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MAGNIFICENT MUSHING — The weather was warm and trail conditions excellent for the Three Bear Dog Sled Races held in Land O' Lakes Feb. 4-5. The races, a craft show and several area events drew record crowds to the event. Eighty-two entrants from Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Minnesota, New York, Canada and Illinois participated in the racing competition. A children's event was also held both days, providing youngsters an opportunity to try their hand at dog sledding.

ABOVE: Spectators look on as racers round the first corner with their canine teams.

RIGHT: Several families and individuals take their pets along to enjoy the festivities.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Children participate in the mutt races held both Saturday and Sunday. Young sled-dogs competed for the best time for a designated distance.

BELOW: Mushers fuel their teams between raises with fresh water and kibble, giving them energy for upcoming races.

—Staff Photos By STEPHANIE DYE



Warehouse to host informational and educational events

The Warehouse Arts Center will host two events Friday, Feb. 10.

"The Art of Vegan Eating" event will be from 5 to 7 p.m. and feature a plant-based potluck and documentary screening. This event is open to the public, vegans and non-vegans alike.

The primary purpose of this potluck is to provide some camaraderie for current plant-based eaters and an investigative experience for those who are interested in a vegetarian lifestyle.

Anyone interested in attending is asked to bring a vegan dish or snack item, along with necessary serving utensils.

A \$5 cover donation and

registration is recommended.

Following the potluck, "Soul Child," featuring Carolyn Weber and Mark Hovel will be performing at The Warehouse's Inspiration Bar from 7 to 9 p.m.

Weber is originally from Chicago, Ill., and grew up singing with her dad's blues and rock band. After recently moving to the Eagle River area, she teamed up with the local musician from Conover. Hovel is known locally for his skills on both electric and acoustic guitar.

The live music event is family-friendly and free to the public.

To register or for more information on these events, visit eagleriverart.com.

Photo gala to feature hundreds of pictures

The Northwoods Wildlife Center's 2023 Photo Gala will be held Saturday, Feb. 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Campanile Center for the Arts in Minocqua.

The doors open at 5 p.m. and in addition to the photography there will be live music, hors d'oeuvres, desserts and basket raffles.

Proceeds from the event will be utilized for wildlife rescue, rehabilitation, and education.

The Gala is open to the public and invited to view and vote on hundreds of photos submitted by artists.

For more information, visit northwoodswildlife.org.

Student open-enrollment application period open

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) announced that the online application period for the Public School Open Enrollment Program for the 2023-'24 school year is open.

Beginning Feb. 6, and running through April 28, parents and guardians can apply to send their children to any public school district in Wisconsin during the 2023-'24 school year through the open enrollment program.

Application materials and additional information on the program are available on the DPI's website.

Districts are required to notify applicants by June 9, on the status of their open enrollment application.

To assist in submitting open enrollment applications,

a directory of public school districts is available on the DPI's website.

Additional information from an open enrollment consultant is available toll free by calling 888-245-2732 or emailing openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov.

The Public School Open Enrollment program is funded by state general equalization aid transfers between sending and receiving school districts.

For the 2022-'23 school year, the transfer amount is an estimated \$8,224 per student and \$13,076 for students with disabilities. Resident districts cannot deny a student's open enrollment application for cost reasons.

For more information, visit dpi.wi.gov.

Not that you asked, but...

By Eric Johnson



Like déjà vu all over again

"This is one time where television really fails to capture the true excitement of a large squirrel predicting the weather."

—Bill Murray as Pittsburgh weatherman Phil Connors, "Groundhog Day," 1993.

As the old grade school mnemonic device goes that I learned waaaaay back in the Seventies days of mood rings, pet rocks, platform shoes, psychedelic black light posters and S&H Green Stamps, "Thirty days hath September, April, June and November. When short February's done, all the rest have 31."

So here we are in February, the calendar's poster child for the old adage to "measure twice and cut once."

The month of St. Valentine's Day, the patriotic sales of President's Day and, at least this year, the ribald

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New FORK locker open at Pines

Recently, Feed Our Rural Kids (FORK), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide nutritional support to children from food-insecure homes, implemented a new food-share locker located in the Northland Pines Middle and High School.

This program provides students the opportunity to self-direct the nutritional support they need to be healthy, active learners, according to FORK Endowment Fund representative Nancy Schuler.

The Locker program also allows students access to personal items, clothing, and school supplies on an as-needed basis. Food for the Locker is provided by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Eagle River, which recently donated \$500 to FORK for the implementation of this new locker.

"This is truly one of the most important efforts to support children from

food-insecure homes in the area," explained Schuler. "It's this kind of innovative thinking that has led the FORK Endowment to present the Locker program with \$500 to help them support those students."

"Through the FORK Endowment, FORK is able to provide financial support to area organizations, like the Locker, whose mission is to feed kids."

To access the locker, a student simply notifies the librarian on duty of their desire to access the locker, and they can take what they need, according to FORK Program Coordinator Sandy Bishop.

Additionally, Bishop highlighted that the organization has found that children in these grades are very much in touch with what they need to be successful, and if necessary are capable of ensuring that they fulfill those needs.

Individuals who would



Nancy Schuler of the FORK Endowment and Sandy Bishop with the Locker Program display donations made to provide funding and food for the new locker. —Contributed Photo

like to donate to the locker can mail a check to: The Locker Program, P.O. Box 335, Eagle River, WI 54521.

For more information and to help with FORK or the FORK Endowment, visit feedourruralkids.org.

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According to shadow-viewing groundhog weather forecasters like Pennsylvania's "Punxsutawney Phil" and Sun Prairie, Wisconsin's "Jimmy" on Feb. 2, six more weeks of wintry weather are expected ahead. —Photo By Eric Johnson

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excesses of Mardi Gras on Feb. 21, poor February, named after the ancient Roman festival of purification called Februa, got shrift when they were parceling out calendar days.

Evidently when Pope Gregory XIII was busy creating the Gregorian calendar in 1582, a few of February's days got thrown out to March, August and October with the Februa bathwater.

And of course, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the other famous — or infamous — February holiday, observed last Thursday.

No, not Optimist Day, National Tater Tot Day or National Heavenly Hash Day, that celebration of all desserts, marshmallowy.

The midpoint between the winter solstice in December and the spring equinox in March, Feb. 2, 2023, dawned sunny in Punxsutawney, Penn., "Weather Capitol of the World" by the 1887 decree of the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club.

There, Groundhog Punxsutawney Phil, that "Seer of Seers, Sage of Sages, Prognosticator of Prognosticators and Weather-Prophet Extraordinary," was hauled out of his burrow at Gobbler's Knob by his top hat and tails Inner Circle handlers and saw his shadow on Groundhog Day before the assembled masses of paparazzi and "phaithphil phollowers," the marmot meteorologist uttering his forecast in "Groundhogese" and slipping on his tiny "Men in Black" shades signaling six more weeks of winter.

"Okay campers, rise and shine, and don't forget your booties 'cause it's cold out there. It's cold out there every day."

So much for the glass-half-full Optimist Day, particularly in Wisconsin's North Woods, where Punxsutawney Phil's long-range forecast, beyond six more weeks of winter, also means the added glass-half-empty 2-1/2 month bonus of more winter, fool's spring, second winter, spring of deception, third winter and

mud season.

"You want a prediction about the weather? You're asking the wrong Phil. I'm going to give you a prediction about this winter. It's going to be cold, it's going to be dark and it's going to last you for the rest of your lives!"

If you feel like you're living the same day over and over like much of 2020 — or perhaps the time-looped Phil Conners in "Groundhogs Day" — now you know why and who to thank.

"Once again, the eyes of the nation have turned here to this... tiny village in western Pennsylvania. Blah, blah, blah, blah! There is no way that this winter is EVER going to end as long as this groundhog keeps seeing his shadow. I don't see any other way out. He's gotta be stopped. And I have to stop him."

"But Punxsutawney Phil's far away in western Pennsylvania," you say, dear reader, grasping at straws for a glimmer of hope out of the meteorological time loop.

"Do you ever have déjà vu, Mrs. Lancaster?"

"I don't think so, but I could check with the kitchen."

It doesn't bode well closer to home that the Badger State's own groundhog, Wisconsin's "Jimmy," donned his sunglasses at the sight of the 7:11 a.m. sunrise down at Cannery Square in 75-year "Groundhog Capital of the World," Sun Prairie.

Call me crazy, but perhaps a place named Sun Prairie isn't the best place to haul out Jimmy on Groundhog Day.

Is there a Cloudy, Wisconsin? There's actually one in southeastern Oklahoma, tiny unincorporated Cloudy in Pushmataha County.

Sounds like my kind of "early spring" town on Groundhog Day.

Maybe we can rename Sun Prairie as Cloudy, Wis., and improve the long odds for an early spring.

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TRAILSIDE ADVENTURES — The annual Tara Lila Snowshoe Celebration drew a number of outdoor enthusiasts to the Three Lakes area Feb. 4. The event allowed individuals to participate in a number of outdoor activities, including a guided tour, hot chocolate, a campfire and a luminaria walk. Tara Lila hosts over 20 miles of a newly expanded system of trails for snowshoers to take advantage of.

Above: Outdoor enthusiasts enjoy an informational naturalist tour on the Golden Tara Trail.

Right: A luminaria walk guided by Tara Lila event organizers takes to the trails at dusk.

Below: Participants are all smiles as they enjoy the trails during the 11th annual event.

—Photos By Jennifer West



Art center seeking summer interns

Land O' Lakes Arts (LOLA) is currently seeking three summer interns to share their creativity and passion for the arts through teaching.

Interns will provide instruction for summer arts classes to individuals in a variety of age groups.

All interns will be mentored by LOLA staff and gain

experience in teaching, leadership and non-profit work.

Interns will also help out with the organization's Car Park Music Series program that runs throughout the summer.

LOLA is an art center that provides artistic programming, classes and community events that benefit the North

Woods area. The organization is open to the public and hosts a variety of events throughout the year.

Applicants should have completed at least one year of college or technical school and have experience or expertise in one or more of the following: visual arts, dance, theater, performing arts or

creative writing.

Interns will work 24-30 hours a week, receive a weekly stipend of \$200, and have free housing for the duration of their internship.

For more information or to apply for the position, visit lolaartswi.com or email Jennifer Anderson at lolaartswi.com@gmail.com.

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WINTER COURT — Members of the Three Lakes Winter Homecoming Court are, front row from left, Gabe West, Stella Polcaster, Brandon Baumann, Maddie Dupuis, Caden Wolosek and Addie Lehmann; middle row, Russell Klein, Makayla Plautz, Chase Melton,

Ellie Lurvey, Austin Adams and Ruth Jankovic; and back row, Jared Kaufman, Kaya Szews, Reece Bollman, Riley Lob, Cruz Melton and Kailyn Fogerty.

—Photo By Jennifer West

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Three Lakes hosts snomo club members from Adams County

BY MICHELLE DREW
EDITOR

Northern Lights Snowmobile Club (NLSC), based in Three Lakes, recently hosted a ride with 40-plus members of the Rome Sno-Bandits Snowmobile Club — a group that earned the title of Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs in 2021 and International Club of the Year in 2022.

A lot of planning went into bringing these riders from Rome, located about 2.5 hours south of Three Lakes in Adams County, to the North Woods for a weekend of exploring the area.

Reg Videgar, president of the Northern Lights club, came up with the idea last January to bring the two groups together when his grandson, Fletcher Daun, was racing in Minocqua at the Wisconsin Kids Snowmobile Racing Association.

Members of the Sno-Bandits were in St. Germain last year during their club trip and decided to visit Minocqua to watch Daun — a member of both the Northern Lights and the Rome Sno-Bandits clubs — take part in the race. In between races, Videgar, Daun and family met up with Sno-Bandit members for a quick lunch and to socialize. While discussing overnight rides put on by the club, he asked the visiting snowmobile enthusiasts if they had an interest in riding up to Three Lakes if NLSC hosted them for a ride.

There was immediate interest, and after some discussion on both sides, votes passed and the planning began.

To ensure everything went smoothly, Videgar met up with SpiritView Lakeside owners to discuss plans for an early opening and an easy lunch to host a large group.



The youngest riders to join the joint ride were Fletcher Daun, age 11, and Max Bailey, age 5.



Tom Warner, left, Rome Sno-Bandits Club president, poses with Northern Lights Snowmobile Club President Reg Videgar during the recent joint outing. —Contributed Photos

He then discussed the event with Three Lakes-Brule River Trails Inc., the groomers who maintain 186 miles in Oneida and Forest County. The groomers not only ensured trails would be in good shape for the Sno-Bandits, but also were kind enough to donate trail maps to the riders. Videgar also secured members of NLSC to help lead and sweep the ride.

So last Friday, Jan. 27, more than 40 riders from the Sno-Bandits came up to SpiritView in Three Lakes for a meet, greet and eat before heading out for rides with 11 NLSC club members. Rides varied in length and speed depending on skill level, with many riders opting to experience the North Kimball Trail and then looping back toward SpiritView via the Three Lakes Chain of



A group of riders visiting the Three Lakes area took in the sights at a snow-covered North Kimball trail.

Lakes. This route included a rest stop at the unique Lindy's Hideaway and Swamp Witch Inn.

The ride received positive feedback, remarking on the welcoming attitude of NLSC club members and area businesses, as well as the beauty of the area's trails.

"What a fun day it was and so cool that the NLSC hosted all of the Sno-Bandits for lunch and rides," said Tom Warner, president of the Sno-Bandits. "I just think it is amazing to see clubs from two different parts of the state come together to enjoy the beautiful trails of northern Wisconsin."

The positive experience was echoed by NLSC members, with member Mark Wallesverd indicating that weather cooperated to make for a pleasant experience.

"It turned out to be an ideal day with the snow, trail and weather conditions all in our favor," Wallesverd said. "I received numerous compliments from my group on how much they enjoyed our local trails — something I think is easy to take for granted."

After what has been a weird winter, riders were happy that the weather and trail conditions held out for a great weekend.

"Our forest trails, accentuated with falling snow, provided incredible scenery," Videgar said. "I am very proud of what Three Lakes has to offer snowmobilers. We have great businesses who welcome sledders."

"Three Lakes-Brule River Trails puts enormous effort into their trail system and I am pleased the Rome Sno-Bandits accepted my invitation to visit us for a quick tour of our trails and enjoy a couple of our businesses. Fellowship like this with other snowmobile clubs is good. We all work so hard and this seems like a celebration for what we do," he said.

To reciprocate some of the hospitality, the Sno-Bandits invited NLSC members to a potluck dinner at the Rustic Manor Motor Lodge in St. Germain Jan. 28. Videgar and family from NLSC joined the event.

"The food was plentiful and the company even better," remarked Jenny Daun, a member of both clubs. "The dinner was a great way for both clubs to have an opportunity to learn more about each other, develop friendships and socialize. We thoroughly enjoyed our time hanging out and getting to know the Sno-Bandits better."

Junker sleds to return soon to Three Lakes

The ninth annual Junker Sled Race event will be held in Three Lakes on Saturday, Feb. 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Don Burnside Park off County Highway A.

Snowmobiles must be model year 1990 or older, with a \$500 cap that can be spent on a race sled, \$300 limit on sleds in the Slow Leaver Class.

There is a \$5 admission fee for attendees ages 18 and

older.

The event is open to amateur racers of all ages, including kid's racing. Merchandise will be available.

Food and refreshments will be available, provided by Three Lakes-Brule River Trails.

For more information, contact Chris Dobbins at 715-490-0293 or visit junker-sled.com.

Pines drama club sets performances of '42nd Street'

Music and drama students at Northland Pines High School (NPHS) will perform three upcoming performances of the classic musical "42nd Street."

Show times for the performances are Friday, Feb. 17, and Saturday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. Shows will be performed in the NPHS Auditorium.

The show musical is based on the classic 1933 movie musical of the same name.

Established Broadway director Julian Marsh embarks on a challenging new show during the Depression, including an aging leading lady, Dorothy Brock, and a naive Broadway hopeful, Peggy Sawyer.

As the glamorous production comes together, the audience also sees a backstage story develop between the actors, directors, dancers and musicians. 42nd Street boasts a stage full of tap dancing, bringing to life energetic songs like "We're In The Money," "Shuffle Off To Buffalo" and "Lullaby of Broadway."

42nd Street celebrates Broadway, Times Square and the people who make the magic of musical theater.

Over 50 NPHS students are involved in the cast, crew and pit orchestra for the musical. Students playing major roles are: Senior Lucas Schmidt as Julian Marsh, Senior Mascha Justice as Dorothy Brock, Junior Sloan Snedden as Peggy Sawyer, Senior Christian Sandberg as Billy Lawlor, Sophomore Owen Libby as Bert, Senior Alyssa Imse as Maggie, Senior Emma Perry as Annie, Sophomore Owen Grassl as Andy, Sophomore Malia Remme as Phyllis, and Sophomore Addisan Rottier as Lorraine.

Live stage piano will be performed by Sophomore Matt Milanowski. Many other students will perform as a core of tap dancers, supporting characters and ensemble.

Many additional students are involved as tech crew including Nicholas Fluegel (sound designer), Sophia Simac (lighting designer), Grace Indermuehle (lighting assistant and spotlight), Kaemyn Heritage (spotlight), Mac Williams (stage manager) and Marissa Brassell (prop manager), along with a student group of stage crew members.

The live pit orchestra, under the direction of Jenni-

fer Anderson, includes NPHS students Chloe Zmek, Natalie Simac, Chloe Tabbert, Noah Daniszewski, Ike McClelland, and Eliza Brunton. The pit orchestra also includes adult players Rachel Strong, Carrie Kluever, Bethany Puffer, Drew Schulta, Evan Burke, Myria Strong, Norma Yaeger, Linda Bender, Maximilian Tomasoski, Larry Chamberlain, Tom Baker, and Peter Aerts.

The NPHS musical is directed by Kate Janssen, with assistant directing and choreography by Ann Perry.

Other participants include acting coaching provided by Bernie Hupperts and Jeffrey Libby, pit coaching provided by Forrest Mann, costuming by Judy Clure, hair and makeup design by Amy Price, technical direction by Jeff Janssen, set construction by Gary Schwenn of Shiloh Construction, and set painting by Lou Deditz, Char Croker, and Karly Kolehhouse.

Advertising, social media and graphic design was provided by Ashley Heid, Samantha Thompson and Liquid Screen Design.

Chain O' Dance Studio provided rehearsal time and studio space to prepare the tap numbers.

"This musical has been a joy to work on this year, as it truly is a love letter to Broadway," said Kate Janssen. "Everyone who enjoys musicals and dance will enjoy this story. Our students have been dedicated to a choreography-heavy show and have been tap dancing for many hours to prepare. We are so excited to again open our doors to a full audience to support our hard-working students."

Advance tickets are on sale now in the NPHS main office. Remaining tickets will be sold at the door.

General admission seating is available and adult tickets cost \$5 and senior tickets price is \$2.

Doors will open 30 minutes prior to each performance.

The production at Northland Pines will again host three reviewers from the Jerry Awards program through the Overture Center in Madison, who will review the show and provide students with feedback on many aspects of the production.

If any students are recognized with nominations for outstanding work, they will be notified later this spring.

Six-week diabetes program planned in Three Lakes

The Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) of Oneida and Vilas Counties, in conjunction with the YMCA of the Northwoods, is offering a six-week Healthy Living with Diabetes Workshop in Three Lakes.

The program, planned Wednesdays, Feb. 22 to March 29, at the Demmer Memorial Library, helps people with Type 2 diabetes, pre-diabetes, and their significant others. A special bonus session is planned April 5.

More than 100 million adults in the U.S. are now living with diabetes or pre-diabetes, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

"While that statistic is startling, there is good news. People with diabetes or pre-diabetes can improve their health by joining a Healthy Living with Diabetes Workshop sponsored by the ADRCs," said Sue Richmond, director of the Vilas County ADRC.

This is an evidence-based program. This means that the program has been researched and has been proven to improve the health of adults with diabetes or pre-diabetes. In just six weekly sessions, Healthy Living with Diabetes gives participants strategies for managing diabetes including techniques to deal with symptoms and information about healthy eating, appropriate use of medication, exercise and working effectively with health care

providers, Richmond added.

Participants will learn to make realistic, achievable action plans, share their experiences, and help each other solve problems.

There is a \$20 suggested donation for the workshop to help cover the cost of the book. To register for the workshop, or for more information, contact Shelley at the ADRC of Oneida County at 715-369-6170.

The library is located at 6961 W. School St.

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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 Sayer. Call 715-542-2020.

VILAS FOOD PANTRY — Open Wed. from 8:30-10 a.m. and the first and third Tues. of each month from 3-5 p.m. in Eagle River. Call Sandy, 715-479-9581.

Health

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH HOT LINE: For mothers in need of health and nutrition information, financial aid or advocacy. 24-hour hot line at 1-800-722-2295. mch-hotlines.org.

Meetings

BOOK CLUBS — Olson Library Afternoon Book Club meets the second Thurs. of each month from 1-3 p.m.; and Facts and Fiction Book Discussion Club, second Monday of each month, 1-3 p.m. Contact the library at 715-479-8070 for more information.

CIVIL AIR PATROL — Military-based organization for ages 12-18, located at Eagle River Union Airport, meets the second, third and fourth Sun. of each month. Contact public affairs officer at eagleriver-sqnpao@gmail.com.

DOLL CLUB — The Enchanted Doll Club meets the third Thurs. of each month at 1 p.m. at Kalmal Community Center. Call Judy Wainwright, 715-482-9804.

EAGLE RIVER GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY — Meets the third Thurs. of each month at 5 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 Habersetzler, 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 Sayer. Call 715-891-4061.

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 Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. Call Kalmal 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 sorgef.tlcf@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 Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. Call Bob Dow, 414-758-6411.

DUPPLICATE BRIDGE — Meets Thurs. at 12:30 p.m., at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Eagle River. Call 715-546-8306.

CRIBBAGE/SCRABBLE — Meets Wed. at 12:30 p.m. at Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. Groups playing any other board or card games welcome. Call Kalmal Center, 715-337-2510.

HEART AND SOUL QUILTERS — Meets Wed. from 9 a.m. to noon at Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. All ages welcome, beginner or advanced. Call Cheryl Brietenfeldt, 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 Kalmal 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 Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. All ages welcome, beginner or advanced. Call John Modjewski, 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.



Creative ways to keep warm at Three Bear Dog Sled Races. —Staff Photo By STEPHANIE DYE

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 Kalmal 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 Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. Call Kalmal 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., Kalmal Community Center, Eagle River; closed discussion meeting, Fri., 7 p.m., First Congregational United Church of Christ, Eagle River; closed discussion meeting, Thurs., 7 p.m., St. Theresa Catholic Church, Three Lakes; closed discussion 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.

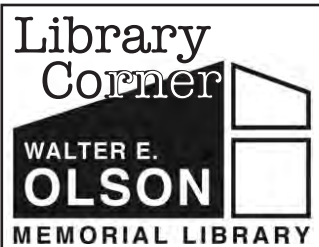
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MENTAL-HEALTH SUPPORT — Open to anyone affected by mental illness. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)-Northern Lakes Chapter meets twice weekly at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rhinelander. Call NAMI, 715-420-1700 or Mick, 715-369-4740.

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.



The Walter E. Olson Memorial Library is conducting a community survey to get feedback from patrons. The survey takes approximately 10 minutes and participants are entered to win one of several \$20 Kwik Trip gift cards. The survey can be found at survey-monkey.com/rolsonlibrary or paper copies are available at the library.

The American Association of Retired Persons will host free tax assistance appointments Wednesdays, from Feb. 8 until April 12. To make an appointment, call 715-479-3727. This service is free regardless of age.

The Afternoon Book Group meets Thursday, Feb. 9, at 1 p.m.

Fact and Fiction Book Group meets Monday, Feb. 13, at 1 p.m.

The library will be hosting a "Sip & Swipe" tablet and smartphone learning program on Thursday, Feb. 16, and Thursday, Feb. 23, at 11 a.m.

A mini-exhibit of historic toys, joke books and novelties is on display at the library, courtesy of the Eagle River Historical Society.

Memory Café is scheduled Monday, Feb. 20, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

The library hosts a variety of activities each week that are free to the public.

Nicolet College Academic Success hours at the library are held Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon; ukulele practice takes place each Monday from 2:30 to 4 p.m.; story time with Ms. Tori takes place Tuesdays at 10 a.m. where children and their grown-ups can drop in for stories, songs and fun; and at 4 p.m. the Olson Memorial Library Chess Club meets. The group is open to players of all levels, from ages 5 to 105. Aunt Gracie's Sewing Circle is held Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m. On Fridays the Wiggle, Giggle & Shake music and movement program for ages 0 to 5 takes place at 10 a.m.

On a monthly basis the library hosts various groups and programs.

The Eagle River Genealogical Society meets the third

Thursday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m.; Memory Café is offered the third Monday of the month; Compassus Grief Support Group meets the first Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.; and Mending Day takes place the first Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon.

On the third Wednesday the Department of Workforce Development Job Assistance is held from 9 to 11 a.m.

Ongoing book sales are available in the lobby of the library.

Business hours are Mondays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesdays through Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 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.

Public invited to art exhibition

The Wisconsin Regional Art Program (WRAP) invites the public to the opening reception for this year's art exhibition opening Thursday, Feb. 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Nicolet College Northwoods Center in Rhinelander.

This year's WRAP exhibition is a glorious, eclectic collection of many types of art. Hors d'oeuvres will be served and guests have the chance to meet the artists and check

out their work.

Meritorious work is selected from the numerous regional exhibits all over the state and is displayed at the Annual State Art Exhibit in Madison. Artists featured include area resident Florian Bieschke of Arbor Vitae with a piece titled "Moonlight over Elsie Lake."

For more information, visit wiscartists.wildapricot.org/wrap.

Brain health events coming to library

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Vilas County will be holding a brain health discussion Monday, Feb. 13, from 10 to 11 a.m., at the Walter E. Olson Memorial Library in Eagle River located at 203 N. Main Street.

This discussion will include ways to keep your brain sharp by looking at socialization, mental stimulation, physical activity, spirituality and nutrition, according to ADRC officials. To RSVP for the discussion call 715-479-3625 or e-mail lebaug@vilascountyiwi.gov.

Additional brain health events will be hosted in the coming weeks at the Walter E. Olson Memorial Library.

The Describe, Investigate,

Create and Evaluate (DICE) organization represents a simple but systematic method for understanding, assessing and managing behaviors in people with memory loss. DICE will host their own discussion event on brain health at the library Monday, March 6, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Every third Monday from 10 to 11:30 a.m., the Memory Café social connection group meets at the library to converse over similar situations they face where they share and listen to one another. On every third Thursday the Dementia Caregiver Support Group meets at the library from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. to help support one another with people who understand the hardships of caring for individuals with

dementia.

The Alzheimer's Association will host an in-depth informational discussion regarding Alzheimer's and the different types/stages of dementia, along with treatment options, on Monday, April 24, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

For more information, contact ADRC at 715-479-3625, or visit vilascountyiwi.gov.



For more information, contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-939-4052

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Wisconsin Lions District 27-C2 Gov. Bob Bertch and Boulder Junction Lions Club President Wendi Neupert presented Dennis Duke with his fellowship award during the annual party that recognized fellowship awards.

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Dementia Conversations program set for Feb. 21

The Alzheimer's Association® has developed the Dementia Conversations, an education program, to help family and friends become more comfortable with difficult topics surrounding the disease.

A destination on the Dementia Conversations tour will feature a stop Tuesday, Feb. 21, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., at the Aging and Disability Resource Center in Rhinelander, located at 100 W. Keenan Street.

Alzheimer's disease affects more than six million people in the United States and is the most common form of dementia according to The Alzheimer's Association®. The disease causes memory issues,

thinking and behavior problems that interfere with daily living, and presents the need for challenging conversations with friends and family.

However, the earliest signs are often dismissed as a part of getting older, which isn't always the case.

Dementia Conversations program officials stated that topics discussed will include items such as why is it important to talk with one's doctor about concerns or changes in memory, thinking, or behavior as they are noticed, and tips will be provided on how to encourage someone who is reluctant to talk to their doctor about these concerns.

Additionally, the program

will detail strategies for how to talk to someone when there are concerns about their ability to drive safely and to develop a plan for when retiring from driving becomes necessary.

The importance of making legal and financial plans for the future, planning ahead, and learning about community resources to develop a supportive care team will also be highlighted by the Dementia Conversations program.

For more information or to register for the program, contact Julie St. Pierre at 715-352-4091 or jstpierre@alz.org. Individuals can also register by calling the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900.

Boulder Junction Lions members receive recognition awards

The Boulder Junction Lions Club honored several members with special fellowship awards at their annual party in December 2022.

Betty Clough and Linda Hahn were named Melvin Jones Fellows by Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) in recognition of their commitment to serving the world community. Named for the founder of LCIF, Melvin Jones, the fellowship is one of the foundation's highest recognitions, honoring the commitment to humanitarian service.

Dennis Duke was named a Birch-Sturm Fellow. This fellowship is intended to recognize individuals who exemplify dedication and commitment to Lionism. In 1990, the Birch-Sturm Fel-

lowship was created by the Wisconsin Lions Foundation to honor those individuals who exemplify these qualities. The fellowship is named after Wisconsin's only International Presidents, Frank V. Birch and Clarence L. Sturm.

Cherie Sanderson was named a Knight of Sight Fellow by the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin for her dedication, service and commitment to helping provide the gift of sight. The Knight of Sight Fellowship enhances Lions Eye Banks of Wisconsin programs as they work to end curable blindness worldwide.

Wisconsin District 27-C2 Gov. Bob Bertch and Boulder Junction Lions Club President Wendi Neupert presented the Lions with their fellowship awards, and

congratulated them for their outstanding service to the Boulder Junction Lions Club and their community.

Elevated burns reported on Super Bowl weekend

Super Bowl Sunday is one of the busiest days of the year for food consumption, only second to Thanksgiving, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Feb. 5-11 is Burn Awareness Week and Aspirus Health reminds football fans to cook with caution on Super Bowl Sunday and every day. Whether it's chicken wings, nachos or sliders, many Americans will be spending extra time in the kitchen preparing many game day favorites.

"Preventing cooking burn injuries is always better than dealing with the pain and trauma of the medical treatment that follows," said Sara Bauman, director of nursing with Aspirus Stevens Point Hospital's Emergency Department. "Taking some simple precautions in the kitchen could save a trip to the hospital and from missing the big game."

In the U.S., more than 400,000 people receive medi-

cal care for treatment of burn injuries every year, according to the American Burn Association (ABA).

If one is sleepy or has consumed alcohol, they should consider letting someone else handle the food preparation, especially if it includes heat, noted Bauman. Additionally, keeping youths at least three feet from the stove or wherever hot food is being prepared or carried is an effective measure to prevent burn injuries.

Placing hot objects so that they cannot be pulled down or knocked over, and turning pot handles away from the stove's edge while cooking, are also recommended tips. According to Bauman, hot items should be placed in the center of a table or toward the back of a counter to limit accidentally bumping them over the edge.

For more information or to find an Aspirus location near you to seek medical care, visit aspirus.org.

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After months of refurbishing, Debra Numerich reopened the former Lincoln Town Hall as Playland Day Care Learning Center, seen in this 1993 News-Review archive photo.

One Year Ago - 2022 Northland Pines School District approved reducing quarantine days for positive Covid tests from 10 days to five ... Pastor Catie Ford of Faith Lutheran Church in Three Lakes became FORK's newest addition to its board of directors ... After a 30-plus year career, James W. Rice announced his retirement as director of the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain, Mich.

10 Years Ago - 2013 Olson Library officials announced that Jeff Visner of Design/Build by Visner, was retained to complete the design for the new library in Eagle River ... Northwoods Land Trust accepted its first land protection agreement which included 319 acres of land in the town of Fifield ... A record 346 teams converged on Eagle River for the eighth annual USA Hockey Pond Hockey Championship.

20 Years Ago - 2003 Convicted murderer Douglas J. Plude of Land O' Lakes was set to be sentenced in Vilas County Circuit Court ... Two owners of a northcentral Wisconsin snowplow business were sentenced to 15 months in prison and ordered to pay fines of \$30,000 each for conspiring to defraud the IRS ... The VFW post in Eagle River was raided by law enforcement officers after selling an alcoholic drink to a nonmember.

30 Years Ago - 1993 A man who stole a \$12,000 snowmobile from a local tavern was apprehended by Vilas County Snowmobile Patrol after a few weeks of searching ... The Wisconsin Conservation Corps held a grand opening of its north central office in Rhinelander ... The former Lincoln Town Hall was reopened as Playland Day Care and Learning center.

40 Years Ago - 1983 Representative Jim Holperin urged the DNR to impose a rule which would prohibit discharging a firearm within 50 miles of Native American Reservations for 30 days ... The St. Germain Chamber of Commerce drafted a letter urging Sen. Proxmire to appeal a decision that granted Native American's year round, unlimited hunting and fishing rights ... Dr. Massignan, O.D., of Eagle River, returned to his practice after attending an annual vision-care conference, bringing with him new information and technology.

50 Years Ago - 1973 The death of Robert James of Land O' Lakes due to a shooting incident was still being investigated by local law enforcement ... Donations totaling several thousand dollars were made to the Eagle River Memorial Hospital ... Controversy continued to rage over the status of DNR game wardens and their jurisdiction throughout the North Woods.

60 Years Ago - 1963 A potential second television station was the talk of the tri-county area ahead of an upcoming FCC meeting regarding a case involving Channel 9 in Wausau ... Eagle River

Rotary Club organized a fundraiser for the Samoset Council of the Boy Scouts of America ... The Milwaukee Symphony made their way to Rhinelander Union High School.

70 Years Ago - 1953 Public welfare work in Vilas County was explained to Rotarians by Del Larsen at the Eagle River Country Club ... The Arbor Vitae Penny Parade announced they had accumulated over 550,000 coins ... Several local communities represented by Wurster and Curtis of Merrill petitioned for the reopening of weekday railroad travel from Monico to Watersmeet.

80 Years Ago - 1943 A quota of \$3,600 was assigned to the Vilas County chapter of the American Red Cross to fund the war campaign ... A book drive for men in the armed forces was organized in Vilas County ... Area fuel stations were only allowed to be open 72 hours a week due to rationing.

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.



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Jones, Marissa Jones, Bristol Parling, Karista Kaminski, Addyson Harsla, Meredith McCormack, Lily Rushman, Brianna Smith, Sophie Mesun, Vayda Barber, Carmen Kranz, Valarie Paquet, Sophie Hoffman, Charlotte Frenz, Bella Krepline, Eva Krepline, Olivia Trajanovich and Natalee Lemmons. The skaters will also attend the second annual Silver Blades Classic at the Eagle River Dome on March 4.

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BADGER BRIDGE IN EAGLE RIVER

Results of 1/30/23

North-South: first place, Ginny Arvey and Marie Andersen; second (tie), Marge Kleczewski and David Tarsi, and Jo Ann O'Brien and Larry O'Brien.

East-West: first place, Linda Wise and Bob Dow; second, Dick Nelson and Dan Del Ponte.

Bridge is played Mondays from 12:30 to 4 p.m. at the Kalmar Senior Center in Eagle River and is open to the public. For information, call Ed Stoever, club manager, at 715-362-8933.

More Than A Meal Café

The Rock Mission Center, Eagle River
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., FEB. 13

Meatloaf
Mashed potatoes and gravy
Country trio vegetables
Whole-wheat bread
Applesauce

TUES., FEB. 14

Oven-baked rosemary chicken
Baked sweet potato
Broccoli

Cornbread
Strawberries
WED., FEB. 15
Ham and scalloped potatoes
Peas
Pineapple
Multi-grain bread
Chocolate pudding

THURS., FEB. 16
Lasagna

Carrots
Mixed greens
Garlic breadstick
Fruit gelatin dessert

FRI., FEB. 17

Chicken enchilada casserole
Vegetable blend
Biscuit
Mandarin oranges
Peach upside-down cake

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LIONS GIVE — The Conover Lions Club last week donated \$1,000 in support of the Warm The Children clothing program. Money was raised throughout the year at various club fundraisers. Presenting

the check to Warm The Children representative Amber Arndt Johnson (center) are club members Len Johnson, Rich Ruffalo, Jim Pipp and Ron Benson. —Staff Photo By MICHELLE DREW

Nicolet College to host a night of art, music

A special night of gallery art and exquisite music will be on tap at Nicolet College Thursday, Feb. 9, when the college hosts both the opening reception for the Wisconsin Regional Art Program (WRAP) art exhibit, followed by a concert featuring the Wingra Woodwind Quintet.

The WRAP opening reception, which is free to attend, will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Nicolet College Art Gallery located in the Northwoods Center. The event will give attendees the chance to meet the artists, view the eclectic collection of their art, and enjoy light hors d'oeuvres and beverages.

Regional WRAP exhibits are held throughout the state with the best pieces from each show selected for the annual State Art Exhibit in Madison.

At 7:30 p.m. the acclaimed Wingra Woodwind Quintet will take to the stage in the Nicolet College Theatre for a lively concert that will bal-

ance classical works with contemporary and cross-cultural compositions. Current members of Wingra Wind Quintet are Conor Nelson, flute; Lindsay Flowers, oboe; Alicia Lee, clarinet; Marc Vallon, bassoon; and Trevor Healy, horn.

The quintet tours nationally and received acclaim from the New York Times for its "consistently sophisticated, sensitive, and thoroughly vital" performances. Tickets for the concert are \$15 and can be ordered online at nicoletcollege.edu/community/nicolet-live.

"We're excited that everything came together so we could hold both of these events back-to-back," said Nicolet Theatre and Events Services Manager Mike Effinger. "It's sure to make for a great evening for people to immerse themselves in the arts and enjoy the experience."

For more information, visit nicoletcollege.edu

Trees For Tomorrow offers intern position

Trees For Tomorrow (TFT) is now accepting applications for two 10-week summer Environmental Education Internship positions.

Deadline for submitting applications for this opportunity is March 31. This year's internship program runs June 5-Aug. 11.

Intern coordinator Bethany Heft began her career in environmental education as a TFT intern in 2011. She credits her experience in this program to her past success in a variety of jobs.

"I didn't set out in college

to be a teacher," said Heft. "Finding a love of education was a happy accident for me. I originally took an internship at TFT to build my public speaking skills and confidence working with groups of all ages. My college professors stressed having a résumé that showed your versatility when you hit the job market after graduation and these seemed like important things to be able to offer any future employer."

Interns will assist TFT's staff running environmental education programs for all ages ranging from 4-years-old

to adult.

They also will gain experience with a variety of animal artifacts including skulls and pelts, as well as how to care for and appropriately handle live education animals.

By the end of the program interns will be capable of running a program with minimal assistance.

Applicants for this position should be 18 years of age or older with a positive attitude and ability to work well with others.

Housing is included on campus in one of the dorm-

style buildings. Interns are welcome to eat with groups on campus when meals are provided.

Upon the completion of the program including a required project, interns will be awarded a \$1,500 scholarship.

Applications can be completed directly on Trees For Tomorrow's website or by emailing Heft at beth@treesfortomorrow.com. Applicants must include a cover letter, résumé, and at least two letters of reference.

For more information, visit treesfortomorrow.com.



BLAST OFF WINNER — A Cornhole Tournament and Chili Cookoff was held Feb. 4 in support of Conover's upcoming Northwoods Blizzard Blast. Gary Lagueux Jr. awarded chili cookoff winner Lori Moser with a trophy. First place cornhole tournament winners included Eric Thomas and Troy Ernst, both of Conover; and second place went to Sami Hildebrandt of Carrollton, Texas and Steve Vold of Conover.

—Photo By Jacki Hildebrandt

DNR seeks applicants for seasonal positions

Seasonal staff positions for state parks, forests, trails and recreation areas are now open for application, according to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

These limited-term seasonal positions are responsible for outdoor maintenance, groundskeeping work and customer service for property visitors.

Recruitment for these

positions is underway now for work that starts in the spring and early summer

DNR recruits about 400 seasonal employees to work at state properties during the summer season. Ideal applicants should enjoy working in scenic landscapes, maintaining the state's pristine natural resources and serving a diverse customer base.

Working for Wisconsin

state properties provides wonderful opportunities for a variety of outdoor recreation, from wild and remote campsites to developed family and group campgrounds, beaches, boat launches, visitor and interpretive centers, and trails, according to DNR officials.

Individuals can apply for positions including park rangers, parks and recreation specialists, visitor services associates, natural resource educators and facilities repair workers. To apply, visit wisconsin.gov and search "Parks."

For more information, visit dnr.wisconsin.gov.

Annual Blizzard Blast to commence in Conover

The 10th annual Northwoods Blizzard Blast will be held Saturday, Feb. 18, beginning at 8 a.m. at the Conover Community Park.

The event will feature activities for winter enthusiasts of all ages.

There is no admission fee and all events are free for spectators to enjoy.

Single event tickets will be available for purchase for those who want to participate in the event.

Sandwiches, s'mores, snacks, and refreshments are available all day. Warming bonfires and heated restrooms are located throughout the park.

The Northwoods Blizzard Blast Artisan Bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the Conover Community Center adjacent to the park. Handcrafted winterwear, seasonal crafts and nature-jewelry will be showcased.

Chilly Charlie's Children's Carnival will feature winter-themed games for children. Prizes are awarded for games such as Snowman Pong, Ring Toss, Chilly Charlie's Challenge, Find my Buttons and more. Youngsters may also enjoy Snow Art Fun, using nature's own materials to create art in the snow. Youth may take home their own bird feeder kit.

The Dogsled Dash and Face painting will be on-site.

Recliner Races, Ice Bowling and Slap Shot Hockey events, along with open skating, will be held on the ice rink in the center of the park.

The baseball diamond will host the Firefighter Challenge Competitions.

Demonstration and instruction in snowshoeing, archery and winter survival will be held throughout the day.

Canine search-and-rescue teams will demonstrate life-saving techniques and a Horse Drawn Sleigh Ride that will depart every 15 minutes will take place as well.

Conover's sledding hill and ice rink will have open areas for free use all day. Loaner skates and sleds are available on site. The Town Park features nighttime lighting for those that wish to stay and play into the evening.

By Conover Town ordinance, dogs are not allowed on the park grounds during events. Working dogs, horses and ponies will be at task in their event space.

Proceeds raised at the event go to area emergency response departments.

For more information, call 715-891-6254 or visit the Northwoods Blizzard Blast's Facebook Page.



REGATTA ROYALTY: The Pitlik's Resort Polish Regatta announced the winners for its pond hockey and cornhole tournaments held Jan. 27-28. The cornhole tournament included 64 teams and the winners won \$800, donating \$100 to the Sugar Camp Safety Committee along with a portion of the entry fees. The Pond Hockey Champions will be presented with a traveling trophy. The pond hockey tournament hosted players from Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana.

Above: Pond hockey champions, the Chilly Willies, celebrating their win are, from left, Jeremy Slater of West Lafayette, Ind.; Patrick Moore of Dyer, Ind.; Dan O'Rourke of Schererville, Ind.; Matt McSweeney of Chicago, Ill.; and Cody Krasowski of Sugar Camp.

Right: Gary C. Pitlik (right) presents custom cornhole boards to champions "The Better Team" which included duo Shaun Smith (left) and Troy Smith, both of Rhinelander.

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