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**SUMMER SHOW** — Wisconsin's North Woods, teaming with lakes and forests, offers some of the country's best natural scenery. An abundance of wildlife, including the state's highest population of eagles, ospreys and loons, are a big part of the scenic draw.

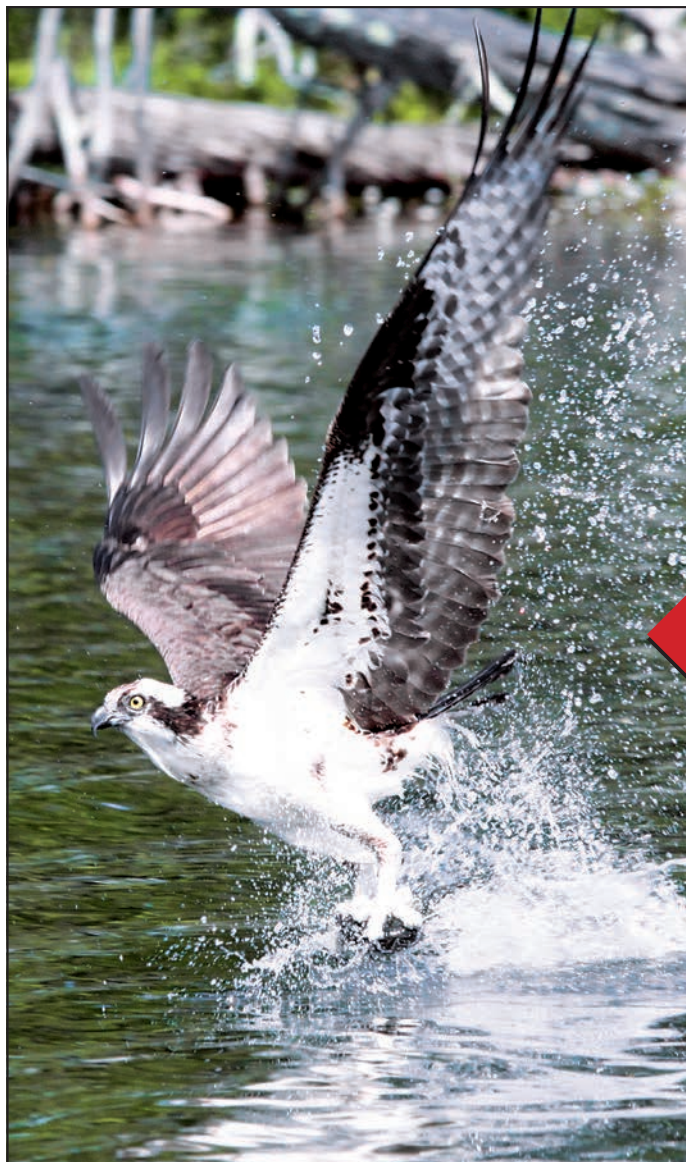
**Top:** An American bald eagle peers at the photographer while perched in a white pine, eating a fish.

**Right:** An osprey, also known as the fish hawk, grabs a fish from the water's surface.

**Bottom:** A whitetail doe and fawn found an unusual place for some afternoon nursing. By drinking only mother's milk, fawns double their weight in the first two weeks of life.

**Below:** A blue heron hides in vegetation as boats pass its feeding area in a marshy lake channel.

—Staff Photos By KURT KRUEGER



**Fundraising set Aug. 1-31 to support FORK programs**

BY NEWS-REVIEW STAFF

Feed Our Rural Kids Inc. (FORK) has announced the kickoff of its third annual Cash For Kids fundraiser on Aug. 1.

"Once again, the program will be a collaborative effort of all Eagle River financial institutions in support of FORK's mission," said Cash For Kids Chairperson Lexi Scafaro. "Working together, Eagle River's financial institutions can help to raise the funds needed to underwrite FORK's five nutritional support programs."

The Cash For Kids fundraiser runs Aug. 1-31 and provides critical financial support to five local programs, FORK Cares, Meals Now, Jump Start, the Formula Support Program, and the Children's Pantry which offers six locations: Eagle River, Land O' Lakes, St. Germain, and Phelps elementary school buildings, Conover Town Hall, and the Plum Lake Public Library.

More information may be found at [feedourruralkids.org](http://feedourruralkids.org). "This year we hope to fund one-quarter of FORK's annu-

al budget by raising \$25,000," Scafaro said. "That means each financial institution has an individual goal to raise the monetary equivalent of 1,000 meals, or \$3,550 per location."

Individuals may donate to this effort at Nicolet National Bank, Associated Bank, Ripco Credit Union, People's State Bank, Incredible Bank, Great North Bank, and BMO Harris Bank.

Donations can also be made online at [feedourruralkids.org/cashforkids](http://feedourruralkids.org/cashforkids), or checks can be mailed to: Cash For Kids, 4887 Echo Ridge Dr., Eagle River, WI 54521.

"We are grateful to the Eagle River financial institutions for standing with FORK to help us feed kids," Scafaro said. "We thank the community for their support of FORK's mission, and sincerely hope that they join with others in their support of the third annual Cash For Kids fundraiser."

Feed Our Rural Kids is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

**Carrie Schalinske named new St. Germain chamber director**

Board officials at the St. Germain Chamber of Commerce have named Carrie Schalinske as the new executive director.

Schalinske will begin her new position Monday, Aug. 1, to fill the vacancy left when Penny Strom resigned in June.

She brings marketing skills and prior work experience with Vilas County Tourism and the Sawyer-Star Lake Chamber of Commerce to her new position.

"The chamber is looking forward to the coming year as Carrie and Shelby work together as a team to continue moving St. Germain forward

as a great place to live, work and vacation," said Phyllis O'Brien, chamber president.

Other staff changes at the chamber include Shelby Szott, former administrative coordinator, who was promoted to assistant executive director at the chamber.

"We would like to thank Shelby for all she has done for the chamber and especially for the last couple of months," said O'Brien. "We would not have been able to keep things running smoothly without her help."

For more information, visit [st-germain.com](http://st-germain.com).

**Blues, Memphis-style BBQ coming to North Saturday**

ST. GERMAIN — Saturday will be a day of live music and smoked meats at the St. Germain Community Park pavilion.

The 23rd annual Northwoods Blues Fest, formerly called Joe Bucher's Blues Fest, is coming July 30 with music from noon to 9 p.m. Hosted and originated by Hall of Fame angler and TV fishing celebrity Joe Bucher, this multifaceted event features nonstop rock blues along with authentic Memphis-style smoked barbecue ribs and pork butts.

There also will be a silent auction of unique fishing tackle, sports memorabilia, prints, paintings, carvings and North Woods art.

After the 2020 event was shut down due to Covid, Joe Bucher's Blues Fest transitioned to Northwoods Blues Fest. Bucher recently retired and moved out of the area, but vowed to remain a part of this event, including retaining a corporate sponsorship as well as continuing to headline the music show with his award-winning blues band,

The TopRaiders.

Gates open at noon with a full barbecue menu along with music by Johnny T-Bird & The MPs. The Mighty Ms. Erica and The Sound Production band will hit the stage at 3 p.m. The TopRaiders will rock the house at 6 p.m.

"The event is all about having a great time, listening to some awesome music and eating some incredible southern-style barbecue while raising money to fund Northland Pines youth sports and scholarship program," said organizer Tony Duffek. "The community really comes together for this event, including parents, teachers, coaches and alumni."

The event is staffed and run by parents, teachers, coaches and volunteers. Corporate sponsors and local businesses provide another level of funding to underwrite the various costs of putting on the event.

Tickets cost \$13 in advance and \$15 at the door and may be purchased at Trig's and the WRJO radio studio, both in Eagle River.