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## News-Review purchased by MMC of Wisconsin

By MICHELLE DREW  
EDITOR

Ownership of the award-winning Vilas County News-Review, The Three Lakes News, and the Northwoods Trader changed hands last week with the purchase of the newspapers by Multi Media Channels (MMC), a Wisconsin-based media company.

The company was purchased April 14 from long-time owner, Delphos Herald, Inc. and the Cohen family,

which has owned the group of newspapers since March 1, 1985.

Patrick Wood, CEO of MMC, expressed his enthusiasm regarding the acquisition.

“We are excited to assume the Cohen family’s stewardship of these publications,” he said. “We intend to strengthen and enrich the community by continuing to provide strong reporting on local news and sports and powerful advertising options for retailers and employers.

“It is our intention to sustain the Cohen family’s leg-

acy through the years to come by maintaining and, if possible, exceeding the high standards of journalistic integrity and customer service they set during their tenure,” Wood added.

News-Review Publisher Kurt Krueger, who’s been with the newspaper since 1979, said the transition to another family-run company with decades of newspapering experience should be a positive step.

“We welcome a company that’s working diligently to sustain quality local journalism in communities across

northern and central Wisconsin,” said Krueger.

Always aiming to bring the best local coverage to its readers, the News-Review has been highly recognized by both the Wisconsin Newspaper Association (WNA) and National Newspaper Association for its excellent coverage of the North Woods.

It recently was awarded the 2022 first place General Excellence award by the WNA, as well as taking first place in a plethora of other big categories such as Best

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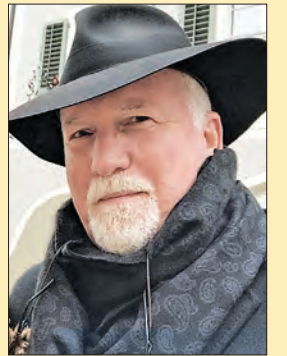
### Dear reader:

We are happy to announce that Multi Media Channels (MMC) has recently acquired this publication and several other media properties from Delphos Herald Inc. and the Cohen family.

We plan to continue their generations-long stewardship of providing local news to the community. They have set a high standard of quality reporting and disseminating local news that we will embrace with their team steadfastly in place.

Our focus is on hyper-local news. We believe that the merging of our employees into one big family will only make us stronger in our joint mission.

The quality of work done for many years speaks for itself, and we hope to sustain this level of coverage and possibly even exceed it. With your continued support, our success in serving your community is assured.



Patrick Wood  
Publisher, CEO  
Multi Media Channels



TAILGATE TOUR —Current and former players for the Green Bay Packers visited the North Woods April 14-15 during their Packers Tailgate Tour around the state. After a fundraising event at the

Minocqua Airport Friday night, the group made a stop at the Habitat For Humanity ReStore in Minocqua to take pictures with local fans. More photos on pg. 7A. —Staff Photo By MICHELLE DREW

## DNR calls for peaceful tribal harvest season

### Harassment, interference illegal

Wisconsinites are reminded of the protected tribal right to spear in certain Wisconsin waterways and the legal consequences they could face if found interfering with that right during the upcoming Ojibwe spring season.

“The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) fully supports Ojibwe sovereignty and treaty rights,” said DNR Secretary Adam N. Payne. “We encourage tribal members to get out and exercise their treaty rights. Likewise, we remind the public that it is illegal to interfere with this right and have zero tolerance for harassment.”

Each spring, tribal members harvest on off-reservation waters using various high-efficiency methods, including spearing and netting. The DNR collaborates with the

Ojibwe tribes to uphold these tribal rights.

“It’s against the law to interfere with tribal members’ right to hunt, fish, and gather within the Ceded Territories,” said Attorney General Josh Kaul. “I join DNR Secretary Payne in calling for a peaceful and respectful spring tribal harvest season in Wisconsin.”

Part of the collaboration between the DNR and the Ojibwe tribes includes working together to set a safe harvest limit for every walleye and muskellunge lake in the Ceded Territory. These safe harvest limits ensure that the walleye and muskellunge harvests do not adversely affect each lake’s fishery.

The spring tribal fish harvest usually begins in mid-

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## Vilas, Oneida counties continue opioids fight with settlement funds

By JON EICHMAN  
ASST. EDITOR

A recent plan was submitted to the Legislature’s Joint Committee on Finance (JFC) by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) to use nearly \$8 million in opioid settlement funds to support prevention, harm reduction, and capital projects to address the statewide opioid crisis.

This year, Wisconsin will receive two payments from these settlements. The first payment of \$617,290 from Johnson and Johnson is expected to arrive in mid-June. The second payment of \$7,371,693 from the distributors is expected on July 30.

Vilas County Social Services Director Kate Gardner detailed that the county has received initial funding amounts totaling \$221,129. Her Oneida County Social Services counterpart, Mary Rideout, added that Oneida has received \$248,535 in initial settlement funds.



An April 11 meeting of the Vilas County Executive and Legislative Committee concluded with a motion to pass the proposed opioid settlement resolution along to the Vilas County Board for review. Vilas County Clerk Kim Olkowski, left, and committee member Leah Trojan are seen here signing the resolution. —Staff Photo By JON EICHMAN

The money is part of the \$400 million the state receives in annual installments through an agreement with major pharmaceutical firms.

Approximately \$130 million of the total amount goes to the state, while the remainder is provided to counties and municipalities.

Gardner added that more funds are to come after the Vilas County Executive and Legislative Committee proposed a resolution April 11 to opt into settlement agreements with Teva Pharmaceutical Industries-Private Limited Company, Allergan Finance-Limited Liability Company, Walgreen Company, Walmart Incorporated, CVS Health Corporation and CVS Pharmacy Incorporated. A motion was passed by the committee to accept the resolution as is and now awaits approval from the Vilas County Board.

Oneida County has already passed its settlement opt-in resolution as of March 21. Rideout noted that Oneida County’s Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee, in partnership with its Recreation and Public Safety Committee will team up with area law enforcement offices, social services departments, district attorneys and the public health department to come up with effective uses

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TASTE OF SUMMER — Students at Sugar Camp Elementary School enjoyed the summer-like temperatures all of last week that neared 80 degrees some days. That was short-lived as a winter storm hit the area Sunday into Monday, bringing snow and ice to the North Woods and temperatures in the 40s throughout the week. —Photo By Jennifer West

# 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., April 11	68	37	None	Mon., April 11	51	28	Tr.R
Wed., April 12	75	42	None	Tues., April 12	51	24	None
Thurs., April 13	80	36	None	Wed., April 13	44	32	1.67"R
Fri., April 14	78	35	None	Thurs., April 14	32	24	1.85"*
Sat., April 15	78	38	None	Fri., April 15	27	18	0.7"S
Sun., April 16	38	27	.58"R	Sat., April 16	29	17	Tr.R
Mon., April 17	29	24	5.5"S	Sun., April 17	41	22	None

\*Also 0.66"R

**LAST YEAR** The average daily high at this time last year for the next seven days was 41, while the average overnight low was 31. There was rain on two days measuring .16 of an inch. There was snow on three days measuring 4.8 inches.

**COMPARISON** Days precipitation recorded since April 1, 2023, 6 days; 2022, 14 days. Average high of past 30 days, 2023, 45; 2022, 37. Average low of past 30 days, 2023, 21; 2022, 30.

**SNOW CONDITIONS** There were signs of summer last week. This week winter is back with more snow adding to the existing piles.

	'21-'22	'22-'23
Snowy days	83	75
Inches to date	103.05"	137.3"
Ground cover	17"	10"

**STREAMS AND LAKES** Use caution, warm temperatures have made ice conditions unpredictable in many spots.

**FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK**

**Wednesday:** Mainly cloudy and rainy. High: 39° Low: 34°  
**Thursday:** Mainly cloudy and rainy. High: 43° Low: 30°  
**Friday:** More clouds than sun. High: 43° Low: 26°  
**Saturday:** Mostly cloudy. High: 38° Low: 24°  
**Sunday:** More clouds than sun. High: 41° Low: 26°

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# NEWS



**COURTSHIP BEGINS** — Last week's summery temperatures instigated spring courtship behaviors for this tom turkey, shown here in his full feathered regalia while he tries to impress some of the female members of the flock. —STAFF PHOTO

## Sale FROM PAGE 1B

Front Page Design, Best Lifestyle and Editorial Pages, Best All-Around Photography, and Best Photo Essay, where staff swept first, second and third place.

On a national stage, the News-Review has received honors for General Excellence four out of the last five years, in addition to other editorial, photography and advertising awards.

"The quality of work done for many years speaks for itself, and we hope to sustain this level of coverage and possibly even exceed it. With your continued support, our success in serving your community is assured," Wood said.

**Paper's history**  
 There has been a newspaper in Eagle River since March, 1886, making the News-Review one of the oldest businesses in town.

After changing ownership numerous times from the 1890s to 1952, J.R. Satran and sons Daniel and Robert purchased the newspaper.

The Satrans built an average weekly into one of Wisconsin's best, proven by the many awards for general excellence, editorials and photographs. The circulation quickly grew from a mere 2,500 to nearly 10,000 during the 1970s and 1980s. The Satrans, trained at Marquette University, operated the paper longer than any previous owner — 32 years.

The Satrans sold the paper March 1, 1985, to Delphos Herald Inc. of Delphos, Ohio, a newspaper group made up primarily of small weeklies.

For the next 26 years the publisher was Byron McNutt and the editor was Kurt Krueger. With contributions from Assistant Editor Gary Ridderbusch, the News-Review team captured more than 150 newspaper contest awards on the state and national level.

The News-Review's leadership changed Jan. 1, 2011, when McNutt retired, Krueger was named publisher, and Ridderbusch was named editor. The Krueger/Ridderbusch era came to a close in December of 2021 when Ridderbusch retired.

Assistant Editor Michelle Drew was promoted to editor. Also retiring after 40 years was graphic artist Betsy Boulden and 24-year production manager Jean Drew.

Krueger and Michelle Drew, along with ad consultant/sports writer Doug Etten and new production manager

Al West, are committed to continuing the newspaper's tradition of excellence and award-winning quality.

In addition to the purchase of the News-Review, MMC also purchased the Iron County Reporter and The Reporter Shopper's Guide in Iron River, Mich.; and The Central Wisconsin Resorter and Waushara Argus in Wautoma.

MMC began its work in community newspaper publishing in Denmark, Wisconsin, in 1953. Under the leadership of its founder, Frank Wood, the business expanded into other markets.

Today, the company remains in the Wood family, owned and operated by both family members and employees, publishing 31 weekly and four monthly print publications and 28 digital channels that serve Wisconsin's central, northern, and eastern regions.


## A Special Salute to the Military

**Coming May 17**  
 During May Military Appreciation

**DEADLINE: Friday, April 28**

### Vilas County News-Review NEEDS YOU!

**This year, we are running a special publication that will honor all the men and women who are serving our country or who have served within the past year. We need your help to honor today's heroes — if you are an active member of the military or have a family member or friend who serves, we want to hear from you!**



**Scott P. Horant**

Scott is a 1999 graduate of Northland Pines High School. He has been in the Air Force for 18 years.

During his career he has been a crew chief on F-16 fighters and a flight engineer on the C5 cargo planes. He has been stationed at Luke AFB in Arizona, Cannon AFB in New Mexico, Dover AFB in Delaware, and Travis AFB in California. He also spent a year at Kunsan AFB in Korea.

Scott, his wife, Beth, and daughter, Penelope, currently are stationed at the NATO base in Gellenkirchen, Germany. He is serving in a NATO squadron and is a flight engineer on E3 AWACS planes. He is a master sergeant.

He is the son of Leo and Mary Kay Horant of Eagle River.

**Please submit a high-resolution photo and a personal bio including branch of military, education, family and any tours of duty or decorations. There is no fee for this.**

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## Five speakers to be featured at food insecurity conference

The lineup of presenters for the upcoming Northwoods Food Insecurity Conference planned this May and sponsored by Nicolet College has been announced.

Keynote speaker will be Feeding America President and CEO Patti Habeck, who will break down the specific challenges around food insecurity faced by rural communities.

She will be joined by Mick Fiocchi, president of the National Alliance on Mental Illness Northwoods (NAMI), who will talk about the impact of childhood food insecurity on children's mental health, and Steve Budnik, Northern IM Consortium manager, who will help attendees better understand the federal government's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Also on the schedule

are Courtney Smith, assistant executive director of the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry, speaking on local food distribution challenges and the challenge area pantries face in bringing help to families, and Ali Pichowski, success coach at Nicolet College, who will discuss childhood food insecurity's impact on individual success.

Feed Our Rural Kids (FORK) President Perry Pokrandt said he is excited to bring five unique perspectives related to the challenge of food insecurity in the North Woods to the conference.

"This is a first of a kind opportunity in our area, and we look forward to the opportunity to further shape the dialogue around food insecurity in our area," Pokrandt said.

The conference will be

held Thursday, May 4, in the Nicolet Theater at Nicolet College in Rhinelander. Conference doors open to the public for registration at 8:30 a.m. with muffins and coffee available, and presentations will run from 9 to 11 a.m.

"We hope this conference will help to raise the food insecurity IQ of our North Woods communities," Pokrandt added. "We welcome all who are interested in the challenges faced by food-insecure families."

The Northwoods Food Insecurity Conference is a collaboration between FORK and the Vilas and Oneida County Departments of Social Services.

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

Learn more at [feedourruralkids.org](http://feedourruralkids.org).



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# NEWS

## Swearingen, Felzkowski talk taxes during Saturday's listening session

By CHRIS OATMAN  
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Wisconsin 12th District State Sen. Mary Felzkowski and 34th District State Rep. Rob Swearingen held a listening session last Saturday at the Walter E. Olson Memorial Library in Eagle River. Both legislators are Republicans.

Several issues were discussed with the large crowd that turned out, with shared revenue and tax levy limits getting much of the attention. Revenue sharing is a government unit's apportioning of part of its tax income to other units of government including municipalities and counties.

Felzkowski talked about a plan being forwarded as part of the next state budget.

"What we're looking at is taking 1% of the existing sales taxes, the state levies, and dedicating that to funding local units of government," she said. "And we would do a catch-up because we've held them flat for over 20 years on shared revenue. The real thing that works here is that every year, as the sales tax goes up, their shared revenue will go up with that percentage of the sales tax. It closes the gap between winners and losers under shared revenue formulas."

Felzkowski noted that in the last 20 years sales taxes have gone up in all but one year. If the sales taxes would go down, municipalities and counties would have to absorb that shared revenue hit for that year.

Another major point of discussion was Wisconsin's tax levy limits, which set the maximum amount a municipality or county may set as a property tax levy on parcels within their boundaries.



Felzkowski addresses the crowd at the April 15 listening session held at Olson library in Eagle River to discuss revenue sharing, tax levy limits and school funding.

"My concern is that right now we're capped (by the state levy limits) on what we can do with our budget at the county level," noted Vilas County District 17 Supervisor Holly Tomlanovich. "What happens every year is we are looking at nickel and diming and taking away from things that are important to the area."

"The only way we can exceed the revenue (spending) cap — I believe it's 2%, is to go to referendum. That referendum question would be something like 'give us permission to raise your taxes.' It would probably fail and that's my concern. I think what Mary talked about will work. I'm hop-

ing it will happen," Tomlanovich said.

Town of Lincoln Chair Bill Hassey said one of the problems facing Lincoln and other towns is they are mandated to have fire, ambulance and library services.

"Ambulance went up double from \$102,000 to \$204,000 for a one-year contract and we can only raise the levy 2%. So, we're forced to get around that by borrowing the money," Hassey said. "You can't raise the levy, but you can borrow the money and then put it on the tax roll to pay it back. The only one that profits is the bank."

Hassey continued, say-

ing, "We have a \$70,000 road budget, but to pave just one of our 66 miles of road is \$140,000."

"We're going to be fixing two major roads this spring and we'll be borrowing \$500,000 to \$600,000 to do that."

Swearingen said he was pleased with the large turnout for the listening session.

"My biggest takeaway was about what's happening to local governments and how strapped they are, especially here in the North Woods. We talked about increasing levy limits. I don't think that's going to happen. Shared revenue is probably the place to go," he said.

"A big issue in Vilas County is the aging demographics. The folks on fixed incomes need to be able to stay in their homes. We're hoping we can fix some of those local problems with shared revenue increases from the state versus putting those seniors in jeopardy," Swearingen added.

Felzkowski noted that the discussion about school funding will probably get underway in the next two weeks.

"I'm not really sure what our caucuses are sitting on. We're going to support schools; I just don't know what the funding level is going to look like yet," she said.

Swearingen stated that Democratic Gov. Tony Evers' proposed 2023-'25 budget of nearly \$104 billion is not acceptable, saying it places the onus on the legislature to balance it and make it more fiscally responsible.



A decent-sized crowd attended the listening session to share their thoughts and opinions. —Photos By Chris Oatman

## Vilas County zoning approves Lake Forest condo development

By KEN ANDERSON  
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

A gathering of more than 40 persons attended the Vilas County Zoning Committee last week to testify on converting from condominium ownership to subdivision ownership on Lake Forest golf course property in the town of Washington.

The condominium plan was approved in 2007 for 142 units, but none were built following that approval.

The new proposal was to convert to a 156-unit subdivision which changes how the units are arranged, going from duplexes and fourplexes to apartment buildings and single family homes. The current zoning would remain General Business.

Of those that testified, three main concerns were expressed — impact of sewage disposal, local vehicle traffic, and rental activity.

Zac Nichols, one of the developers from Kansas City, said they will have an on-site team for septic and well placements that comply with Department of Natural

Resources (DNR) standards.

Surveyor Greg Maines indicated there will be no "grandfathered" pier systems, while Vilas County Zoning Administrator Dave Sadenwasser pointed out DNR regulates piers, not Vilas County zoning.

Town of Washington Chairman Bob Egan indicated they are currently working on a town ordinance governing short term rentals, saying six nights are a minimum, but towns are able to change that to weekend rentals.

He also indicated noise appears to be a concern of the project, as well as town road impacts.

Other public comments included people saying they "consider this a disaster," that there will be "too many boats on the water," concern the septic areas will be "too small," and that the development is "going to turn this peaceful place into hell."

The Zoning Committee approved 3-0 to allow the conversion to subdivision ordinance.

## Wolf management plan comments open to view

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) last week released a compilation of all public comments received on the proposed Wolf Management Plan.

In total, the DNR received around 3,500 comments. Commenters used multiple channels to submit their comments, including an online public comment tool, email and mail. The comments have been compiled and grouped by submission type and the order they were received.

These comments were received during the public comment period from Nov. 10, 2022, through Feb. 28, 2023, and are available on the DNR's Wolf Management Plan webpage at [dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/wildlifehabitat/wolfmanagementplan](http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/wildlifehabitat/wolfmanagementplan). A timeline of the process is also available.

The DNR is currently in the process of updating Wisconsin's state wolf management plan. Since the DNR manages wolves according to this plan and follows state and federal

laws, the DNR said it takes this revision process very seriously and remains committed to a transparent, deliberative and inclusive management plan update process that recognizes the diversity of interest areas regarding wolf management.

"The prior Wisconsin Wolf Management Plan underwent a review process in 2005-'06 and was last updated in 2007. Wisconsin's wolf population has changed in the years since, and our understanding of population dynamics has also improved," said officials. "The current process to revise Wisconsin's wolf management plan is intended and designed to produce a plan that reflects scientifically sound and culturally relevant management of this iconic, native species."

DNR staff is reviewing the comments and input will be used to consider revisions to the proposed Wolf Management Plan. Once ready, the final plan will be presented to the Natural Resources Board.

## Drug Take Back set for April 22

Several local law enforcement agencies in conjunction with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) are providing another opportunity to prevent prescription medication use and theft with this year's National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day.

Individuals will be able to eliminate dangerous, expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs from their homes at four different Oneida County drop-off sites Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Drop-off sites include the Minocqua, Rhinelander and Three Lakes Police depart-

ments in addition to the Oneida County Landfill. Items that can be disposed of are: controlled/non-controlled prescription drugs, over the counter medications, ointments, patches, non-aerosol sprays, inhalers, creams, vials and pet medications.

The Vilas County Youth Coalition also has partnered with the Vilas County Sheriff's Department to take part in the event. Unused and expired medications can be brought to the Vilas County Sheriff's Department April 22, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Participants will be asked to empty their medication bottles into boxes. Blister packages are acceptable without the medication being removed. Additionally, liq-

uids, creams, and non-aerosol sprays must be in their original packaging.

The Human Service Center in conjunction with the Oneida County Public Health Department have made available lock boxes at these locations as well. For more information, contact the center at 715-369-2215 or the health department at 715-369-6111.

Law enforcement officers ask the public to not bring illegal drugs or illicit substances, needles/sharps, aerosol cans, bio-hazardous materials, personal care products or any household hazardous waste to drop-off sites.

For further information, visit [doseofrealitywi.gov/drug-takeback](http://doseofrealitywi.gov/drug-takeback).

Pukall Lumber has hired a new Cabinetry Design Specialist for their Kitchen & Bath Design Center in Woodruff. **Brooke Kowalski** has a Kitchen and Bath Associates Degree as well as a *degree in Interior Design* from **Fox Valley Technical College**. She did custom cabinetry design work in Appleton for two and a half years before deciding to return to her native Northwoods.

Brooke values the relationships she makes with her clients and is looking forward to helping turn customers' design dreams into reality. If you would like to meet with her, it's best to reach out to her for an appointment. Please call 715-358-1602 or send her an email: [bkowalski@pukall-lumber.com](mailto:bkowalski@pukall-lumber.com).



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# OBITUARIES

## John W. Van Hise Jr.

We are saddened to announce the death of John W. Van Hise Jr., retired U.S. Navy Commander, on March 24, 2023. He was 78 years old, but if you asked him, he'd say he had celebrated 39 anniversaries of his 39th birthday.



VAN HISE

John was born the oldest of two children to John and Laurel Van Hise of Janesville, Wis., on Dec. 11, 1944, in Pensacola, Florida.

The family moved to California in the 1950s. John graduated from Savannah High School in Anaheim, Calif., and received his bachelor's degree from Chapman College in Orange, Calif., and also graduated from the Naval War College with honors.

John met his wife, Bonnie, while on mission to Nepal, which never failed to be a great conversation starter at parties. They recently celebrated their 54th anniversary.

John turned his hand to a number of jobs, including bartender and fishmonger, church furniture salesman, project manager for government contracts, teacher and research associate; but a constant thread running through his life was a commitment to the U.S. Navy. From his enlistment in active service during

the Vietnam War, to picking up an officer's commission in the Naval Reserve, John thrived in the Navy. He rose to the rank of Commander, and served as Commanding Officer of three Naval Reserve Security Groups. However there were two jobs he refused to take, stating, "Never go on a ship that deliberately sinks itself, and never jump out of a perfectly good airplane."

John and his family lived all over the world, but a steady summer constant was the town of Eagle River, Wis. After retiring, John and Bonnie moved full time to the North Woods to enjoy life on the Chain of Lakes.

John had a great passion for life. He loved travel, golf, fishing, all things Disney, murder mysteries, theater, choir, teaching the Bible, wine tasting, baking, and watching the Packers and Angels play.

John is survived by his wife, Bonnie; his children, Deidre and John IV; his sister, Judy, and her husband, Steve.

A memorial service will be held at Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Eagle River on Saturday, April 29, at 11 a.m. CDT. The service will also be broadcast on the church's Facebook page: princeofpeace-er.org. No visitation is scheduled before the service, but a luncheon reception will be served at the church afterward.

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## Laurie Johnson

Laurie Johnson of Phelps died at home Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at age 68.



JOHNSON

She was born May 15, 1955, in Rogers City, Mich., to Arlo and Iris Bruning.

She married Rick Johnson on March 6, 1991. They made their home in Craig, Colo. before retiring to Lac Vieux Desert in 2014.

Mrs. Johnson enjoyed lake life and spending time with her husband and their dog, Jake. She spent her time gardening, crafting, playing games, and singing with her guitar.

She was part of various groups, including the Wom-

en's Lunch Bunch, Red Hats, and her church family held a special place in her heart.

Mrs. Johnson was preceded in death by her parents; and one brother, Bob.

She is survived by her husband; four children, Billy Kerlina, Richie Kerr, Tina Chaney and Rebecca (Casey Mauth) Johnson; seven siblings, Tom (Barb) Bruning, Chuck (Peggy) Bruning, Arlo Bruning, Mike Bruning, Julie Bahn, George (Rebecca) Bruning and Lynn Crawford; and numerous grandchildren.

A memorial service was held April 15 at Hope Lutheran Church in Land O' Lakes.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hope Lutheran Church or Lac Vieux Desert Lake Association.

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

## Robert Jacobs

Robert 'Musky Bob' Jacobs of Eagle River, Wis., passed away on April 10, 2023.



JACOBS

Bob was born to LaVerne and Margaret Jacobs, on June 15, 1946, in Fond du Lac, Wis.

After graduation from Goodrich High School in 1965, where he was a member of the original boys hockey team, Bob proudly served in the U.S. Navy from 1966-1970 during the Vietnam War.

Following active duty, Bob worked at Mercury Marine for 36 years, retiring in 2008 and relocating to his dream location of Eagle River.

Camping, hunting, fishing, and everything hockey were Bob's great joys. He coached BlueLine youth hockey, played and coached for the FdL Bears, refereed Eagle River Pond Hockey and loved watching his grandsons skate.

Bob was an outstanding fisherman, earning the titles of Master Angler and Professional Fishing Guide, with an amazing legacy that included catching over 600 muskies. Musky Bob was a director of the Headwaters Chapter of Muskies Inc. and Fishing Has No Boundaries. He gave back to others in guiding for Wounded Warriors and the VFW of Eagle River and also fished the Monday and Tuesday night muskie league.

For years to come the noticed and unnoticed impact Bob had in the Eagle River community will be felt. It is testimony to his warm and giving heart.

## Allen Frank Praefke II

Allen 'Skip' Frank Praefke II, age 75, entered eternal life on Sunday, March 12, 2023, after a courageous 4-plus year battle with stage-4 colon cancer.



PRAEFKE

Skip is survived by his wife, Marie; three sons, Ryan, Scott and Jason; daughter-in-law, Cindy; three grandchildren, Hudson, Callahan and Hadley; and nephew, Rick Gehr.

Skip will forever be remembered for his storytelling, jokes, laugh, smile and uncanny ability to connect with everyone. His spirit lives on in all that knew him.

Born to Allen and Mildred Praefke on Jan. 13, 1948, Skip grew up in Thiensville, Wis., but spent much of his time at the family property in Land O' Lakes, Wis.

Skip still holds the Wisconsin state record for shooting the oldest known age white-tail deer (tagged 13.5 years) when he was 17 on Thanksgiving morning in 1965 in Vilas County.

After serving in the U.S. Army from 1969-1971, Skip was hired by the Vilas County

Bob is survived by his three children, Kim (Jerry) Golla, Kelly (Sara) and Kory Jacobs. He is also survived by his siblings, Bill and Gary (Linda) Jacobs and Sandy (Bob) Pagel; his grandchildren, Fischer, Porter and Thatcher Golla, Owen, Noah, and Emmy Lex; many nieces and nephews; former spouses, Jerolyn Carter and Susan Murphy; stepchildren, Stephanie, Doug, Kimberly, Missy and Tony; along with Cameo and Willie Carter; and many friends that he cherished as family.

He is preceded in death by his parents; sister-in-law, Sandy Jacobs; and former spouse Annie Jacobs.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, from 3 to 8 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Fond du Lac. There will also be a celebration this summer on Saturday, July 1, 2023, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the VFW in Eagle River. A Go Fund Me has been created for donations to go to Fishing Has No Boundaries of Eagle River in memory of Musky Bob.

Bob had a great ability to make others smile and his larger-than-life personality will be missed. He leaves behind a legacy of making the best breakfasts and Beam old-fashioneds, and the love of hockey and fishing that will be passed down for many generations.

"Have a Drambuie and Relax Dad... Love You Most!"

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PAID OBITUARY 1510

## Nancy L. Neff

Nancy L. Neff of St. Germain died Monday, April 10, 2023, at her home at age 85.



NEFF

She was born Feb. 7, 1938, in Bedford, Ohio, to Donald and Marion Cameron.

She was an avid volunteer at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Woodruff, and enjoyed traveling and spending time with her sons and

grandchildren.

Ms. Neff was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by three sons, Perry (Nancy) Kairis of High Point, N.C., Paul (Melanie) Kairis of Bradenton, Fla., and Phillip (Michelle) Kairis of Hayward; one stepdaughter, Marlene Neff of Madison; five grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Visitation will be held Friday, April 21, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church with a Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Burial will take place at St. Germain Cemetery.

## Charles Tienhaara

Charles Tienhaara of Eagle River, died Friday, April 14, 2023, at age 76.

A memorial service will be held Friday, May 12, at 11 a.m. at the Gaffney-Busha Funeral Home in Eagle River.

er. Visitation will be held two hours prior to the service.

A full obituary will appear in a future edition.

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

## Patricia Doyne Yates

Patricia Doyne Yates of Eagle River, Wis., passed away on Monday, April 10, 2023, at Seasons of Life Hospice in Woodruff, Wis. She was 87 years old.



YATES

Pat was born in Peoria, Ill., and was the second of two children adopted as infants by Douglas and Henrietta (née Hundt) Yates.

She lived and attended school in Peoria until the family moved to Arizona and the Phoenix-Tempe area.

Pat often told of riding horses with her brother in Papago Park, which was across the road from the Yate's home.

Upon graduating from high school, Pat moved to California and worked in an accounting firm in Los Angeles. She learned on the job and was eventually ready to take the exam that would afford her the credentials to practice as a certified public accountant. She passed on the first attempt and her life's profession as a CPA began.

Pat moved to Eagle River when her good friends, the Unland family, purchased the Czecho Supper Club east of town. She assisted the Unlands in running the

popular establishment. She also practiced accounting with Wipfli-Ulrich in Rhineland, Wis. Later on, she went into private practice in Eagle River.

Being the caring and compassionate person she was, Pat became a court-appointed guardian for many people across northern Wisconsin.

Pat was a very active member of St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church in Eagle River for many years. She was also a member of the Secular Order of Franciscans. She loved and served her Lord faithfully.

She operated ham radios as a hobby and enjoyed world travel, especially to Egypt, the Holy Land, Australia, and Ireland.

Pat was predeceased by her adoptive parents; grandparents; brother, Donald Yates; and special friends, Shirley Unland and Ellen Richter.

She is survived by many friends who will miss her greatly.

Her kindness and generosity were unprecedented.

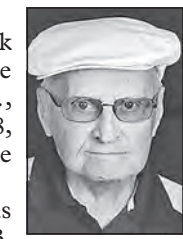
In accordance with Pat's wishes, a graveside memorial service will take place which will be announced at a later date.

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

PAID OBITUARY 1505

## Harold John Zdroik

Harold John Zdroik of Eagle River, Wis., died April 8, 2023, at the age of 90.



ZDROIK

Harry was born Dec. 23, 1932, at the family farm in Starks, Wis., to the late Albin and Elizabeth (Ostrowski) Zdroik.

Harry's family moved to the Milwaukee, Wis., area in 1940, and he spent much of his early life there.

After high school, he served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany during that time.

Upon returning to the States, he married Jean (Buse) Zdroik on Feb. 14, 1956. Harry and Jean started their family in the Milwaukee area and had four sons.

Harold spent 42 years working for Ladish Quality Forging in Cudahy, Wis.

In 1972, Harry, Jean and the kids moved to Eagle River to open Harry's Market. Harry commuted to Cudahy to continue his work for Ladish for many years after their move. He is well-known for his beautiful stone wishing wells and windmills that adorn so many yards in the North Woods and beyond.

Harry and Jean enjoyed entertaining friends and family, especially every Christmas Eve.

In his spare time, he

enjoyed playing horseshoes in area leagues and won many league and county championships well into his 80s. He was also an avid bowler in area leagues throughout his life. Until the start of Covid, you could find Harry and his long-time beloved companion, Joyce Leander, throwing horseshoes or bowling balls depending on the weather.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Albin and Betty Zdroik; wife, Jean Zdroik; son, Mark Zdroik; brothers, James and Daniel Zdroik; and sister, RoseMarie Stankus.

He is survived by his beloved companion, Joyce Leander; sons, Kent, Gary, and Todd Zdroik; sister, Patricia Mueller; grandchildren, Benjamin (Nicole) Zdroik and Jennie (Ryan) Paske; great-grandchildren, Braelyn and Bowen; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 21, 2023, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Eagle River. Visitation will be held an hour prior to the service with a luncheon to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes memorial contributions be made to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church or Alzheimer's Association.

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### POSITION REQUESTS FOR ADVERTISEMENTS

The News-Review/North Woods Trader cannot guarantee special position requests; however, we will make an effort to meet special placement requests. We will not charge extra for this service, but on the other hand, we are not responsible financially for not honoring a special request.

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# NEWS

# POLICE REPORT



The Conover Fire and Rescue Departments recently received an All-Poly Series Tanker-Pumper to add to the organization's equipment. The apparatus features a Freightliner M2-112 Chassis, a Hale AP50 PTO Side Kick Pump and a 4000 Gallon APR Fire Tank purchased from Midwest Fire out of Luverne, Minn. During

a recent training session for the department, members took time to take a photo with the new tender. Conover Fire and Rescue Departments are currently accepting applications for employment. Anyone interested should call 715-477-2036 or 715-617-7393. —Photo By Sharon Gifford

## Vilas County Court report

# Former Phelps man gets probation in possession of cocaine case

Thomas M. Bretz, 48, previously of Phelps and now living in Rhinelander, pleaded no contest and was found guilty of a felony charge of possession of cocaine, second-plus offense, and two felony bail jumping charges in Vilas County Circuit Court last week.

Multiple other drug charges and felony bail jumping charges were dismissed in the plea agreement from five cases dating back to 2018. According to court documents, Bretz possessed cocaine in Vilas County Oct. 28, 2021.

Vilas County Branch 2 Circuit Judge Daniel L. Overbey withheld Bretz's sentence on the cocaine conviction and placed him on probation for three years with conditions, including alcohol and other drug abuse (AODA) assessment and follow-through, mental health assessment and follow through, full-time employment, schooling or combo of the two, no prescription drugs without a valid prescription, obtain a GED and follow other probation-agent programming.

On the felony bail jumping convictions, Bretz also received three years of probation. The judge noted Bretz should receive pre-sentence credit of 47 days served in

jail. In other felony cases, Felisha L. Peterson, 39, of Lac du Flambeau, charged with possession of intent of amphetamine/methamphetamine (between 3-10 grams), a Class E felony made an adjourned initial appearance. The charge carries a second and subsequent offense modifier.

Peterson, who is in custody in the Vilas County Jail, questioned the court about being able to represent herself in the proceeding. The court conducted a colloquy with the defendant and accepted the waiver of counsel. Peterson's \$5,000 cash and was continued and a preliminary hearing was scheduled for April 17 at 9:30 a.m. The alleged incident occurred March 15 in Vilas County.

Jeffrey L. LaBarge, 40, of Lac du Flambeau, charged with possession of methamphetamine was not in court for an adjourned initial appearance. Attorney Eric Scherr appeared on behalf of LaBarge and told the court he was unaware of his client's whereabouts at this time. The court ordered a body-only warrant. LaBarge was released from jail on a \$2,000 signature bond Dec. 13, 2022. The alleged incident occurred Dec. 10, 2022, in Vilas County.

Samantha Jo S. Young, 31, of Lac du Flambeau, charged with possession of narcotic drugs, a Class I felony, made an adjourned initial appearance. The court explained the Public Defender's Office was searching for an attorney to represent Young, who remains in the Vilas County Jail on a \$100 cash bond. A status hearing was scheduled for June 5 at 9:15 a.m. The alleged incident occurred Feb. 1 in Vilas County.

Lavera F. McBurney, 37, of Lac du Flambeau, charged with possession of methamphetamine and battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor or law enforcement officer, both felonies was in out for an adjourned initial appearance but her representation search through the Public Defender's office continued, according to the court.

The court ordered McBurney's release from GPS monitoring and a drug patch. The court also amended her \$1,500 signature bond with conditions: curfew from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. seven days a week, maintain absolute sobriety, not to possess or consume intoxicants, no taverns or to be in the tavern portion of any restaurant premises, not to possess, use, or ingest illegal drugs, no hypodermic needles, no abusive contact with law enforce-

ment and follow all treatment recommendations. A status hearing was scheduled for June 5 at 9:45 a.m. The alleged incident occurred March 9 in Vilas County.

Joseph R. Miller, 30, of Lac du Flambeau, charged with possession of narcotic drugs waived his preliminary hearing. The court found probable cause that Miller had committed a crime and he was bound over for arraignment on information. Not guilty pleas were entered by the court and a judicial pretrial, in court was scheduled for May 30 at 10 a.m. The alleged incident occurred Jan. 18 in Vilas County.

Lavonne P. Linklater, 22, of Lac du Flambeau, charged with prisoner throw or expel bodily substances, a Class I felony was in court for a preliminary hearing. Deputy Chad Christensen testified about the alleged incident on March 7.

Branch 1 Circuit Judge Martha J. Milanowski found probable cause that Linklater committed the crime and bound her over for arraignment. Not guilty pleas were entered by the court and a judicial pretrial, in court was scheduled for June 20 at 10:15 a.m. Linklater remains in custody in the Vilas County Jail on a \$2,500 cash bond.

**Vilas County Sheriff**  
Vilas County Sheriff's Office dispatchers last week reported at least 27 911 hang-ups, 14 car vs. animal accidents, four non-reportable traffic accidents, one vehicle accident with property damage, three requests to assist another agency, three ambulance requests, 11 burglar alarms, one fire alarm, five animal problems, two attempts to locate, one attempted burglary, one report of child abuse or neglect, eight requests to assist citizens, one civil complaint, one criminal damage to property report, one custodial interference incident, three death investigations, four disturbances, one domestic violence complaint, two fires, three fraud incidents, one drive off, two harassment complaints, one intoxicated person report, one juvenile problem, two lifeline alarms, one littering offense, one lost property report, one records complaint, two drug or alcohol-related operation while intoxicated (OWI) offenses, one parking problem, one order of protection, two vacation checks, three requests for officer assistance, one lewd and lascivious report, eight reports of suspicious circumstances, one shoplifting incident, 10 reports of hazardous conditions, 11 traffic violations, one report of traffic road rage, one utility problem, one vehicle identification number inspection and five welfare checks.

There were at least 44 informational or procedural entries. In the past week, one or more persons were booked into the Vilas County Jail for the following offenses: OWI first offense, OWI fourth offense, battery, bail jumping, disorderly conduct, failure to support 120-days plus, possession of marijuana, domestic violence and violation of probation.

**Eagle River Police**  
Among the calls received by Vilas County dispatchers were at least 42 calls for the Eagle River Police. These included one alarm, one ambulance request, two requests to assist another agency, nine requests to assist citizens, five disorderly conduct incidents, one domestic violence offense, one false alarm, one loitering complaint, three violations of probation, four reports of suspicious circumstances, one sex offense, two reports of hazardous conditions, three traffic violations, one utility problem and five welfare checks.

A total of three persons were taken into custody or booked into the Vilas County Jail.

**Three Lakes Police**  
The Three Lakes Police Department reported two 911 hang ups, one vehicle accident, one vehicle accident with personal injury, three ambulance requests, one request to assist citizens, one request to assist another agency, one animal problem, 22 business checks, one child custody incident, two reports of hazardous conditions, one juvenile problem, two warrant pickups, one report of suspicious circumstances and two traffic stops.

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES Madison, Wisconsin

### PUBLIC NOTICE

### Invitation for Bids on the NORTHERN HIGHLAND-AMERICAN LEGION STATE FOREST

Sealed bids will be accepted by the Division of Forestry Financial Specialist, Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest, at the Trout Lake Forestry Headquarters, 4125 Forest Headquarters Road, Boulder Junction WI, 54512, until 12:30 p.m. Wednesday May 3, 2023, for the 12 tracts. After that time, bids can be hand delivered to the Boulder Junction Community Center, 5392 Park Street, Boulder Junction WI, 54512, until 1:30 p.m. These tracts comprise a total of 1758 acres.

A timber sale prospectus and detailed information including maps of each tract, as well as required bid forms and copies of sample contract forms, can be obtained by contacting the Division of Forestry Financial Specialist at the Trout Lake Forestry Headquarters (715) 904-1169. All timber sales and associated forms are also located on our website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/StateForests/nhal>

Bids must be submitted on department "Timber Sale Bid" forms. Contractors who wish to bid on more than one tract must submit separate bids and separate envelopes for each tract. The department reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

We will follow our traditional procedures and open and award bids in a random fashion. If you have an interest in joining the bid opening, the public may attend in person or a virtual option for this meeting will be available, and the call-in number will be provided upon request.

- For contractors wishing to withdraw a bid, there will be time given prior to each sale/tract being opened/announced to allow that to happen. We will do our best to be flexible and fair during the bid opening process.

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There is no bid bond required. However, winning bidders will have up to 6 weeks from the date of the bid opening to submit an acceptable performance bond to the department. If the winning bidder fails to submit an acceptable performance bond within the allotted timeframe, the bidder shall be required to forfeit to the department an amount equal to 10% of the total bid amount. Failure to forfeit the 10% penalty will result in the bidder being considered ineligible to bid on any state timber sales for a two-year period

State of Wisconsin  
Department of Natural Resources  
For the Secretary  
Adam N Payne  
By: Thomas D. Shockley  
NH-AL State Forestry Supervisor

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# Severe weather awareness promoted

As spring returns to Wisconsin, so does the increased risk of severe weather. Individuals are reminded to prepare for tornadoes, thunderstorms, and flooding.

In order to promote the importance of severe weather preparedness, Gov. Tony Evers has declared April 17-21 Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week.

"Wisconsin has already had 13 tornadoes touch down in the state this spring, showing just how important it is to be prepared for severe storms," said Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) Administrator Greg Engle. "WEM's ReadyWisconsin campaign asks that everyone take just a few moments to make sure their emergency plans are updated and that everyone in their home knows what to do when a weather warning is issued."

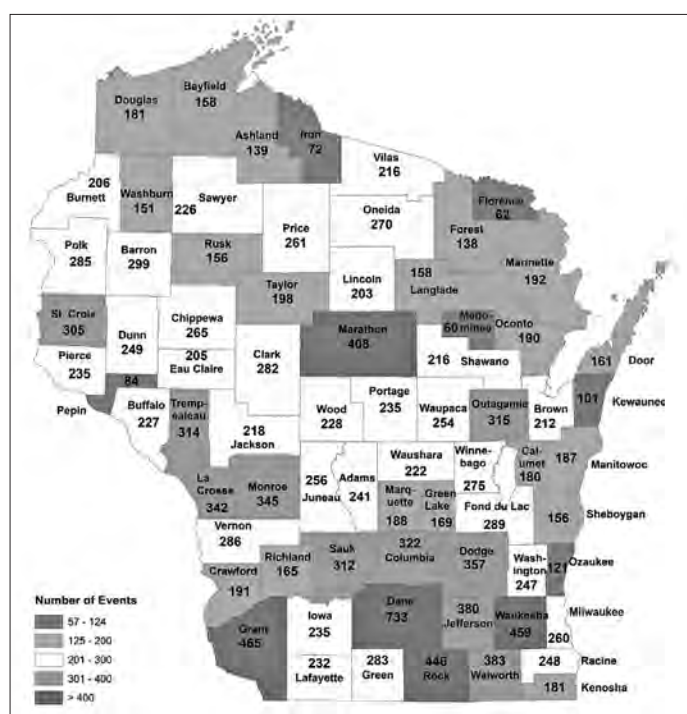
Wisconsin's annual statewide tornado drills will take place Thursday, April 20, at 1:45 p.m., and 6:45 p.m. These drills offer an opportunity to practice tornado sheltering plans. Schools, businesses, and

homes are encouraged to practice going to their nearest tornado shelter during the drills and act as if there were a real tornado warning in effect.

If there is a threat of severe weather April 20, the statewide drills will be postponed until Friday, April 21. The drills will go on in all other conditions, including non-severe weather, but if severe weather is also expected on Friday the drills will be canceled.

The state averages 23 tornadoes annually, and in 2022 the National Weather Service confirmed 28 tornadoes touched down in Wisconsin, damaging homes, trees and power lines. Tornadoes and severe storms can develop quickly, so knowing what to do and where to seek shelter are crucial points on any individual's or family emergency plan.

According to WEM, knowing where designated shelters are located at home, work, and school, and being ready to go there when a tornado warning is issued, is critical. Additionally, having multiple ways to receive alerts about



Severe weather is defined as either hail with a diameter of greater than 1 inch, thunderstorm wind gusts greater than 57 miles per hour, or a tornado. Since 1844, the tri-county area has experienced 624 severe weather events.

—Image from the National Weather Service  
approaching severe weather is strongly recommended. Creating an emergency kit to keep in the home, vehicle, or severe weather shelter is also recommended. For more information, visit [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov).

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# NEWS

## Opioid FROM PAGE 1A

for this funding.

In 2022, the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) announced final approval of an agreement with the nation's three major pharmaceutical distributors Cardinal, McKesson, and Amerisource-Bergen, and Johnson and Johnson. Payments from the distributors will continue for 18 years and payments from Johnson and Johnson will continue for nine years.

Vilas and Oneida counties are set to receive more than \$1 million in total settlement funds over these time periods.

Outpatient clinic manager of The Human Service Center Janet A. Wimmer detailed how easy opioids are to obtain in the tri-county area that includes Vilas, Oneida and Forest counties. Over the last several years, the availability of prescription opioids has decreased and the amount of illegal opioids has increased.

Additionally, Wimmer highlighted that these illicit drugs are becoming increasingly laced with substances such as fentanyl, making the product more potent and deadly.

"According to the most recent information from the Wisconsin Vital Records Death Data, in the five-year

period of time from 2017 to 2021, Vilas County averaged five opioids deaths per year, Oneida County averaged six and Forest County averaged five," said Wimmer. "It is important to note that not all deaths are reported accurately and may be reported as a different cause of death or not even reported at all."

Wimmer added that this occurs because of the stigma and shame surrounding addiction and mental health in general and more specifically, because of the medical and legal complexity of substance use disorders.

The Human Service Center, located in Rhinelander, provides many services to support individuals struggling with substance use disorders including opioid addiction. Services provided facilitate a range of prevention activities targeted to adolescents and adults through thorough assessment for treatment needs and ongoing outpatient counseling as well as crisis services.

For more information, call 715-369-2215 or visit thehuman-service-center.org.

DHS officials stated that data for 2022 has yet to be finalized, but 2021 data shows there were 1,427 opioid overdose deaths in Wisconsin, and 3,133 emergency room visits, as a result of opioid use. An increase in overdose deaths can be traced in large part to the addition of fentanyl, a

powerful, synthetic drug, in substances like opioids.

### Community awareness

Gardner detailed that the Vilas County Heath Services Center in partnership with the Lac du Flambeau Drug Endangered Children Committee will present an open forum and community awareness night for tribal and non tribal community members to discuss the different aspects of substance abuse and addiction and proposed rehabilitative efforts.

The gathering is set for Thursday, April 24 at the Lake of the Torches Convention Center, located at 510 Old Abe Road in Lac du Flambeau. Two sessions will be held; the first at 11:30 a.m., and then at 5 p.m. For more information, call 715-479-3668.

Individuals or their loved ones in need of help for an opioid use disorder or other substance use concern can also contact the Wisconsin Addiction Recovery Helpline at 211 or 877-947-2211.

### New program

To aid in addressing the overdose crisis in Wisconsin, Gwayakobimaadiziwin Bad River Harm Reduction and Next Distro are launching a new program that provides free harm reduction supplies to individuals in Wisconsin via mail, in discrete packaging that does not indicate

content.

"We started our community-based harm reduction program to keep our relatives, friends and neighbors from dying from opioid overdoses," said Economic Development Coordinator for the Bad River Tribe Philomena Kebec. "We keep doing it because harm reduction is a life-sustaining practice rooted in our traditional values of love, respect and forgiveness."

Since 2015, Gwayakobimaadiziwin Bad River Needle Exchange has offered harm reduction services and supplies for people who use drugs in the North Woods community. According to Kebec, the Bad River Tribe through the launch of this new program will continue to confront the discrimination endured by people who use drugs and advocate for more humane laws and policies.

"Making rural and tribal communities a priority in this program is vital because of the disproportionate impact of the overdose crisis in these communities, and the lack of services in these areas," said Director of Opioid Initiatives for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Paul Krupski. "DHS is happy to support Bad River Harm Reduction and Next Distro in this effort."

For additional information or questions, individuals can contact Kebec at 715-682-7111.

## Health department provides tips to avoid sexual infections

In honor of Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Awareness Week, which was celebrated April 9-15, the Vilas County Public Health Department (VCPHD) brings awareness to residents on how to keep themselves safe from these types of infections.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), nearly 1 in 5 people in the U.S. have a STI and they are more common in people aged 15-24 years.

VCPHD officials noted the goal for this week is to provide people with general information and resources to prevent, test for, and promptly treat sexually transmitted diseases or STIs. During 2022, the most common reportable STI in Vilas County was chlamydia.

The CDC recommends individuals talk openly with their partner(s), use protection while having sex, avoid having multiple partners and

make sure they can be trusted, as well as talk with their healthcare providers for information and if questions or concerns arise. All STIs are treatable and most infections can be cured.

Not everyone who has a STI will have symptoms, according to VCPHD officials. If an individual feels they have symptoms of an STI, or if their partner has or has had symptoms of an infection, a healthcare provider should be contacted.

Some STIs can cause serious health issues if they are not treated. CDC officials highlighted that issues can include long-term pelvic or stomach pain, ectopic pregnancies, the formation of scar tissue or infertility, amongst other complications and health concerns.

For more information, contact the VCPHD at 715-479-3656 or visit the CDC website found at cdc.gov.

## Harvest FROM PAGE 1A

late-April and runs through May, or shortly after the ice melts. The season typically starts in the southern portion of the Ceded Territory and moves north as the season progresses. The tribal harvest is not a date-regulated activity, and as a result, there is neither an open nor closed season.

There are 2,300 lakes larger than 25 acres in the Ceded Territory, including 919 wall-eye lakes and 623 muskie lakes. Each year, the Ojibwe tribal members harvest on a portion of these lakes outside of reservation boundaries during their spring spawning season. Tribal members rely on these lakes to preserve their cultural heritage and also act as a vital food source for their communities.

By March 15 of every year, each tribe declares how many walleyes and muskellunge it intends to harvest from each lake based on the safe harvest limits. News-Review staff has reached out to the DNR for those declaration numbers repeatedly since mid- to late-March, but has yet to receive the approved quotas, or receive notice that their open records request for the initial March 15 declarations had been received.

According to the DNR, harvest can take place before the approved quotas are released, and tribal spearing is likely to get underway this week in southern areas especially.

Harvest begins shortly after the ice melts, with nightly fishing permits issued by the tribes to their members to harvest a specific number of fish, including one walleye between 20 and 24 inches and one additional walleye of any size.

All fish that are taken are documented each night by a tribal clerk or warden who are present at boat landings. Once the declared harvest is reached in a given lake, no additional permits are issued for that lake, and the harvest ends. The Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) provides daily reports to the DNR for all fish harvested off-reservation by spearing or netting in the Ceded Territory.

### Tribal rights

In the mid-1800s, the Lake Superior Ojibwe Tribes ceded more than 22,000 square miles of tribal territory across northern Wisconsin, including all or parts of 30 counties through a series of treaties with the U.S. federal government.

When the Ojibwe ceded lands to the federal government, they maintained their rights to hunt, fish and gather off-reservation land within the Ceded Territory. However, after Wisconsin became a state, officials frequently assumed

statehood superseded Ojibwe treaty rights and regulated or prohibited off-reservation hunting, fishing, and gathering by tribal members.

In 1983, a federal court ruling reaffirmed the Ojibwe had the right to hunt, fish and gather off-reservation in the Ceded Territory, including the right to catch fish by spearing and netting.

### Interfering with rights

According to the DNR, it is illegal to interfere or attempt to interfere with tribal members who are exercising treaty rights, including the spring harvest of walleye. Prohibited conduct against any tribal member includes, but is not limited to, stalking, obstructing access to lakes, recklessly operating watercraft, creating hazardous wastes, threatening violence, and committing acts of violence, officials said.

The DNR is actively engaged with tribal law enforcement officers to protect tribal rights, not only for the upcoming season but for generations to come, and will continue to work to ensure all who participate are able to have a safe and enjoyable experience, they said.

To assist in regulating their activities, 11 Ojibwe bands have formed GLIFWC, which provides fully trained wardens who patrol the Ceded Territory to make sure tribal members are following applicable tribal conservation laws. Violations are cited into tribal courts for prosecution. Ojibwe spearing and netting are carefully monitored and regulated by staff from both GLIFWC and the Wisconsin DNR.

DNR officials say anyone violating tribal rights could be charged under several Wisconsin laws, fined up to \$10,000 and sentenced up to nine months in prison. Additionally, any tribal member whose rights are violated may bring civil action for damages and seek a restraining order.

### Rights infringement

Any individual who has witnessed or been subject to infringement of tribal rights to hunt, fish and gather that is active and involves physical harassment or a verbal threat of physical harm, can report that to local law enforcement immediately by calling 911.

If the threat has passed, people can contact local law enforcement at the non-emergency number. They also should call or text the confidential DNR Tip Hotline at 1-800-TIP-WDNR, as soon as possible to make a report of the event.

GLIFWC also recommends reporting any instances of infringement in order to maintain a record and provide follow-up. Call GLIFWC Enforcement at 715-685-2113 to document an incident.

# REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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 Courthouse the past week and the transfer fee:

### March 10, 2023

Allen D. Eschenbauch and Pamela W. Eschenbauch to Jeremy Deweerdt, Jeremy De Weerd, Jennifer Deweerdt and Jennifer De Weerd, gov lot 7 in 1-43-6, \$600

Darwin Adams, Julia Kristine Austin and Julie Kristine Austin to Neverland Enterprises, NE SE and NW SE in 30-40-8, \$847.50

Bartels Exchange Holdings LLC to Kevin G. Bartels and Amy Bartels, gov lots 1 and 2 in 4-41-11, \$1,924.80

Estate of Debra Ann Stuhmer, Estate of Debra Ann Kogle, Pers Rep Cindy L. Stuhmer, Pers Rep Roger A. McClellan and Pers Rep Roger A. Mc Clellan to Shari McPherson and Shari Mc Pherson, lot 6 in block 1 of plat 10 in Arrowhead Lake Subd, \$600

RMTM Property LLC to Aaron S. Sykes and Kelsi R. Sykes, unit 3 of plat 15 in Big Arbor Vitae Condo, \$765

### March 13, 2023

John Alf, Brittany Alf and Jason Pieper to Lynx Lakeside Retreat LLC, gov lot 7 in 18-43-7, \$1,735.50

John Alf, Jill Alf, Jordan Alf and Byron Schumacher to Lakeside Lookout LLC, gov lot 3 in 28-40-7, \$1,379.40

James Will Trust, Trustee Marilyn E. Will and Trustee Marilyn E. Will to Nickolas M. Maggio, SE SW in 22-40-8, \$58.50

Riverhouse Investments LLC to Debra L. Wolf, NW NE and gov lot 2 in 34-40-9, \$127.50

### March 14, 2023

Allan J. Trzebiatowski to Mark Allen Lloyd and Christie Lynn Lloyd, SE NW in 28-43-6 and gov lot 8 in 21-43-6, \$1,020

William S. Senft to Larry D. Hamielec and Maryann Hamielec, SE SE in 32-41-12 and gov lot 5 in 33-41-12, \$324

Vincent H. Hoehn and Joyce K. Hoehn to James J. Schroeder and Jill Schroeder, gov lot 5 in 15-42-5, \$360

Robert J. Bushman and Janet Harder to Mark Anthony Buncheck, NE SW, NW

SW, SW SW and SE SW in 14-43-7, NE SE, NW SE, SW SE and SE SE in 15-43-7, NE NE, NW NE, SW NE and SE NE in 22-43-7 and NE NW, NW NW, SW NW and SE NW in 23-43-7, \$159

Annin Family Revocable Living Trust 08/14/01 and Trustee Marilyn J. Annin to Michael Annin Trust, Trustee Michael Annin, Barbara Annin and Trustee Barbara Annin, gov lot 1 in 35-43-9 and gov lot 4 in 36-43-9, \$1,774.80

Sean M. & Marcia L. Reimer Living Trust, Trustee Sean M. Reimer to Semyon Luskin, Natalia Luskin, Lia Quilico and Solomon David Luskin, gov lot 3 in 4-39-10, \$1,065

Harry P. Bond Living Trust and Trustee Harry P. Bond to Michele Recchia, unit 229 of plat 110 in Gateway Lodge Hotel Condo, \$100.50

Thomas V. St. Louis and Irene St. Louis to Thomas Victor St. Louis Jr, SW NE in 16-41-11, \$211.50

Julie A. Martin, Paul J. Rollmann and David J. Rollmann to Julie A. Martin and Michael Timothy Martin Sr., SW NE, NE NW, SE NW and NW SE in 18-41-9, \$931.20

### March 15, 2023

John S. Barron and Donna J. Barron to Stephen P. Koehnke and Kari E. Koehnke, lots 25 and 26 and out lots 1-4 of plat 822 in High Ground at Maple Ridge, \$84

Michael G. Christensen to Gary J. Christensen, NE SE in 5-40-5, \$45

### March 16, 2023

David S. Virta to Dennis R. Virta and Deborah R. Virta, lots 51 and 52 of plat 163 in Keystone Park, \$375

Donald J. Douglass and Carol J. Douglass to Debra Lee Wilson, NW NW in 24-40-6, \$630

Jeffery A. Bruckner and Tammie M. Bruckner to David R. Cebery and Sheri M. Cebery, NE SE and SE NE in 29-40-4, \$1,200

### March 17, 2023

Dennis J. Rudie and Leann M. Rudie to James G. Mittelello III, SE NW in 35-42-12, \$38.70

GPS Inc to Benjamin R. Jung and Julie M. Jung, lot 3 of plat 340 in Timbering Haven, \$307.50

Jack H. Mozenter Declaration of Trust, Trustee Caldwell Trust Company and Trustee Andrea Liberman, lot 1 of plat 102 in Forest Lake Plat, gov lot 1 in 10-42-9 and gov lots 2-5 and 321 and 322

of plat 102 in Forest Lake Plat, \$3,000

Lawrence A. Neumann, Lynn A. Neumann, Craig T. Buske and Carla P. Buske to Anthony J. Menard, unit 4 and garage 9 of plat 1070 in Sunny Cove Resort Condominium, \$688.50

Boulder Springs Laundry LLC to Condado Companies LLC, lot 11 in block 2 of plat 418 in Boulder Junction Assessors Plat, \$1,119

Carol A. Tomlanovich, Joseph Tomlanovich Jr., Todd Tomlanovich and Tammy Ellis to Peter J. Baltus Trust of 2016, SW SE in 34-40-10, \$465

Jeffrey S. Abb to Gerald W. Geiss and Joann Geiss, NE SW, NW SW, SW SW and SE SW in 14-43-7, \$795

### March 20, 2023

Great Northern Adventure Company to Davidson Woodward Schultz, NW SW, NE SW, SE SW and SW SW in 16-40-10, \$300

Dick's Real Estate LLP to Buckatambon LLC, gov lot 1 and 2 and NW SW in 24-41-9, \$1,103.70

### March 21, 2023

Kody M. Parman and Laura Parman to Tracy Morris and Heather Smith, unit 4 of plat 312 in St. Germain Lodge Condo, \$795

MJ Patterson Properties LLC to Amanda M. Thompson, lot 15 of plat 41 in Butterfield Subd, \$657

Richard T. Lochowicz and Mary Lochowicz to Gregory S. Maines and Kari A. Maines, SW SW in 26-40-9, \$72

Happy Dog Properties, LLC to Melissa E. Elfstrom, lots 1 and 2 in block 5 of plat 405 in McIntyre's Addn, \$450

Wayne K. Hintz and Carmel L. Hintz to Virginia A. Charles, lot 1 of plat CSM5726 and NE NW in 12-41-10, \$660

Lydia A. Wagner and POA Mary Jo Wagner Bruyette to David R. Yuswak and Laureen N. Wick, SE NW in 28-40-4, \$130.50

### March 22, 2023

Lawrence Gohlke, Estate of Richard D. Gohlke and Pers Rep Adam Gohlke to Clearwater Lake Club LLC, SW SW and SE SW in 13-39-10, \$297.30

Bruce M. Richter and Nancy L. Richter to Paul Ryczek and Jaime Ryczek, gov lot 4 and plat 674 in Omitted Lands in 8-40-10, \$34.50

### March 23, 2023

Ohde Construction & Excavating LLC to Kevin

Sheehan, lot 13 of plat 155 in Indian Woods, \$45

Noreen L. Enerson Revocable Trust and Trustee Noreen L. Enerson to Adam R. Lincoln, unit 3 of plat 103 in Forest Lodge Condo, \$570

Nicholas Simonis and Jessica Simonis to Bonnie J. Bagley, gov lot 4 in 34-40-6, \$990

### March 24, 2023

Jonathan Hallberg Grenier to Andrew P. Littaritz, unit 15 of plat 853 in Eagle Waters Resort Condo, \$1,167

### March 27, 2023

John J. Jr & Nancy J. Bojak Revocable Declaration of Trust, Trustee John J. Jr Bojak and Trustee Nancy J. Bojak to Curtis L. Vogel and Shawn L. Vogel, NW NW in 18-41-9, \$105

John J. Jr & Nancy J. Bojak Revocable Declaration of Trust, Trustee John J. Jr Bojak and Trustee Nancy J. Bojak to Timothy G. Grudzinski and Cynthia S. Grudzinski, NW NW in 18-41-9, \$90

Bruce & Monica Hady Living Trust, Trustee Bruce Dean Hady and Trustee Monica Ruth Hady to Steven S. Sorg and Angela M. Sorg, gov lot 2 in 12-42-5 and 6 in 1-42-5, \$351

Kevin Buss and Michelle Buss to Lisa A. Russell, unit 812-1 of plat 777 in Bridges Landing Condominium, \$867

Robert J. Grutza Sr. and Michael W. Grutza to Brian C. Johnson and Shawn M. Crowley Johnson, gov lot 2 in 12-42-5, gov lot 6 in 1-42-5, \$1,167

Judith K. Franz to Michael A. Sutter and Kathy J. Sutter, NE NE in 11-39-10, \$540

### March 30, 2023

John J. and Kathleen M. Coleman Revocable Trust, Trustee John J. Coleman and Trustee Kathleen M. Coleman to Babicz Living Trust 08/07/00, gov lot 1 and SW NW in 25-44-5, gov lots 2, 4 and 5 in 26-44-5 and gov lots 6 and 7 in 23-44-5, \$600

Christine Stensrude Cully to Julio William Ridgley, lots 15 and 16 in block 4 of plat 405 in McIntyre's Addn, \$495

### March 31, 2023

Alpine Construction and Stone LLC to Teamrond Company LLC, NE SW in 36-41-10, \$1,155

Golden Estate Revocable Trust of 2022, Trustee Gary Kallio and Trustee Janet M. Kallio to The Plaid Bear LLC and The Plaid Bear LLC, units 29 and 30 of plat 281 in Rustic Village Condo, \$135

# NEWS

## North Woods records historic weather extremes in '22-'23

By STEPHANIE DYE  
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Overnight precipitation April 16 launched the 2022-'23 winter season into history books when snowfall totals surpassed area records with snow accumulation of 118.7 inches.

Beginning in the late afternoon, snow began falling in the North Woods and continued into the morning hours of April 17, creating another 3.8 inches of coverage. This snow accumulation added to this season's snowfall numbers and surpassed the previous documented totals of 114.9" held during the winter of 2018-'19.

"This winter has set some exceptional records," said Chief Meteorologist Geoff Weller for WJFW's Newswatch 12 team out of Rhinelander. "The winter itself was by far warmer and wetter than average. The amount of snow we have received has been a turnaround from recent years, especially last season's totals of around 50-60 inches of snow throughout the North Woods."

Weller added that he is currently in the midst of an active weather pattern which has, and is forecasted to continue to create some extreme weather conditions throughout the area.

"With a series of two or three more systems coming towards us later this week, we can expect additional rain and possibly more snow later in the week," continued Weller. "Our



It's been a long winter in the North Woods, book-ended with heavy snowfall followed by a big warm-up in February and then a large amount of late-season accumulation. —STAFF PHOTO

water tables are already quite high and this will only add to the flood levels."

On April 16, the National Weather Service out of Green Bay issued several weather advisories for the area, including winter storm warnings, hazardous weather statements and hydrologic outlooks that included flood information.

As of 3:36 a.m. the morning of April 17, the winter storm warning remained in effect until 7 p.m. for Oneida and Vilas counties stating that high winds and heavy snow could result in dangerous travel conditions and possible

power outages.

Minor to moderate flooding that had already taken place due to the previous week's exceedingly warm temperatures and quick snowmelt and flood conditions, are expected to continue to worsen in the upcoming week with the additional rain and snow forecasted.

According to the weather service statement, the flood affects are anticipated to remain at a hazardous state causing damage to roads, lowland flooding and fast flowing rivers through Sunday, April 23.

"It's been an extreme week for the North Woods," Weller stated. "We set two area record highs last week with temperatures in the high 70s and low 80s. Now we are in the middle of a front that caused a 43-degree temperature change from warm to cold."

According to Weller, the next week's numbers could possibly set further records for the history books.

"I am thrilled to be part of these memorable weather recordings," concluded Weller. "But I think we can all agree that it's time to bring on the sunshine and 80 degrees."

# PUBLIC NOTICES

(One Week, 4/19/2023)  
**NOTICE OF BEER AND OR LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION**  
Period of 5/1/23 - 6/30/23  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have applied for a license to sell, at the premises described below, in the City of Eagle River, Vilas County Wisconsin, intoxicating liquors and fermented malt beverages as described in chapter 125 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 to the undersigned.  
Class B Combination Beer and Liquor License for Links Pub and Grill at the Eagle River Golf Course LLC, 457 E McKinley, Eagle River WI, Arthur L Hollis Agent.  
Becky Bolte - Clerk  
996

(Three Weeks, 4/19-5/3/2023)  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN**  
**CIRCUIT COURT, VILAS COUNTY**  
— PROBATE —  
Order Setting Time to Hear Petition for Administration and Deadline for Filing Claims  
(Formal Administration)  
Case No. 23PR00017

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Charles H. Fieitz**  
A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.  
**THE COURT FINDS:**  
The decedent, with date of birth December 10, 1933 and date of death September 21, 2022 was domiciled in Vilas County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 10870 Lakeshore Drive #152, Arbor Vitae, WI 54568.

**THE COURT ORDERS:**  
1. The Petition be heard at the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Room 2, before Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner Judge Daniel Overbey, on 05/11/2023 at 8:30 AM.  
2. You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.  
3. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is July 7, 2023.  
4. A claim may be filed at the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Room-Office of Registrar in Probate.  
5. Publication of this notice is notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.  
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715.479.3632 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

**BY THE COURT:**  
/s/ Dawn Halverson  
Circuit Court Commissioner  
March 22, 2023  
Attorney Kyle Hanson  
Hanson Law Group, LLP  
1000 Hart Road, Suite 300  
Barrington, IL 60010  
(847) 282-0003  
Bar Number 1085048  
0973

(Two Weeks, 4/19-4/26/2023)  
**Public Hearing Notice**  
Vilas County Zoning & Planning Committee  
Date: Thursday, May 4, 2023  
Time: 9:00 AM  
Location: Vilas County Courthouse Conference Room 1 and 2  
330 Court St.  
Eagle River, WI 54521

**Public Hearing Description**  
The hearing will be on a petition submitted by Robert Dippen, to rezone a property currently split zoned GENERAL BUSINESS (GB) and RECREATION (REC) to all RECREATION (REC), located in the Southwest ¼ of the Northwest ¼, Section 30, Town 40 North, Range 8 East, Town of St. Germain, Vilas County, Wisconsin, known as Vilas County Computer Parcel Number 24-1653-02.  
An on-site may be conducted at the Committee's discretion, at which time the Committee would recess and travel to the inspection, with the Public Hearing to follow at the Vilas County Courthouse. A copy of the Petition is on file in the Vilas County Zoning Office.  
Dated at Eagle River this 14th day of April 2023.

David Sadenwasser, Zoning Administrator  
For: Zoning and Planning Committee  
If you have special needs, or require special accommodations, please call (715) 479-3620 or write: Vilas County Zoning, Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St, Eagle River, WI 54521  
1507

(Three Weeks, 4/12-4/26/2023)  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN**  
**CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL DIVISION**  
**VILAS COUNTY**  
Case No. 2023CV000018  
Classification Code: 30301  
The amount claimed is over \$10,000.

CommerceBank  
P.O. Box 49248 KCREC  
Kansas City MO 64179-6248  
Plaintiff, vs.  
Christine Gould  
10994 Spruce St # 48  
Woodruff WI 54568-9355  
Defendant.

**PUBLICATION SUMMONS**  
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, To the person named above as a defendant:  
You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.  
Within 40 (forty) days after April 14, 2023, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 330 Court Street, Eagle River, WI 54521 and to Dobberstein Law Firm, LLC, the plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 225 S. Executive Drive, Brookfield, Wisconsin 53005. You may have an attorney help or represent you.  
If you do not provide a proper answer within 40 (forty) days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.  
Dated this 3rd day of April, 2023.  
DOBBERSTEIN LAW FIRM, LLC  
Attorneys for the plaintiff  
/s/ Electronically signed by  
Ashley M Nelson  
Ashley M Nelson  
State Bar No. 1086258

**MAILING ADDRESS:**  
225 S. Executive Dr.  
Brookfield, WI 53005  
(262) 641-3715  
1261

(Three Weeks, 4/12-4/26/2023)  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN**  
**CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY**  
Case No. 2022CV000088

**Bank of America, N.A.,** Plaintiff,  
v.  
Bates Living Trust, dated September 14, 2000 by its trustee Albert James Bates IV, et al. Defendants.  
**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**  
By virtue of a judgment of foreclosure made in the above-entitled action on February 2, 2023 in the amount of \$1,114,132.85, I will sell at public auction, located in the Courthouse Annex Addition, main public entrance, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, WI 54521, on May 11, 2023  
At 2:00 PM, all of the following described premises, to wit:  
LOT 13 OF BLACK OAK LAKE COTTAGE SITES ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS IN AND FOR SAID COUNTY, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF GOVERNMENT LOT 6, SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 43 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, IN VILAS COUNTY, WISCONSIN.  
Street Address: 5660 Keefe Road, Land O Lakes, WI 54540  
Tax Key No. 012-1484  
THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD AS IS AND SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL REAL ESTATE TAXES, SUPERIOR LIENS OR OTHER LEGAL ENCUMBRANCES.  
TERMS OF SALE: CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK OR CERTIFIED FUNDS, payable to the Clerk of Courts (10% down payment at sale, balance due within ten (10) days of Court approval; down payment to be forfeited if payment not received timely) (Cashier's Check is required if down payment is \$20,000.00 or more). Buyer must comply with minimum bidder qualifications as set forth in Wis. Stat. § 846.155. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price.  
/s/ Joseph A. Fath  
Sheriff of Vilas County, Wisconsin  
Codrills, Moody & Circelli, P.C.  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
(414) 775-7700  
50-22-00636  
NOTICE: This law firm is a debt collector.  
0984

**NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING**  
Case No. 23CV26

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**

A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: Heather Lee Schmidt  
To: Heather Lee Meyer  
Birth Certificate: Heather Lee Schmidt  
IT IS ORDERED:  
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Vilas County, State of Wisconsin: Judge's Name Martha J. Milanowski  
Place: Vilas County Circuit Courthouse, Courtroom 1  
Date: May 8, 2023  
Time: 8:30 a.m.  
**BY THE COURT:**  
/s/ Martha J. Milanowski-ki  
Circuit Court Judge  
April 3, 2023  
0986

(Three Weeks, 4/19-5/3/2023)  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN**  
**CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY**  
— PROBATE —  
Order Setting Time to Hear Petition for Administration and Deadline for Filing Claims  
(Formal Administration)  
Case No. 23PR21

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BONITA L. JOHNSON AKA BONITA LYNN JOHNSON DOD: 02/16/2023**  
A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.  
**THE COURT FINDS:**  
The decedent, with date of birth 07/19/1949 and date of death 02/16/2023, was domiciled in Vilas County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 2375 Finger Lake Lane, PO Box 1225, Eagle River, WI 54521.

**THE COURT ORDERS:**  
1. The Petition be heard at the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Room/Branch 1, before Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner Honorable Martha Milanowski, on May 18, 2023 at 9:00 AM.  
2. You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.  
3. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is July 21, 2023.  
4. A claim may be filed at the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Room-Office of Registrar in Probate.  
5. Publication of this notice is notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.  
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715.479.3632 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

**BY THE COURT:**  
/s/ Martha J. Milanowski  
Circuit Court Judge  
April 10, 2023  
Attorney Steven C. Garbowicz  
221 S First St, PO Box 639  
Eagle River, WI 54521  
715.479.6444  
Bar Number 1018485  
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(Three Weeks, 4/19-5/3/2023)  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN**  
**CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY**  
— PROBATE —  
Order Setting Time to Hear Petition for Administration and Deadline for Filing Claims  
(Formal Administration)  
Case No. 23PR23

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES M. GIERLUSZ**  
DOD: 11/6/2022  
A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.  
**THE COURT FINDS:**  
The decedent, with date of birth 12/18/1949 and date of death 11/6/2022, was domiciled in Vilas County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 4238 E 5TH 70, Eagle River, WI 54521.

**THE COURT ORDERS:**  
1. The Petition be heard at the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Room/Branch 2, before Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner Honorable Daniel L. Overbey, on May 11, 2023 at 9:30 AM.  
2. You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.  
3. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is July 21, 2023.  
4. A claim may be filed at the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Room/Office of Registrar in Probate.  
5. Publication of this notice is notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.  
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**BY THE COURT:**  
/s/ Daniel L. Overbey  
Circuit Court Judge, Branch 2  
April 12, 2023  
Attorney Steven C. Garbowicz  
221 S First St, PO Box 639  
Eagle River, WI 54521  
715.479.6444  
Bar Number 1018485  
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**GO PACK GO** — The Habitat For Humanity ReStore in Rhinelander hosted former and current Green Bay Packers players Saturday morning to take pictures with fans and answer questions. Donations collected went toward local Habitat For Humanity efforts. During their visit:  
**Above:** Team CEO Mark Murphy takes questions from audience members.  
**Below:** Murphy presents ReStore Manager Dennis Schimek a check for \$20,000 from the Packers Foundation. Associated Bank also donated \$4,000.  
**Left:** Former running back Eddie Lacy high-fives an excited youth before taking a photo with him while former defensive safety Davon House looks on.

—Staff Photos By MICHELLE DREW



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# NEWS



**GRAND OPENING** — The Hiker Box officially opened its new location at 211 Railroad St. in downtown Eagle River with a grand opening event April 14. Approximately 80 people were in attendance at the event that ran from 5 to 8 p.m.  
**Above:** The Hiker Box owners Jessica Allen and Tom Stephens thank the crowd for joining them in celebrating the new location's opening.  
**Right:** Individuals were able to check out available products first-hand and sign up for door prizes given away during the event.  
**Below:** Upcoming summer staff Malia Remme (left) and Emma Perry joined in the festivities. The new location has limited hours, but by mid-May is scheduled to be open seven days a week.

—Staff Photos by STEPHANIE DYE



# PUBLIC NOTICES

(One Week, 4/19/23)  
City of Eagle River  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
April 11, 2023

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Eagle River was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Jeff Hyslop.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Roll Call: Ron Kressin, Kim Schaffer, and Diane Marquardt. Jerry Burkett absent due to illness. Also in attendance: Becky Bolte, Robin Ginner, Cory Hoffmann, Mike Adamovich, Chris Dobbs, Tony Sable and Kyle Anderson

Motion by Kressin, 2nd by Schaffer to approve the minutes of the 3/14/2023 Finance Committee and Common Council meetings and 3/28/23 Special Common Council meeting. Carried, all.

A) Eagle River Joint Municipal Fire Commission: Proposed Amendment to Airport Commission Resolution regarding Airport Tenant Representative: Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Kressin to approve the amendment to the Joint Resolution detailing the Tenant Representative requirements for appointment, the terms of office, and means of removal from office. Carried on a roll call vote, all.

B) Eagle River Joint Municipal Fire Commission: Purchase of new ladder engine \$1.4 million, request to the City for a maximum of \$64,440 contribution with option of five-, seven- or 10-year loan: Motion by Kressin, 2nd by Schaffer to go forward with the process of purchasing of the 2026 Pierce Ascendant Platform Ladder, listed as Option 1 in supporting documents, with financing to be established in the future. Carried on a roll call vote, all.

C) Republic Services Municipal Manager, Jim Whittinghill, Annual Update and Q&A: Jim Whittinghill who has been the Sales Representative for the City of Eagle River announced he would be retiring June 30th, and introduced his replacement, Tyler Jacobson. Jacobson spoke of Republic Services National Neighborhood Promise to give back to the communities they serve and announced that they would be donating \$250,000 to ERRRA towards repairs needed at the dome.

D) Garbage Haulers Licenses: Advanced Disposal Services Solid Waste Midwest LLC, Republic Services III LLC, GFL Environmental: Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Marquardt to approve the 2023-2024 Garbage Haulers Licenses as presented. Carried, all.

E) Operator's licenses: Regular: Jessica Allen, Hillary Dinkmeyer, Kim Emerson, Hollie Goeman, Mary Kate Hayes, Cheyenne Johnson, Beth Klein, Carolyn Nosarzewski, Cortnee Pinski, Shanna Rabenberg, Michelle Rivo, Heather Sivyer, Thomas Stephens IV, Timothy Welch, Maria Whitford Temp: Kathy Holperin., Kayla Mathisen, Nicolas Mathisen, David Stauffacher Pending: Arthur Hollis. Motion by Kressin 2nd by Marquardt to approve the regular operator's licenses as presented. Carried, all.

F) Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Kressin to approve pending operator's licenses pending final approval from the Police Chief. Carried, all.

F) Change of Agent, Kwik Trip #131 Class A Retail Combo liquor license: Jennifer M

Frammes. Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Marquardt to approve the change of agent at Kwik Trip #131 to Jennifer M Frammes. Carried, all.

G) Original Class B Liquor/Class B Beer Liquor License Application: Links Pub & Grill at the Eagle River Golf Course LLC. Trade name - Links Pub & Grill at the Eagle River Golf Course, 457 E McKinley, Arthur L Hollis Agent. Motion by Kressin, 2nd by Schaffer to approve the issuance of an Original Class B Liquor/Class B Beer Liquor License to Links Pub & Grill at the Eagle River Golf Course LLC. Trade name - Links Pub & Grill at the Eagle River Golf Course, 457 E McKinley, Arthur L Hollis Agent. Carried on a roll call vote, all.

H) Taxi Business License: Allison's Bar Car and Limo LLC and Taxi Drivers License: Kenneth E Allison, Marianne M Allison. Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Kressin to approve the business taxi license for Allison's Bar Car and Limo LLC, and taxi drivers licenses for Kenneth E Allison and Marianne M Allison. Carried, all.

I) Street Closing/temporary sign/amplification/display of goods permits: Eagle River Rotary: Fundraising tent at 2023 events in Rotary Square. Motion by Kressin, 2nd by Marquardt to approve the temporary signs permit as presented for Eagle River Rotary at Rotary Square for 2023 events. Carried, all.

Eagle River Revitalization Program: 2023 Farmers Market, North Railroad Street, Wednesdays & Sundays, May 24th-October 11th. Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Marquardt to approve the event permit for the Eagle River Farmers Market including approval of: Exemption from the Direct Sellers Permit to cover all exhibitors at the Market who have permission or have paid a booth fee and are selling during market hours, allowing temporary sandwich boards to be placed. To contract and pay for a porta-potty to be placed behind the Farmers Market sign, cleaned weekly and unlocked during market hours and allowing a weekly entertainer the opportunity to use a small amplification device, (entertainer may be busking). Carried on a roll call vote, all.

J) Golf Course - Pro Shop and Greens Department updates: Golf Pro Sable reported the pro shop is ready to go with merchandise stocked and sufficient staff. Superintendent Anderson reports that the snow is melting but is still deep in some places. He has in crew ready to go as the snow opens up.

K) MSA - Monthly Update: A written report of current projects was supplied for review. Phil Kriesel provided a timeline for the 2025 E Spruce Street and N Third Street Utility Improvement Project, starting with design contract in August of 2023. Kriesel also reported the WWTF Upgrade is completed for the most part with just a few small things to complete.

L) Eagle River Revitalization Program: Margelofsky presented a listing of Bounce-back grants awarded to Eagle River businesses 2021-Present. Margelofsky then gave a Rotary Square update, presenting drafts of a Rotary Square Developer's Contract between City of Eagle River and the Rotary Club of Eagle River and Rotary Square Contract between City of Eagle River and Eagle River Revitalization Pro-

gram. Mayor voiced concerns with item d in the contract in reference to hours the City would allow activities, with Margelofsky stating the hours correspond with the parks and are needed for scheduling when the doors were to be locked. Annual fundraising plans have been established with maintenance funds to be held by a title company. The Treasurer and Administrator will work with Margelofsky on the logistics of bill pay for maintenance costs.

M) Planning Commission, Rotary Square landscaping plan: Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Marquardt to accept the Planning Commission recommendation and approve the Rotary Square landscaping plan as presented with sidewalk from Wall Street to the center of the building. Carried, all.

N) Resolution #1008 - Removing Kristen Hanneman and adding Corinne Hoffmann. Treasurer to City issued credit card users. Motion by Kressin, 2nd by Marquardt to approve Resolution #1008 as presented, removing Kristen Hanneman and adding Corinne Hoffmann, Treasurer to City issued credit card users.

O) Approve purchase of Workhorse Municipal Accounting Software: Motion by Kressin, 2nd by Marquardt to approve the purchase of Workhorse Municipal Accounting and Payroll software with a purchase price of \$23,700 and annual support fee of \$4,050.00 to be split between the City and the Golf Course. Carried on a roll call vote, all.

P) Approve payment of bills for the city and the golf course: Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Marquardt to approve payment of the bills for the city and the golf course as recommended by the Finance Committee. Carried on a roll call vote, all.

Q) Administrators report on activities in all departments & general monthly duties: Ginner presented a written update of departmental happenings for review. Ginner added Quita Sheehan of Vilas County Land and Water reported to her that the emerald ash borer has been detected in Vilas County. Mayor questioned if we had any Ordinance in place to deal with such a problem, Ginner to investigate options on how to proceed.

R) Police chief report on departmental activities: Chief Dobbs supplied a written update of current activity and events for review.

Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Kressin to adjourn to Closed Session according to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Carried on a roll call vote, all.

a. Operator License Applicant  
b. Employment Reviews: City Treasurer, City Clerk, City Administrator  
Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Kressin to return to open session to act on matters discussed in closed session. Carried on a roll call vote, all.

Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Marquardt to approve Regular Operator's license for Barbara Baker. Carried, all.

Motion by Schaffer, 2nd by Kressin to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. Carried all. Becky J Bolte - Clerk

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(Three Weeks, 4/5-4/19/2023)  
STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY  
Case No. 2022CV000013  
Code No. 30404  
Foreclosure of Mortgage  
Dollar Amount Greater Than \$10,000.00

U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as owner trustee for Legacy Mortgage Asset Trust 2019-GS7  
c/o Rushmore Loan Management Services, LLC  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
The Estate of PAUL HEINRICH and UNKNOWN SPOUSE of Paul Heinrich and MOMKUS LLC f/k/a MOMKUS MCCLUSKEY LLC and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; and VILAS COUNTY,  
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on October 11, 2022, in the amount of \$220,564.42, the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:

TIME: April 20, 2023 at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

TERMS:

1. 10% down in cash or certified funds at the time of sale; balance due within 10 days of confirmation of sale; failure to pay balance due will result in forfeit of deposit to plaintiff.
2. Sold "as is" and subject to all legal liens and encumbrances.
3. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax, costs of recording and all costs of sale within 10 days of confirmation of sheriff's sale.

PLACE: Main Lobby of the Vilas County Courthouse 330 Court Street, Eagle River

DESCRIPTION: That part of Government Lot Four (4), Section Ten (10), Township Forty-one (41) North, Range Eight(8) East, Town of Plum Lake, That lies South of County Trunk Highway "K". Excepting therefrom that part as described in Volume 493, M/R, Page 507, Vilas County, Wisconsin.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 8179 County Road K, Town of Plum Lake  
TAX KEY NO.: 2 GL 4-2  
/s/ Joseph A. Fath  
Sheriff of Vilas County, WI  
O'DESS AND ASSOCIATES, S.C.  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
1414 Underwood Avenue, Suite 403  
Wauwatosa, WI 53213  
(414) 727-1591

O'Dess and Associates, S.C., is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a Chapter 7 Discharge in Bankruptcy, this correspondence should not be construed as an attempt to collect a debt.

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# NEWS-REVIEW CLASSIFIEDS

**HELP WANTED:** In-home caregiver for elderly couple on Kentuck Lake. Hours 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., Monday-Friday. Contact Nancy, 715-545-2042. 2p-9985-07L

**HELP WANTED:** Now Hiring! Krist Oil, full-time and part-time positions. Flexible hours available. Please apply online at: kristoil.com. 4c-9986-09L

**FOR SALE:** Shih Tzu black and white puppies; 2 males, \$600 each. Veterinary checked weight, received first shots. Located in Argonne. Call 715-889-5371. 2p-9989-08L




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Application forms are available on the District's website (District tab, then "Job Opportunities"). Applications can also be requested by calling 715-546-3496 or by email to kison@threelakesd.k12.wi.us.

Application deadline is April 24, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

www.threelakesd.k12.wi.us  
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**NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS**

Custom Components of Eagle River Inc. is now accepting applications for a full-time position in their Open Wall Component Manufacturing Plant. Job duties include building of walls, floor decks, installation of windows, loading and unloading trucks as well as some light deliveries. Ability to lift 100 lbs., good driving record with valid driver's license and work well with others on a team is required. Prior knowledge and experience with forklifts, trucks, trailers, reading blueprints and a construction background desirable. Great working environment. Salary commensurate with experience.

Send resumé or application to SHOP OPENING, P.O. Box 997, Eagle River, WI 54521, drop off at 141 S. Willow Street, 2nd Floor or email to info@cornerstonecustombuilders.com. Applications can be printed from here: www.cornerstonecustombuilders.com/careers.

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**TRUCK DRIVER/ CRANE ASSISTANT**

Custom Components of Eagle River, Inc. is now accepting applications for a Truck Driver/Crane Assistant. Position consists of driving semi-tractor that carries open walls and floor decks to jobsites; hooking walls, floor decks and trusses for Crane Operator and assist in setting them on job sites. Additional responsibilities include deliveries and shop mechanical work.

Must have good driving record with CDL privileges. Experience required in welding, material handling, driving fork and material lifts. Ability to work independently as well as in a team setting. Willing to train. Full time, year-round position.

Send resume to 'Truck Driver/Crane Assistant Opening': mail to PO Box 997, Eagle River, WI 54521 OR email to info@cornerstonecustombuilders.com OR call (715)-479-0001 and ask for David to have phone interview.

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# INTERN WANTED

The News-Review is looking for a summer intern, from approximately May 24 through Aug. 17, three to four days per week. Intern will work with staff to develop business features and take photos for summer tourism magazine. Other writing will be assigned by the editor. Paid position.

**CONTACT:**  
Vilas County News-Review,  
Summer Internship  
Attn: Michelle Drew, Editor  
P.O. Box 1929  
Eagle River, WI 54521-1929  
(715) 479-4421  
michelled@vcnewsreview.com



# NEWS



**MOCK CRASH** — Area law enforcement offices and emergency service units participated in a mock car crash at Northland Pines High School to show the dangers behind impaired and distracted driving. With only a few weeks before Pines junior prom, students observed how even in a simulated crash, the feeling of shock can set in and were reminded of how a simple choice can make for a life altering consequence.

**Above:** Law enforcement officers and firefighters arrive on scene to help those trapped inside the mangled vehicles.

**Right:** A victim who sustained deadly injuries is seen being moved away from the crash scene.

—Staff Photos By JON EICHMAN



## Southern part of state sees wildfires, emergency alerts

By MICHELLE DREW  
EDITOR

A blend of factors including warm temperatures, low relative humidity and very windy conditions in the southern part of the state last week led to wildfire outbreaks, red flag alerts and a state of emergency declared.

Fire danger in the northern region remains low thanks to the lingering snow cover and new accumulation that arrived Sunday night into Monday morning.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) fire crews and local agencies were on the scene of a roughly 100-acre wildfire in Juneau County near Necedah, where evacuations took place for several structures in the fire's path, as well as a 3,186-acre wildfire in Monroe County near Black River Falls, both of which started April 12.

In Monroe County, officials said three structures were damaged and one shed was lost in the fire that burned oak and jack pine trees. Containing the fire involved roughly 150 firefighting personnel. DNR officials reported it was 99% contained as of Friday evening.

State patrol also was on

hand to monitor smoke on the interstate, shutting down the highway as fire conditions or lack of visibility warranted it.

Crews made progress using engines and bulldozers to build containment lines. They actively fought the fire overnight and efforts to contain the blaze carried into April 14.

"The steep and uneven topography makes it difficult for direct attack on some parts of the fire line," the DNR said in a press release last week. "Safety is a main concern for ground crews, with a focus on equipment navigating steep slopes and unimproved roads and personnel staying aware of burning and falling hazardous trees on the fire line."

DNR officials said a thorough investigation is being conducted on the cause of the wildfire. The team consists of personnel and wildland fire investigators who are trained to look at specific indicators at the origin of the fire. These investigations can take time, and more information will be shared as it becomes available.

In Juneau County, the 100-acre fire burned oak, jack pine and grass, also with fire crews using engines and bulldozers to build containment lines. Blackhawk helicopters

also made several drops to minimize fire intensity and reinforce the areas.

Eight heavy units, seven engines, one DNR air attack, two Wisconsin National Guard Blackhawk helicopter, one county heavy dozer, two United States Forestry Service (USFS) engines, one USFW engine and marsh master, and one correctional camp crew assisted.

No injuries have been reported in either fire, and the cause of these wildfires is still under investigation. DNR officials noted that campfires, ashes from fireplaces, outdoor grills, smoking, chainsaws, off-road vehicles or other small engines have the potential to throw a spark, ignite a fire and spread quickly.

Also last week, a red flag alert was put into place Wednesday and went into Friday for the lower two-thirds of the state which was prone to extreme fire danger. The alert came on the heels of the state of emergency declared Wednesday by Gov. Tony Evers. A red flag warning is issued when a variety of weather factors come together to create especially dangerous wildland fire conditions.

"Protecting Wisconsinites from the destructive danger of wildfire is a top priority. Although northern Wisconsin

still has considerable snow cover, the danger is extreme across much of the state," said Evers. "This executive order will give the Department of Natural Resources the ability to have all available resources ready to be quickly dispatched at critical moments to keep fires small and minimize damage."

The DNR requested wildfire suppression support from the Wisconsin National Guard due to elevated fire danger across much of the state. Executive Order No 191 helped to support challenges associated with ongoing statewide wildfire danger and the widespread need to enhance suppression capability and protect Wisconsinites, according to DNR officials.

The executive order from the governor assisted the state in rapidly mobilizing the Army National Guard's Blackhawk helicopters to the areas of the state in most need of aerial fire suppression resources during the critical, spring fire season. This critical period in Wisconsin generally lasts through the month of May.

Residents across the state and in the North Woods should adhere to their local burning restrictions throughout the spring season when dangers of grass and other forest fires are elevated.

## Caution urged during work zone awareness

For more than 20 years, National Work Zone Awareness Week has marked the start of construction season across the country, promoting road worker safety and cautious driving in work zones.

Gov. Tony Evers recently proclaimed April 17-21 as National Work Zone Awareness Week in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) also wants to remind motorists of the importance of safe, responsible driving, especially in work zones as the 2023 construction season gets underway.

"Transportation investments are reaching all corners of the state and crews are rolling out the barrels to establish work zones for this year's construction season," said Evers. "Work Zone Awareness Week reminds us of our call to action, but these messages do not apply to just one week."

According to the DOT, every year there are typically more than 300 state highway and bridge improvement projects statewide.

"Work zones are temporary, but our decisions behind the wheel can make an impact forever," said DOT Secretary Craig Thompson. "The people working behind the barrels rely on us to drive safely. Glancing at a text or social media alert while driving is not worth it, so let's work together to avoid distractions and stay focused on the road ahead."

Preliminary data shows more than 2,000 crashes were

recorded in Wisconsin work zones in 2022, resulting in eight deaths and more than 650 injuries. From 2018 to 2022, Wisconsin work zones saw more than 11,500 crashes causing 63 deaths and more than 4,300 injuries.

Cell phone use is one of the most common factors in distracted driving crashes and Wisconsin law prohibits texting while driving on any road. It also is illegal to use a handheld mobile device in work zones and in areas surrounding emergency response vehicles with flashing lights.

"It only takes a momentary distraction to create a deadly situation on the road," said Wisconsin State Patrol Superintendent Tim Carnahan. "Through enforcement and public safety efforts, our goal is to motivate drivers to behave responsibly."

The DOT reminds drivers to be courteous and avoid distractions on the road and remember to obey posted speed limits. Additionally, the department asks that individuals leave the phone down and keep in mind texting and driving is illegal statewide.

It also is reminded that drivers should move over, or slow down when they see workers and vehicles with flashing lights along the highway. Wisconsin's Move Over Law applies to maintenance operations as well as emergency response units, according to DOT officials.

Those interested in taking the Buckle Up, Phone Down pledge can do so at wisconsin-dot.gov/bupd.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

(Three Weeks, 4/12-4/26/2023)  
STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY  
Case No. 2022CV000086  
Mortgage Assets Management, LLC  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
Estate of the Carol Cardella, et al.  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**  
By virtue of a judgment of foreclosure made in the above-entitled action on February 2, 2023 in the amount of \$287,839.86, I will sell at public auction, located in the Courthouse Annex Addition, main public entrance, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, WI 54521, on May 11, 2023

At 2:00 PM, all of the following described premises, to wit:  
A PARCEL OF LAND IN PART OF GOVERNMENT LOTS 6 AND 7, SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 8 EAST, ST. GERMAIN TOWNSHIP, VILAS COUNTY, WISCONSIN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 35, MARKED BY A VILAS COUNTY ALUMINUM MONUMENT IN PLACE; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE SECTION LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 1075.18 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 50.49 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE ON THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE TOWN ROAD KNOWN AS SOUTH BAY ROAD; THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 200.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE NORTH 25 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 165.38 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE NORTH 50 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 34 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 293.02 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 76.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 26.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE ON SAID WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SOUTH BAY ROAD; THENCE ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, SOUTH 01 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 412.24 TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING;

AND TOGETHER WITH A PEDESTRIAN EASEMENT 10 FEET IN WIDTH ADJACENT TO AND NORTHEASTERLY OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LINE: BEGINNING SAID EASEMENT AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL; THENCE NORTH 25 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, 149.45 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE, THENCE NORTH 45 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST, 50.49 FEET TO AN IRON PIPE NEAR THE SHORE OF LITTLE ST. GERMAIN LAKE AND THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 45 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 34 SECONDS WEST TO THE SHORE AND THERE TERMINATING, TOGETHER WITH AND SUBJECT TO COVENANTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

Street Address: 1055 South Bay Road, Saint Germain, WI 54558  
Tax Key No. 24-2370  
THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD AS IS AND SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL REAL ESTATE TAXES, SUPERIOR LIENS OR OTHER LEGAL ENCUMBRANCES.

TERMS OF SALE: CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK OR CERTIFIED FUNDS, payable to the Clerk of Courts (10% down payment at sale, balance due within ten (10) days of Court approval; down payment to be forfeited if payment not received timely) (Cashier's Check is required if down payment with minimum bidder qualifications as set forth in Wis. Stat. § 846.155. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price.  
/s/ Joseph A. Fath  
Sheriff of Vilas County, Wisconsin  
Codliss, Moody & Circelli, P.C.  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
(414) 775-7700  
50-22-00429  
NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.  
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(Three Weeks, 4/19-5/3/2023)

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT VILAS COUNTY  
— PROBATE —  
Notice to Creditors  
(Informal Administration)  
Case No. 23PR20

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KARL-HEINZ PIECHOTTA A/K/A KARL H. PIECHOTTA

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
1. An application for informal administration was filed.  
2. The decedent, with date of birth 10/11/1948 and date of death 03/20/2023, was domiciled in Vilas County, State of WI, with a mailing address of 1031 Taylor Lake Road, Eagle River, WI 54521.  
3. All interested persons waived notice.  
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is July 21, 2023.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office.  
/s/ Dawn Halverson  
Probate Registrar  
April 5, 2023

Phillip J. Remmers  
Cramer, Multhauf & Hammes, LLP  
P.O. Box 558  
Wausau, WI 53187  
262-542-4278  
Bar Number 1025649  
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(Three Weeks, 4/5-4/19/2023)  
STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT, VILAS COUNTY  
— PROBATE —  
Notice to Creditors  
(Informal Administration)  
Case No. 23PR15

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL FREDERICK ZAINER

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
1. An application for informal administration was filed.  
2. The decedent, with date of birth March 1, 1943 and date of death February 27, 2023, was domiciled in Vilas County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 8220 Blue Bell Drive W., St. Germain, Wisconsin 54558.  
3. All interested persons waived notice.  
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 30, 2023.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court Street, Eagle River, Wisconsin 54521, Probate Office.  
/s/ Dawn Halverson  
Probate Registrar  
March 15, 2023

Attorney John D. Dries  
7251 W. North Avenue  
Wausau, WI 53213  
(414) 453-9866  
Bar Number 1005480  
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(Two Weeks, 4/19-4/26/2023)  
Public Hearing Notice  
Vilas County Zoning & Planning Committee

Date: Thursday, May 4, 2023  
Time: 9:00 AM  
Location: Vilas County Courthouse Conference Room 1 and 2  
330 Court St.  
Eagle River, WI 54521  
Public Hearing Description  
The hearing will be on a petition submitted by Greg Maines; Agent for SE Roth IRA LLC to rezone a property currently zoned FORESTRY (FOR) to SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1), located in the Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 8, Town 41 North, Range 10 East, Town of Conover, Vilas County, Wisconsin, known as Vilas County Computer Parcel Number 8-739.  
An on-site may be conducted at the Committee's discretion, at which time the Committee would recess and travel to the inspection, with the Public Hearing to follow at the Vilas County Courthouse.  
A copy of the Petition is on file in the Vilas County Zoning Office.  
Dated at Eagle River this 14th day of April 2023.  
David Sadenwasser,  
Zoning Administrator  
For: Zoning and Planning Committee  
If you have special needs, or require special accommodations, please call (715) 479-3620 or write: Vilas County Zoning, Vilas County Courthouse, 330 Court St, Eagle River, WI 54521  
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# SPORTS



The Northland Pines girls soccer team returns a large group of letter winners from last year's squad as they look to once more contend for both a Great Northern Conference and WIAA postseason title. Team members are, front row from left, Ellie Chicka, Aleena

Ryan, Kimberly Tomaszewski, Cassidy Sternhagen, Olivia Eliason and Sarah Nagel; back row are Maggie Reppert, Autumn Stecker, Grace Plank, Cameron Cox, Madison Wielhouwer, Kyli Gwyn, Zoe Anderson and Emma Weber. —Photo By Chris Oatman

## Pines girls returns enormous crew of letter winners in 2023

BY CHRIS OATMAN  
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Even with 14 returning letter winners, the Northland Pines girls soccer team will have to play very well to repeat last year's accomplishments.

The Eagles tied for third place with Mosinee at 4-4 in what was a tough Great Northern Conference (GNC).

The Pines girls then made a playoff run all the way to a Division 4 Sectional championship game, where they bowed out from the postseason one game short of the State tournament, losing to then unbeaten Wisconsin Rapids Assumption 3-0. The Eagles overall record was 11-9-2.

Five Pines seniors made the All-GNC postseason awards team including Maleea Eggleston and Samantha Haiduk who were named to the First Team.

Ellyn Reese made the second team, while Grace Witkopf joined Emily Rottier-Douangmala as Honorable Mention.

"I would say in my 20-some years of coaching,

this was one of the most gratifying seasons, not because of the final results, but it was probably the best senior class (10 players) I ever had," said head coach Rod Sternhagen. "We also had a lot of new girls, and it could have been a frustrating season for the seniors. But they mentored those underclassmen and we saw them develop into a great group of kids."

Sternhagen was named GNC 2022 Coach of the Year and returns for his fifth season with the Eagles girls team, the last three as head coach. His assistant coach is Wendy Reese.

Cassidy Sternhagen is one of only two seniors returning on this year's squad. She was an All-GNC Second Team member last season and recently signed her National Letter of Intent to play collegiately for Viterbo University in La Crosse next year.

Joining her as the only other senior on this year's team is returning letter winner Camryn Cox.

Overall, coach Sternhagen said he doesn't have much in terms of individual goals for his players this year, but holds out hope that regardless of who the opponent is, his team

will challenge them.

"I want us to be competitive," said coach Sternhagen. "We're always against the big dogs (like Lakeland, Rhinelander, Mosinee, Medford and Antigo in the GNC)," said Sternhagen. "I'm hoping that we get the same learning curve as last year. It's a pretty young group and there are probably only a half-dozen who have played the sport for more than two years."

"We have our work cut out for us and I'm hoping some of the girls who have played a while can step up, just like last year."

Sternhagen said he gave a big challenge to the girls when he became head coach three years ago.

"Our numbers were down to about 14 when I took over as coach," he said. "I told the freshmen and sophomores who were being thrown right into the varsity level that it would be uncomfortable, and they rose to the challenge. The numbers were up to 31 this year."

Along with working to make the girls better soccer players, Sternhagen said he wants to help them to be better people.

"That's a big thing," said

Sternhagen. "About every practice we talk about them making mistakes in soccer, but also in life, and dealing with them. I want them to be strong, confident women so when they are out in society, they are going to be productive and be good people."

Sternhagen said much of what he tries to impress upon his players is comparable to life skills they can use moving forward, even if not on the athletic surface.

"I also want them to be leaders, and for most of the years I've been coaching these girls, I haven't had to worry much about those things," he said. "They've been a very good group of girls."

The team opened their season last week Thursday with a solid GNC win in the Hodag Dome over Antigo, 7-0. They then played to a 1-1 non-conference draw with Three Lakes, Friday.

"I told the girls we would play many teams that like to clog the middle and make it difficult to score," said Sternhagen. "So, we need to play the ball wide and attack the end line to stretch their defense out and open areas in

To SOCCER, Pg. 12A

## Sports Sidelines

By Doug Etten



### Baseball, softball need end of year tournament

The Great Northern Conference has turned back on its plans to change the boys baseball schedule into a single round robin style tournament after winter weather was set to seemingly plague especially the North Woods and teams like Northland Pines, Lakeland, Tomahawk and even Antigo.

Following a week of August-like temperatures, it turned the attitudes and seemingly the tide as a release just days following the initial decision reversed the course of the league and mandated ball teams to play each other twice in order to decide the conference champion.

It seems now as if the pendulum has swung back again following a dumping of winter weather and what seems to be cooler temperatures now extending into next week.

It will make it difficult for teams to sift through their non-conference schedule and find room for the remaining 10 conference games, and for Lakeland 12, as they have yet to even play their first league contest coming into this week.

They were scheduled to face Mosinee this week, though it looks as if after the central Wisconsin area got hit with around 10 to 15 inches of snow, those plans are now off as the first game this week was already canceled and it's yet to be seen if fields will be playable by Thursday or Friday.

Northland Pines was set to play Rhinelander this Tuesday in a game that was set to take place in Wisconsin Rapids. After the recent snowfall, the Eagles will be lucky if they get a home game in this month and will most likely get to play five, maybe six games on their home field this season, assuming rain doesn't dampen things once the snow is gone.

I hope the Great Northern Conference takes a look at how they can change the schedule to help decide a conference champion in spring sports such as softball and baseball specifically.

It wouldn't be unheard of to see them do something similar to boys hockey, where they play each other as much as possible during the year to determine seeding, and then over the course of five or seven days play a series of tournament-style games to see who's left standing at the end.

Baseball and softball both would be simple to set up a Monday, Friday and Tuesday bracket where all eight teams play Monday, four teams then advance to play each other on Friday, with the winners then to meet in a championship game the following Tuesday.

While pitch counts in baseball sometimes become worrisome, I don't think a tourney hampers anyone's lineup there. If anything, it builds some momentum for teams entering the postseason, and hopefully allows weather to be taken out of the conversation when it comes to deciding an overall team champion.

## Lady Bluejays off to 1-2 start as weather halts schedule

BY DOUG ETTEN  
SPORTS EDITOR

Just as fields were turning over and it looked as if the Three Lakes-Phelps softball team was going to hit the ground running, winter struck this week and has seemingly put the Bluejays schedule on hold after starting the season 1-2.

The team was scheduled to head to host Chequamegon this past Monday, but with school closed it forced the cancellation of that game. Games with Marion, Northland Lutheran, Saint Thomas Aquinas, and Bowler-Gresham have also already been canceled.

Last week the team was able to get some play in outdoors, falling to Gillett-Suring (12-2) and Rosholt (13-3), while defeating Wausaukee (12-7).

"Although we lost, we played well defensively (against Gillett-Suring)," said head coach Jerry Adamovich. "We only struck out twice and we hit the ball well, just seemed to always hit it right at someone. We had one bad inning that hurt us."

Freshman Haylee Barnekow made her varsity debut and played well, especially offensively according to her coach, as she was 2 for 3 with a double and run scored. Kyle Wilson also had a single and scored to help the offense.

In the win over Wausaukee, Three Lakes-Phelps battled through some early errors and got a good pitching performance from Ella Spears to

pick up their first victory of the season.

"Ella pitched a good game, walking only three and keeping hitters off-balance all day," said Adamovich. "Barnekow and Cassidy Williams each had a good day at the plate, going 3 for 4. Lily Gleason also had a nice day going 2 for 3." Adamovich said catcher Riley Lob also played well defensively.

"I was really happy to see the girls play hard and not get down on the fact we did have several errors," said Adamovich.

Days later in Rosholt, with the team missing three starters, the Bluejays struggled to find their balance as the home team jumped out in front early with two runs in the first, three more in the second, and then a six-run third to put the game away early.

"Overall, we just didn't play well in all aspects of the game," said Adamovich. "On the plus side, Jenna Erikson and Haylee Barnekow both had doubles. And being short-handed, it allowed for some of our JV girls to get some varsity experience."

The team was supposed to get its Northern Lakes Conference schedule underway April 18, but a postponement with Crandon has that game moved to another date. The team is scheduled to host Laona-Wabeno this Thursday at 5 p.m., though weather could move that game also.

## Zayia set to take reins from Tilley as Pines AD

BY DOUG ETTEN  
SPORTS EDITOR

While he admits he's not necessarily riding off into the sunset, Northland Pines athletic director Josh Tilley, who announced his intention to retire from his position at the end of this school year, is leaving with comfort.

The Northland Pines School District announced recently that Anthony "A.J." Zayia, a current Physical Education, Adaptive Physical Education and Health teacher at the Northland Pines Middle and High Schools, has accepted the position Tilley is vacating and will assume his duties full time beginning with the 2023-'24 school year, which starts July 1.

"We are very thankful for Josh's 22 years of dedicated service to Northland Pines School District," said administrator Scott Foster. "He has served in many roles - first as a teacher, then Dean of Stu-

dents, and most recently our Activities Director.

"His tireless dedication, knowledge, insight and compassion for students and staff has been invaluable to NPSD. He will be dearly missed by all of us."

Zayia has been teaching at the Northland Pines School District since 2015, and has coached at multiple levels and sports.

According to Foster, Zayia has been very engaged in youth sports in leadership roles and is very passionate about students.

"He is now ready to take the next step in his career," said Foster. "The interview committee and I believe that A.J. is the best fit for the position. He has great communication skills, engages students at a high level, works well with all of our coaching staff, and has demonstrated proven leadership skills as a coach at multiple levels."

Zayia said he welcomes the challenge of his new position, and feels committed



JOSH TILLEY



ANTHONY 'A.J.' ZAYIA

to continue a long-tenured excellence inside the Pines district.

"I am very excited for my new role at Northland Pines," said Zayia. "I have thoroughly enjoyed my time teaching and coaching while at Pines, and am very appreciative of the district providing me the opportunity to continue serving our students and community as the activities director."

"Student activities and athletics are a source of pride

for our community, so I am looking forward to finding ways to grow and improve the opportunities we provide. There will be a learning curve, but I am eager to learn all about the activities director responsibilities."

Tilley will remain for the rest of this year and can still be reached at 715-479-6286 Ext. 1. For other activities-related questions, contact secretary Christine Uebe at 715-479-479-6286 Ext. 2.

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From left, Cassidy Sternhagen, Gabe Smith and Paris Croker were recognized last week at Pines. —Photo By Chris Oatman

## Sternhagen, Croker and Smith make it official with signing

By CHRIS OATMAN  
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Three Northland Pines student-athletes have decided to continue their academic and athletic careers at the college level, and were recognized last week in a ceremony at Northland Pines High School.

Seniors Gabe Smith, Paris Croker and Cassidy Sternhagen signed their Letter of Intent before a large crowd of family and friends at the high school last Wednesday. Northland Pines Activities Director Josh Tilley opened the ceremony with a few words of acknowledgment.

"I congratulate the three of you for your accomplishments. I encourage you to continue your work ethic and keep setting individual goals," said Tilley. "I applaud you in how you have represented Northland Pines."

Starting with Smith, who will go on to play basketball at Division II Michigan Tech in Houghton, Mich., the senior hoops star helped lead the Northland Pines boys basketball team to a record of 62 wins and 34 losses during his four years on the team.

During that time the Eagles made it to four straight Regional championships, and won a Division 3 Regional title.

Smith was often unstoppable inside, but also showed his ability as a shooter and passer.

Last season he ranked fifth in the Great Northern Conference (GNC) in shooting percentage and sixth in scoring, rebounding and steals. He was also a First Team All-GNC team member as voted by conference coaches.

Smith plans to major in either biomedical engineering or kinesiology at Northern Michigan University. Kinesiology is the scientific study of the human body movement.

"I had multiple (Division III) visits, but Michigan Tech was the only Division II," said Smith. "I'm an outdoors person and I like the outdoors feeling of Houghton. And it's only two hours from home so my family can come to my games."

Smith said he will miss the great relationships and chemistry he had with his teammates, who has played with since fourth grade. Pines basketball coach Terry Klemett said they will definitely miss Gabe.

"Gabe is truly a leader in the classroom and on the courts," said Klemett. "He exemplifies everything you want in a student athlete. He is a fantastic teammate and a better person, one of the best young men I have ever been around."

Gabe is the son of Craig and Julie Smith.

Next was senior Cassidy Sternhagen who has been a three-sport athlete at Northland Pines over her four years there, excelling in soccer, volleyball and hockey.

She will play soccer for the Division III V-Hawks at Viterbo University in La Crosse. Viterbo is known for its nurs-

ing program and Sternhagen said that it will be her major.

"My grandfather was diagnosed with cancer seven years ago and I kind-of grew up in the hospital watching the nurses connect with him," she said. "It just inspired me, and I've been passionate about it ever since."

Sternhagen said she fell in love with Viterbo the first time she visited there, and was impressed with the school's hands-on nursing and tutoring programs. She's also excited about taking part in her passion for soccer.

She was named to the All-GNC Second Team in soccer as a junior and was Honorable Mention as a sophomore. Her soccer coach is also her father, Rod Sternhagen, who talked about Cassidy being a three-sport athlete.

"I think it was her relationship with her brother Alex. Just the competition they had between each other and how close they were," he said. "As little kids they were around all the time, saw my passion for coaching and just got accustomed to it. It also developed a tenacity in Cassidy where she wasn't intimidated by older players, which rubbed off on her teammates."

Cassidy's mother is Cindy Sternhagen.

Also highlighted during the ceremony was senior Paris Croker who signed to play at Ripon College, a NCAA Division III program.

Croker was an All-GNC Second Team member this past season for volleyball, along with her junior year also. She led her Pines team in career kills, total blocks and aces and was among the GNC leaders in those categories.

"It means a lot because I spent a lot of years contemplating whether I wanted to continue playing volleyball and try to excel in college," she said. "I decided in junior year that I was not going to, but as soon as I started my senior year I fell back in love with the sport and wanted to play in college."

Croker noted that a big improvement in her mental toughness as a senior made all the difference as it made volleyball fun. Her coach, Julie Smith, agreed.

"Paris has developed into a college-level athlete through her coachability, and her hard work and determination," said Smith. "I feel that coach Katie Astrauskas at Ripon will help her develop to a level that Paris doesn't yet know she has the ability to attain. I am super excited for her."

Croker noted that when she walked around the Ripon College campus, she just fell in love with its family type of feel. She will major in Biology and minor in Exercise Science with the goal of becoming a Physical Therapist.

Speaking of school, Paris earned the Wisconsin Volleyball Coaches Association All-Academic Award the last three years. Paris Croker's mother is Amy Nowak.

## Windigo set to host Chippewa in opening round of Robertson Cup

By DOUG ETTEN  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Wisconsin Windigo men's hockey team will begin their postseason quest for the 2023 Robertson Cup at the Eagle River Dome as the North American Hockey League (NAHL) Midwest Division champions will host in-state rival the Chippewa Steel in the first two games of a best-of-five series beginning Friday.

The divisional playoffs are to be played in a 2-2-1 format, meaning games one and two will be at the Dome Friday and Saturday. The teams will then get together in Chippewa Falls for at least one game. Should the series go five games, the fifth and deciding matchup would be held back in Eagle River, April 30, at 6 p.m.

The Windigo enter the postseason following a two-game sweep on the road in Springfield, Ill. which brought their inaugural first regular season in Eagle River to a close with a 39-18-1-2 record.

"It was great to come away with a sweep this weekend," said Windigo head coach, Blake Hietala. "Winning 39 games during the regular season is a big accomplishment. I am proud of our guys for battling all season long. We have come a long way since starting out the season win-

ning just two of our first nine games."

The opening series in the Robertson Cup playoff seems to be a good one for the Windigo who, during the regular season, won 6 of the 8 games played against the Steel.

The Steel (31-25-1-3) come into Friday's series opener following back-to-back losses at home to the Minnesota Wilderness. The Steel were 14-14-0-2 on the road this season, while Wisconsin at home were a league-best 21-7-0-2.

"We rested several players each night this weekend, as our focus for the last few games has been on the playoffs," said Hietala. "We were a little undisciplined in our play away from the puck on Friday, but overall it was a solid team effort this weekend. It was great to have the opportunity to look at several players that we are evaluating for next season."

The Steel are led offensively by forwards Sam Rice and Kade Nielsen who led the team in scoring with 58 and 56 points each respectively. Rice earned Midwest Division Star of the Week honors separate times this year and was Forward of the Month in March as he recorded 16 points (six goals, 10 assists).

"For a first-year junior player to do what he has done offensively is truly outstanding," said Steel head coach Casey Mignone. "We

cannot wait to see him continue to elevate his game as the stakes get higher."

In goal for the Steel this weekend will likely be University of Minnesota-Duluth commit Adam Gajan of Slovakia. He was the Midwest Division Star of the Week in February and Goaltender of the Month in March where he posted a 6-0-2 record and did not lose a game in regulation.

"Adam has had an incredible year," said Mignone. "He exploded onto the scene at the NAHL Showcase and hasn't looked back."

Offensively the Windigo seem, on paper anyway, to be much more balanced. Their top nine players have registered at least 30 points on the year, while behind Rice and Nielsen. The next highest scorer is JJ Grand with 41 points. Only five Steel players have more than 30 points on the season.

Luke Levandowski has been the Windigo's top scorer this season in terms of putting the puck in the net. The Lake Superior State commit was the Midwest Division Star of the Week during January and seems to be born for playoff hockey.

"Luke shows up in big games and moments and continues to prove he is one of the most dynamic players in this league," said Hietala.

Another person to watch offensively for Wisconsin this weekend will be Vic-

tor Widlund who, with 48 points this season, led the Windigo offense. He was twice named Midwest Division Star of the Week, most recently in March.

"Victor has been a great 200-foot player and leader for us all season," said Hietala. "His offensive game has developed as the season has gone on."

In goal for Wisconsin will likely be both Gavin Moffatt and Maxwell Beckford, who each split action this season for Wisconsin, playing in 30 games apiece. Moffatt was 21-7-0-2 while Beckford posted a mark of 18-11-1-0. Moffatt was Goalie of the Month in November and twice was recognized as Midwest Division Star of the Week.

"He is incredibly calm for a younger goalie, and nothing seems to faze him," said Hietala.

Beckford too was honored this past season, most recently in February as Goalie of the Month for the Midwest Division.

"Max had a great month and was a big part of our group's success (in February)," said Hietala. "He's worked hard at his game and has improved all season."

Game time both Friday and Saturday are set for 7 p.m. at the Dome. For information on the Windigo, the NAHL postseason, or to get tickets go to wisconsinjuniorhockey.com.



Stella Polcaster (No. 8) of Three Lakes-Phelps does battle with Northland Pines forward Grace Plank (No. 11) during the second

half of Friday's game in Rhinelander. The teams played to a 1-1 draw in a non-conference tilt. —Staff Photo By DOUG ETTEN

## Young, athletic squad headlines 2023 Bluejays girls soccer team

By DOUG ETTEN  
SPORTS EDITOR

The 2023 season for the Three Lakes-Phelps Bluejays girls soccer team got their season underway last week, scratching out a 2-0 win over Merrill, as well as a 1-1 draw with Northland Pines in a game that was played in Mike Webster Stadium in Rhinelander.

Against Merrill, Libby Eppler and Lacey Christophersen scored to post the team's first win of the year.

Friday, Three Lakes-Phelps executed early off a corner kick to go up 1-0 on a Sophia Nafziger score. The score held that lead until late in the second half when an inadvertent

hand ball in the box led to a penalty kick for Pines. The team tied it up there and neither team would advance as it ended in a 1-1 draw.

"This is a success for my team since historically we end the game down a few more points and it really shows how well my girls are playing this year," said Three Lakes-Phelps coach Kelley Griesbach. "I'm proud of how hard they played, especially with limited subs available and missing a few players."

Griesbach said her team this season for Three Lakes is young, but has a lot of athleticism in areas that will help them hopefully win a few matches.

"I feel that we have a very strong offensive team this year with many of the girls

having played club soccer," said Griesbach. "With some new freshmen in the mix, they are showing promise in their passing and endurance. I'm excited to see what they can do together."

Starting across the forward line will be Sophia Nafziger, Sylvia Klotz, Addie Lehmann and Maddie Dupuis. All are returning letter winners and will add some experience offensively.

Also returning this year is junior goalie Willow Schroeder, who against Northland Pines stopped about eight shots according to her coach.

"She showed enormous growth last year and is already showing reliability in the net this year," said Griesbach. "We are training a new freshman goalie as well for when

the time comes for Willow to graduate, and I am glad they will be able to spend a few years on the team together."

Defensively, in front of Schroeder, Griesbach said her team is young, but is surprisingly experienced.

"Seniors Stella Polcaster and Makayla Plautz are back to lead a large group of freshmen who all show promise," she said. "We are lucky to have a large group of freshmen also. Joining the team this year is Libby Eppler, Kailyn Fogerty, Hope Eisel, Caitlin Dehaan, Ayla Connor, Tessa Christophersen and Melanie Stauffer."

The team is scheduled to go to Iron Mountain, Mich., this Thursday. Following that the team will head to Phillips, April 27.

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# Three Lakes-Phelps looks to continue solid standing inside Northern Lakes

By CHRIS OATMAN  
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Three Lakes-Phelps baseball team will try to extend its streak of Northern Lakes Conference (NLC) championships to six this season.

Last season, the Bluejays and Florence tied for the conference title with 8-2 records. The Jays were 10-5 overall and made it to a Regional final game, where they lost to Wausau-Newman.

They were coming off their 2021 conference title and a playoff run that ended in a Sectional semifinal loss to Edgar.

"We had a lot of experience coming back last year and came out of the previous season with a lot of momentum and a lot of expectations," said coach Brad Bisnette. "Our boys have done nothing but embrace the fact that we're going to get everybody's best, and they want that. We've earned it and are looking forward to it again this year."

Bisnette is starting his eighth year as one of the leaders of the Three Lakes-Phelps baseball program after five years as an assistant coach. His assistant this season will be Brandon Sharpe.

The Bluejays landed six players on the 2022 All-NLC squad, and all but two are returning this season including First Team selections Chase Melton and L.J. Terlizzi. Cole

Melton also was a First-Team selection, but is gone from this year's roster after graduating.

Junior lefty Jared Kaufman made the Second Team a year ago. Honorable mention selections were senior Sawyer Siedschlag and now senior Caden Wolosek.

"We lost a lot of innings on the mound between Cole Melton and Sawyer," said Bisnette. "But we have younger kids who have been waiting for the opportunity to step up and take on those roles. We had a good offensive season last year and have most of the team back, stronger, and with a year more experience."

Bisnette said his team's defense will be strong this season and is an area they spend ample time stressing early in the spring.

"We pride ourselves on winning games through good defensive play," he said.

Bisnette also talked about the prospects of the Bluejays winning a sixth-straight conference championship and what teams would provide the biggest challenges to that happening.

"It will be a mix. Last year was fun because almost every team in the conference had at least one strong pitcher," he said. "That hasn't always been the case in the Northern Lakes."

Bisnette said Florence is going to be really tough, and Cranon is also very talented.

"Goodman has a strong pitcher who will be matched up



Returning letter winners for the Three Lakes-Phelps baseball team this year are, from left, Josh Cogar, Brandon Baumann,

Chase Melton, L.J. Terlizzi, Jarad Kaufman and Carter Flannery.  
—Photo By Chris Oatman

against us," he added. "It's going to be a tight conference race."

The Three Lakes-Phelps coach said, as important to him throughout the course of the season to learning the game, is how to play it and carrying those lessons through to other areas.

"I think baseball mimics life in a lot of situations," he said. "You have a round

bat and a round ball and you don't know where it's going to bounce. You don't know what kind of call you're going to get from an umpire, so we do our best as coaches to prepare them for every possible scenario that they are going to encounter.

"But in many games I've coached, something has happened that I've never seen before and that's life, isn't

it? I've learned more about myself as a person through baseball than I have anywhere else. That's why I coach it and try to pass along those lessons to these guys."

The Bluejays have 14 players from Three Lakes and four from Phelps this year.

The team opened their season on the road due to weather with a 12-4 win over Gillett-Suring. They added

two more wins last week, topping Wausaukee 13-8 on Friday and rolling past Rosholt 16-6 on Saturday.

The latest snowstorm resulted in the Jays games this past Monday and Tuesday being postponed. The team is scheduled at Antigo, Thursday. They will host Laona-Wabeno then Friday at 5 p.m. and play at Crivitz, Saturday at 10 a.m.

## Pines boys win at Rosholt

By DOUG ETTEN  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northland Pines girls finished in the runner-up spot, while the Pines boys claimed first place at their first outdoor meet of the season in Rosholt last Thursday afternoon.

"Overall, the team's success at the Rosholt Early Bird Invitational was a true team effort," said coach Josh Rhode. "Each athlete pushed themselves to their limits and showed incredible sportsmanship throughout the event. We were thrilled with their performance and are already looking forward to their next competition."

On the girls side, to no surprise, Nora Gremban was awarded the meet MVP award after posting a staggering 21.5 points.

"Gremban's impressive performance was a testament to her hard work and dedication, and her teammates were quick to congratulate her on her well-deserved award," said Rhode.

Gremban won the 800 and 1,600 meters, posting times of 2:15.95 and 5:04.60, respectively.

Alongside Gremban was another standout effort from Carly Huelskamp who made some waves with her personal record in the shot put, tossing a distance of 35-11 3/4 which earned her the most outstanding performance award for Pines. She finished second there and was also second in the discus (89-11).

"It was clear that Huelskamp had been putting in the extra effort to practice outside of her other spring sport (softball), and her dedication paid off in a big way," said Rhode.

Pines girls fared well in the relays with a second place, a pair of third place finishes, and a fourth place

spot also in the 4x100-meter event.

Overall Weyauwega-Fremont (156) won the event ahead of Pines, (138.5), Shiocton (117), Rosholt (71), Pacelli (62), Iola-Scandinavia (35.5), John Edwards (29) and North Fond du Lac/Horace Mann (28).

"Finishing an impressive second out of eight teams really showcased the incredible skill and dedication of each athlete," said Rhode.

Ava Carrillo had a good showing in the sprints, finishing fourth in the 200 and sixth in the 100 meters.

Abby Congleton was fourth in the 3,200, followed by teammate Lily Rushman who was fifth.

In the field events Paris Croker topped the field in the high jump with an effort of 4-8. Carrillo was fourth there, clearing 4-4.

Iris Nordine was first in the pole vault (7-6) while adding a third place in the triple jump (28-feet).

Samantha Krueger was third best in the discus (89-1), followed by teammate Tommie Springer in fifth (77-2). Springer was also third in the shot put with a toss of 33-4.

Moving over to the boys' side, the Pines team claimed a title there with 147 total points, ahead of Weyauwega-Fremont (130), Iola-Scandinavia (96), Shiocton (88), Pacelli (80), Rosholt (65), North Fond du Lac/Horace Mann (58) and John Edwards (8).

"This was a really fun meet to compete in and we were able to see a lot of new teams and athletes that we have never been able to compete against," said Rhode.

The team's impressive performance was led by Jack Gjovik, who won the meet's MVP award with a team-high 27.50 points.

Gjovik claimed first place in the 200-meter race

and finished second in both the 100-meter and long jump events. He also contributed to the team's success by securing third place in the 400-meter relay.

Another outstanding performance, according to Rhode, came from Kaemyn Heritage, who was awarded the meet's most outstanding performance award.

"Heritage showcased an impressive feat of athleticism by shaving off 30 seconds from his 3200-meter run time and taking home the first-place medal," said Rhode.

The boys' 1600-meter relay team of Zach Ritter, Eli Kerner, Jacob Beer, and Ryan Muench also had an excellent showing at the meet, placing first overall.

"They ran a gutsy race and demonstrated tremendous teamwork and determination," said Rhode. "Muench's final lap surge past two opponents secured the team's win."

"Overall, the team's outstanding performance at Rosholt is a testament to their hard work, dedication, and talent. The team's success is a result of their commitment to excellence, both individually and as a group. We are proud of their accomplishment and look forward to their continued success throughout the season."

Muench (55.74) was third overall in the 400, followed by teammate Griffin Stiemke (57.51) in fourth. Tyler Block was third in the 300 hurdles (49.71).

Mason Jahnke was fourth in the high jump (5-4) followed by Block who was fifth with a best of 5-2.

Muench took fourth in the triple jump (38-7 3/4) while Stiemke was fifth (37-8). Peter Anderson was fourth in the pole vault (7-6) while Miles McCandles took fourth in the discus (99-7).

## Soccer

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the middle for better scoring opportunities."

In the win over Antigo Emma Weber tallied twice, and the Eagles also got goals from Grace Plank, Anna West-

fall, Grace Weber, Elly Chicka and Zoe Anderson. Pines had 25 shots on goal to just two for Antigo. Pines goalie Isabella Chuckel stopped both shots for the shutout.

Against Three Lakes, Pines won the field position battle in the first half, but Three Lakes took a 1-0 lead to halftime on a goal off a corner kick.

In the second half, Grace Plank of the Eagles converted a penalty kick for a 1-1 tie, and that's how the game ended.

Assuming conditions allow, the team will make their home debut this Thursday when they welcome defending Division 2 State qualifier Lakeland Union to town for a 5 p.m. matchup.

## WIAA boards addresses football alignment again

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) conference realignment task force re-evaluated the football-only conference plans remanded by the WIAA's board of control in March.

The 11-player football conferences — and schools associated with those remanded — that were re-evaluated by the task force included the Capitol, Dunn-St. Croix, Eastern Suburban, Heart O' North, Lakeland, Southwest, Southwest Athletic League, and Trailways.

After a review of the eight football-only conference plans remanded back for further consideration, the task force will recommend a pro-

posal to the board with the four changes.

The modifications include Brodhead/Juda being switched to the Southwest Conference, Southwestern/East Dubuque, Ill. placed in the Southwest Athletic League, Parkview/Albany moved to the Trailways, and the Milwaukee Excellence Charter School aligned with the Capitol Conference.

The task force will also recommend a plan to the board that maintains the original proposals involving the Eastern Suburban and Capitol Conferences, including Poynette and Horicon/Hustisford, as well as the Dunn-St. Croix, Heart O' North and Lakeland Confer-

ences. The revised task force recommendations will be presented to the board for final consideration at its April 25 meeting.

Football-only realignment decisions by the board will be implemented in the fall of 2024. Complete details of the remanded and approved conference configurations for both 11-player and 8-player football, and more information on the conference realignment process, are available on the conference realignment page of the WIAA website.

Access the page by clicking on the "conference realignment" link within the "schools" mega-menu.

## Fore the kids tees off July 14

The YMCA of the Northwoods continually looks to provide life-changing programs that can help hundreds of children, adults, and families in the community learn, grow and thrive.

This summer, the Y is once again putting on their Fore the Kids Golf Outing which will take place Friday, July 14, at Pinewood Country Club in Harshaw. Foursomes will assemble and hit the greens for this fundraiser as part of the YMCA of the

Northwoods Support Campaign that provides financial assistance for programs and memberships to children and families in need.

Basic registration is \$85 per person and includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, a goodie bag, and lunch on the course. Another registration option available will cost \$125 per person that will additionally include access to the skins game, colored ball challenge, mulligans, and participation in all games out on the course.

If individuals cannot participate, but are looking for ways to help out, there are many opportunities including hole sponsorships and prize donations. Hole sponsors are \$250 per hole or \$100 for a shared hole, and sponsors may also devise their own fun hole activity or game to help create more exposure for their brand or business.

For event registration or sponsorship information, call 715-362-9622 or visit [ymcaofthenorthwoods.org](http://ymcaofthenorthwoods.org).

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Northland Pines junior left hander Landyn Hoelt lets a pitch sail into home plate during last week's Great Northern Conference dou-

bleheader against Tomahawk. Second baseman Matt Milanowski and right fielder James McCormack wait in the background. Pines

defeated Tomahawk in Mosinee to open the season with a 2-0 mark in league play. —Staff Photos By DOUG ETTEN

## Pines baseball opens with GNC sweep

By DOUG ETTEN  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northland Pines baseball team made short work of Tomahawk twice last week, winning their two first Great Northern Conference (GNC) games of the season in convincing fashion, downing the Hatchets 14-4 and 12-2 in a two-game sweep.

Games between the two teams had to be moved to Mosinee due to the continued winter weather that plagues the north. Pines sent their All-Conference lefty from a year ago to the mound in game one, and junior Landyn Hoelt didn't disappoint as he hurled a gem, going five innings while scattering five hits, allowing three earned runs, walking just one and striking out 10 Tomahawk hitters in picking up his first win of the season.

"Landyn is always in control out there and did a good job keeping on top of hitters," said coach Peter Aerts. "I

think the story with a lot of our pitchers is how well they adjusted on the mound after getting out there for the first time on a real mound. They all really settled in and pitched well."

Senior Anthony Weeks came in to finish the game, pitching the final two innings allowing two hits, one earned run, walking one and striking out three.

In game two sophomore Jonathan Miller got the start and like Hoelt in game one went through five allowing four hits, one unearned run, striking out seven and walking four.

Fellow sophomore AJ Muench closed out game two, pitching the sixth where he worked around a pair of walks, allowing one earned run while not allowing a hit and striking out one.

In the two game sweep offensively Austin Samanske was solid as he had five hits, six runs batted in and struck out just once in nine plate appearances. Devin Kevilus

played well in the leadoff spot with three hits, three runs scored and three runs batted in across the two games.

In game two of the double-header James McCormack had three hits, two RBIs and a run scored.

"James really impressed, as did Austin," said Aerts. "Between those two and Landyn all three have the ability to hit for power and average and do a few things offensively. Landyn didn't hit as well as he probably would have liked, but he still found a way to get on base. Those three specifically will really drive what we're trying to do on offense."

Following the two games in Mosinee Thursday, the team headed south immediately to face Oostburg, Flambeau and Hayward at Woodside Sports Complex in Mauston.

Friday the team opened with a tough 21-3 loss to Oostburg, only to bounce back with a comeback 9-7 win over Flambeau. They finished the weekend with a 22-4 loss to a



Northland Pines third baseman Kadin Kroeplin dives for a ball on the infield as he gets set to make a catch during last week's GNC opener against the Tomahawk Hatchets.

good Hayward team.

"It's just great to get as much information in three

days as we can to see where we need to improve," said Aerts. "Even if we're going back inside we have something to talk about with players on how they can get better. This weekend we showed some really good positive things, and then we showed a lot of things we need to work out."

"To go 3-2 on the weekend when you play that many games is a positive."

In the 9-7 win over Flambeau freshman Mylo Albrecht got his first varsity start on the mound and went four innings allowing five earned runs, walking just one and striking out four.

After falling behind 5-0 in the first Pines fought back, getting two in the bottom of the first, one in the second, two in the fourth and then taking the lead for good with a three-run sixth inning.

Matt Milanowski led off with a walk, then stole second and moved to third on an error. With two outs he'd come in to score on a wild pitch as Hoelt walked and then scored the go-ahead run on an RBI-triple off the bat of Samanske.

Samanske would then score on a wild pitch to add an insurance run and put

Pines on top, 9-7.

Aerts then called on Nolan Lurvey to close the game and the senior rightly did just that, getting a fly ball, a ground out and then a pop-out to end it after a Flambeau hitter reached base on a dropped third strike.

"Nolan will be one of those guys who can come into a pressure situation and perform at a high level," said Aerts.

Overall Pines comes into the week atop the GNC with a 2-0 record early on, tied with Antigo who beat Rhinelander in a doubleheader in Wisconsin Rapids last Thursday. Mosinee and Medford split last week and rest at 1-1. Lakeland has yet to face a conference opponent while Rhinelander and Tomahawk are each 0-2.

Pines was scheduled to face the Hodags at the same site Tuesday this week, though Monday as of press time no decision was made based upon weather.

Pines is then scheduled to face Antigo on the road next Tuesday before opening their home schedule April 28 when the Red Robins come to town for a 5 p.m. matchup in Eagle River.

## Clash of the Paddles winners announced

The Clash of the Paddles indoor pickleball tournament held at the Hodag Dome March 25 featured more than 100 players that participated across 10 divisions from novice to advanced.

Players came from all over the state and some came from Michigan and Minnesota to take part in the action. The YMCA of the Northwoods and the Rhinelander High School tennis team hosted the event and both expressed immense gratitude to the community for its support of the tournament.

"It was a great day of competition and fun," said YMCA of the Northwoods Membership and Marketing Director Danielle Larsen. "We would also like to thank our in-kind sponsors this year including Walmart, Holiday Gas Station, Custom Wood Products, and Laser Engraving."

This fundraising event supports the Y's annual support campaign, as well as the tennis team.

Winners in the advanced

mixed bracket included Scott and Shannon Zarembo, in addition to Terry Berndt and Emily Gerads.

The advanced men's group featured winners Tim Lewis and Berndt, along with Denis Crevis, Kurt Larson and Jake McKown. In the advanced women's bracket, the champions were Nicole Idalski, Emily Gerads and Shannon Zarembo, in addition to Jennifer Buehler, Lynn Olstadt and LeRue Davison.

Intermediate mixed yellow bracket winners included Saki Ratanawong and Carrie Kolbeck, Michael Koutnik and Stacey Morache, and Robert and Bonnie Johnson. The intermediate mixed blue field produced six winners made up of Henry Krauss and Edith Huybrecht, Lukas Burke and Maya Bhadkamar, and Bob DeSutter paired with Lori Manion.

High intermediate women's winners consisted of Renee Wesolowski and Julie Seis, Kathy McCoy and Morache, and Stasia Sliwinski and Kolbeck. Men's high



More than 100 entrants were a part of the Clash of the Paddles pickleball tournament at the Hodag Dome in Rhinelander last month. The YMCA of the Northwoods and the Rhinelander High School tennis team hosted the fundraiser and were very happy with the turnout. —Contributed Photo

intermediate top place finishers were Kyle Rogers and Todd McEldowney, Peter Schwartz and Ryan Hanson, and Michael Koutnik and Ratanawong.

The women's low intermediate bracket winners were Ann Odberg and Jackie Ribbe, Amy McKown and Leann Vandenberg, and Amy Sudbury and Sue Kuber. Men's low intermediate last teams standing included Bob

Kirschner and Greg Stock-sick, Ken Kortenhof and Phil Schmidt, and Mike Odberg and Rob Ribbe.

Last but not least, the novice division winners were Tom Trochlil and Jeff Lev- anetz, Eric Burke and Alison DeVillers, and Jack Thiel and Barbara Eretto.

For more information on upcoming YMCA of the Northwoods events, visit [ymcaofthenorthwoods.org](http://ymcaofthenorthwoods.org).

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## SPORTS

## Bluejays make most of outdoor meets

BY DOUG ETTEN  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Three Lakes-Phelps track and field team was able to get outdoors for a pair of invitationals last week, traveling to both Crivitz and Marathon where they saw a mix of solid results.

With the majority of their home track in Three Lake still under a blanket of snow, the team welcomed the competition in a small triangular first in Crivitz as they were greeted with 70 degrees and sunshine for the first outdoor events of the season.

Walking away with first place finishes at Crivitz,

starting on the girls side were seniors Karlee Weavers and Kallie Volk.

Weavers grabbed a first place finish in both the high jump (4-8) and the shot put (34-2) combining it with a second-place finish in the discus (89-9).

"It was nice for Karlee to practice her throwing at this outdoor venue and she has picked up right where she left off last year," said coach Charlie Volk.

After finishing a big weekend at the Indoor State Track and Field meet, Kallie Volk took the night off from her regular events, but still managed a first place finish in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:30.63. She also claimed a

second-place finish in both the 100-meter dash (13.22) and the shot put (30-2).

"This throw was over three feet longer than her first attempt at throwing shot put indoors at Northland Pines last week," said her coach.

Junior Kaylie Grasse is improving nicely in her events according to coach Volk, and at Crivitz she showed it as she finished second in the triple jump (22-0), third in the long jump (10-7 1/2) and third in the 200-meter dash (31.52).

"Kaylie continues to work hard in practice and puts forth great effort," said Volk.

There were also a handful of solid performances put forth on the boys side, starting with senior thrower Gus Fink who came away with two first-place finishes in the throws.

His winning effort in the shot was 42-3 while his toss in the discus was 132-1.

"Gus has been putting some extra time in on his throws, and while he isn't where he wants to be yet, there is still room for big gains from Gus," said Volk. "We are looking forward to that."

Junior Toby Volkmann's first track meet showed he will be a force this season once again as he took home four first place finishes in the small triangular.

Volkmann won the 100- (11.61) and 200-meter dash (24.47) while also winning the high jump (6-0) and long jump (18-7).

"Toby is splitting time between us and his spring soccer team, and is a talented athlete," said Volk. "It's great to have him run and jump with us when he can."

Junior Jesse Kleinhans placed first in the 400 with a time of 1:03.94. He was also

second in the long jump (16-1).

"Jesse had a nice evening with near personal records in two of his three events early in the season," said Volk. "I am excited to see where this season takes Jesse. It's great to see these times and distances from him so early in the season."

Freshman Ethan Potrykus ran away with a first place finish in the two mile run, with a time of 11:48. He also secured a second place finish in the mile run (5:29.38). Junior Connor Hanneman took two, third-place finishes, one in the 800 meters (2:33.82) and other in the triple jump (32-9).

Freshman Ashton Boehm also had a nice finish in the 800 meter with a time of 2:49.28, which was good enough to secure a fourth-place finish.

"Now that we are in the outdoor portion of our season, I expect to continue to see all three of the boys' times continue to diminish," said Volk.

#### Marathon Results

In Marathon on Friday, the team competed against host Marathon, Tomahawk, Abbotsford, Athens, Edgar, Pittsville and Prentice and saw good results again.

"We will see a few of these same teams at our Sectional meet in May at Marathon so this was a good meet to see where we are falling with our competition," said Volk.

Once again Kallie Volk shined, winning the long jump (17-8 1/2), high jump (5-5), 100-meter hurdles (16.55) and 200-meter dash (26.65).

"With this being her first outdoor meet of the season, I continue to expect her to



Karlee Weavers makes her way over the top of the bar during high jump competition in Marathon last week. —Contributed Photo

increase these marks," said her coach. "Mitch (Ellis) and I were both happy to see her clear (5-5 in the high jump) again, and so early in the season. She now sits at the top of Division 3 with this jump."

Weavers finished up her night with a pair of two second place finishes, one in the high jump (4-8) and the other in the shot (32-7). She was also fifth in discus (92-5) and 15th in the 200 meter (32.33).

Grasse improved her time on the track to place 11th in the 100 meter (15.25). She was also 14th in the 200m dash (32.02).

On the boys side, Fink was second in shot (41-0 1/2) and eighth in discus (107-10). Potrykus had another good night in the distance events, improving in his two-mile race to take third (11:28.26). Ashton Boehm secured a fifth place finish there also, with a time of 10:17.42.

"With a few boys missing from our team tonight, we were still able to procure a seventh place team finish

overall," said Volk.

The Three Lakes girls finished fifth.

Weather permitting, the team is scheduled for two meets outdoors this week starting Tuesday at Wausau West and then Thursday in Antigo.

"With the first couple of outdoor meets, our veteran senior throwers came out strong," said assistant coach Jess Weavers. "Both Gus Fink and Karlee Weavers put out good numbers and high placements. With some technique clean-up, and a lot of practice, I believe we are going to see some major increases in distance and goals met for the season."

Ellis, who works mainly in the jumps, said both Karlee Weavers and Connor Hanneman both tied their season personal bests and are both jumping well for mid-season. Accompany that with what he says is Volk's "Division 1 quality level" and big things are on the horizon for the Bluejays yet this season.



Gus Fink of Three Lakes-Phelps releases the shot put during a recent outdoors competition at Crivitz. —Contributed Photo

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## DANCE RECITAL



**DANCING DRAMATICS** — The Chain O' Dance studio presented its third annual recital, "Dance on Demand," April 15, at the Northland Pines High School Auditorium. Performances were held at noon and 6:30 p.m. and entertained a full house at both shows. Approximately 180 dancers participated in the production directed by studio owner Leigha Siegmeyer.

**Above:** The high school pointe class showcased a uniquely choreographed performance to Madonna's "Material Girl" song. **Below:** Charlee Otto, Charlotte Slavinski, Harper Prell and Gianna Marino shuffled their feet during "Let's Make It Happen" performed by the kindergarten class. **Left:** Drew Price and the second grade tap class were all smiles as they shook to the beat of "Great Divide" during performances.

—Staff Photos by STEPHANIE DYE



## Revitalization program gears up for summer

With summer approaching, the Eagle River Revitalization Program (ERRP) is getting started on numerous projects taking place in Eagle River in the coming months.

ERRP is still seeking sponsors for some of the Artscape banners that adorn the streets of downtown Eagle River throughout the summer.

The final deadline to sponsor a banner has been extended until Thursday, April 20 and can be done by contacting ERRP Executive Director Karen Margelofsky at karen@eagleriverrevitalization.org or 715-477-0645 before the deadline. Plans are underway for the annual Artscape Banner Auction slated for Saturday, June 24, at Shotskis. Tickets will go on sale May 1.

Margelofsky also noted that vendors are still being sought for the Eagle River

Farmers Market which opens Wednesday, May 24. The first Sunday market of the season will be May 28. Items for the market can include home-grown fruits and vegetables, homemade crafts, nonprofit groups and entertainers.

The annual farmers market meeting will be held Wednesday, April 26, at 10 a.m. at city hall for those wishing to learn more.

Minocqua Popcorn in Eagle River will hold its grand reveal Tuesday, May 2, at 10 a.m. for the Main Street Makeover contest the business won. The business, in cooperation with the Wisconsin Main Street crew and Retailworks consultants, will perform the upgrades May 1 ahead of the unveiling.

An informational meeting To ERRP, Pg. 2B

## Earth Day Fair slated Saturday at Nicolet

The Northwoods Community Garden will hold an Earth Day Fair Saturday, April 22, from 1 to 6 p.m. in the Lake-side Center at Nicolet College.

The theme this year is "No Blue, No Green. Water, it's kind of important."

"With this theme we are putting an emphasis on the importance of water in the North Woods with speakers and discussions about quality, impact on health, contaminants, and much more," event co-chairs Patrick Burns and Ali Pichowski said in a statement. "The Earth is called the 'Blue Planet' for a reason, and we look forward to sharing more about how our small sliver of that 'blue' plays a role on a large and small scale."

The event is being held in partnership with Nicolet College, the School District of Rhinelander, WXPB and Art-Start.

The fair will feature a

number of environmentally-themed speakers, vendors and information booths. These will include The Northwoods Community Garden, Green Design Center, Northwoods Farm Fresh Atlas Business, D & L Enterprises, Oneida County Biking and Walking Trails Council, Rhinelander High School, Oneida County Lakes and Rivers Association, Northwoods Land Trust, KC Refiller (formerly The Kindred Cottage), J North Unique Framing, and the Northwoods Homesteading Club, among others.

The fair will also feature a children's story time, live music, and a guided meditation session.

Admission is free, and food will be available for purchase by Jessica's Cucina and Lola's Lunch Box.

For more information, visit sustainabilitywoods.wixsite.com/earthdayfair.

## Not that you asked, but...

By Eric Johnson



### The write stuff

"THE POWER OF a handwritten letter is greater than ever. It's personal and deliberate and means more than an email or text ever will..."

— Actor Ashton Kutcher (1978-)

There's something special about receiving a handwritten letter in the mail.

Perhaps that's why I miss the nostalgic old school communication tradition so much.

Arrival of the mail, which used to regularly include such welcome, thought-filled treasures, was eagerly anticipated as a child and into my early adulthood.

But the daily mail drop, in ever-lengthening memory, has increasingly been a disappointing deluge of Monday-Saturday sadness — the dreaded duo of bills and junk mail — as letter-writing becomes an increasingly dying art.

Quite literally so, in recent decades, with the passing of the last great letter-writing generation.

My late Nana, who came of age in the years of the Great Depression and the days of twice-daily morning and afternoon mail deliveries of penny postcards and two- and three-cent first class letters delivered with lightning-speed efficiency, was the prolific poster child

To JOHNSON, Pg. 2B

## Three Lakes business wins Main Street makeover contest

Downtown Three Lakes business The Brew Station is the winner of Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation's (WEDC's) annual Main Street Place-Makeover Contest.

The business will receive design assistance and up to \$5,000 to create an outdoor patio space to grow their business.

The Brew Station beat out four other finalists and dozens of entrants from other downtowns to receive the prize. Applicant businesses were evaluated based on the potential of submitted projects to help the business grow and thrive, the visual impact a transformation of the space would have on the downtown, and the ability of the project to be completed within the time and budget available.

Opened last year, the business is the second in downtown for owners Dan and Gina Stehl. Located next door to their first business, The



The Brew Station in downtown Three Lakes will receive up to

\$5,000 to create an outdoor patio space. —STAFF PHOTO

Supply Station, The Brew Station is billed as a place where friends, adventurers and vacationers can share a drink. The business is focused on creating a family friendly

atmosphere that provides a much-needed gathering place in downtown.

Unlike many North Woods businesses, The Supply Station is open year-round,

and the business model was designed to intentionally complement other downtown businesses. The Brew Station accepts and even promotes carry-in food from downtown restaurants and hosts numerous community gatherings in their indoor space.

With their location in the heart of an outdoor-oriented community, the owners constantly heard from guests that outdoor gathering space was needed. Turning a rear parking area into an outdoor beer garden will allow customers year-round to enjoy themselves outdoors.

The new rear patio will create space for children to play, accommodate groups and events that aren't a good fit in the indoor space and allow guests with pets to visit.

The Stehls added they would also be utilizing the space to bring in food trucks and set up partnerships with

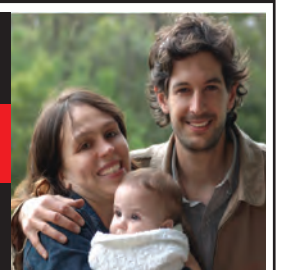
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# LIFESTYLE

## Johnson FROM PAGE 1B

of letter-writing with her lengthy, newsy correspondence penned in her elegant, distinctive, flowing cursive.

She was a frequent flier customer at Milwaukee's Siekert & Baum stationary store and Daly's Pen Shop, both, like Nana, now gone.

How I long for those days when letters from Nana were a frequent treasure waiting to be discovered in my mail box.

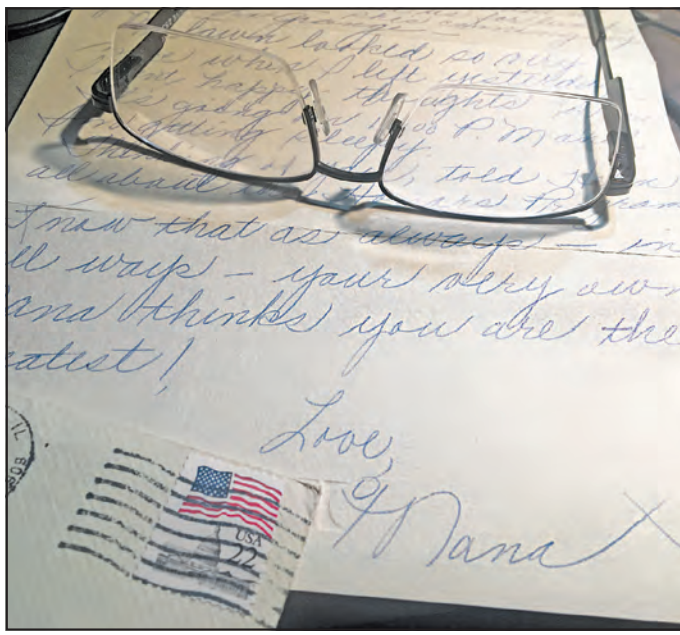
I was reminded of all this the other day when I happily happened across an April 1985 letter from Nana, sent on complimentary stationery from Chicago's Palmer House and Tower, a Hilton-owned hotel where she was having a Windy City vacation outing with her best friend and adventure travel companion Helen, who had ventured up from Covington, Ky. to take a city sightseeing bus tour and visit popular sites like the Chicago Art Museum and Adler Planetarium, among others.

Transcending time, it was like receiving her letter anew, hearing Nana's voice as I read it.

The envelope, addressed to "Mr. Eric Johnson," was a time capsule reminder of my sophomore year at Marquette University 38 years ago, when I was living in Room 937 at Schroeder Hall on North 13th Street in downtown Milwaukee.

"Dear Eric Allen! Lovely view of the Lake and all the white & pink crabs beginning to blossom ... Went to the Art Museum this morning. Saw a few Monet's and the paper-weight exhibit — Roman, Greek, Etruscan, some dating B.C. We sat in the lobby this evening and listened to a pianist and violinist — it was lovely ... One of the 'girls' we met on our '82 trip to the Canadian Rockies will meet us for lunch tomorrow. — she's coming up from La Grange ... It's going on 11:00 p.m. and I'm getting sleepy."

Over the decades, there were hundreds of letters from Nana like this one, chronicling the this-and-that of



Treasured old school snail mail hand-written letters bring memories alive again in ways that transitory communication mediums like phone calls, emails, texts, tweets and video chats can't. An April 1985 letter from columnist Eric Johnson's "Nana," grandmother Edith S. Aschauer (1914-2010), brought back memories, comfort and encouragement 38 years after it was written. —Photo By Eric Johnson

everyday life in her breezy, flowing writing style.

The forsythia, lilacs and roses blooming in the yard. Picking fresh rhubarb and asparagus in the garden. Dining at the Linden Room at Marshall Field's with her friends Edna and Beulah. The procession of birds visiting the feeders and bird bath outside the large dinette windows. Doing her "marketing" at Sentry and Kohl's Food Fair in "The Grove." Catching a play at the Sunset Playhouse. Shopping trips to Gimbel's, Boston Store and Chapman's, with an occasional quick bite at Gimbel's Tasty Town restaurant. Sunday services at Elm Grove Lutheran. Childhood memories of growing up on Milwaukee's then-Germanic near north side — riding the streetcars to the A&P supermarket, Brewers games at Borchert Field, or Schuster's department store.

I saved all my letters from Nana, moving the box of treasured handwritten letters from town to town and state to state over the decades. The addresses on the envelopes trace a long, winding trail of my life — Milwaukee, Racine, Milwaukee, Rockford and Evanston, Ill., Toledo, Ohio and Sheboygan Falls — and always found my mail-

box wherever I moved.

I treasure these old hand-written letters, as the words on the page come alive anew.

Culturally, we lost a lot when people stopped writing old school snail mail letters in favor of the transitory, instantaneous telecommunication marvels of phone calls, emails, texts, tweets and FaceTime video chats.

As I discovered anew with Nana's letters, the intimate communication medium of the tactile, hand-written word is among the most significant memories a person can leave behind.

It had been a challenging week when I ran across Nana's letter.

As Nana closed her "Wed. Eve" letter back in 1985, "Thinking of you ... Know that as always — in all ways — your very own Nana thinks you are the greatest! Love, XO Nana XO."

Little did she know it at the time, but her letter would bring a smile to my face — and some much needed comfort and encouragement — in the here-and-now of 2023, long after her passing. You can't re-read a phone call.

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MIXED EMOTIONS — The Silver Blades Ice Show was held April 15 and 16 at the Eagle River Ice Arena to showcase skaters' power, skills and choreography. Skaters of all ages took part in the program with the theme "Mixed Emotions." Some scenes from the show include:

**Above:** Learn to Skate performed to "Happy Together" by the Turtles.

**Below:** Senior Alyssa Imse not only skated but also sang an original song she wrote for her performance titled "Emotions Unheard."

**Left:** Basic 1 skaters entertained to "I Feel Good" by James Brown.

—Staff Photos  
By MICHELLE DREW



## ERRP FROM PAGE 1B

on the possibility of a historic district being established in Eagle River is planned Wednesday, May 3, at 8 a.m. at the Eye on Entrepreneur building on First Street. The

public is invited to attend the meeting to learn more.

Volunteers will put new flags on the flagpoles which will go up in town in May, and Margelofsky noted there are still snow globes for sale at local shops as well as the ERRP office, located in the Eagle River City Hall building.

ERRP also is starting up

a fundraising campaign for community playgrounds at Riverview Park and Gremban/Lions Park. More details on these efforts will be announced at a later date.

For more information on ERRP or to volunteer or donate funds, visit [eagleriverrevitalization.org](http://eagleriverrevitalization.org) or contact Margelofsky at the information above.

## Makeover FROM PAGE 1B

local restaurants to generate more business throughout Three Lakes.

The Brew Station beat out Eagle River business Mary Kate's Wine Bar in the contest.

Three Lakes joined WEDC's Connect Communities program in 2021. The community is striving to rebound from a 2019 fire, which destroyed a signature

downtown hotel and restaurant and the loss of two additional restaurants during the pandemic.

The Brew Station will work closely with WEDC staff and placemaking and landscape design consultants from Ayres Associates on a patio plan that meets the needs of their customers and creates a welcoming atmosphere for visitors. The transformed space will be formally unveiled during a public celebration later this summer.

In its second year, the place-makeover contest is

an initiative of the Wisconsin Main Street Program, a comprehensive revitalization program overseen by WEDC and designed to promote the historic and economic redevelopment of traditional business districts in Wisconsin.

The 2022 Place-Makeover focused on public rather than private spaces, and helped Lake Mills re-imagine an alleyway into the Legendary Lane pedestrian walkway.

For more information on the Wisconsin Main Street Program, visit [wedc.org/mainstreet](http://wedc.org/mainstreet).



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## LIFESTYLE

## Holocaust insights exhibit on display at Olson library through end of month

By KARLA S. ZYHOWSKI  
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

“Touching the Faces of History: Lessons from Survivors of the Holocaust” is a traveling exhibit currently on display at the Walter E. Olson Memorial Library in Eagle River.

It is a part of Zachor: The Holocaust Memory Project, whose goal is to “focus on the creation of archival legacy portraits of Holocaust survivors and to acknowledge them, ensuring that their legacy is preserved photographically, with a narrative history for use by institutions, families, and future generations. The project is designed to provide an educational tool against future occurrences.”

The photographers involved in the project are all Jewish, and took part in the hope their work will help support the Jewish community with visual representations to carry personal histories forward for future generations. These artists said they see their work as bringing “yesterday to tomorrow.”

One of the photographers, Jerry Kaye, is the director emeritus of the Union for Reform Judaism Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute in Oconomowoc, and was one of 30 people from around the world, with support from the Tel Aviv Museum of the Jewish People, invited to join the International Task Force on Jewish Peoplehood.

In the exhibit currently on display, a number of large black and white pho-



Eva Zaret is one of the survivors featured in Olson library's Holocaust exhibit on display through the end of the month. All the photographers in the exhibit are Jewish.

—Contributed Photo

tophographs hang on the walls. Each portrait is of a Holocaust survivor and their story is told in a panel next to their photograph.

Among them are Eva Zaret, born in Budapest, Hungary, in 1936. Her father had a plumbing and heating company, and her mother was the bookkeeper for the family business.

During the war, Eva said, “Everything was taken away from us, everything. I learned material things don't mean a thing. Only family and friends mean everything.”

Another portrait on display is of Werner Richheimer, born in Karlsruhe, Germany, in 1937.

His grandfather owned a kosher butcher shop and Werner and his family lived

with his grandparents. On Kristallnacht in 1938, the butcher shop was destroyed by German soldiers. The family was sent by train cars used for cattle to a concentration camp. They were then sent to a second camp.

The French underground rescued Werner, his sister, and other children and brought them to the Swiss border. There, Werner's cousin met them and brought them to safety. Werner later learned that two weeks after the children escaped, his parents had been sent to Auschwitz, where they soon died.

He and his sister lived in Switzerland for three years, and then they moved to Milwaukee to live with their aunt and uncle.

The Zachor organization

uses photographs to highlight the legacy of Holocaust survivors in hopes to shape the future by combating an increase in hatred and prejudice.

According to the Anti-Defamation League, antisemitic incidents are on the rise in the United States, with a record high of more than 3,600 incidents reported in 2022. It is the third time in the past five years that such incidents have broken previous records.

Further information on the Holocaust Memory Project can be found at zachorproject.org, or by contacting info@zachorproject.org or 224-408-0890.

The exhibit will be on display through the end of April at the library, located at 203 N. Main St.

## Benefit dinner, meeting slated for Sno-Eagles

The Sno-Eagles Snowmobile Club of Eagle River will conduct its April membership meeting Thursday, April 20, at the Blue Heron Restaurant. This is the final membership meeting of the year.

The Blue Heron is hosting a dinner to benefit the Sno-Eagles. Menu selections include meat loaf, cod, or chicken Alfredo. All meals will be served with side dishes and the Blue Heron relish tray.

Cost is \$20 per person, and \$10 of each dinner sold will be donated back to the Sno-Eagles. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling 715-337-2144.

The meeting agenda will include introductions, Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs (AWSC) updates, trail update, club fundraising activities, volunteer report, Junior Sno-Eagles program,

club activities, membership report, Miss Sno-Eagle recruitment, and a special presentation.

Open discussion will follow, and the meeting will close with a 50-50 drawing. The Sno-Eagles support the School Food Backpack program monetarily. The club's portion of the 50-50 drawing will be donated to this program in lieu of food items.

Club membership affords the opportunity to purchase required Wisconsin snowmobile trail passes at a discounted rate through the AWSC.

The meeting is open to everyone, and potential members are welcome to attend. It will be live-streamed on the Sno-Eagles Facebook page for those who cannot attend.

Blue Heron is located at 4443 Chain O' Lakes Road in Eagle River.

## Troupe Vertigo to perform at high school auditorium

The Headwaters Council for the Performing Arts (HCPA) has announced the upcoming performance of Troupe Vertigo as the final show of the 2022-'23 season.

Troupe Vertigo's artistic, physical theatrics will entertain people of all ages Saturday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. in the Northland Pines High School auditorium.

HCPA is also offering all young people under the age of 18 with an interest in dance, gymnastics, cheerleading, tumbling or acrobatics a very special opportunity to participate in a 45-minute “talk-back” event prior to the show from 5 to 6 p.m.

This event is supported by the local Anderson Memorial Fund which promotes children's access to the arts. The troupe coordinator and members will be introduced to the participants and share their background (dance, gymnastics, ballet) and how they use the stage equipment during the show. A question and answer time will be included.

There is no charge for the outreach participants and HCPA is offering a discounted adult ticket price of \$25 for any parent who accompanies their child to the performance after the outreach event.

Troupe Vertigo incorporates artistic components from across different creative disciplines, to create stories woven together using highly stylized choreography, feats of strength, balance and daring, with lighting and music to create scenes with imaginative visual landscapes.

Individual tickets for the show cost \$30 and may be purchased at Eagle River Roasters, 339 W. Pine St. in Eagle River, or by calling 715-479-7995. Tickets may also be purchased at the door the night of the performance beginning at 6:30 p.m. All seats are reserved seating.

For more information about tickets and shows, contact ticket directors Rick or Debbie Roder at 920-676-3621 or visit hcpapresents.com.

## Fishing with the Stars tourney dates scheduled

The St. Germain Chamber of Commerce announced the tournament date for the seventh annual Fishing with the Stars, to be held Saturday, May 20.

The tournament offers winning anglers a chance to fish with legendary fishing guides John Gillespie, Pete Maina and Rob Manthei.

Fishing with the Stars is an open-water fishing tournament that allows anglers to fish on any Vilas or Oneida county lake.

The anglers are targeting largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, perch, bluegill and crappies.

Winners in each category will be entered into a raffle to fish and film an episode of John Gillespie's “Waters and Woods” with the three fishing guides on May 21.

“We are thrilled to promote fishing and provide an event that brings families and friends to our community from all over,” said Sophia Orłowski, event and membership coordinator for the chamber.

This event was established in 2017 to promote the beginning of the fishing season and boost the local economy by bringing more people into the area.

Participants wishing to guarantee a tournament gift must register by April 20. Any registrants after this date may not receive the UV-protectant fishing shirt for the tournament.

For more information or to register visit st-germain.com, call 715-477-2205 or email sgoffice@frontier.com.

## ‘Constitution Coach’ to lead free series

Tom Ward of Conover, the “Northwoods Constitution Coach” is offering a six-week video series on the Constitution at the Walter E. Olson Memorial Library in Eagle River.

The course will be held every Monday from 4 to 6 p.m. beginning April 24.

The free event is geared

towards students and their parents, but anybody is welcome to attend.

“We all need to know the document that is the blueprint for our government. Not just the rising generation, but all of us,” Ward said.

For more information, contact Ward at tomward39@yahoo.com.



UW-Platteville officials received a tour of Nicolet College labs and classroom during their visit and signing ceremony that opens the door for North Woods residents to earn engineering bachelor's

degrees. Academic leaders from both institutions are pictured here in Nicolet's metal fabrication lab.

—Contributed Photo

## Nicolet, UW-Platteville team up to bring engineering to North

North Woods students looking to earn a bachelor's degree in engineering will have several new options thanks to a new, broad-based transfer agreement between Nicolet College and the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

Officials from both institutions recently gathered at Nicolet for a transfer agreement signing ceremony. Nicolet students and staff, representatives from local high schools, and members of Nicolet's Board of Trustees were also invited to the event.

Highlighted at the event was the home-based nature of study toward engineering degrees.

“One of the many beau-

ties of the agreement is that students will be able to complete these degrees by staying almost entirely in the North Woods,” said Nicolet President Kate Ferrel.

“Students will start the program with Associate's of Science classes at Nicolet and then complete one of three engineering bachelor's degrees by seamlessly transferring to UW-Platteville. While not fully online, the bachelor's degree can be completed by a combination of online courses and hands-on labs offered — often on Saturdays — at UW-Platteville, UW-Oshkosh-Fox Cities, or another regional location,” she added.

Nicolet students will have

the opportunity to take introductory engineering courses through UW-Platteville that also will count towards the completion of their Associate of Science degree. Bachelor's degrees offered through the partnership with UW-Platteville's College of Engineering, Mathematics, and Science will include those in electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, and industrial and systems engineering.

Helping students begin their UW-Platteville degree work while attending Nicolet College early on is a model built on trust and a forward-thinking mindset.

“This agreement is an example of what can be achieved through collabora-

tion and innovation among higher education institutions in our state,” said UW-Platteville Interim Chancellor Dr. Tammy Evetovich. “This partnership will make a UW-Platteville engineering education accessible to more students in Wisconsin, including those who are place-bound or working adults. We are so pleased to partner with Nicolet College to achieve this, and our combined efforts will strengthen the state's workforce and provide highly qualified engineers to fill high-demand positions.”

For more information about the bachelor's degrees and the partnership, visit nicolecollege.edu or call the college at 715-365-4493.

# The Almanac

This space is reserved for recurring events and services. Listings which are not updated or confirmed annually will be removed after one year. Call 715-479-4421.

## April

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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 Kalmar Community Center. Call Judy Wainwright, 715-482-9804.

**EAGLE RIVER GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** — Meets the third Thurs. of each month at 2 p.m. at Walter E. Olson Memorial Library in Eagle River. Call Barb, 708-805-3374.

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

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

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

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

**LIONS CLUB** — The St. Germain Northwoods club meets the first Wed. of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church in Sayner. Call 715-891-4611.

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

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

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

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

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

**NORTHWOODS MEN OF FAITH** — Meets the second Sat. of each month at St. Germain Evangelical Free Church for a men's breakfast, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Free-will offering accepted, different speakers. Call 715-479-2173.

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

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

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

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

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

**THREE LAKES GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** — Meets the fourth Mon. of each month at 1 p.m. at Demmer Library in Three Lakes. Call Nancy Bailey, 715-479-8971.

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

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

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

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

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

### Recreation

**BADGER BRIDGE** — Duplicate — Meets Mon. at noon, at Kalmar Community Center in Eagle River. Call Bob Dow, 414-758-6411.

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE** — Meets Thurs. at noon, at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Eagle River. Call 715-550-9722.

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

**HEART AND SOUL QUILTERS** — Meets Wed. from 9 a.m. to noon at Kalmar 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.

**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 Kalmar Community Center in Eagle River. A 2023 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 Kalmar Community Center in Eagle River. All ages welcome, beginner or advanced. Call John Modjerski, 715-479-6093.

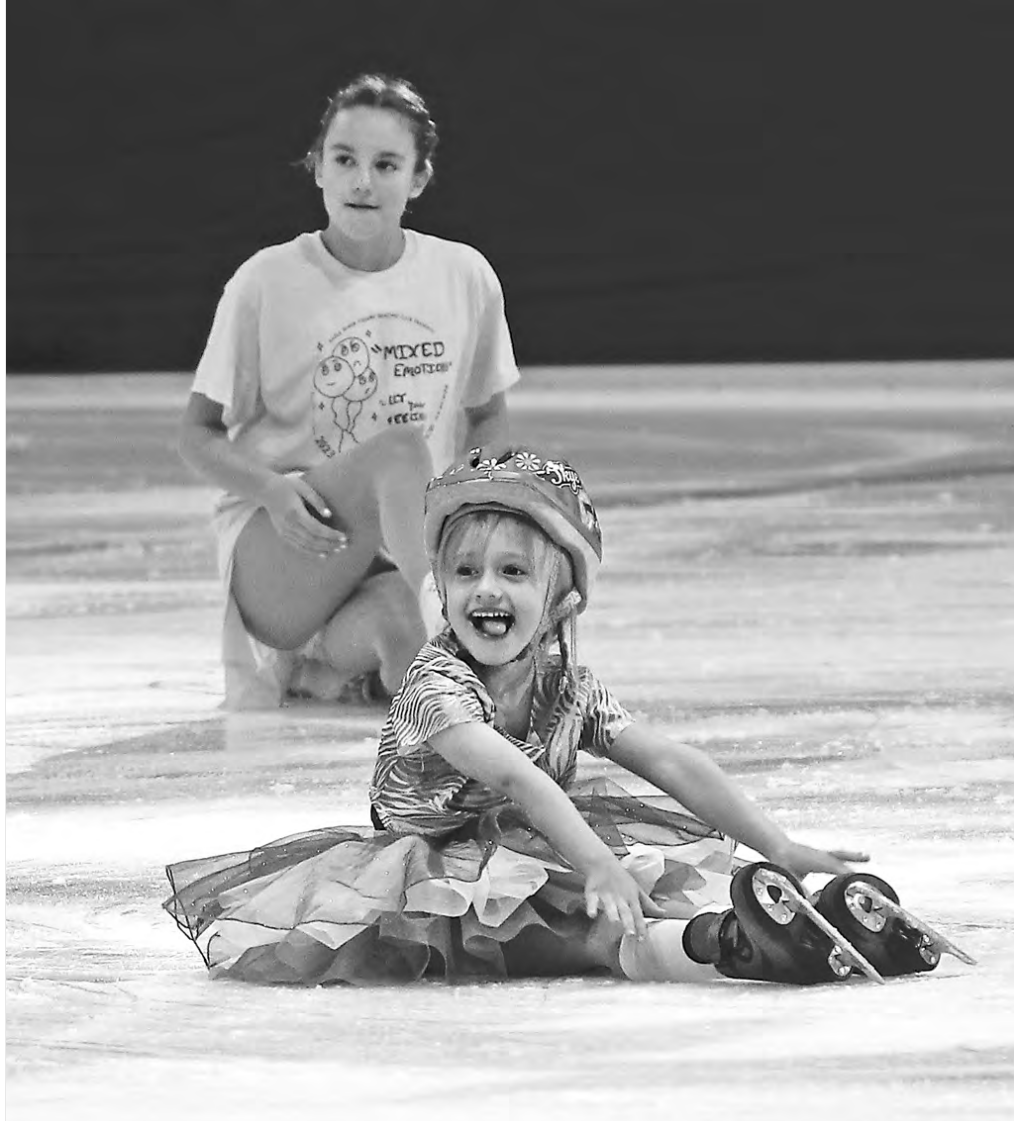
**NORTHWOODS SCALE MODEL PHANTICS** — Meets second Sat. of each month at 3:30 p.m. at 3824 Tecumseh Lane in Eagle River. Scale modeling of all types. Learn how to build, or improve skills. Call Tom, 715-479-4988.

**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.

**NORTHWOODS UKERS** — Meets Fri., 1:30-3 p.m. at Warehouse Art Center, 107 S. Railroad St. in Eagle River. New members welcome; free.

**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.



All smiles at the Silver Blades Ice Show.

—Staff Photo By MICHELLE DREW

**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** — Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. at the Kalmar Community Center in Eagle River. Call Don, 715-337-2510.

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

**SQUARE DANCING** — Held 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.

**WINTER BINGO** — Tuesdays at 1 p.m. at the Kalmar Community Center in Eagle River. Call Kalmar Community Center, 715-337-2510.



### Support Groups

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** — Closed discussion meeting, Mon., 7 p.m., First Congregational United Church of Christ, Eagle River; open big book study, Tues., 7 p.m., First Congregational United Church of Christ, Eagle River; closed discussion meeting, Wednesday, 5 p.m., Kalmar 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** — 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 second Thurs. of each month from 1-2:30 p.m. at Ascension At Home in Arbor Vitae. Call 1-800-234-3542.

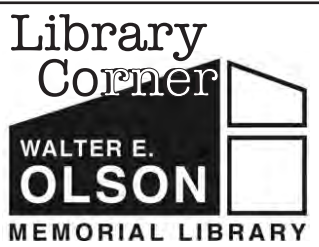
**GRIEF SUPPORT** — Open to any adult experiencing grief, meets the third Tues. of each month from 1-3 p.m. at Ascension At Home in Rhinelander. Call 1-800-643-4663.

**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.



A special photography exhibit will be on display throughout the month of April at the Walter E. Olson Memorial Library.

The exhibit is provided through Zachor: The Holocaust Memory Project and features images of survivors of the Holocaust, along with transcriptions of their stories. This exhibit is presented in tandem with a display of family stories of the Holocaust provided by Eagle River community members Bobbie Fleishman and Mike Smith in honor of Yom HaShoah, or Holocaust Days of Remembrance. See related story on pg. 3B.

Author, guide and former WXPR reporter Nick Vander Puy will be at the library to discuss his recent book "Water Protectors: The H.E.L.P. Campaign to Save the Penokees" Monday, April 24, at 5:30 p.m. "Water Protectors" is also the May pick for the Fact and Fiction Book Group. Copies are available for check out now.

Memory Café, held the third Monday of the month. A session with the Department of Workforce Development

Job Assistance is planned April 19, from 9 to 11 a.m. It is held the third Wednesday of each month.

The Eagle River Genealogical Society will meet Thursday, April 20, from 2 to 4 p.m. The group gathers the third Thursday of each month.

A Family Fun Night, Marble Maze Edition will be held Friday, April 28, at 6 p.m. There will be popcorn and participants can build their own marble maze.

Patrons can help the library decorate its Poet Tree with leaves available at the library. Original poems can be added to the leaf and then hung on the tree.

The library also hosts a variety of weekly and monthly events, including academic success hours, ukulele practice, storytime, chess club, sewing circle, and more. Visit the library's website for a list of scheduled programs. Ongoing book sales are available in the lobby of the library.

Hours are Mondays, from 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. The library is open for in-person and curbside service. Wi-Fi and digital services are available at all times.

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



**STATE COMPETITORS** — The Northland Pines High School Forensics Team, made up of 17 students, competed at the State competition held at DeForest High School on April 21 and 22. Team members who advanced to State include Stevie Brown, Eliana Conrad, Petra Dollar, Elise Gregersen, Owen Libby, Naomi Lowery, Larissa Page, Malia Remme, Christian Sandberg, Lucas Schmidt, Chloe Tabbert, Eliana Waltz, and Chloe Zmek in Play Acting; Izzy Chuckel and Lily Sellnow in Impromptu Speaking;

Arthur Gloss in Prose, and Drezden Jantzen in Informative Speaking. In order to make it to the State level, students had to pass through three rounds of Sub-District competition where they had to earn two scores of 16 out of 25 or above and three rounds of District competition where they had to earn two scores of 21 out of 25 or above. Forensic Team coaches are Amber Tilley and Kaitlin Nellessen, both teachers at the high school.

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## Final wellness program to focus on gardening

The fourth and final event of the Wellness Wednesday series will take place April 26 at Mary Kate's Wine Bar in downtown Eagle River.

The event's theme will be centered on gardening tips

as well as recipes to use those fresh vegetables.

Two speakers will be at the gathering, including Jenny from EverGood Farm in Rhinelander, who will provide simple tips and infor-

mation for attendees to get started on their summer garden.

The second speaker will be Cortnee Pinski, owner of Roots Juice Bar in Eagle River, who will share recipes for

healthy smoothies and juice combinations using fresh vegetables.

This is a free event that begins at 6 p.m. at the wine bar, located at 205 E. Wall St.

# LIFESTYLE



**MUSICAL MASHUP** — The Northland Pines High School hosted a newly coordinated men's choir event April 14. The group joined together 90 tenors and basses from Northland Pines, Three Lakes, Tomahawk, Antigo and Rhinelander high schools. Led by UW-Stevens Point music professors Matheus Cruz and Matthew Markham, the group of boys began rehearsals at 9 a.m. and then performed three songs as a group in concert at 2:30 p.m.

—Staff Photos  
By STEPHANIE DYE



## Comedian Karen Morgan to perform in Crystal Falls

CRYSTAL FALLS, Mich. — Comedian Karen Morgan will take the stage at Crystal Theatre this Friday, April 21, at 7 p.m. to share her clean comedy that finds humor in everyday life, poking fun at parenting, marriage, relationships, family, and aging "gracefully."

The event is the second in the theater's 2023 Gem of a Season series.

A former trial attorney, Morgan began her professional comedy career as a finalist on Nickelodeon Television's "Search for the Funniest Mom in America." The lawyer-turned-comedian was



KAREN MORGAN

born and raised in Athens, Ga., but now lives in Maine.

Morgan's TV appearances include comedy shows and ads for companies including

Walmart and Zyrtec. Her comedy specials can be viewed on Dry Bar Comedy and her latest album, "Cocktails in Pajamas," is available on streaming platforms. Her stand-up shows are popular with audiences in performing arts centers around the country.

"I was raised in the 70s and went to school in the 80s, so expect some nostalgic trips to the past for Gen X, Gen Jones and Baby Boomers," Morgan said.

Advanced tickets for the comedy show may be purchased online at thecrystaltheatre.org or by calling 906-875-3208.

## Workshop slated April 24 to cover dementia basics

The Alzheimer's Association Wisconsin Chapter is offering an education workshop explaining the basics of Alzheimer's and dementia Monday, April 24, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Walter E. Olson Memorial Library in Eagle River.

This workshop, put on in partnership with the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Vilas County (ADRC), provides a general overview for people who are facing a diagnosis, as well as for those who wish to be informed.

This free Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia program aims to explore the relationship between Alzheimer's disease and dementia, as well as examine what happens in a brain affected by Alzheimer's. It also will detail the risk factors for, and three general stages of the disease, as well as identify FDA-approved treatments available to treat some symptoms.

Class participants will have a chance to look ahead to what's on the horizon for Alzheimer's research and learn about helpful community resources available through the Alzheimer's Association and the ADRC.

Registration is requested for planning purposes. To learn more about this program or to register, contact Julie St. Pierre at 715-352-

4091 or jstpierre@alz.org.

In the United States alone, more than 6 million individuals are living with Alzheimer's and 16 million are serving as their unpaid caregivers. The disease is a global crisis that impacts numerous families right here in our community. However, no one has to face this disease alone or without information.

## Doll club to present on Steiff bears, dolls

The Enchanted Doll Club of The Northwoods will meet Thursday, April 20, at 1 p.m. at the Kalmar Community Center in Eagle River, where doll club member Sally Young will present a program on the history of Steiff teddy bears and Steiff dolls.

The Steiff Company of Germany has produced high

quality mohair teddy bears since 1902, and they are still making fine bears and stuffed animals today. Young will explore the history of the company by presenting numerous vintage and modern Steiff bears and dolls from her own collection.

This program was originally scheduled for last month, but was canceled due to extreme winter weather.

The public and potential new members are invited to attend doll club meetings.

For more info about the meeting or the doll club, call Judy Wainwright at 715-482-9804 or Sally Young at 715-356-9399 or 715-892-4599.

### BADGER BRIDGE IN EAGLE RIVER

Results of 04/10/23

North-South, first place, Ed Stoever & Rusty Dixon; second, Larry O'Brien & Jo Ann O'Brien.

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

Bridge is played Mondays from 12:30 to 4 p.m. at Kalmar Senior Center in Eagle River and is open to the public. For information, call Ed Stoever, club manager, at 715-362-8933.

# BACKWARD GLANCES

Compiled by Jon Eichman

**One Year Ago - 2022**  
The Three Lakes School Board gave unanimous approval of the site plan for the school forest property on Highway A ... The Lake Superior Band of Chippewa Indians and their six tribes intended to spear 56,713 walleye from lakes in the ceded territory during the annual spear fishing season ... The 2022 Northland Pines High School musical production of "Shrek" was nominated for 15 awards by the Jerry Awards Program.

**10 Years Ago - 2013**  
Northland Pines, Three Lakes and Phelps schools posted four-year graduation rates above that of Wisconsin as a whole ... The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest celebrated its 80th anniversary ... A trolling proposal to allow fishermen to use three hooks, baits or lures per angler was unanimously opposed at a DNR hearing in St. Germain.

**20 Years Ago - 2003**  
Freezing rain hit the North Woods damaging trees and knocking out electrical power to thousands of residents ... The Vilas County Board voted to accept a \$55,000 grant as a first step towards meeting a federal mandate that requires a tracking system for wireless 911 calls ... Three Lakes School Board members honored former board member Jack Olkowski after 54 years of dedicated service.

**30 Years Ago - 1993**  
Dean Crist and Stop Treaty Abuse/Wisconsin were granted a trial before District Judge Barbara Crabb to demonstrate that spear fishing protests were not racially motivated ... The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction selected Northland Pines Middle School as the winner of the Family-Friendly School Award ... The fishing opener was threatened because of a prolonged ice out.



Warm spring weather and gusty winds pushed huge ice sheets as many of the North Woods waterways opened wide, seen in this 1973 News-Review archive photo.

**40 Years Ago - 1983**  
The Vilas landfill project was delayed by at least 30 days by town officials ... Seven students at Lake-land Union High School were expelled following an investigation into drug use and sales at the school ... Wisconsin Public Service officials applauded the announcement by their natural gas supplier that prices should stabilize for the next 12 to 18 months.

**50 Years Ago - 1973**  
Damage due to ice shoves on the north shore of Lac Vieux Desert was extensive ... The Eagle River headquarters of the U.S. Forest Service announced it would plant 300,000 trees throughout spring ... Wood shortages caused concern over delays in the North Woods timber harvest.

**60 Years Ago - 1963**  
Three Lakes Fire Chief Bud Lawonn was burned fighting a large forest fire started by a passing train that swept through 60 acres of marshland near Three Lakes ... Burning permits were not to be given out after a declaration by the U.S. Forest Rangers due to a warm, dry and windy spring ... Brook, brown, rainbow and lake trout were planted in lakes

throughout the Tri-County area as part of a trout stocking program.

**70 Years Ago - 1953**  
A barn and shed burned down when a grass fire became uncontrollable near Sugar Camp ... It was reported that more than one million anglers statewide were registered to fish heading into opening weekend ... Nearly 50 students celebrated at Eagle River High School after finishing their driving course.

**80 Years Ago - 1943**  
Thanks to local farmers, Eagle River was set to create a new cooperative store to supply moderately priced goods ... Loans for increased food production were being given out at the office of the Vilas County USDA war board ... Changes to the deer hunting season were a primary reason for a large turnout at a local game hearing in Vilas County.

*Due to the poor condition of the bound volumes of old newspapers used to compile Backward Glances, we will only include 90 and 100 years ago as the quality of the books allow.*

## Veterans expo planned April 28

Veterans service office representatives from Vilas, Oneida, Forest, Iron, Langlade and Lincoln counties, along with Tribal representatives, will host a multi-county veterans exposition Friday, April 28, in Rhinelander.

All veterans, surviving spouses, or family members of a veteran, or even a friend or neighbor of a veteran who is interested in getting information, can learn about veterans' benefits at this event, according to Oneida County

Veterans Service Officer Tammy Javenkoski.

"There will be more than 70 vendors including the Oscar G. Johnson Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center of Iron Mountain, Mich., Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs of Madison, VA Regional Office of Milwaukee, and more," said Javenkoski. "We will also have a few vendors who are veterans or family members of veterans, selling the goods they make by hand."

The event will take place at the Hodag Dome, located at 863 Hodag Dome Dr., from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., with no entry cost. Javenkoski added that it is recommended for veterans who attend to bring a copy of their Defense Department Form 214 that proves military service with them.

For more information, contact the Oneida County Veterans Service Office at 715-369-6127 or cvso@co.oneida.wi.us.

## Summer craft fair seeking vendors

Senior Eagle River Volunteer Enterprise, Inc. (SERVE) is looking for vendors for its Summer Craft Fair to be held Saturday, July 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Kalmar Community Center, located at 1013 N. Railroad St. in Eagle River.

This event gives vendors the opportunity to sell their crafted items.

Vendor products being sought for the show include handcrafted artwork, wood-craft items, crochet, knitted or quilted items, jewelry, handmade greeting cards, jams

and jellies, seasonal items or other craft works.

Spaces with tables cost \$20 per space with a signed contract.

Contracts are available at the Kalmar Center office. To reserve a space, call 608-692-3770 or 715-337-2510.

## Saturday is "Earth Day" ...let's celebrate!

- \*plant a garden with kid's garden tools
- \*paint a rock with a set of outdoor acrylic paints
- \*make a bird or butterfly house from a kit
- \*make an Earth Day collage with our supplies

**Grandma's Toy Box Eagle Craft & Hobby**  
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### Eagle River Senior Citizen Menu

More Than A Meal Café at The Rock Mission Center  
Serving at noon  
Sponsored by ADRC of Vilas County

Reservations or cancellations MUST be made 24 hours in advance. Call Jennie Johnson at 715-891-1221 to reserve or cancel a meal. All meals served with 1% milk and coffee. Lighter substitute available in place of main entrée: Grilled-chicken salad. Donations are accepted. No one will be denied service because of inability to contribute.

#### MON., APRIL 24

Calico bean and ground beef casserole  
Carrots  
Green beans  
Cornbread  
Cookie

#### TUES., APRIL 25

Paprika chicken  
Sweet potato  
Cauliflower  
Raisin bread  
Vanilla yogurt and berries

#### WED., APRIL 26

Boneless barbecue pork  
Whole-wheat hoagie

#### Au gratin potatoes

Whole kernel corn  
Mini muffin  
Grapes

#### THURS., APRIL 27

Salisbury steak  
Mashed potatoes and gravy  
Brussels sprouts  
Whole-wheat bread  
Honey bee ambrosia

#### FRI., APRIL 28

Creamy chicken-vegetable casserole  
Broccoli  
Oat bran bread  
Mixed fruit  
Carrot cake

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# Oneida County teen court now seeking panelists

The Oneida County Teen Court program is in need of more high school students to be panelists for the 2023-'24 school year.

Sharon Krause, positive youth development educator at UW-Madison Division of Extension, calls the program more than a club, as teen court is an official part of the municipal court system that provides an alternative for first-time youth offenders.

"Panelists use restorative practices to help youth learn from their mistakes, accept responsibility for their actions, restore their role in the community, and move forward without a juvenile record," Krause said.

They do this by interviewing the offender and parent/guardian to try to find the root cause of the behavior. Then, panelists assign sanctions designed to help the youth avoid making similar decisions in the future.

"Their (teen court) decisions are final; if the offenders do not finish the sanctions on time, cases go back before the judge," Krause added.

Some of the benefits of being a teen court panelist include building communication and leadership skills, learning about the justice system, and gaining experience working with individuals with diverse backgrounds. Teens also increase their problem-solving skills and create positive change in their peer

groups, schools and communities.

"Students interested in pursuing a career in law, government policies, social work or counseling will find it especially beneficial," Krause added.

High school students who wish to become panelists need to have good listening skills, work well as part of a team, and be trustworthy with confidential information. A high-grade point average is not required, but panelists should be in good academic standing and able to maintain their grades while occasionally missing classes to hear cases.

There are three venues for hearing cases; Rhinelander High School students meet at the courthouse, Lakeland Union High School cases are heard on campus, and all panelists are eligible to hear cases conducted over Zoom in the evening.

Current eighth- through 11th-graders living in Oneida County may apply to become a panelist, as well as Vilas county students who attend Lakeland as well as area homeschool students. Youths must complete and submit an application form and will be interviewed afterward.

For application materials and more information, visit [oneida.extension.wisc.edu/positive-youth-development/teencourt/](http://oneida.extension.wisc.edu/positive-youth-development/teencourt/) or contact Sharon Krause at [sharon.krause@wisc.edu](mailto:sharon.krause@wisc.edu) or 608-381-2661.



EASTER CELEBRATION — Land O' Lakes Public Library held its Easter activities April 8 which included games, crafts and treats for children of all ages. Photo opportunities were provided with the Easter bunny, and a complimentary hot dog lunch was put on by Seniors for Kids at the Gateway Lodge following the library events.

—Contributed Photos



## Memory Café program expands to St. Germain

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Vilas County has expanded its Memory Café program to include sessions at the North Life Church in St. Germain, in addition to the existing courses at Walter E. Olson Memorial Library in Eagle River.

Memory Café is an opportunity for camaraderie for people living with memory loss, Alzheimer's, and other related dementias and their care partners. The gathering allows them to enjoy regular social interaction with others to laugh, learn and create community, according to Leah Baughman, ADRC Dementia Care specialist.

The first program in St. Germain will take place Monday, May 1, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at North Life Church, located at 6065 Highway 70.

It will be held the first Monday of each month at that same time going forward. Programs also are offered on the third Monday of each month at the Olson library, located at 203 N. Main St., also from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

"What you can expect when attending a Memory Café is to socially connect with others having similar experiences; an informal relaxed environment; fun, engagement, laughter; and, of course, don't forget the coffee and goodies," Baughman said.

To RSVP to either the St. Germain or Eagle River cafés, call the ADRC at 715-479-3625. Anyone who would like to share their time, talents or sponsor a monthly café should contact Baughman by calling the ADRC or emailing [lebaug@vilascountywi.gov](mailto:lebaug@vilascountywi.gov).

## Youth Horse Camps This Summer For Your Horse Crazy Kids!

**WHERE?** Plum Lake Equestrian Center, Inc.  
8177 Plum Lake Station Rd, Sayner, WI  
**INSTRUCTOR:** Penny Wahlgren, 715-892-2216  
**WHEN?** Session 1 July 10-13 • Session 2 July 31-Aug 3  
Session 3 Aug 14-17 • Session 4 Aug 28-31

We offer an unmounted 4-day Youth Horse Camp for the summer of 2023. Students will gain a basic knowledge of horse care through hands-on experience. Topics include breeds, grooming, gaits, leading, tack, anatomy, body language and veterinary care of the horse.

Each session is 4-8 kids. Cost is \$200/session. Pre-registration will be required with payment in full to reserve your child's spot. Upon successful completion of a session, your child will be eligible for private or semi-private mounted lessons at a reduced price.

To register: Call or email for a Registration Form, visit [www.plumlakeequestriancenter.com](http://www.plumlakeequestriancenter.com), or find us on Facebook.

Plum Lake Equestrian Center, Inc.  
8177 Plum Lake Station Rd, Sayner, WI 54560  
414-312-1630

## MOVING SALE - April 21-22-23

Air conditioner, furniture, china hutch, fishing stuff, lawn tools, vacuum, décor, lamps, bedding, yard stuff, kitchen stuff, new shower door, lawn chairs, extension ladder.

Lots more. Priced to sell. Cash only. LOL Area.  
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Land O' Lakes Public Library  
P.O. Box 450 715-547-6006

The Land O' Lakes Public Library announced its new partnership with Creativebug, an online platform offering video arts and crafts, workshops, and techniques. Patrons can access thousands of classes for all skill levels by visiting the Land O' Lakes Library's website and creating an account with a valid

library card.

One-on-one assistance for phones, tablets and laptops is currently offered. Patrons may schedule a 30-minute session with a librarian to learn about a technology topic of their choice, ranging from smartphone basics to downloading eBooks. To reserve a session, call the library.

Rock Painting Social Time will be held Wednesday, April 19, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. All necessary supplies and tools will be provided.

On Thursday, April 20, at 1 p.m. there will be a program called "Ukraine: Before and After February 24, 2022."

## Land O' Lakes Senior Dining

Love of Life Café,  
Gateway Lodge  
Serving at 11:30 a.m.

Sponsored by ADRC of Vilas County

Reservations or cancellations MUST be made 24 hours in advance. Call Anna Moore at 715-547-6076 to reserve or cancel a meal. All meals served with coffee, milk, butter and margarine. Lighter substitute available in place of main entrée: grilled chicken salad. Donations are accepted. No one will be denied service because of inability to contribute.

**TUES., APRIL 25**  
French dip half  
Cream of potato soup  
Carrot raisin salad  
Banana split

**WED., APRIL 26**  
Chicken Parmesan  
with noodles  
Dark greens salad  
Garlic bread  
Gelatin with fruit

Presented by a young couple who recently fled to the United States and are now residing in Land O' Lakes, the program will provide a first-person account of the realities of life in war-torn Ukraine.

"Not a Book Club" will meet Thursday, April 27 at 4:30 p.m. Attendees can converse about books that they've read and enjoyed. Use back parking lot door for after-hours programs.

The library will host a CPR/AED class Monday, May 1, from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Cost for the class is \$55 per person.

Additionally, mobile hotspots are available for check-out at the library. These hotspots use cellular signals to create internet access points and are available with both Verizon and AT&T service.

The Land O' Lakes library is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information on any event or program, contact the library at 715-547-6006, visit [landolakeslibrary.org](http://landolakeslibrary.org), or stop by at 4242 Highway B.

## Opening day breakfast set to benefit local lake

The Lac Vieux Desert Lake Association will host its annual Opening Day Breakfast fundraiser Saturday, May 6.

This all-you-can-eat breakfast will take place at Sunrise Lodge, located on the west shore of Lac Vieux Desert, from 7 to 11 a.m. All proceeds from this event will benefit the Lac Vieux Desert walleye hatchery project, fight

invasive species, and enhance water quality.

Tickets will be sold at the door at a cost of \$15 per adult and \$7 for children younger than 10. Participants also will have a chance to win two Motoped 125cc survival bikes.

For more information, call Phil Mendham at 715-547-3684.

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**ACHIEVEMENT HONORED** – Three Lakes Junior High and High School honored its March Students of the Month at a breakfast April 6. Presenting their certificates of achievement are, from left, Avery Gutbrod, eighth grade; Iga Kulig, 11th grade; Emma Epler, seventh grade; Marshall Rawoens, 12th grade; Johnny Smith, 10th grade; and Kylee Wilson, ninth grade. —Photo By Jennifer West

## Area teams sought for horseshoe league

Three Lakes Horseshoe League is preparing for the summer season and invites players of all skill levels, age 16 and older, to join the team. Games are held every Thursday night at 7 p.m. Teams of six players rotate to different sponsor bars each week for the opportunity to see old friends and meet new people. Games last approximately 1.5 hours. Cost is \$5 per night and includes one free beverage from the sponsor bar.

Throughout the season, all ringers and team scores are recorded both on paper and posted online. The season ends with the annual fall party which includes a tournament, food and awards ceremony.

To sign up, interested players can stop at any of the sponsoring bars, which include Headwaters Bar and Grill and Little Pine Motel and Restaurant, both in Hiles; Mollyville Bar, Tavern on the Loop, SpiritView, Lindy's Hideaway and Swamp Witch, 32 South Bar and Grill, all in Three Lakes; Rummy's Bar and Gators Landing, both in Sugar Camp.

The spring organizational meeting with team captains, sponsors and officers will be held Monday, May 1, at 6 p.m. at Headwaters Bar and Grill, located on Highway 32. The agenda will include receiving candidates for officers, roster sheets, short pitch age 70 down 65, money and score sheets, starting and ending dates for the season, fall party plans and open discussion.

For more information on the league, contact Karol at 715-891-4589 or kbaugh4589@gmail.com, or Ingrid at 920-734-8189 or ingrid@thundernook.com.

## Young authors workshop set Saturday at Demmer library

Children's authors K.W. Pendorff and Rick Chrus-towski will spend Saturday, April 22, at the Edward U. Demmer Memorial Library to share their craft of writing and illustrating books.

The event is open to students and homeschool students in grades 1 through 8 in the North Woods.

The event will begin with registration at 9:30 a.m. There is a \$5 fee for the day that covers writing materials and a light lunch. Sessions will wrap up at approximate-

ly 1:30 p.m., but authors will stay for a book signing from 1:30 to 2 p.m.

According to Dianna Blicharz of the Headwaters Literacy Council, these young author workshops have been held for many years in the North Woods, sponsored primarily by the Wisconsin State Reading Association (WSRA) and one of its local councils, the Headwaters Literary Council.

"The workshop was not held for several years due to the pandemic, but thanks

to WSRA and Headwaters Literacy Council working in cooperation with the Demmer Memorial library and the Three Lakes Public Library Foundation, the workshop has made a comeback," Blicharz said.

Students who are interested in writing and illustrating are encouraged to attend this hands-on workshop to work alongside real authors who have written and illustrated their own books.

For more information or to register, contact Blicharz

at Three Lakes Elementary School at 715-546-3323, Ext. 3101.

### Three Lakes Senior Citizen Menu

Reiter Center  
Serving at 11 a.m.

Nutritious meals by Lynn's Catering. Reservations and cancellations must be made 24 hours in advance. Call 715-891-2413. Recommended contribution \$4.00 for dine-in meals, \$4.75 for home-delivered meals. \$10 mandatory for diners under age 60.

Chef salad options for on-site diners: Turkey, Ham or Chicken

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Honey bee ambrosia

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Broccoli  
Oat bran bread  
Mixed fruit  
Carrot cake

## Missoula Children's Theatre coming to Three Lakes school

The Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT), based in Missoula, Mont., will travel to Three Lakes School during the first week of May to produce "King Arthur's Quest."

Performers from grades 1-8 will be used as the main cast and are invited to audition Monday, May 1, between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m.

Casting decisions will be made that evening and students will rehearse in after school sessions, with a performance the afternoon of Saturday, May 6, at 3 p.m.

MCT, the nation's largest touring children's theater, has toured extensively for more than 40 years, from Montana to Japan, and will visit nearly 1,200 communities this year with up to 44 teams of four actors/directors.

According to Dianna Blicharz at Three Lakes School District, the MCT tour team arrives in town with a set,

lights, costumes, props and makeup; everything it takes to put on a play, except the cast.

The team then holds an open audition and casts 50-60 local students to perform in the production. The show is rehearsed throughout the week and public performances are then offered on Saturday. All MCT shows are original adaptations of classic children's stories and fairy tales, but with a twist on the classic stories everyone knows.

"Creativity, social skills, goal achievement, communication skills and self-esteem are all characteristics that are attained through the participation in this unique, educational project," Blicharz said.

Tickets for the public performance on May 6 will be available at the door.

For more information, contact Blicharz at Three Lakes Elementary School, 715-546-3323, Ext. 3101.



**GEOGRAPHY WHIZ KIDS** — Fourteen students took part April 6 in the Sugar Camp Elementary Geo Bee. Winners of the bee are, from left, sixth-grader Zoey Kral, third place winner; sixth-grader Lachlan Mouw, first place; and fourth-grader Lillian Liebscher, second place. —Photo By Jennifer West

## School board to hold next meeting April 19

The Three Lakes School District will hold its next regular board meeting Wednesday, April 19, at 6 p.m.

The meeting will be held in Three Lakes.

Agenda items include an update on the civil rights compliance review, approval of high school graduation requirements, graduation awards ceremony dates, and an update on the Camp 3 School Forest project.

Also on the agenda is con-

sideration of boys golf and boys track and field co-ops and girls track and field co-op with Phelps for the 20-'23 and '24-'25 school years, as well as a winter sports report.

The board also will provide a report on the Washington, D.C. trip and district-related positive happenings.

For more information or full agenda information, contact the school at 715-546-3496 or visit threelakesd.k12.wi.us.



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# Sheriff's department speaks to PrimeTimers about scams

The St. Germain Prime-Timers invited investigators from the Vilas County Sheriff's Department to speak to the club about frauds, scams and identity theft.

Detective Sergeant Emily Miller and Detective Sergeant Nick Seeger talked to the group about the current deceptions they probe.

The detectives reported some of the recent trends in scamming, including life insurance scams; asking for gift cards to pay off loans incurred; bail monies for incarcerated family members; and tax forms filed in names of stolen identities.

The detectives explained how older individuals are often targeted for these ruses.

During the speech, officials reported that scammers try to contact victims through emails, phone calls and texts.

"The scenario may seem legitimate, or they may convince the victim," Seeger said. "Once a scammer succeeds, it snowballs from there. Groups, especially older adults, are targeted by informational lists that are created by scammers. These lists are then shared and sold by the pursuers, often on the dark web."

Officer's advised individuals to discontinue communication if a situation



Detective Sergeant Nick Seeger addresses key issues regarding common scams and frauds that target individuals in the area during the PrimeTimers group. —Photo by Jacki Goebel

doesn't feel right, or if they are questioning the legitimacy, and call the company who the scammer is posing as.

"It is always better to share your info under your own terms," cited Seeger.

Miller suggested altering account settings and information on social media. For example, if a person is going on vacation, wait until they return to post pictures so that it is not common knowledge that no one is home. Miller also deters people from posting sensitive material, like birthdates.

The detectives speak with many groups inform-

ing them of the risks that are out there.

Ransom Ware, a program that can shut down your computer, can be uploaded by these predators and hold the user ransom to remove it. If this happens, turn off the computer. Sometimes the program will shut itself off, but individuals may want to contact tech support.

In younger people, a new trend in scamming is sextortion. They convince the child to send an explicit photo, then extort the child to pay an amount or they will share the photo to contacts they find through social media. In this case,

predators receive money and the photos, distributing them as child pornography.

The detectives urge people to share information about scams with friends and families and to contact authorities if there is a financial loss involved.

The PrimeTimers are a social group for older adults that join together for events, games, dinners and guided vacations. The group meets the first Wednesday of each month at the Community Center in St. Germain for a speaker, a business meeting and a social hour.

Any individual interested in joining the group can visit [stgermainprimetimers.org](http://stgermainprimetimers.org).

# Sayner-Star Lake rummage sale deadline is soon

Registration to take part in the upcoming Sayner-Star Lake Community Rummage Sale must be completed by Saturday, April 29.

The sale is scheduled to take place Saturday, May 27, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will feature many items such as T-shirts, sweatshirts, antiques, household items, tools, puzzles, hammocks, hunting decoys, and much more. This event is held at homes and businesses in the Sayner-Star Lake area.

Carole Froelich promised that there will be "mysterious treasures" located for sale in the Sayner Lodge's main lodge.

Sayner-Star Lake Chamber of Commerce Event Committee chair and board member Helen Bryner shared this event is more than just a

rummage sale.

"This is a chance for community members and visitors alike to experience a driving tour of our beautiful surroundings. Even the most discerning rummage sale enthusiasts will find unique items," Bryner said.

Participants must register and pay online by the April 29 deadline to be included on the event map. Registration can be completed by visiting [sayner-starlake.org/events/2023community-widerummagesale](http://sayner-starlake.org/events/2023community-widerummagesale). Maps will be available to pick up from area businesses and participating residents as well as on the event page on the Sayner-Star Lake website.

For more information, visit the website or call or text Helen Bryner at 407-624-9071.



Plum Lake Public Library Sayner, Wis. 715-542-2020

Plum Lake Public Library invites all community members to visit the library during National Library Week, April 24-29, to explore all they have to offer.

Plum Lake Non-Fiction Book Club will meet on Monday, April 24, at 11 a.m. The discussion will be about the book "Vanderbilt: The Rise and Fall of an American Dynasty" by Anderson Cooper and Katherine Howe.

The story hour program is designed for children ages 1 to 5 years old. Upcoming story hours are scheduled for April 28 and May 12.

Everyone is welcome to utilize the Feed Our Rural Kids food pantry in the library foyer during regular business hours. Patrons are urged to take what they need and/or give what they can.

The library now has a Next-Trex recycling box in the entry for collection of clean and dry plastic bags, case wrappers, bubble wrap, etc. The box is

managed by the Plum Lake Lions Club and available during library hours. Call the library for more information of what is and is not acceptable for plastic recycling.

In addition to access to Kanopy, an online video streaming service, library cardholders can now access Creativebug and Transparent Language.

Creativebug offers online video arts and crafts workshops and techniques. Transparent Language is language-learning software that offers instruction in 110-plus languages, all online. Cardholders also have access to KidSpeak, a language-learning software for kids to learn Chinese, English, French, German, Italian and Spanish. Patrons also can enjoy access to The New York Times and The New York Times Cooking, courtesy of the library.

Patrons also may practice making paper cranes and help reach the library's goal of making 1,000. It already has more than 970 of its 1,000 goal. Participants are welcome to bring a bag lunch or snack to enjoy during the program. No registration is required.

For more information, visit [plumlakelibrary.org](http://plumlakelibrary.org), call 715-542-2020, or stop in at 8789 Peterson St. in Sayner.



Attending the presentation were Barb Verseman, store volunteer; Nancy Berklund, Ruth Wagner and Barb Maines from the celebra-

tion committee; and Pat Billimack, store volunteer. —Photo by Jacki Goebel

# Thrift store donates to Million Penny Parade

The United Church of Christ Thrift Store in St. Germain presented a check in the amount of \$520 to Dr. Kate's Museum for the 70th anniversary celebration and

building fund.

The thrift store chooses a local program each month to sponsor with customer donations received from a jar they place on the counter.

In 1952, Dr. Kate Pelham Newcomb, also known as the "Angel on Snowshoes" for reaching patients in winters in impassable situations, started a movement to build a hospital in Woodruff.

Local students started a

penny drive, hoping to raise a million pennies. As news traveled, donations started coming in from all over the world. The final event was coined the Million Penny Parade and celebrated in 1953.

Now, 70 years later, the Million Penny Paraders continue to raise money for a much-needed addition.

A pickleball tournament fundraiser will be held Saturday, April 22, at Lakeland

Fitness and Golf in Woodruff. Paraders are also sponsoring a brat fry scheduled for Saturday, June 17, at Ace Hardware in Woodruff.

Information on the tournament and the brat fry can be found at [drkatemuseum.org](http://drkatemuseum.org) or the museum's Facebook page.

United Church of Christ Thrift Store hours are Monday and Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Correction



KIM LECHNER

The photo of the winner of the clerk contest for the town of Plum Lake was inadvertently misprinted in last week's edition of the News-Review, although the story listed the correct winner.

Kim Lechner, shown here, defeated Barbara Cashman for the clerk seat on a vote of 185-102.

We apologize for this error.

# PUBLIC NOTICES

(Two Weeks, 4/12-4/19/2023) NOTICE TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUESTS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Zoning Committee of the Town of St. Germain will conduct public hearings on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, in the St. Germain Community Center pursuant to Section 1.606(b) of Chapter 1 - Zoning, Town of St. Germain Code of Ordinances, to consider Conditional Use Permit applications to construct larger than permitted accessory buildings, submitted by:

- Jeff Wheeler  
Vilas County land parcel 24-1016-191  
Lilac Drive, St. Germain  
5:30PM hearing
- Eric Kawski  
Vilas County land parcel 24-2394-05  
1185 Stienke Lane, St. Germain  
5:50PM hearing
- Joel Randazzo  
Vilas County land parcel 24-2394-03  
1187 Stienke Lane, St. Germain  
6:10PM hearing
- Tom Wiese  
Vilas County land parcel 24-1410  
8046 Wiese Way, St. Germain  
6:30PM hearing

The Zoning Committee will deliberate the dispositions of the CUP applications following the public hearings. Public observation and participation will be enabled virtually via Zoom.us using: Meeting ID 869 7313 9596 and

Passcode 518757. In lieu of attending live or virtually, persons wishing to submit written comments to the Town Clerk may do so by letter to P. O. Box 7, St. Germain WI 54558 or by email to [June.Vogel@stg.town](mailto:June.Vogel@stg.town). Written comments must be received by the Clerk no later than 5:00PM, Monday, April 24th to be considered by the Zoning Committee at the public hearing. 0987

(One Week, 4/19/2023) TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN OFFICE OF THE TOWN CHAIRMAN P.O. BOX 7 ST. GERMAIN, WISCONSIN 54558 [www.townofstgermain.org](http://www.townofstgermain.org) NOTICE OF NEW OR UPDATED ORDINANCES TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN, STATE OF WISCONSIN NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the St. Germain Town Board voted to adopt amendments to the following chapter of the St. Germain Code of Ordinances at its meeting in the St. Germain Community Center at 6:30 P.M. on Monday, April 10, 2023:

- Chapter 17 - Community Parks & Buildings Usage
- §17.05 - 17.07 regarding user fees, security deposits, buildings access, and damages.
- Appendix A: Fees

The updated chapter can be viewed on the Ordinances page of the town website at: <https://townofstgermain.org/ordinances.html>. Dated this 11th day of April 2023. June Vogel, Town Clerk

0997

(One Week, 4/19/2023) Notice is hereby given that Forward Bank, 1001 North Central Avenue, Marshfield, Wisconsin, has made application to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for purposes of establishing a temporary branch location at 474 Highway 70, St. Germain, Wisconsin 54558. It is expected the branch will be relocated to a permanent location at 510 WI-155, St. Germain WI 54558 within one year of establishment. Any person wishing to comment on the applications may file his or her comments in writing with the regional director of the FDIC's Chicago Regional Office at 300 S. Riverside Plaza, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60606, not later than May 5, 2023. The non-confidential portions of the application are on file at the appropriate FDIC office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the non-confidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request. 0995

## St. Germain Senior Citizen Meals

St. Germain Community Center Serving at 10:30 a.m. Sponsored by ADRC of Vilas County

Carry-out and home-delivered meals only. Home-delivered meals are available based on eligibility. For reservations or cancellations, please call Nancy Moser at 715-617-2795 (MUST call 24 hours in advance). Lighter substitute available in place of main entrée: grilled-chicken salad or healthy salad. Donations are accepted. No one will be denied service because of inability to contribute.

### WED., APRIL 26

- Boneless barbecue pork
- Whole-wheat hoagie
- Au gratin potatoes
- Whole kernel corn
- Mini muffin
- Grapes

### THURS., APRIL 27

- Salisbury steak
- Mashed potatoes and gravy

- Brussels sprouts
- Whole-wheat bread
- Honey bee ambrosia

### FRI., APRIL 28

- Creamy chicken-vegetable casserole
- Broccoli
- Oat bran bread
- Mixed fruit
- Carrot cake

## TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of St. Germain Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing regarding a proposed amendment to the Town Code or Ordinances at its Thursday, April 27, 2023, meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the St. Germain Community Center.

Proposed ordinance amendment:

Chapter 1 - Zoning, §1.403 CAMPGROUNDS It is proposed this section be revised to exempt existing campgrounds from the provisions of 1.403(B). The proposed revision can be viewed in the office of the Town Clerk or accessed on the Town website through a link on the home page at [townofstgermain.org](http://townofstgermain.org).

Persons wishing to submit written comments to the Town Clerk may do so by letter to P. O. Box 7, St. Germain WI 54558 or by email to [June.Vogel@stgermainwi.gov](mailto:June.Vogel@stgermainwi.gov). Written comments must be received by the Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 26th to be considered by the Town Board. In lieu of attending the hearing in person, virtual attendance will be available via the Zoom.us platform using: Meeting ID 844 3608 4771 and Passcode 276657

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'Celebrity' judges pose near the ribboned syrups at the end of the event. An array of volunteer and guest judges spent the day tasting

the handmade syrups created from areas throughout the Midwest despite a winter storm that made travel difficult. —Contributed Photo

## Maple Syrup Fest winners announced

Event organizers recently announced the winners for the maple syrup judging contest held at the 12th annual Phelps Maple Syrup Fest on April 1.

The contest boasted 32 entries from all over Wisconsin and the Midwest. Entries were evaluated on density, clarity, flavor, color and con-

tainer.

Hansen's Sugar Bush of Merrill received the award for winning Maple Syrup of the Year.

Category winners are as follows: golden color and delicate taste, Primrose Maple of Elkhart Lake; amber color and rich taste, CVF Dairy of Sturgeon Bay;

dark color and robust taste, Hansen's Sugar Shack of Marshfield; and very dark color and strong taste, 10 Acre Black Maple Syrup of De Pere.

The celebrity tasting judges included NBC Channel 12 Meteorologist Devin Biggs and Wisconsin Department of Agriculture's Alice in

Dairyland Taylor Schaefer.

Organizers said the celebrities had a wonderful time engaging with the audience while tasting each of the unique syrups and picking out the underlying flavors.

For more information on Phelps Maple Syrup Fest or other Phelps-area happenings, call 715-545-3800.



ELEANOR  
ELLIS  
PUBLIC  
LIBRARY  
PHELPS, WI 54554

Patrons of the Eleanor Ellis Public Library now have access to new online programming with a Northern Waters Library System library card. New items include Kanopy, which streams thousands of movies, and Creativebug, which offers online video arts and crafts workshops and techniques, taught by artists and experts.

Workshops and classes include painting, knitting, crocheting, sewing, jewelry making and so much more. Links for both Kanopy and Creativebug can be found on the library's website. Library cards are free upon request with proof of residency.

Beginning in late April, the library will take part in the Northern Waters Library Network Passport Program. Patrons will be invited to visit a variety of libraries in the network system and beyond throughout the spring and summer and collect a stamp at each library. Upon visiting 10 different libraries, they will receive an entry form for a prize drawing and could win gas cards, road trip supplies, Wisconsin-themed travel books, and more. The actual start date will be announced.

The Adult Book Club will meet Wednesday, April 19, at 10 a.m. The selected book is "Etta and Otto and Russell and James" by Emma Hoop-

er, with Shelly Rudnick-Peterson facilitating. Book copies are available at the library, and new members are always welcome. Also meeting April 19 is the Writer's Workshop at 12:30 p.m. The workshop is for writers of any level and activities include submissions, critiquing, publishing and more.

Stories with Laura Myszkowski is set for Tuesday, May 9, at 2 p.m. Participants will receive a take and make craft and a treat. Stories with Ms. Laura is open to ages preschool and up and meets the second Tuesday of the month.

New on the shelves, adult fiction; "The Fourth Enemy" by Anne Perry, "Hello Beautiful" by Ann Napolitano and "The Trackers" by Charles Frazier. Adult non-fiction; "The Greatness Mindset: Unlocking the Power of Your Mind and Live Your Best Life Today" by Lewis Howes.

Library hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesday, 2 to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wi-Fi and digital service is available at all hours.

Material pickup is available 24-7 using the secure outdoor locker system and is available by calling the library during regular business hours. Materials also can be delivered and picked up through Eleanor Ellis Homebound, a service available to anyone in Phelps or in close proximity to the library.

For more information, call 715-545-2887, stop in at 4495 Town Hall Road or visit [phelpspubliclibrary.org](http://phelpspubliclibrary.org).



**GARDEN PREPARATION:** Sheryl Ward of Phelps recently held a basic seed starting class at the Phelps Fire Hall. Topics covered at the class included seed selection, growing medium, sowing, planting depth and supplemental light. A sow and grow seed starter kit, four different tomato seeds and self-watering kit were available for participants. Ten community members attended and the event was free of charge. Each participant also received a tomato or pepper plant that Ward had planted prior to the class. Some activities during the class include:

**Above:** Class members plant tomato seeds in containers provided to participants.

**Right:** Instructor Sheryl Ward, left, fills seed pods with seed starter mix, while class attendee Carol Smith follows the planting by placing the seeds at the proper depth.

—Photos by Sharon Gifford



### Phelps Senior Citizen Menu

Golden Years Café,  
Northern Exposure Restaurant  
Serving at noon  
Sponsored by ADRC of Vilas County

Reservations or cancellations MUST be made 24 hours in advance. Call **Judi Heikkinen** at 715-545-3697 to reserve or cancel a meal. All meals served with fat-free milk, whole grain rolls/bread with margarine. Lighter substitute available in place of main entrée: healthy salad. Donations are accepted. No one will be denied service because of inability to contribute.

**MON., APRIL 24**

Ribs  
Baked chicken  
Baked potato with sour cream  
Corn  
Fruit

**WED., APRIL 26**

Chicken Kiev over rice with gravy

Carrots  
Fruits

**FRI., APRIL 28**

Hot ham and cheese sandwich on whole-wheat  
American fries  
Mixed vegetables  
Fruit

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### Conover Lions plan blood drive

The Conover Lions Club will host a blood drive Tuesday, April 25, from 1:30 to 5 p.m. at the Conover Community Center located on Highway K East.

Registration in advance is requested and donations can be scheduled by calling 800-280-4102.

Blood donors must be at

least 17 years old (or 16 years old with parental permission), weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good general health and have a photo ID.

Donors are encouraged to eat a regular meal and drink plenty of fluids prior to giving blood.

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

## PUBLIC NOTICE

(One Week, 4/19/2023)  
**NOTICE OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**  
The Town Board of Phelps in Vilas County, Wisconsin amended Operator's Licenses and Provisional Operator's Licenses 2021-03 on April 12, 2023 to: (i) change the license expiration date from June 30th in odd years to June 30th in even years, and (ii) that any application received with less than one (1) year remaining before the expiration date shall be \$15. This amended Ordinance shall take effect on April 20, 2023, the day after this publication. The full text of Ordinance 2021-03 may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office at 4495 Town Hall Road, Phelps, WI or from the Town's Website: [www.townofphelps.com](http://www.townofphelps.com). Additional information can be obtained by contacting Town Deputy Clerk: Sarah Kristmann at 715-545-2270.

/s/ Sarah Kristmann,  
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

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# Outdoors

## Group questions 'gray wolf power grab'

**WHILE** the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) was preparing to make public the estimated 3,500 comments it received on the latest draft wolf management plan, the Institute for Reforming Government (IRG) in Delafield was putting together a statement of challenge.

The organization was formed to counter "an alarming trend in executive and bureaucratic failures, as well as claims of power for which there is no support in our constitution or statutes."

They recently launched the Center of Investigative Oversight (CIO) to promote accountability, transparency and conservative governance in Wisconsin by conducting and supporting rigorous, objective oversight of state government.

CIO put together 10 questions for the DNR on what they call "its gray wolf power grab," and the heart of the investigation focuses on the DNR's decision to discard its decades-long approach of setting a numeric wolf population goal without providing sufficient information on how and why it is doing so.

The scribbler is detailing what this group has to say because their take on the proposed wolf management plan mirrors my objections — any plan regarding a mega-predator without a population goal is really no management at all.

"While some view the wolf as majestic or even sacred, others have serious concerns about the wolf's effect on livestock, pets and wildlife or wish to exercise their state constitutional right to hunt the animal," the CIO wrote.

Since 1999, when the gray wolf population in Wisconsin was about 200 wolves, Wisconsin has had a

350-wolf population management goal.

"That 350-wolf goal was selected by the DNR and the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board (NRB) after a study of relevant factors,"

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By  
*Kurt Krueger*



the CIO wrote, noting that the 350-wolf goal was reaffirmed by the two entities in 2007 when the wolf population had grown to more than 500.

According to the IRG, a decade and a half later, Wisconsin wolf population has at times approached 1,200 wolves or more.

"This glut allowed hunters to harvest 218 wolves in under three days in 2021, forcing DNR to conclude the season's hunt early," they wrote. "It has meant 48 farms with verified wolf depredations in 2021, the highest level in modern Wisconsin history."

The overpopulation has level to the payment of more than \$1 million in damages to Wisconsin-ites since 2016 for dead, injured or missing calves, cattle, hunting dogs, sheep, chickens and other livestock, not to mention numerous pet dogs, they said.

**But instead of proposing a plan to bring the wolf population back to the 350-wolf goal, the DNR is suddenly discarding the present goal and any numeric goal.**

"A decision this momentous requires more than listening ses-

sions and opportunities for public comments, which the DNR is free to reject," the CIO insists. "A greater level of oversight of DNR's revisions to the wolf management plan is required."

Among other things, the organization is challenging why the DNR has allowed a wolf population that far exceeds the state's longstanding population goal, which was exceeded as far back as 2003-2004.

"DNR acknowledged in 2022 that numeric goals are 'easily defined and readily measured.' Yet now, after over two decades, Wisconsin is suddenly changing course without the vote of a single elected representative," the CIO wrote.

Though the DNR has been given authority to "implement a wolf management plan," the group is asking what authority the DNR has to abandon a numeric population goal. They claim the agency is currently operating outside of the normal statutory rule-making process.

"This question is important because the Legislature, not DNR, ultimately sets wolf policy for Wisconsin," the CIO claims.

Like the scribbler, the IRG is questioning the DNR's new "adaptive approach" to managing wolves — asking what impact is expected on livestock and pets, and how much it will cost the state in damage payments and other costs.

And unlike what we've seen so far from the DNR, the group questions what impact this adaptive approach to managing wolves will have on other wildlife populations — especially deer and elk.

DNR is also being quizzed on why a draft wolf plan started between 2013 and 2015 was abandoned just because of a change in



A group that studies bureaucratic failures is questioning how the DNR can suddenly manage wolves without a numeric goal. —Contributed Photo

federal wolf legal status in late 2014.

"Why did delisting of the gray wolf as endangered make it unnecessary to complete the 2015 draft management plan, especially given that gray wolves are now again listed as endangered yet DNR is proceeding with revisions?" they ask. "Were past revision initiatives driven by a desire to limit wolf hunting?"

These are all good questions and thank God an organization with more clout than an outdoor writer are asking them, because this whole "adaptive management" plan without a numeric goal smells mighty fishy.

Add to all this that wolf experts continue to claim wolves have

reached a self-sustaining, self-regulating population that matches available habitat.

Have they forgotten, or are they just ignoring, the fact that wolves are now moving south into central Wisconsin farm country where habitat and food supplies are abundant?

Just like coyotes and bald eagles have done, wolves are spreading their territories and population southward. Wolves could be in for a population boom as they move into the land of unlimited deer and livestock.

**There are a lot of good questions here and the DNR better be coming up with answers before they abandon accountable wolf management.**

## Nationwide effort in motion to help monarch butterflies

By JON EICHMAN  
Asst. Editor

The monarch butterfly population has shrunk by 80% in the eastern United States since the 1990s due to the loss of habitat and food sources, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is considering listing the monarch butterfly as threatened or endangered by 2024.

As part of a nationwide effort to restore and increase the monarch butterfly population, American Transmission Company (ATC) out of Pewaukee has joined the movement.

Being one of Wisconsin's first utilities to join the National Monarch Butterfly Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA) for Energy and Transportation Lands, ATC also was one of 45 energy companies and transportation companies who worked with the University of Illinois-Chicago, and the Rights-of-Way, as a habitat working group to develop the voluntary conservation agreement.

Approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in April, 2020, the CCAA is the largest agreement of its kind ever developed and represents an unprecedented cross-sector collaboration between industries and the USFWS. Over the next two decades, the agreement is expected to grow to include millions of acres of land managed nationally by energy companies and departments of transportation across the country.

The CCAA recognizes the important work that organi-



The monarch butterflies migrate to Wisconsin in May each year and their population has dealt with extensive threats of habitat loss and the

increased use of pesticides. Climate change has also played a large role in their dwindling population numbers. —Contributed Photo

zations like ATC are already doing for the monarch butterfly and other pollinators, and it provides an incentive to institutionalize beneficial vegetation management practices.

"Much of the habitat conservation potential of the CCAA already exists in our vegetation management practices," said ATC Director of Field Services Michelle Stokes. "These practices help ATC prevent tree and power line interactions, maintain compliance with regulations, and increase the reliability of the electric grid."

### Local gardens

Anyone can grow food for monarch butterflies and caterpillars. Common and swamp

milweed, like butterfly weed, are the only food source for monarch butterflies. However, adult monarch butterflies can get the nectar they need from many flowering plants.

Beth Hanson of Hanson's Garden Village in Rhineland spoke on the importance of individual involvement with this movement and how small at-home changes can greatly help monarch butterflies, as well as other pollinators.

"Introducing native plants to any garden will help all pollinators," said Hanson. "Even though some are limited with yard space, hanging baskets for bees and butterflies are great additions to any area. Any and all plants are good in general to have around to provide a simple and safe

space for pollinators."

Hanson added that individuals do not need to go all out to help the pollinators. Making changes or additions can be really simple and all that is needed are a water source with a few flowers, shrubs or even small trees, along with safe and secure nesting habitats.

"Oneida County Land and Water has lots of information about pollinator aids including their 'Perfect Pollinator Garden' template, and we here at Hanson's can also help aid with questions or anything else people need to get involved in this effort," said Hanson. "Improvements or additions don't need to be

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## Fishing with the Guides

By George Langley



### Anglers preparing for May 6 opener

What a miserable week of weather we're looking at! While it doesn't look like we've got much more snow coming, with highs in the 40s it sure feels more like the end of March instead of the middle of April. It's disheartening when we get weather like this so late in Spring — especially after the beautiful conditions we had last week. Despite this setback, open water is just around the corner.

While we've had a few people in who are still buying bait and getting out there, most people we're seeing these days are focused on prepping for the May 6 opener. The ice is pulling away from the shorelines now making it difficult, if not impossible, to get out on many lakes. If you're going out, be careful, know your lake and be watchful throughout the day for changes in conditions.

At this point we turn our thoughts to the first open water fishing. The earliest open water fishing available to us is in the rivers. Walleye fishing isn't open on the Wisconsin River until you journey South. The other fishing available are rivers such as the Wolf and the Fox, which have good walleye runs each spring. A good number of people travel down to them each spring for some really good walleye fishing.

We will get into the spring perch fishing soon now — once the ice is gone from our lakes. It seems to start earliest on the Eagle River Chain because of the current and the darkness of the water. The fish will be in quickly after the ice goes out, using bays and shoreline cover for spawning. This is easy fishing if you use light tackle and either worms or minnows in shallow water. In general, the north sides of lakes warm up first, and the backs of shallow bays. Evenings are best because they provide the warmest water of each day. Remember to release some of those fat females to spawn.

The gamefish season for walleye and northern pike opens May 6. As we still have so many lakes with ice hanging on, all we can do is cross our fingers and hope for some big changes to help with the spawn. Jig and minnow fishing on the shorelines is generally best for these openers, in water from three to ten feet. Again, release those fat females to keep our fisheries healthy. On the Chain, look for current to provide some good fishing for the opener. The Wisconsin River west of town can also provide some satisfying fishing for post-spawn walleye moving back down the river.

At this rate, we wouldn't be surprised if we had 80-degree weather followed by a snowstorm on opening weekend. Such is life in the North. It is nice to see some loons back and hear a bunch of birds that have been gone for the winter — sure signs that despite this week of terrible weather, we're headed in the right direction!

Good luck and good fishin'!

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# OUTDOORS



**BIG TOMS** — Two Three Lakes fifth-grade students bagged tom turkeys during the recent youth turkey hunt offered in the

state. Displaying their kills are Eli Ellis (left), age 10, and Dylan Wallschlaeger, age 11. —Contributed Photo

## Boat inspection training starts virtually this month

Vilas County Land and Water Conservation will host a series of Clean Boats, Clean Waters training sessions in the coming months for people who would like to learn more about stopping the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) in local waters.

Courses will begin in April with online trainings, then move to in-person sessions starting in mid-May.

Registration will be open soon for online training for Vilas, Oneida and Lincoln counties. Scheduled dates are Friday, April 28, from 1 to 3 p.m., and Monday, May 1, from 1 to 3 p.m. Agendas for these sessions will include AIS partnerships and statewide AIS campaigns, AIS identification, state AIS regulations and local ordinances, Clean Boats Clean Waters watercraft inspections, data collection and reporting violations.

According to Cathy Higley, Vilas County lake conservation specialist, in-person training is by far the best way to train to inspect boats. All in-person trainings will take place outside so participants are advised to dress for the weather. These classes are limited to 20 attendees to

ensure a quality training.

In-person training begins Monday, May 15, from 10 a.m. to noon at Black Oak boat launch in Land O' Lakes. Class participants will learn state regulations relating to AIS, how to perform a Clean Boats, Clean Waters inspection, and how to identify AIS species and ecology. There also will be a practice portion to simulate boater contacts and boat inspections.

A refresher course for those who have previously taken training classes is slated Friday, May 26, from 11 a.m. to noon at Big Arbor Vitae North boat launch in Arbor Vitae. Also on the schedule are programs Fridays, June 9 and 20, both from 10 a.m. to noon. The first will be held at Rest Lake boat launch in Manitowish Waters, and the second at Big St. Germain Lake boat launch in St. Germain.

For more information or to view online agendas and registration, visit: [vilascountywi.gov/departments/services/land\\_water\\_conservation/clean\\_boats\\_clean\\_waters.php](http://vilascountywi.gov/departments/services/land_water_conservation/clean_boats_clean_waters.php) or email Cathy Higley at [cahigl@vilascountywi.gov](mailto:cahigl@vilascountywi.gov) or call 715-479-3738.

## Bear hunting program seeking new applicants

Conservation partners, in conjunction with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), are encouraging novice hunters who want to learn about bear hunting to apply for the Learn to Hunt Bear (LTHB) program.

The program provides a unique learning opportunity and outdoor experience for novice hunters who otherwise lack a pathway to hunting bear. Program activities include multiple classroom and field sessions, culminating with a bear-hunting excursion.

Participants will also learn about bear biology, population management, habits and habitat, hunting techniques, regulations and safety.

Anyone who has not previously participated in the LTHB program, or received a

bear harvest authorization, is encouraged to apply. Participants must be at least 10 years old, and there is no maximum age.

Interested participants should complete an application and send it to the DNR at: P.O. Box 7921 Madison, WI 53707, no later than May 1. Applicants will be notified of the status of their application by June 1.

The application, program guidelines, and more information can be found at [dnr.wisconsin.gov/education/outdoorskills/bear](http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/education/outdoorskills/bear).

The DNR is also looking for groups of experienced bear hunters interested in becoming LTHB program instructors. Potential instructors need at least five years of bear hunting experience and consent to a background check.

## Turkey season open April 19

The 2023 spring turkey season will run from April 19 through May 30 and includes six, seven-day periods running Wednesday through the following Tuesday and all seven turkey management zones will be open for hunting.

With the spring hunt almost here, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recommends that hunters should brush up on turkey hunting regulations in the Fall 2022-Spring 2023 Combined Hunting Regulations. Turkey registration is mandatory and hunters must register their turkey by 5 p.m. the day after recovery at [gamereg.wi.gov](http://gamereg.wi.gov) or by phone at 844-426-3734.

Youth hunters younger than the age of 16 may hunt during the spring turkey youth hunt April 15-16, and hunters younger than the age of 12 and youth without a hunter education safety certificate can participate in the youth turkey hunt under the mentored hunting program. A qualified adult must accompany the youth and follow the youth turkey hunting and mentored hunting program rules.

Youths must also possess a valid spring turkey license,

stamp and harvest authorization. A harvest authorization for any period can be used during the youth hunt weekend, but youth hunters must hunt within the turkey management zone indicated on their harvest authorization.

For hunters, it is especially important to avoid wearing red, white or blue because if a fellow hunter sees a flash of those colors through the brush, you could be mistaken for a turkey. Non hunters during this time should consider wearing blaze orange, according to DNR officials.

Any accessories hunters have with them in the field that are red, white or blue should be concealed from view of other potential hunters in their area. Covering white diamonds or other red/white markings on one's firearm is also recommended in addition to camouflaging the gun an individual plans on using to turkey hunt this spring.

Additionally, the four rules of firearm safety known as TAB-K, remind hunters of the necessity to T: treat every firearm as if it is loaded, A: always point a firearm's muzzle in a safe direction, B: be

certain of the target in regards to what is before and what is beyond and K: keep one's finger outside the trigger guard until ready to fire.

DNR officials also urge hunters not to "over-camouflage" themselves by sitting in vegetation so thick it obscures their vision. Additionally, if using a human-made blind or camouflage netting, hunters should make sure to maintain a clear field of view.

A technique that has gained popularity is called reaping, in which a hunter hides behind a fan as they move toward the turkey, often prompting the bird to challenge them. Although this technique is legal in Wisconsin, it presents potential safety risks.

Thousands of outdoor enthusiasts use Wisconsin's public lands for a variety of activities, ranging from bird-watching to hunting. Through a partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the public has access to nearly 40,000 acres of private land through the Voluntary Public

Access-Habitat Incentive Program and the Turkey Hunter Access Program.

Hunters who would like to pursue turkeys in a state park must hold a harvest authorization for the turkey management zone in which the park is located. Spring turkey hunting is allowed in select state parks during the two-day youth hunt and the first two time periods of the regular season.

The Fort McCoy spring turkey hunting season is managed separately from the State of Wisconsin spring turkey hunt. Hunters who do not receive a harvest authorization through the Wisconsin spring turkey drawing can apply for a spring permit at Fort McCoy.

Applications for the Fort McCoy spring turkey season are available by calling 608-388-3337 or visiting [mccoy.isportsman.net](http://mccoy.isportsman.net).

For more information on the spring turkey hunt, visit [dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/turkey](http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/hunt/turkey).

## Deadline is April 23 for dog training course

Youths in grades 4 through 12 can teach their dog basic obedience skills this spring, as well as meet other youth who may have similar interests.

Oneida County 4-H is offering 4-H Dog Obedience Club for Youth to be held Mondays and Wednesdays, May 1 through June 10, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Raymond F. Sloan Community Building in Lake Tomahawk. The season will conclude with a youth dog show Saturday, June 10.

Participants must register by Sunday, April 23, either online at [oneida.extension.wisc.edu](http://oneida.extension.wisc.edu) or by calling 715-365-2750. Those taking the course also must be enrolled in 4-H, which is free to join anytime. The cost for the program is \$20 per youth and includes a collar and a leash. Spots are limited.

Although bringing a dog to practice is preferred, it is not required; youths can attend practices simply to observe and learn. All participants will be required to show proof of vaccinations for each dog

used before participating.

Full participation requirements can be found at [oneida.extension.wisc.edu/dogobedience](http://oneida.extension.wisc.edu/dogobedience).

The club will be led by certified 4-H adult volunteer Susan Hartzheim, who has decades of dog training experience and who also recently led the 4-H dog obedience club this past fall. Oneida County 4-H volunteer Casey Rustan is the assistant dog leader.

For more information, visit [oneida.extension.wisc.edu](http://oneida.extension.wisc.edu), call 715-365-2750 or email [apwilliams@wisc.edu](mailto:apwilliams@wisc.edu).

## Monarchs

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overwhelming. Starting with a few perennials will do more than people realize."

The perfect pollinator garden template can be found at [oclw.org/the-perfect-pollinator-garden](http://oclw.org/the-perfect-pollinator-garden).

ATC's integrated vegetation management practices already help make its transmission lines rights-of-way suitable for pollinators. Roughly 40% of the over 10,000 miles of transmission line right-of-way ATC manages may currently serve as suitable pollinator habitats and its practices help make these areas suitable for pollinators that benefit from the contiguous flight path that the company's rights-of-way provide.

The company also developed a first-of-its-kind model to map and identify existing suitable pollinator habitat and gaps in pollinator pathways along its transmission lines.

ATC works to ensure that adequate clearances between transmission lines, trees, and other vegetation are maintained at all times. To achieve safe clearances in the rights-of-way, incompatible vegetation is pruned or removed.

Vegetation that is likely to re-sprout after cutting may be treated with herbicides to inhibit regrowth. Targeted herbicide use can help promote the growth of compatible vegetation that can thrive and support a suitable habitat for pollinators like the monarch butterfly and other wildlife.

For the past eight years, ATC has helped educate landowners about low-growing, pollinator-friendly perennials and grasses that can grow and thrive within transmission line rights-of-way through its Grow Smart® program.

The company's four-acre native prairie surrounding its Pewaukee headquarters has been certified as a native landscape by the Wildlife Habitat Council since 2018.

## Naturalist to present free birding program in Mercer

MERCER — Naturalist and author John Bates will present a free program on Birding in the Northwoods at the Mercer Public Library this Saturday, April 22, at noon.

The lecture is part of the Mercer Library's Earth Day celebration and will be held at the conclusion of the library's Earth Day Fair.

According to Bates, the North Woods of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan supports the highest number of nesting bird species of any region north of Mexico. The Northern Highlands State Forest, for instance, provides nesting habitat for at least 155 bird species.

Bates will discuss some of the most notable birds one might see on any given paddle or hike, get a feel for their personality, and show attendees in what habitat to look for them.

Attendees also will learn

more about the upcoming Iron County Bird Count set for May 24.

The program is free and open to all. For more information on Bates' lecture or about the library's Earth Day Fair, call the Mercer library at 715-476-2366 or visit [mercerpubliclibrary.org](http://mercerpubliclibrary.org).

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# EDITORIAL

## OPINION/COMMENTARY



JUDGED WISCONSIN'S  
WEEKLY NEWSPAPER  
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### Our View

#### DNR once again hiding spearing-related records

As the Chippewa tribes begin the 2023 off-reservation spearing season, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has thus far refused to release the lake-to-lake declarations that tribal officials needed to submit by March 15.

We've made dozens of requests for the original declarations, only to be told by the DNR's communications department that they are "being processed." But we didn't ask for a public record that was processed. We asked for the original record.

It's unfortunate that this lack of transparency with public records has become an agency trend. The department has never released the specific details of walleye over-harvests that occurred last spring on Squirrel and Dam lakes in Oneida County.

The DNR needs to be reigned in by legislators on what constitutes an open record. There can be nothing secret about spearing results or declarations given to the DNR by the tribes or the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission.

The tribes may possess off-reservation spearing rights under 19th century treaties, but the state retains sole management authority. And records given to the DNR regarding management and harvest on Wisconsin's lakes are public records subject to public review.

#### Family-run company buys News-Review and others

The award-winning Vilas County News-Review and its sister publication in Oneida County, The Three Lakes News, have been purchased by Multi-Media Channels (MMC) in Green Bay.

We are very fortunate in this world of mergers and acquisitions that a family-run newspaper company with decades of experience in Wisconsin journalism have taken the reigns from the Delphos Herald and Cohen family in Delphos, Ohio.

MMC's mission is to preserve, protect and enhance local news coverage in communities across the state. Their recent purchase included newspapers in Eagle River, Three Lakes, Wautoma and Iron River, Mich., expanding their footprint here.

Our goal is to continue publishing an exemplary community newspaper.

#### Behind the editorial 'we'

Members of the Vilas County News-Review editorial board include Publisher Kurt Krueger, Editor Michelle Drew and reporters Jon Eichman, Stephanie Dye and Doug Eten.

### Father teaches son a valuable lesson

THERE IS A story frequently told of a Hindu servant boy who asked his master what a man had to do in order to become wise.

The master took him into the Ganges and held his head under water for several seconds. "What did you think of while I was holding your head down?" asked the master.

"Only one thing," replied the servant. "I wanted air."

"How badly did you want air?" the master asked. "More than anything else in the world," the young boy gasped.

"Did you think of wealth or rewards or ambitions?" The servant replied, "No, master, only air."

"Very well, my son, when you want wisdom as you just wanted air, then you will become wise."

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For the last 50 years I've been collecting little clips like the one above. Here are a few more.

#### People Make the Difference

By Byron McNutt



Any golfer will tell you that it should be easy to hit a golf ball through a tree because a tree is 90 percent air. Using the same logic, you should be able to run through, or hit a golf ball through, a chain-link fence. This just proves that some theories just don't work.

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I once pulled into a service station and saw a soda machine with a price of four dollars per bottle. I asked the proprietor if that price was for real.

"No," he replied, "the machine doesn't work. I put an out-of-order sign on it, but people kept putting in money anyway and then they'd com-

plain to me. Since I put up that sign, nobody has lost any money."

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It's a funny world. We put products in triple sealed packages to make them tamper-proof. Yet, we will call a total stranger, such as a pizza or deli carry-out to order food. They send a young kid to your house late at night, and we'll eat the food with no questions asked!

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Here's something you won't hear today. At a Senate investigative session, a man to be questioned took his oath and sat down. The chairman

inquired, "Have you brought a lawyer with you?"  
"No, sir," the man replied.  
"I've decided to tell the truth."

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A father was concerned after hearing regular reports about his young son's bad behavior. He called the boy into his study and told him, "If you do nothing wrong tomorrow, Billy, I will give you a prize." Billy seemed determined to get his reward.

The next day the man returned home from work and eagerly asked his son, "Did you do anything bad today?"

"Not a thing, Dad," replied Billy. "In fact, I did something very good. Every morning, Uncle Jim misses the first train because he walks to the station too slowly. Today, I helped him get to the train on time."

"Very good," said the  
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#### Jerseys worn to honor Berklee

A number of individuals taking part in the Family Skate portion of the Silver Blades Ice Show sported their #BerkleeStrong jerseys during Sunday's performance. The jerseys were designed by Berklee Adamovich, a 10-year-old Northland Pines student and Falcons hockey fan who died in December 2021, of a rare and aggressive form of cancer.  
—Staff Photo By MICHELLE DREW



#### Mass murder: Our wounded human-

ONCE AGAIN . . . once again . . . once again . . .

I'm sure you know what I'm referring to. Yeah, another — the latest (?) — mass shooting in the United States, this one at Old National Bank in Louisville, Kentucky, on April 10, two days ago as I write. Five killed, eight injured. The shooter, an employee of the bank, was killed in a shootout with police. Three officers were injured, including a rookie officer (10 days on the job), who was shot in the head and is struggling to survive. The gunman's weapon was a nice, reliable AR-15-style rifle, legally purchased at a local gun shop a week earlier.

That's the basic data. Loved ones cry in stunned grief. People demand saner gun laws. The mayor of Louisville, "noting the enormous amount of blood needed to treat gunshot wounds . . . urged residents of Louisville to donate blood."

What will happen next, of course — in the larger context known as the United States of America — is nothing. Politics will harden, of course: voices will rise, protests will erupt, Republican legislators will stand tough against demands for gun control. And eventually another mass killing somewhere will grab the headlines.

And while yes, yes, yes, I believe that assault weapons should be banned and legislation should be enacted requiring background checks, I don't think legislative — superficial — efforts will begin to address the country's mass-shooting epidemic. The Louisville shooting was apparently number 146 in the country this year ("mass shooting" defined as at least four people killed), with each one seen and reported as an isolated action by a violent loner. Nothing can begin to change

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### Some lakes are just for fun

NO MATTER WHERE you choose to fish, there are lakes and rivers that will produce trophy muskies or monster walleye catches, and still others for big bass, trout or whatever.

Serious fishermen who fish for nothing less than trophies flock to those waters. They invest thousands of dollars in expensive boats, motors, electronics, lures and all the other gizmos they think are necessary to produce a quality fishing outing.

Then again, there are other fishermen who don't call themselves musky hunters or dry fly trout purists. They don't fish the "trophy" lakes very often, if at all.

These folks, and yes, I am one of them, are not concerned with catching limits or trophies. We common folks simply fish for fish, any fish. Eight-inch bluegills and two-foot northern pike bring as much joy to our hearts as any trophy to ever swim the waters of the world.



#### Trails & Tales By Will Maines

What we do is fish just for the fun of it. Some of us are pretty darned good fishermen at that, but we fish to a different drum.

I have fished with a lot of people over the past decades who share a kindred spirit with me. As long as the bobber goes down and the rod bends, we have fun, and oftentimes we bring home as nice a catch of eating fish as all the "pros" out there.

Don't get me wrong. I do not intend to disparage the pro fishermen, the avid tournament fishermen, the trophy seekers, or anyone else who sets out on the water for a day of fishing. Each to their own I say, and good luck to

them all.

That said, I have lots of fun lakes that I fish, almost all of them 250 acres or less in size, many of them under 50. I usually have them all to myself or, on a busy day, share them with one or two other fishermen.

Along the way I have made many good friends who share a very similar philosophy as I hold to when it comes to fishing.

I can't tell you how many times I've come home with a modest catch or maybe no catch at all and yet have considered myself to have had a fishing outing of the highest quality possible.

Example? A few years ago I was fishing with a friend about 10 years my senior; a really old, old guy. Fishing a lake of about 200 acres with a small, shallow, sand-bottomed landing not fit for much more than a canoe, kayak or small rowboat, we

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## OPINION/COMMENTARY

# Past leaders foresaw the future

Letter to the Editor:

Regarding the letter from Mr. Tweed in the last issue. Wow! That was long-winded! Rambling on about Tribe and Truth and lies and beliefs and evidence and facts and propagandists and on and on.

I finally got the gist of it. It's another anti-Trump rant! Same old thing. Dems blabber about stuff that has nothing to do with the real problems. Using subtle deception by deflecting from the important issues (I've said this before). Twist the truth to fit your agenda. Preach one thing and do the opposite. Hypocrites at their best.

You try to impress with famous quotes from Joseph Goebbels and Voltaire. But Goebbels was Hitler's minister of propaganda! Why would we listen to him!!

Voltaire was an ancient political activist who promoted vast scientific, political, and social change (remember "hope and change"). Your opening statement is "Who do you trust?" It's certainly not you, Mr. Tweed. Your choice of quotes tells me that. Don't try to hoodwink us, sir. We're watching closely!

I must be one of those deplorables. One of those insurrectionists. One of those MAGAturns. One of those "tumors" that have "metastasized" as you claim. Me and 80 million others.

You state that, "They're easy to spot." Well, you're right. We are easy to spot. Some of us will be in a pickup wearing a dirty ball cap and sweaty gloves. Others will be in a limo wearing a suit and boarding a business jet. Still others are at home raising a family and living the American dream. And we're all proud patriots. We all love the USA. And we're all uniting to save our country. I hope you join us. Break free from your fantasy world. Face reality. Do what's right for the country.

Google up the 1980 interview between Rona Barrett and Donald Trump. It's amazing! He speaks the same today! Always putting America first! Look on YouTube for

his 2017 motivation speech "Never Give Up." It's very powerful. Decide for yourself if he's the man for the job.

Yes, he's an arrogant snob with a huge ego. But he's also a strong patriot who loves his country and, more importantly, he has a proven record of success. You can't deny that.

The time for warm and fuzzy is over. The world has changed. Maybe it'll be different (warmer and fuzzier) in four years; but we need strong leadership and action now. Listen to George Washington, "Leadership is not only having a vision, but also having the courage, the discipline and resources to get you there." Choose our leader carefully.

You tout worthless quotes from foreigners Voltaire and Goebbels. Here are some real quotes from our countrymen.

Thomas Jefferson, "There is no justification for taking away individual's freedom, in the guise of public safety," (sound familiar?). "When you abandon freedom to achieve security, you lose both and deserve neither," (also familiar?). "A true patriot will defend his country from its government," (yes sir!). And finally, "When tyranny becomes law, rebellion becomes duty."

President George Washington said, "The future of this nation depends on the Christian training of our youth." "Firearms stand next in importance to the Constitution itself," and finally, "Occupants of public office love power, and are prone to abuse it" (imagine that!). It's uncanny how these men foresaw the future 250 years ago. They warned of times like these! Listen carefully to their wisdom. Join together for the sake of our nation. Generations past and present are depending on us. Create a government that works together for we the people.

Make America Great Again!

Respectfully,  
 Guy Richter  
 Rye, Colo.

## Maines

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found both smallmouth and largemouth bass of trophy size that could not resist whatever we threw at them.

Off the end of a recently fallen oak tree my friend tossed a floating jig tipped with half a nightcrawler toward submerged branches. Instantly the tip of his rod took a big bend, and he was fast onto what turned out to be an 18-inch bass, which was quickly measured and released.

On my first cast farther along the fallen tree trunk I quickly had a fish nail a similar bait offering. In a split second I knew it was a big fish, but with six-pound test line I could not horse

it away from lurking submerged branches.

In a few seconds my fish was thrashing about three feet inside the end of the branches. Handing the rod to my friend, I backed my Old Town as far as I could get into the branches. Leaning over the back of the boat my friend turned to look at me and said, "You aren't going to believe this, but this bass is at least four inches longer than the one I just caught."

The fish was hung up in small, easily bent branches and wasn't able to break the line, at least not until my friend tightened up the slack a bit, trying to get him loose. We both laughed about that adventure the rest of the outing, and we still do today.

Another time, with another fisherman, a guy I had met just a few days earlier, we started catching one bass after the other on a plastic minnow and spinner bait, none under 15 inches. Two bass, both hefty ones of 18 inches or more, broke his line, except that they didn't actually break the line. Both times his faulty knot tying betrayed him, clearly evidenced by the curly-cued end of the line we saw when he reeled in.

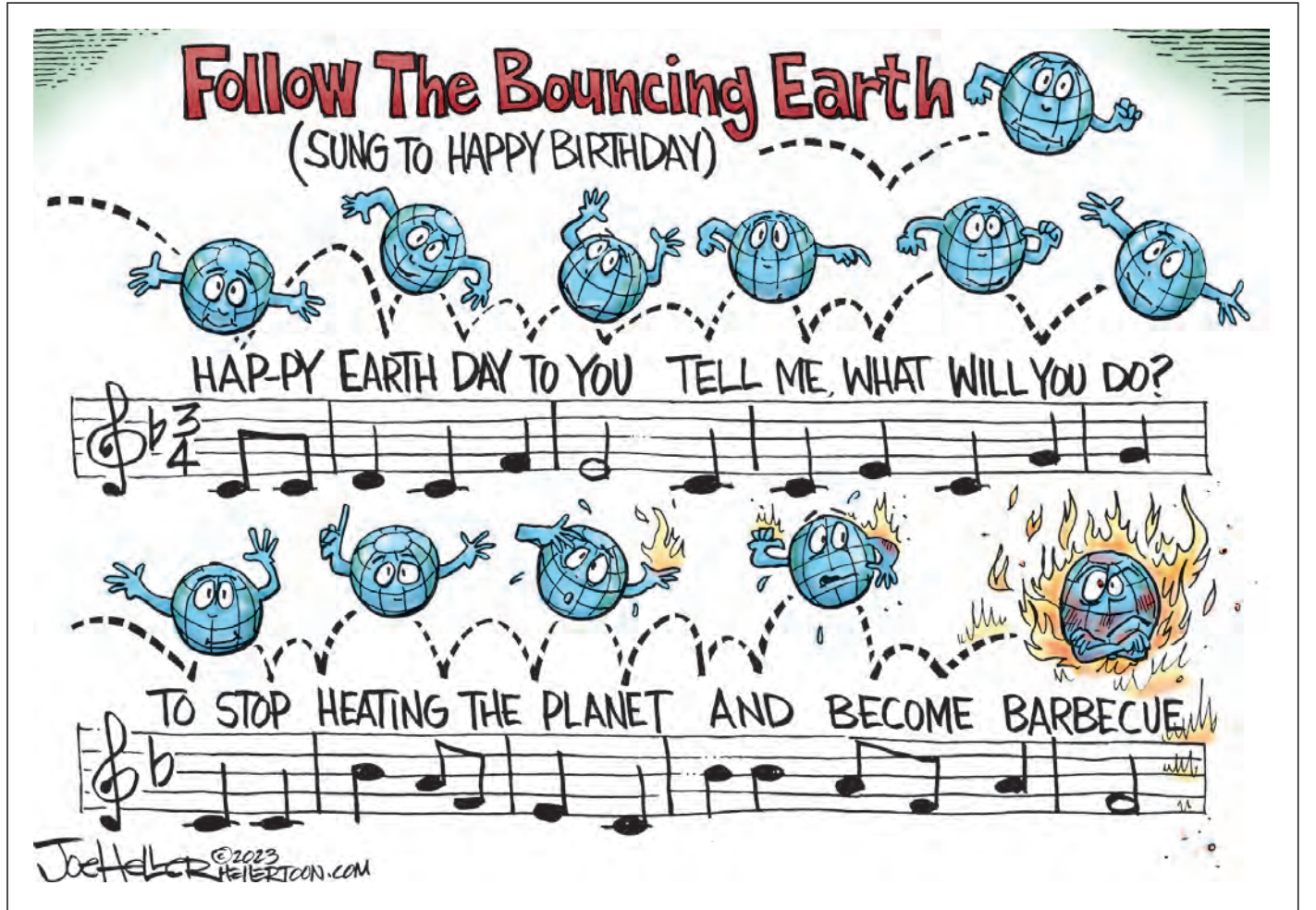
I tried to keep my guffaws limited as I gave him gentle rebuke. He did not keep his guffaws down at all when a little later a big largemouth broke the water with my lure in its mouth, only to quickly snap the line.

Unfortunately for me,

when I reeled in, a quick look was all it took to see I had tied a faulty knot—the first time ever I had done that, I tried to tell him. He did not believe me at all.

What those two outings and many like them have taught me over the years is that fishing is all about having fun. Catching fish is fun, but even when they don't bite, fishing stories that contain even a glimmer of truth in them, hijinks of one kind or another produced by both fishermen, and wild critters spied on next to or over the water, and other such things make fishing the wonderful avocation it is.

In my case, I think the simplest way to put it is that while fishing is the main event, some lakes are just made for fun.



## Koehler

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until we dig into the national soul and find the connecting context.

As I wrote two weeks ago, in the wake of the Nashville shooting: "This is not simply a loner's psychological flaw: the denial of full, or any, humanity — any spiritual value — to chosen others. It's a phenomenon embedded in the social norm. We have enemies. We need them. We kill them."

"We go to war!"

And going to war means one thing above all else: dehumanization. While a loner's mass shooting spree means dehumanizing the victims at a personal level, war means dehumanization at the national level. Every American citizen is expected to acknowledge the need to kill the enemy du jour: via bombs, via tanks, via torture, via radioactivity and whatever poison our weaponry leaves behind. Strategy is what matters. Dead bystanders — dead children — are collateral damage.

As Peter Turchin wrote a decade ago, in the wake of the killings at Sandy Hook Elementary School: "The reason we should be worried about rampages is because they are surface indicators of highly troubling negative trends working their way through deep levels of our society."

He called the victims "canaries in a coal mine." Their toll is rising. And not just at American schools and banks and churches and shopping malls, etc., etc., etc. The toll is rising around the planet. Humanity has organized itself politically in the context of us versus them, and this context is expanding. As the world grows technologically more connected — oh, the irony — its need to "defend itself" from the other has grown more ferocious. As soon as it's labeled "war," the concept of defense has virtually nothing to do with understanding.

And the United States, the most militarized country on Planet Earth, is at the heart of it all, fighting its forever war against terror: continuing to bomb, torture and poison evil itself out of existence. The 2023 U.S. military budget is \$816.7 billion, with the 2024 budget likely to expand well beyond that. Karen Greenberg, director of the Center on National Security at Fordham Uni-

versity, puts it this way: "In fact, it now seems as if this country is moving at break-neck speed out of the era of Forever War and into what might be thought of as the era of Eternal War."

And let there be no mistake. The era of Eternal War includes America's mass shootings. What the lost souls who commit them have access to, before they can go around the corner and buy an assault rifle, is the concept of dehumanization. Mass murder would not be possible without it.

Yeah, I know, when we go to war, it's all done bureaucratically. It's all classified. The enemy is determined, dehumanized, and killed at the highest level of national government, blah blah blah. American citizens get to read about it in the newspaper, watch it on television, cheer (allegedly) and even protest, but the decision to kill is impersonal and "democratic."

Well, too bad. War creates war, not peace — especially when the "tools of war" are so readily available. One rea-

son we are apparently entering an era of Eternal War is that it's accessible not just to the commander in chief, but to every lost soul in the country. Everyone wants to feel empowered. And the seduction of war is that it seems like such a simple obvious solution: Choose the enemy, dehumanize it, and kill it. Problem solved.

I blame the media: for mostly going along with the sham at the governmental level and for failing to notice, let alone report on or analyze, the broken social context revealed by every individual mass shooting.

To paraphrase the mayor of Louisville, an enormous amount of understanding is needed to address, and ultimately prevent, gunshot wounds. We all need to donate what we can.

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## WHAT OTHERS SAY

### Forestland is a great asset

By JOE HOVEL

PARTNERS IN FORESTRY PRESIDENT

The North Woods of Wisconsin is defined by its most abundant and rewarding resource, a resource that impacts the region's economy, its residents, its visitors, and its image. This resource is the forestland that makes up the greater part of the North Woods region.

These forests are plentiful with opportunities and natural wealth. They are a source of recreation for people enjoying a wide variety of activities. A few examples include abundant trails and terrain, acreage accessible for hunting and fishing, and a variety of scenery offering pleasurable sightseeing.

As a fixture of the North Woods forest products economy, these forestlands are the sustainable foundation of the logging, timber processing, and wood products industries in the region. Many North Woods residents have work that is

closely tied to the forest, whether in family logging operations, in sawmills, or as woodworkers adding value to the resource. Timber and finished products are also shipped out of the area, bringing revenue to the North Woods.

The forests are the base of the North Woods tourism economy. Vacationers come from urban areas to spend time, and their money, lured by the charm of the North Woods. They come to enjoy the natural character of the North Woods, not the development that is rapidly degrading the forests and lakes.

While this can be true of forestlands either publicly or privately owned, public lands offer these, and other benefits, to all of us. Public lands offer common opportunity to all users equally, locals and visitors alike. Yet, for some time now, many of our political leaders have opposed public ownership. A widely successful alternative, used in numerous states including Wisconsin,

is the Forest Legacy Program, which most often funds Conservation Easements through federal U.S. Forest Service grants. Not taxpayer supported, but environmental mitigation through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. These Forest Legacy grants cover up to 75% of easement value as a boon to participating states.

These easements are a unique public-private partnership, maintaining a privately owned timber base but preventing fragmentation or development and enhancing public recreation. I have always thought this partnership would be a compromise that all could agree to, protecting both our timber industry and our way of life. These Forest Legacy lands also act as insurance in maintaining a portion our North Woods atmosphere. While many private lands are being divided into smaller tracts following the trend of for-

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## McNutt

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father, excited at the child's improvement. "And how was it that you helped Uncle Jim?"

"I had my dog chase after him!" said Billy proudly.

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Mr. and Mrs. Appleton entered the dentist's office.

Mrs. Appleton walked up to the dentist and said, "I want a tooth pulled. I don't want gas or Novocain because I'm in a terrible hurry. Just pull the tooth as quickly as possible."

"You're a brave woman," said the dentist. "Now, show me which tooth needs to be pulled!"

Mrs. Appleton turned to her husband. "Open your mouth and show the doctor which tooth it is, dear."

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# READER OPINION



**CALM BEFORE THE STORM** — A partial rainbow spread across the ice that was beginning to break up on Nelson Lake Saturday afternoon between Eagle River and St. Germain. Saturday's

warmer temperatures led to thunderstorms throughout the day ahead of the wintry storm that arrived Sunday into Monday morning. —Staff Photo By CLAYTON LINDBOM

## Volunteers made for a successful Taxaide year

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank all the volunteers, sites, and site personnel that helped make this tax season a success.

We (Taxaide) completed 994 tax returns, up from 785 tax returns last year. We saved our clients \$124,250 in tax prep fees and got them \$856,234 back in refunds.

We did taxes at four locations and without these sites, and their dedicated personnel, this would not have been possible. Thank you very much for all you did.

The sites were: Crandon Public Library, Eagle River Walter E. Olson Memorial Library, Minocqua Public Library, and Rhineland Oneida County Aging and Disability Resource Center.

We needed leaders at these sites to make this go, so I would also like to thank the following for fulfilling those roles: Bill V., Melinda L.,

Katie G., Kate B., Marie B. and Kathy E.

We also would not have been able to complete this endeavor without all of our counselor volunteers: Nancy B., James H., Joanne L., Patricia W., Nancy W., Tom W., John B., Paul K., Nancy M., Deb N., Karl J., Louise W., Tracy M., Dianne M., Deb P., Jessica K., Ivy C., Joel D., and Gerald W.

It was a better year than last with fewer Covid protocols and a few bumps in the road. Hopefully everyone will return again next year.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the clients we were able to help for your cooperation and patience as we worked through the kinks.

None of this would have been possible without everyone's dedication.

Sincerely yours,  
Guy Bryner  
District Six Taxaide Coordinator

## Forest

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est fragmentation, there is assurance that lands in Forest Legacy will remain viable productive forests, contributing to our North Woods economy and way of life. In turn, offering future generations an opportunity to experience what we love and have taken for granted in the North.

In an environmental context, Forest Legacy lands are invaluable. They are much less vulnerable to fragmentation and deforestation than are most private lands. They are habitat for the abundant wildlife of the North Woods.

Water bodies, such as lakes and streams, and water quality are preserved by the Forest Legacy Program. As large tracts, these lands create expanses of natural ecosystems that protect our complex environments.

The number of threats to the environment grows each year, placing the North Woods in peril. At the same time, some of our elected officials have attempted to erode the numerous benefits of Forest Legacy lands, by hampering the ability to create the Pelican River Forest. They use the false argument that Forest Legacy is a burden. Perhaps these ill-guided folks do not recognize the fact that a pine forest does

not demand services, and requires neither blacktop roads nor new schools. Or possibly they are beholden to an interest other than the common good.

The Pelican River Forest would be a positive step toward maintaining our very way of life in the North Woods. Wisconsin's share is a mere \$71 acre, as 75% of the easement value comes from outside sources. User groups should currently be involved in discussing specifics of the easement to protect and enhance their future, instead of listening to a misinformation campaign waged by a vocal minority in opposition to this incredible opportunity. The Forest Legacy Pro-

gram has already demonstrated remarkable value to our state and all of its citizens. An endorsement of this program and the Pelican River Forest is an endorsement of our North Woods as a legacy for future generations.

I was proud to be part of the generation which admired preceding conservationists and embraced the Earth Day philosophy. We are currently aging away. Will future generations judge our stewardship with pride?

*Joe Hovel is president of Partners in Forestry, a Vilas County based cooperative which recognizes the economic, environmental, social and intrinsic benefits of forest conservation.*

## NEWS

### Special no-wake meeting scheduled in Eagle River

Eagle River City Council will hold a public hearing and special meeting Thursday, April 20, at 5 p.m. at Eagle River City Hall on a proposed amendment to the existing waterway chapter of the Municipal Code of Ordinances.

The meeting will immediately follow the public hearing for the city council to act on the proposal regarding a slow-no-wake zone on the Eagle River in Ordinance 584.

The agenda includes two items: A public hearing on Slow No Wake Ordinance No. 584, and action on ordaining Ordinance No. 584.

A copy of the complete ordinance is available at the city clerk's office, located at Eagle River City Hall, 525 E. Maple St.

Written correspondence, including physical address and signature, can be emailed to Clerk Becky Bolte at [bbolte@eagleriverwi.gov](mailto:bbolte@eagleriverwi.gov).

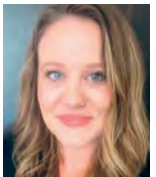
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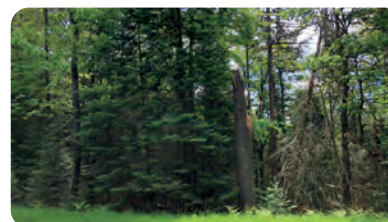
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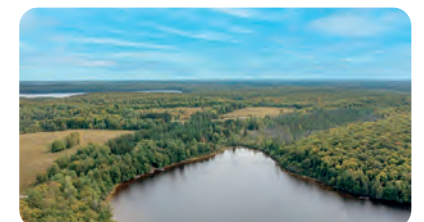
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