new summer hours which are now in effect.

The new hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Tuesdays, Thursdays and

Sundays, closed; and Saturdays, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Visitor guides and maps are available outside the chamber's office door 24-hours a day.

For more information, call (715) 545-3800.

Annual community-wide sale scheduled June 25

The annual Phelps community-wide "Rummage-A-Rama" will be held Saturday, June 25, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The cost to participate in the sale is \$15, which includes placement on the map. Entry forms may be picked up at the Phelps Con-

venience Center.

Payments should be made payable to "Phelps Rummage-A-Rama" and mailed to: Carole Selin, 4130 Deer-skin Road, Phelps, WI 54554. Payments must be received by Wednesday, June 15.

For more information, call (715) 545-3340.



VETERANS HONORED — A Memorial Day service to honor fallen soldiers was held at Phelps Cemetery with invocation and benediction read by Dr. Jenni Hanson. The Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Veterans Post 8400 of Land O' Lakes posted the colors, and the National Anthem was performed by Steve Dunphy. The ceremony was organized by Steve Waier, town board supervisor. As he read the list of the deceased, family members placed a flag at the grave marker (left). A memorial address was given by Rep. Rob Swearingen, and Tom McKale of the Milwaukee Fire and Police Bagpiper Group performed "Honor the Fallen" and "Amazing Grace" (above). The Phelps School band played "America the Beautiful" under the direction of Lisa Duquaine (below). —Photos By Sharon Gifford



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<p>MON., JUNE 13 Salisbury steak Mashed potatoes with gravy Peas Banana</p> <p>WED., JUNE 15 Ribs Baked potato</p>	<p>Carrots Fruit</p> <p>FRI., JUNE 17 Sausage pizza Salad Garlic bread Fruit</p>
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BOOK CREATION — Students in fourth and fifth grades at Phelps School, with teacher Abby Susor, researched, wrote and illustrated a new book titled "Dangerous Dinosaurs." Participating students are, front row from left, Payton Kanitz, Autumn Stevens, Brook Barnekow, Emma

Hafer, Bella Karvonen, Faryn Marchant and Mason Ramirez; and back row, Bella Marohl, Owie Ndlangamandla, Ryker Hafer, Emmy Jones, Serenity Robbins, Cody Andersen, Talon Carlson and Charlie Duquaine.

—Photo By Sharon Gifford

OUTDOORS

Turtle survival hits yet another major snag

AS IF the lowly turtles of Wisconsin didn't have enough survival issues with loss of habitat and death to traffic during the spring egg-laying season, now state officials are asking the public to help stop the illegal turtle trade.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced recently, for the first time, that poaching and wildlife trafficking has become a big problem and that turtles are especially vulnerable.

Terming it a "crisis close to home," officials said native terrestrial and freshwater turtles are being poached at unsustainable rates to supply the black-market pet trade.

"The soaring demand for turtles at home and abroad could be the downfall of ancient reptiles that outlasted the dinosaurs," the DNR stated.

Poaching turtles has a large-scale and pervasive conservation impact, they say, because turtles are long-lived and slow to reproduce. When people take turtles, they take reproductive potential out of wild populations that are already at risk.

The experts say at least 40 percent of the U.S. freshwater turtle and tortoise species are threatened with extinction.

The scribbler usually writes something every June reminding motorists to be on the lookout for turtles crossing roads, for the females often are forced to cross roads and highways to reach the native, higher nesting grounds they've used for centuries.

A year go, DNR biologists said death by getting run over by cars was the leading cause of the decline in Wisconsin turtle num-

bers. Now we can add poaching and widespread turtle trafficking to the list. It won't be easy and it won't be cheap.

Between May 2018 and December 2020, at least 11 turtle trafficking cases were prosecuted in the U.S. involving the confiscation of 11,892 turtles.

If that number doesn't get your attention, nothing will.

Many of the seized turtles were Species of Greatest Conservation Need, including spotted turtles, diamondback terrapins, wood turtles, bog turtles and Blanding's turtles.

The only way to stop poachers is increasing vigilance on the ground among law enforcement officials, biologists and the public at large. Public awareness of this issue should lead to more tips on the DNR's poaching hotline.

Confiscating turtles is a new and surprisingly expensive proposition, for they must be housed and cared for from 90 days to two years while awaiting final disposition of the cases.

DNR officials say it costs \$500 to \$650 per turtle annually for housing, vet care, disease screening and genetic screening. It will take several years for seized turtles to be returned to the wild, and some will never go back.

So I'm still going to encourage motorists to keep a watchful eye on the roads this month, especially near wetlands, rivers and any place you see a yellow turtle stencil on a roadway or turtle crossing sign.

An online program to report turtle sightings and crossings started in 2012 on the DNR's website. Since that time, people have provided more than 7,500 reports — with roughly half of those identifying turtle crossings.



The latest threat to sustainable turtle populations in Wisconsin is illegal turtle trafficking for pets, which is at crisis

levels. These ornate box turtles are the type of not-so-common turtles in demand. —Photo By WDNR

Of course it can happen to anyone on a given day, but there's really no excuse for running over a turtle during daylight hours.

These aren't deer jumping out in front of you or banging into your side panels. They move like turtles and should be easy to miss most of the time.

The bigger issue, the illegal turtle trade, has prompted a united front from law enforcement professionals, legal experts and researchers. They've joined forces to form the Collaborative to Combat the Illegal Trade in Turtles.

They say the key barriers to be addressed include closing regulatory loopholes, increasing deterrence through judicial penalties, soliciting foundation grants and

supporting law enforcement.

One shocker in the most recent report was that the illegal turtle trade "threatens national security."

"State and federal investigators have uncovered international turtle-smuggling rings with ties to organized crime, drug trafficking and child exploitation," they said. "Shutting down these schemes is a matter of public safety and security."

Turtle smuggling undermines the legal trade of turtles and is concealed by it.

"Investigators have caught individuals who are selling thousands of wild-caught animals advertised as 'captive-bred', and have exposed operations that use legally permitted turtle farms to launder wild turtles," the report said.

Turtles were already at risk because some species, like wood turtles, take 12 to 20 years to reach reproductive maturity. So the death of even one female turtle within a population can take a big toll.

If you want to protect a nest site where eggs were laid, place wire mesh material over the area and bury several inches on each side. Openings of three inches or slightly larger will allow hatchlings to exit the nest.

Turtles are a rare species of hard-shelled reptiles that have survived the test of time, much like the alligators and sturgeons.

Time to drive with care and keep a watchful eye out for poaching activity in your favorite haunts.

In the Outdoors

By Kurt Krueger



Wisconsin is home to 84,000 miles of rivers and streams, and kayakers such as those above on the Wisconsin River take full

advantage of the recreational abundance during summer. State park stickers can be purchased online. —Contributed Photo

State park, forest and trail passes available online from the DNR

As the summer season kicks off and outdoor recreation is underway, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds the public that 2022 annual vehicle admission stickers to the area's many forests, lakes and trail systems are available to purchase online.

Wisconsin is home to 49 state parks, 15 state forests,

44 state biking trails, 84,000 miles of rivers and streams, 15,000 lakes and hundreds of miles of Lake Michigan and Mississippi River shoreline.

For access to these state parks, a vehicle admission sticker is required on all motor vehicles. These stickers offer admission to all state parks and forests for the calendar year.

The 2022 vehicle admission stickers are valid through Dec. 31 and annual admission sticker rates range from \$13 - \$38.

Visitors must display an annual or daily admission sticker adhered to the vehicle as instructed on the sticker or show proof of purchase upon entrance.

Once the pass is purchased online, an email confirmation

as proof of purchase is provided for immediate use.

Visitors may print the email receipt and place it on the driver's side dashboard so that it can be read through the windshield. A vehicle sticker will be mailed following the online purchase.

To find a Wisconsin state park to explore or for more information on purchasing a pass, visit dnr.wi.gov.

Fishing with the Guides

By George Langley



Fishing action very good despite the cool temps

Despite a continuation of inconsistent weather, the fishing has been normal for this time of year. It does not look like we're going to get consistent weather this year so it will be interesting to see what the hottest part of the summer brings us. These cold nights are unusual for this time of year and it continues to be cold days for June, which is keeping water temperatures below normal. Despite that, the fish are doing their usual activities.

Walleye are done spawning and have traveled, for the most part, to the weeds. They have been active and even the females have started to bite in those weeds. Either weedless jigs tipped with minnows or light jigs have been working well. If you don't want to jig for them, slip bobbers will work well in the weeds. Other live bait is working at this point also, with jigs and crawlers producing action on many lakes. Some nice fish have been caught this week with the females recovered and starting to feed.

Bass are on their spawning beds now and doing their thing. The smallmouth beds can be seen along the shores and fished quite well with either fly rods or lighter tackle with small baits or leeches. These fish are great fun at this time of year for those of us who enjoy sight fishing for them. Their spawning areas are generally in gravel or sand along shorelines and they can locate in shallow areas. Largemouth prefer softer bottom areas with more cover and bullrush areas are great at this time of year. Largemouth will basically bite on anything that moves in their areas so surface, small twitch and all the live baits work very well. They'll stay in these shallow areas all summer.

Crappies are spawning now on most lakes and the bluegills will follow shortly, based on water temperatures. The action is great for both species. Look for shallow shoreline areas with some cover, like downed trees, brush, bogs or weeds for these fish. The crappies are hitting minnows or small plastics daily, but the 'gills prefer worms or waxies. Fishing for both of these fish is better in the evenings.

Muskie action, as usual, started a little slowly as these fish are still recovering from the spawn. Small shallow crankbaits like the No. 13 Rapalas can be very effective in this shallow water, but the most effective spring baits are smaller bucktails. The action will increase with size and numbers as they recover from their spawning activity.

It's a great time of the year for all fish. Get out there. Good luck and good fishin'.

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MUSKIE CHAL-LUNGE DONATION — The Nutty Squirrel bar and restaurant in Eagle River continued its annual support for Wounded Warriors in Action's (WWIA) Eagle River Muskie Chal-Lunge. Nutty Squirrel owner Dawn Olderman presents the donation to WWIA Guide

Colin Crawford. WWIA provides an all-expenses paid fishing adventure for combat wounded veterans from around the country. The eighth annual Muskie Chal-Lunge is scheduled to take place Sept. 22-25 on the Eagle River Chain of Lakes. —Contributed Photo

Visitors urged to protect forests with proper firewood handling

In an effort to protect local forests, the public is encouraged to do their part by not transporting firewood long distances.

With the beginning of the summer season, campfires are a Wisconsin summer staple and firewood is needed.

Even after a tree has died, firewood may carry pests or diseases, which can attack or infect other trees. To help prevent the spread of invasive species, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds campers and other forest visitors to obtain firewood near where they will use it.

Firewood from a different location can bring harmful

tree problems to a backyard or favorite campsite. Just one firewood log can easily hide insects such as emerald ash borer, spongy moth or the tiny spores of a tree-killing fungal disease such as oak wilt, according to DNR Invasive Forest Insects Program Coordinator Andrea Diss-Torrance.

By using local firewood, people can avoid moving pests to new places.

"Buying local firewood is one way that everyone can do their part to protect Wisconsin's forests. Remember to buy it where you burn it and don't move firewood," said Diss-Torrance.

To prevent the spread of emerald ash borer and other

invasive insects and diseases to Wisconsin state parks and other properties, visitors are prohibited from bringing firewood from locations further than 10 miles away from the property.

Treated, pest-free wood from state certified vendors is exempt from this regulation. However, all staffed state park and forest campgrounds have firewood available for sale. Hours of firewood sales vary by property.

To find local firewood, check Firewood Scout for a list of vendors near where a campfire is planned.

For more information on the risks of moving firewood, visit dnr.wi.gov.

Civilian Conservation Corps tributes scheduled June 21-22

The North Woods will experience two key events celebrating the famed Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) June 21 and 22 that are open to the public at no charge.

Upper Peninsula based author, filmmaker and songwriter Bill Jamerson will present a musical and storytelling program "Dollar a Day Boys" Songs of the CCC on Tuesday, June 21, at 1:30 p.m. at the Highway 70 West Sports Complex in Minocqua.

This hour-long program, sponsored by the Lakeland Area Genealogy Society and Minocqua Public Library, is free and open to the public. Attendees should bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

The event is being held in conjunction with the newly dedicated Camp Mercer CCC Interpretive Trail along the banks of the Manitowish River.

The CCC was a federal works program created by President Franklin Roosevelt in the heart of The Great Depression. From 1933 to 1941, ninety-two thousand young men worked in Wisconsin camps with an average of 46 camps in operation each year. The enrollees were paid \$1 a day with \$22 to \$25 sent home to support their families each month.

In his program, Jamerson will share stories about the

CCC, read excerpts from his novel and sing original songs with his guitar. He has performed at CCC reunions around the country and at dozens of CCC built national and state parks in over twenty states.

In Wisconsin, the CCC planted 265 million trees, built 483 bridges, erected over 4,000 miles of telephone lines, constructed 4,300 miles of roads and truck trails, stocked half a billion fish, fought forest fires, and built several state parks. CCC camps across northern Wisconsin reforested the Chequamegon and Nicolet National Forests. The camps revitalized Wisconsin's natural resources as well as helped to shape the modern national and state park systems.

There is a CCC Museum at Pioneer Park in Rhinelander and Historic Galloway House and Village in Fond Du Lac.

The Camp Mercer CCC Interpretive Trail will officially be opened on Wednesday, June 22, at 5 p.m. with a celebration at River's Edge Lodge and Outfitters in Manitowish Waters.

"Creating this trail on the original site of Camp Mercer has been a highly collaborative effort between the Department of Natural Resources, ICORE (International Confederation of Revolver Enthusi-

asts), the Mercer Public Library, Mecca Trails, the Pioneer Park CCC Museum, the Wisconsin Historical Society, the Forest History Association of Wisconsin, and the Manitowish Waters Historical Society." "We are looking forward to celebrating the rich and important history of Camp Mercer and the impact the camp had on our region through its many environmental and conservation projects," said Jim Bokern, Manitowish Waters Historical Society president.

Bokern will explore the trail prior to the celebration with attendees at the trailhead just north of the River's Edge at 4 p.m.

This celebration is free to the public and will include snacks and a cash bar.

For more information about the Dollar a Day Boys presentation, call the Minocqua Public Library at (715) 356-4437 or Judy at (715) 614-0928.

For additional information about the Camp Mercer Trail celebration, contact the Manitowish Waters Historical Society at mwhistory.org.



KEEPING IT REEL — Fishing is a favorite past time for people who live and visit the Eagle River area throughout the summer. This group

floated in the shallows near the T-Docks trying their luck on Memorial Day.

—Staff Photo By MICHELLE DREW

Safety classes offered in Oneida County

The Oneida County Sheriff's Office and the School District of Rhinelander Community Education Program are co-sponsoring Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) certified hunter, boater, and ATV safety courses in June.

Classes will be offered at the Oneida County Sheriff's office at 2000 E. Winnebago St. in Rhinelander.

The Hunter Safety classes will run June 20-23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Boater Safety will be June 20-21, from 2 to 6 p.m. and ATV Safety courses will take place June 22-23,

from 2 to 6 p.m.

Course objectives include reducing the potential for accidents, injuries, and fatalities and to promote safe, responsible and ethical use of the environment and our resources.

Classes are formatted for ages 12 and older, but all ages are welcome.

Michael Baran from the Oneida County Sheriff's Office will be instructing the classes.

Cost is \$10 per person, per class and should be paid with cash or check at the first class. Students are required

to obtain a DNR customer identification number for this class. If the student does not already have one, contact the DNR at (888) 936-7463 to obtain this number prior to registering.

Registration is required and space is limited. To register, visit the community education classes section of the school district of Rhinelander website at rhinelander.k12.wi.us.

For more information, contact Mike Cheslock at (715) 365-9745 or email cheslmik@rhinelander.k12.wi.us.

Wisconsin River cleanup slated June 18 in Conover

Rohr's Wilderness Tours will host a river cleaning outing on the Wisconsin River Saturday, June 18.

Since 1992, when Marcia Rohr first paddled the Wisconsin River while seeking a place to move her outfitting business, she has worked to keep the river a lively and beautiful place for paddlers to enjoy.

"The river was overgrown with tag alders, downed trees and beaver dams, but we realized that this was a great river in disguise that just needed some loving care," she said. "Since then, we have been the steward of the river, bringing joy to countless paddlers of all ages, thus promoting tourism in Vilas County."

Now about to turn 72 years old, Rohr is asking for the community to help her continue to care for the stretch of river.

Those interested in participating should meet at Rohr's campground at 9 a.m. Those who have their own boats

should take them along, otherwise boats and shuttles will be provided at the campground. The Headwaters start at Lac Vieux Desert and travel about 40 miles to Watersmeet Lake.

For more information or to sign up to help with the cleanup, contact Rohr's Wilderness Tours at (715) 547-3639 or info@rwtcanoe.com. Rohr's is located at 5230 Razorback Road in Conover.

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Our View

Rotary Square will require public input and support

The first phase of the Rotary Square community project in downtown Eagle River, completed in the past week, included the installation of AstroTurf and seating at the corner of First and Wall streets.

The revitalization project on a vacant city-owned lot has been formally named Rotary Square because it was the vision and generosity of longtime Rotarian Carol Hendricks of Eagle River who got the ball rolling with a \$125,000 donation.

That prompted an anonymous \$25,000 donation from another local Rotarian and a \$50,000 commitment from the Eagle River Rotary Club Foundation, as the club strives to raise the \$400,000 plus that will likely be necessary for project completion.

The Eagle River City Council approved the club's request to name the project Rotary Square because the club is spearheading the fundraising and also working as general contractor in coordination with the Eagle River Revitalization Program (ERRP).

Hats off to ERRP executive director Karen Margelofsky for spearheading much of the organizational work to date, including meetings, scheduling, bid solicitation and coordination of in-kind donations that helped boost the Phase One work last week.

There is also a community task force that includes downtown business owners and other volunteers, so an incredible amount of collaboration has been needed to keep the complex project on course.

Phase One consisted of landscaping improvements on the front half of the corner lot. Full plans included providing a pavilion with four public bathrooms, a food-service station for local organizations to use and a covered seating area outside.

We agree that its appropriate to name this project Rotary Square, for the Rotary Club of Eagle River has accomplished some major revitalization projects in recent decades that aren't always obvious to the public.

The club and its nonprofit foundation have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars and committed hands-on labor to revitalize the Railroad Depot and revamp Silver Lake Beach on two different occasions. They've given huge financial support to dozens of other projects, including public restrooms in Riverview Park, multiple bike and pedestrian trails, Save The Dome, tennis court improvements, Eagle River Historical Society and many others.

Project completion will require a lot more than just Rotary work, for public contributions and in-kind donations of labor and materials will be a big part of what may end up being a half a million dollar improvement to Eagle River's downtown.

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.

Attacks on the court are dangerous

ONE WAY TO damage the reputation of the U.S. Supreme Court would be to bend to the politics and passions of the day in the way progressives are suggesting. We need to determine what makes the court legitimate in our constitutional system.

Vocal critics like Sen. Elizabeth Warren have made headlines by disputing "the legitimacy of every action the current court has taken." Several months ago, Congressman Hakeem Jeffries, chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, claimed that the Supreme Court majority has zero legitimacy.

This discussion has become a national embarrassment. We should be working to build up the court's legitimacy, not question it. When these high-profile partisans put the court's legitimacy in doubt and make extraordinary demands, even "court-packing", that needs to be questioned and

People Make the Difference

By Byron McNutt



those people need to be held accountable.

It's sad when politicians use their bully pulpit to degrade the integrity of the court. What's their motivation? We need to trust our top federal judges to behave professionally. It's bad enough to watch the U.S. Congress lose the respect of the American people.

Critics argue that the court's justices insufficiently reflect America's political opinions or demographics; and they are open to any and all efforts to restructure the court to better fit their own partisan pleasure.

Adam White, who served on President Joe Biden's

Commission on the Supreme Court, recently wrote "The Constitution's authors understood that the Supreme Court would be a profound part of self-government, upholding the rule of law in the face of political opposition, sometimes even the opposition of political majorities."

"The court would need to maintain its legitimacy in the eyes of the people; not playing to their political preferences, but by justifying legal constraints on those preferences, not by acting like a legislature, but by emphasizing the differences between a legislature and court." In 2019, as progressive

activists began to advocate court-packing, the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg warned that if anything would make the court appear partisan, it would be court-packing. Justice Stephen Breyer's latest book is, above all, a plea to those on the left to resist their reflexive instincts to pack the court.

The current court has a conservative lean by a margin of 6-3. With Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson set to replace Justice Breyer, the court will remain the same. Based on her published views, Judge Jackson shares Breyer's belief that court-packing would be constitutionally ruinous.

IN MORE peaceful times, President Biden, Boris Johnson and Xi Jinping were arguing about "Who's in charge of the world? Is it the United States, Great Britain or China?" Without any

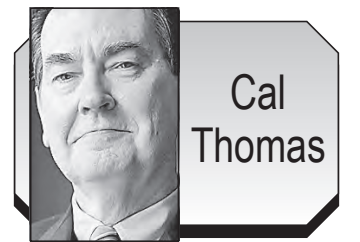
To McNUTT, Pg. 15B



Boaters here to enjoy Chain

The Eagle River Chain of Lakes is always a busy place during Memorial Day weekend, the unofficial kickoff of the summer season in the North Woods. Whether heading out for a fishing outing or just leisurely cruising the chain, the wake of boats splashes against the shores all weekend long.

—Staff Photo By MICHELLE DREW



Texas shooting: several-level failure

THERE ARE NO adjectives that can accurately describe the gruesome act committed by 18-year-old Salvador Ramos at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. He killed 19 children and two teachers. Evil is about as close as it gets.

President Joe Biden and some fellow Democrats predictably called for more gun control laws without explaining why current laws are not obeyed by people intent on breaking them.

Texas Democratic State Sens. John Whitmire and Roland Gutierrez said Ramos had legally purchased one of the assault rifles from a federally licensed gun store May 17, one day after he turned 18. The following day, reported the Houston Chronicle, he purchased 375 rounds of ammunition. Then, May 20, he reportedly bought his second assault rifle.

At a news conference, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said Ramos posted on Facebook his intention to shoot his grandmother, posted again after he shot her and then, posted he was going to shoot up an elementary school. Why did no one contact the police?

The most important question is "Could this tragedy have been prevented?"

The initial narrative of a quick law enforcement response is now in question. The Associated Press reported police waited outside the school for at least 40 minutes and perhaps, one hour, while parents and onlookers urged them to do something. Authorities said Ramos lingered outside the school building firing shots for 12 minutes before going inside. That should have been enough time for the police to stop him.

Before the shooting, Ramos tagged a Los Angeles, Calif., girl on Instagram, hinting at his intentions. The girl said she had never

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The dogs I have known

I HAVE BEEN very fortunate to have had several good dogs wander through my life. Most of them were around for at least 10 years; three of them, including Molly, our current "golden wonder dog," for 14 years.

Some of the dogs were great hunters, while others were mediocre. All were loved and cared for as much as any dog ever has been.

Pup, a springer spaniel was the first. He was actually on the scene sooner than I was. He left me and my family in 1957, but I still have warm memories of him.

Next, was the best hunting dog I've ever been partnered with. Named after a president, Ike was born in 1956, five years before I was old enough to get my first hunting license.

Perhaps because my dad trained him rather than me, he was a fantastic hunting dog. There really isn't any perhaps about it. My dog



Trails & Tales
By Will Maines

training skills, from the time I got my own first dog, have found me to be sorely lacking. Truth be known, my training skills have been about on a par with my wing shooting skills, which any of the "yahoos" who have hunted with me during the past 60 years will tell you have always been sorely lacking.

Still, when I did get the first hunting dog of my own, a springer spaniel whelped in tiny Rio, I did my best to train him with copies of "Water Dog" and "Gun Dog" by trainer Richard Wolters at my side.

Cane, as in Canebrake Carouser, wasn't near the category of excellent by any

means, but during his first autumn, he did prove to be in possession of an excellent nose. During the three years I had him, we did better on partridges than I ever had since Ike died when I was 19.

He also showed some smarts when it came to retrieving ducks, but during his second year, something went haywire. He got as excited as ever about going hunting, but suddenly, out of the blue, he became gun shy. Why? I don't know.

What I do know is that he worked his tail off quartering ground for partridges, but when the first shot was fired, he was off and running back to the car.

A year later, I gave up on him and got a second springer. He was an excellent bird dog but with one silly quirk. He would work like a pro finding birds and never showed any shyness when the gun went off, but he

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OPINION/COMMENTARY

Thanks to Sno-Eagles club

Dear Editor:

On behalf of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and the Weekend Backpack Program, we would like to publicly express our gratitude to the Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club for their recent generous donation.

This \$1,000 donation is significant and will fund approximately two weeks of food for the program. The Weekend Backpack Program serves 100-plus kids on a weekly basis in the Northland Pines and Phelps school districts.

For the 2022-'23 school year, we expect our food expenses to approach \$25,000 so this donation and

support will 100% be used to help local school children. The Sno-Eagles is a difference maker to the community and the Weekend Backpack Program.

For over 50 years, the Sno-Eagles have served Eagle River with distinction and this donation is a tremendous example. We are grateful to past president Rusty Wolf, current president Keith Nettesheim and the entire membership for their support of this program.

Sandy Bishop
Weekend Backpack
Program coordinator,
Prince of Peace Lutheran
Church
Eagle River

Some towns asked again to compromise, allow ATVs

Letter to the Editor:

While attending the ATV Subcommittee meeting in Winchester on May 23 as a member of the audience, I heard many statements that I would like to address. In the interest of brevity, I'll respond to only one.

First and foremost, those who oppose allowing ATVs in the last Vilas County towns where they are not allowed were advised, that we are telling our ATving friends and

neighbors that "There is no room for compromise and that they should move."

Yes, I consider everyone in the area my neighbor and although I don't know most ATV proponents well enough to call them my friends, I try to respect everyone. They just have different values than I do. I did talk briefly after the meeting with Rich Hajt to tell him that I admire the effort he is putting into his cause. I

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McNutt

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conclusion, they turned to Narendra Modi, the prime minister of India, and asked him to weigh in.

Modi replied "All I know is an Indian is CEO of Google, Microsoft, NetApp, Mastercard, DBS, Novartis, Diageo, SanDisk, Harman,

Micron, Palo Alto Networks, Reckitt and IBM.

"Britain's chancellor is an Indian, Britain's home secretary is an Indian and the following are Indian: Ireland's prime minister, Suriname's president, Guyana's president, the mayor of London and America's Vice President Kamala Harris' mother was Indian."

So who's running the world?

Thomas

FROM PAGE 14B

met him. Why didn't she contact authorities? News reports quoted her as afraid, but after the shooting, she regretted not doing so.

Ramos had taken a picture of two AR-15 style weapons he purchased and posted it on social media. One can support the Second Amendment and still favor bans on weapons of war. There should, at a minimum, be a waiting period, full background check, mental evaluation and look into instances of antisocial and erratic behavior and family structure.

The Uvalde school district's website said it has proponents to curb and/or eliminate elements of violence, vandalism, disruptions and fear in its schools to provide a safe and secure environment for all.

Clearly that failed. At a news conference it was reported that Ramos was allowed to enter Robb Elementary without opposition, contradicting earlier reports that Uvalde police officers "engaged" the killer.

The website said proponents consist of four officers, including two within the school district; security staff that patrols door entrances and parking lots at secondary campuses; canine detection services, modern detectors and alarm systems; perimeter fencing at Robb and other schools and outside buzz-in systems; security cameras, a locked classroom door policy; and a threat reporting

system.

That sounds good, but investigators, parents and relatives will want to know which, if any of these, were not operative or malfunctioned.

Parents have a right to expect schools to protect their children from harm. It wasn't that long ago when parents could send their children off to school, expecting them to return safely. Schools, then, were considered as safe as one's home. Faculty and staff saw it as their duty to protect students from injury. Even running in the hallway could require a child to stay after school as punishment or meet with the principal.

Today, it appears homeschooling can guarantee a safe environment for children. While some people in Uvalde and elsewhere may select that option, most won't or are unable to for various reasons.

Each time one of these evil acts occurs, we hear from politicians that we can't go on like this. OK, then tell us how to stop it. Laws alone have not succeeded. Again, examining prospective purchasers more closely might help, along with waiting periods and more rigorous background checks.

There also is a moral element to this and other school shootings which should not be overlooked. Preachers, take note.

Readers may email Cal Thomas at tcaeditors@tribpub.com. His new book is "America's Expiration Date: The Fall of Empires and Superpowers and the Future of the United States."

Maines

FROM PAGE 14B

absolutely refused to retrieve partridges.

To make up for it, he would find dead birds and stand by them until I came to pick them up. Better yet, at least a dozen times I can remember, he chased down winged birds, killed them with a bite to the head and then, came back to me to lead me to the bird.

He was, however, an excellent duck retriever. As many as I knocked down, no matter how cold the water or how thick the cattails, he got to them and brought them all back to me.

Snuffy, my next dog, was

9 months old when he came home with me from his original parents in Iron River, Mich. Snuffy loved to hunt partridges and had an excellent nose for finding them, but once he flushed a bird, he had no further use for it. He would merely look at me with a smile on his face as if to say "Well boss, that was fun, let's go find another one."

He would swim right to a downed duck at the speed of lightning, but upon reaching it, would sniff and bump it around a bit and turn around to look at me, plainly saying, "You want this goofy bird, you come get it yourself."

Snuffy, too, was forgiven his hunting shortcomings by becoming a genuine rock star at the sports shop and pellet stove store where I worked

for most of his life.

People, residents and visitors of North Wisconsin alike, would come to the store from far and near, oftentimes not to buy anything, but just to see and play with Snuffy; perhaps the largest and most handsome golden retriever ever born.

Molly, our 14-year-old golden has never pretended to be a hunter, though she has always loved to roam the woods with me, flushing partridges, but not caring one bit what they were. She doesn't give ducks the time of day.

Gordie, our 5-year-old yellow lab, started out like a world beater of a duck hunter, but over the past couple years, has decided on several occasions to tell me to "Go retrieve your own d--- duck.

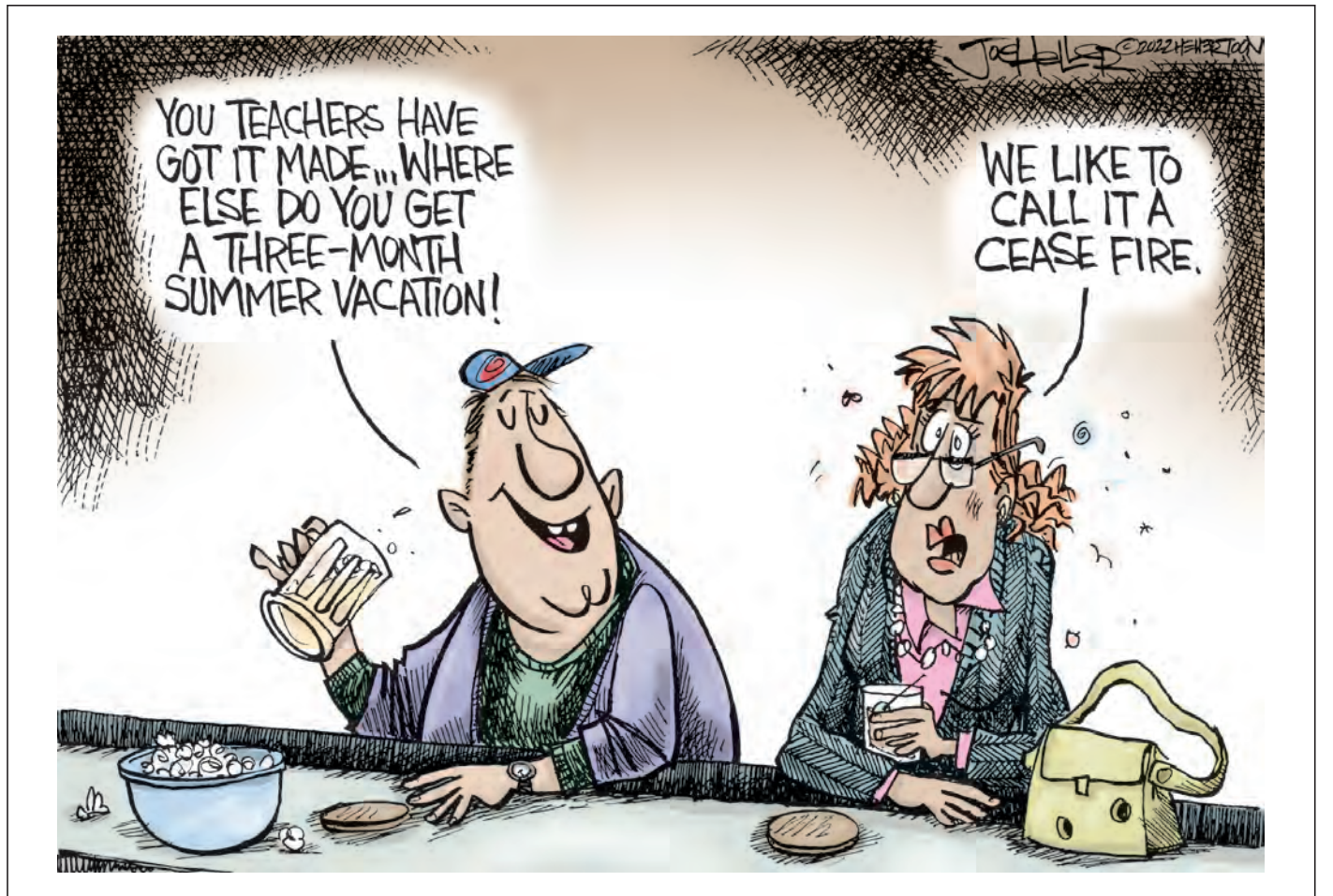
You shot it, you retrieve it."

My wife and I have loved all our dogs, Gordie as much as any of them and right now, he is getting all the love a million people could give him. Last week, he got very sick. A trip to our vet ended with a verdict of blasto.

Little by little, over the past week, drugs, love and prayers to God have given us signs of recovery. Each day has seen at least a minimal amount of improvement.

We know this will be a months-long road to recovery, but we know we'll hang in there and so will Gordie. My goal is to have him with me in North Dakota again this fall. Until then, it will be one day at a time.

Every day with him is a good day.



Ignoring wishes of lake residents must be questioned at St. Germain meetings

Letter to the Editor:

As the summer came to a close last year, the lake associations of St. Germain were directed by the town board's Lake Committee to poll their residents as to whether they would like to take advantage of a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) program that would assist their community in establishing their own law enforcement patrol on their lakes.

The lakes — Alma, Moon, Little Saint, Big Saint, Lost, and Found — complied. Apart from the two much smaller lakes of Alma and Moon, all of the rest of the lakes voted with an overwhelmingly majority voting against pursuing the program. Little St. Germain

voted unanimously against, Lost Lake was 45-5 against. The others, although close, were all against having a law enforcement presence on their respective lakes.

As I attended the Little Saint meeting, I can say there was considerable debate, for and against, but it was unanimously voted down.

The largest concerns were the unanticipated significant costs above what the DNR offered, that the reimbursement program only lasted four years, that the program required a large quota of monetary fines or tickets be issued just to qualify for the DNR funding, and that issuing such a large amount of expensive fines would discourage renters and guests from returning to our area.

With such a clear majority of residents against the program one would think the issue would be put to rest. Amazingly, however, our town board's Lake Committee, led by town supervisor Ted Ritter, has decided to continue pursuing the program for implementation in 2023.

How could that possibly be justified? Well, a quick look at the committee's last minutes may provide a hint. First, only the much smaller lakes of Alma and Moon voting in the affirmative were mentioned, and Little Saint's "survey" was said to be "not turned in."

To be clear, each and every lake has a representative on the committee and can thusly report their individual

findings, but were somehow ignored. Secondly, it was also mentioned that there has been a rise in complaints on the lake but a quick polling of the lake association's board members say that is not the case; and on Little Saint in particular there were virtually none noted by a long term member and last year's president.

As noted on the town board's website, St. Germain's Lakes Committee was formed in 2004 to assist and advise the individual lakes who have invasive species (weed) concerns. Certainly it couldn't have been envisioned to be pushing to buy patrol boats and training law enforcement officers to issue

To WISHES, Pg. 16B

Tide has turned regarding Rustic Road management

Dear Editor:

I wrote a letter to the editor two weeks ago regarding the plight of Vilas County's only Rustic Road, Highway K.

Troy Schalinke, Vilas County Highway commissioner, had met with community members in April to explain why the county was being so aggressive with brushing on County K, and subsequently shared his repavement plan to be scheduled for 2024-'25. His plan included expanding the pavement by 6 feet, creating a 10-foot tree-free zone on each side of the road, and cutting trees and branches down well into the right of way to eliminate the tree tunnel/ canopy that has made the road so famous.

Members of Save Our Rustic Road attended the highway department meeting on May 17 in which they conveyed their concerns to the

Highway Department Committee. Specifically, Save Our Rustic Road board members were requesting that residents become part of the process in which the road is managed. If you read my last letter, you know that the county was less than welcoming.

The purpose of this letter is much different than my initial letter, as the tide has turned.

Last week, we were invited to join the highway department on May 26 for a meeting in which several county supervisors, forestry personnel from the state and DNR, as well as Mr. Fetterly, the co-chair of Wisconsin's Rustic Road Committee were in attendance. Now, I am writing this letter to complement the county and highway department for their willingness to work with Save Our Rustic Road members.

Troy Schalinke is truly

an honorable manager and is doing his best to do a good job for the county. Likewise, county supervisors in attendance were very amenable to working with the community. In fact, during the meeting, they indicated that, although there would be some trimming necessary, that they did not intend to create a 10-foot tree-free zone or eliminate the tree tunnel/canopy. In addition, they stated that they were negotiable regarding the expansion of the pavement.

Members of Save Our Rustic Road are now working together to create two committees: A Maintenance and Vegetation Management Committee to work with the highway department on an on-going basis, and a Bike Trail Committee that will research bike trail options that go through state land and utilize old railroad grades. Save Our Rustic Road's members

believe that expanding the road will not make it safer, but rather embolden people to drive faster. Removing bicycles from the formula by providing a separate bike trail would ultimately be safer for cars and bicycles alike.

By definition, the State of Wisconsin Rustic Road Articles state that "Road improvements shall be kept as narrow as possible to retain the rustic charm of the road as well as keeping the driver's speed lower" §1.09 In addition, the guidelines state that "Improvements shall be kept to a minimum to avoid disturbance of vegetation. . ." §1.08.

Board members of Save Our Rustic Road are cautiously optimistic and grateful that the county is willing to work with the community.

Thank you Troy Schalinke, Willy Otterpohl and gang.
Libby Scott
Star Lake

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READER OPINION



KNIGHTS GRADUATE — Phelps School District graduated five seniors May 28. The welcome address was given by Abygail Wenberg; graduate address was given by class valedictorian Taliea Doppke; commencement address given by teacher Rachel Smith; and introduction of class and award of diplomas by Jason Pertile. The class color was green, class flower a white rose, and class motto "Go with the flow." The kindergarten Class of 2034 from Phelps School also recently graduated under the direction of Leslie Miles. Miles gave the welcome and the commencement addresses, as well as the graduation certificates. Lisa Duquaine shared a video of memories and led them in two songs.
Above: Graduated Class of 2022 seniors are, from left, Nick Allison, Jenna Gray, Doppke, Wenberg; and Darren Wittchow, class salutatorian.
Right: Wenberg celebrates her accomplishment with a hug.
Below: Class of 2034 graduates are, from left, Colton Riemer, Dayvane Horst-Terry, Charlie Merkel, Mia Racine and Logan Ekdahl.

—Photos By Sharon Gifford



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also told him that I hope he fails and why I feel that way.

Secondly, ATV riding has never been allowed on public property in the towns in question (unless you are disabled), so if a person wants the new privilege of being able to ride their ATV from their front door, they will have to move. Contrast that with the many people who have moved to these towns specifically because ATVs are not allowed here. You are telling those friends and neighbors that they will have to move in order to allow that new privilege to a minority of town residents (as shown by the surveys). Then tell me where they can move where ATVs are not allowed.

Third, no one who wants to ride their ATV to Iron or Gogebic County is prevented from doing so. All they have to do if they live in one of the towns is put their ATV on a trailer and drive to an ATV route or trail. In fact, if the objectives of the subcommittee are met, virtually all ATVers will have to do this since one of the stated objectives is to have only one path for ATVs going north and west, and that those would avoid going past homes.

Fourth, the 2004 referendum said, by a 2-1 margin, that the Vilas County electors were opposed to allowing ATVs on any county property. The pro-serenity majority then compromised by allowing ATVs if the town board made such a request. One by one town boards voted in favor of ATVs under intense pressure from the pro-ATV crowd (and often against the wishes of the majority of residents). Today, there are only a few towns left which, as desired by their majorities, have not asked to allow ATV use. Those towns are being asked to compromise once

again by allowing "just two paths" through territories.

If that is to happen, what are the odds that they will be asked to just be reasonable and make (another) compromise? Subcommittee member Lee Hoffmann has submitted maps which show ATV trails and routes all over the town of Boulder Junction. When asked, he replied that he would be satisfied for now with less, but the maps showed the result he would expect ultimately.

Steve Halverson
Boulder Junction

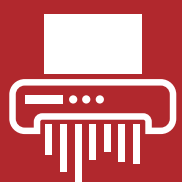
Wishes

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finest and even arrest (the cover sheet for the program actually is a picture of handcuffs) our guests and renters. Guests and renters who just happen to be supporting our local economy while they are enjoying our lakes.

So, is this all just an unintended overreach, or does the Lakes Committee and its chairman consider themselves to be a governing body rather than simply a helpful advisory committee? Rumors aside, the motivations to blatantly ignore the wishes and desires of our residents remain unclear, but need to be questioned at our next town board and Lakes Committee meetings, June 13 at 6:30 p.m. and June 16, at 10 a.m., respectively.

Joe Domenico
Concerned resident on
Little St. Germain Lake



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