



## KAREN'S KORNER

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### Read on...

Since we're in the spring that wasn't, I've been taking my solace where I can find it. That means books, books and more books.

I subscribe to this little catalog called Bas Bleu. I delve through it with all the intensity of a scientist who is looking for the cure for the common cold. Oh no, not to buy, but to order from the local library, either from the stacks of the area Indianhead System libraries, or further afield through WISCAT, which of course sounds like a kitty's name to my occasionally whimsical brain.

Even without Bas Bleu there are plenty of mate-

rials at our local library. I'm a browser to some extent because I don't have a favorite author or genre.

My favorite book was written by Harper Lee and she only penned one other that was published in quite an underhanded fashion after her sister Alice's death. So I don't have volume after volume of any other Harper Lee stuff to read.

C.J. Box is good. I've read the whole "Joe Pickett" series to date as well as a few of his stand-alone novels.

Robert Parker's

westerns, especially the "Virgil Cole" and "Everett Hitch" series are my favorite characters. Ever since Parker's death, author Robert Knott has taken up the pen, but not anything lately.

Crime solving caterers were in vogue for a bit and so I ate through the "Faith Fairchild" series by Katherine Hall

Page, and the "Goldy Bear" mystery series by Diane Mott Davidson. Yes, I am a fan of cozies.

I am forever in World War II mode. "The Nightingale," "All the Light we Cannot See," "The Last Train to London." I find that era fascinating, especially the stories of the women who worked behind the scenes in the French

Resistance and other areas trying to get people and especially kiddos to safety.

Recently I've had some fun with authors Agatha Raisin and Hamish Macbeth, who are brainchildren of author M.C. Beaton. Novels set in the UK have a special appeal and that's where these take place. There's mystery and intrigue as well as a bit of romance and descriptions of tiny hamlets scattered about England and Scotland. Just yesterday, I read "1979," the first of author Val McDermid's "Allie Burns" series. It had to do with junior newspaper writers in Scotland, looking for a big story and finding not one, not two, but three. A bit of murder and a dash of the IRA made it quite the swashbuckler with some rather ancient history. I was a teenager in the 1970's, yes, so ancient. It

is fun to read stuff where the protagonist has to use a call box (telephone booth to us) since the story takes place before the advent of cell phones and such. I wonder what my grandkids would make of that?

In any case I usually sit in the chair nearest the bow bay window in our living room as I'm reading. That way I can gauge the wind direction by the flapping of the flag in the yard and watch the snow melt, then reappear.

I am tempted to start the yard cleanup between the two snow banks that are all that remains unmelted. The lack of seasonal definition is a pain in the arse (too much Scots reading, sorry) because what usually happens is immediate summer — as in 80 degree weather just as we've stowed our longjohns away. Oye.



## PARK FALLS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

BY TERRY WILSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

From all of us at the Park Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, we would like to say thank you to our sponsors, and those who contributed either their time or donations to make our annual Easter Egg-stravaganza a huge success!

There were more than 180 baskets that were given to children and over 300 people were in attendance. We all came together and made this past Easter weekend a memorable and joyous event.

Thank you to AC Carpet, Associated Bank, B&B Insurance, Chequamegon School District, Family Worship Center, Forward Bank, Hilgart Realty, Joe's Auto Glass, Kay-

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With the feedback we received and from taking notes, we are hoping to make next year's Easter Egg-stravaganza even more fun and exciting. If you would like to be a part of next year's event or with any

other event coming up, please feel free to contact the chamber office. We are always looking for ways to get people plugged in.

Summer is so close (believe it or not) and I think I can speak for almost everyone in saying that we are ready to get outside. Get out there and enjoy the sun, the beautiful forests, our calm lakes and historic resorts.

There is so much to do here in the Park Falls area. If you're a tourist or a local, let the chamber help make your time in the Northwoods an adventure. We offer referrals to many resorts and lodging opportunities, activities guides/maps for trails and fishing. We also have a great local network of people and resources to get the answers to any questions that

you may have.

Upcoming Event Highlight: The Oxbo Resort is hosting their 41st annual world famous International Tick Races at 11 a.m. May 21, 2022. Hundreds of contestants are expected to compete for the biggest honor of all — the title of Wood Tick Racing Champion.

Fun Fact Of The Week: The story goes that over 40 years ago, in the bar of the Oxbo Resort, a man pulled a tick off of his arm, put it on the bar and watched it run. Throw in a couple of beers and a competitive spirit and the tradition of Wood Tick Racing was born.

Come on out and support one of the oldest resorts in the Northwoods, it is sure to be a time you won't forget!

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Recognize Teacher Appreciation Week

Education is an essential element of a free, democratic society.

The last two years have brought extraordinary challenges for our schools. Students, parents, and teachers

often made difficult adjustments as our communities confronted the pandemic.

Teachers stepped up in unprecedented ways to develop creative adaptations to make both in-class and on-line learning effective. Teachers, counselors, administrators,

aides, secretaries, cooks, facilities workers, bus drivers, and all support staff went the extra mile to provide a safe and productive learning environment.

As we recognize Teacher Appreciation Week May 1-6, we thank all school staff for your continued dedication to

our students. Thanks, teachers, for your passion for learning that you bring to your classroom everyday. Your work is essential to help our students become productive and responsible citizens. Thank you.

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