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BURGER BASH



GRILLIN' GALORE — The third annual Burger Bash was staged in downtown Eagle River last Saturday with an arts and crafts show, children's games, face painting, activities by the Wisconsin National Guard, and, of course, lots of burgers. Volunteers with the Eagle River Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8637 spent their time over the charcoal pit so nobody in attendance left hungry. Funds supported the local VFW. Some scenes from the day included:

Above: Bob Bartmann, Tom Obradovich and Warner Russell spend the day cooking up an estimated 1,000 burgers for hungry festival goers.

Right: A Chef Heatley's Hot Pepper Farm representative flashes a saucy smile while bringing the heat with a wide variety of hot sauces and barbecue options.

Below: A shopper carries her furred partner in crime as she scopes out craft offerings. —Staff Photos By MICHELLE DREW



YMCA to host bus trip to Brewers-Reds game

The YMCA of the Northwoods is hosting a coach bus trip to see the Milwaukee Brewers take on the Cincinnati Reds Wednesday, July 26, at American Family Field.

Attendees will watch the game from the first base terrace box seats.

The bus departs the Rhinelander YMCA at 2003 E. Winnebago St. at 7:30 a.m. and returns at approximately 9:30 p.m.

On the return trip, the bus will stop at the Fox Riv-

er Brewing Company in Oshkosh for dinner. Iced tea, soda and coffee are included. Snacks will be provided on the bus and riders can bring a cooler for beverages.

The cost is \$140. The fee includes deluxe coach bus, morning snack, terrace box seats, dinner at Fox River Brewing Company, fees and gratuities.

Tickets are limited. Early registration is recommended by calling the YMCA at 715-362-9622.

Chamber seeking vendors for Cranberry Fest events

The Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center is currently looking for participants for the 43rd Annual Cranberry Fest Farmer's Market, and Vintage and Antique Show, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in downtown Eagle River.

Vendors will have the chance to display and sell vintage and antique items to the over 40,000 people anticipated to attend.

This event is held rain or shine.

This show will run in conjunction with the 43rd Annual Cranberry Fest that will be

held throughout the Eagle River Community and at the Vilas County Fairgrounds Oct. 7-8.

The festival includes over 250 arts and crafts booths, a variety of foods, fresh, locally-grown cranberries and craisins, cranberry beer and wine, marsh tours and wine tasting, a vintage and antique sale, farmer's market, musical entertainment, and much more.

More information on the festival and schedule is available at cranberryfest.org.

For more information or to register for the show, contact Kim Emerson at 715-579-6400 or 800-359-6315, or visit eagleriver.org.

Ride for Peanuts set July 22

The 17th annual Ride for Peanuts, sponsored by the American Legion Riders Association of Wisconsin District 11 in Lake Tomahawk, will take place July 22, rain or shine.

Organizers detailed that the ride is open to everyone, and participants may either ride their motorcycle or drive any vehicle. There will be a total of six stops on the route which will cover approximately 70 miles, and riders are reminded to get their stamp sheets filled out at each location.

This ride benefits Camp American Legion as proceeds are used to purchase peanuts for campers to feed the chipmunks, as well as help other veterans programs. Camp American Legion is the only veterans' camp in the U.S. where veterans can attend at no cost to themselves.

Registration is from 10 a.m. until noon at Northwoods Harley-Davidson in Arbor Vitae, which will also serve as the starting point of the ride. The cost is a \$10 donation per person, per ride-stamp sheet.

Riders will make stops at the Pub 'N Prime Supper Club in St. Germain, Erin's Pub 'N' Grub in Eagle River, Rummys in Sugar Camp, the Shamrock Pub 'N' Eatery or Lake Tom Tap House in Lake Tomahawk, and Camp American Legion (also in Lake Tomahawk).

The journey will end at 5 p.m. at Ten Point Bar and Grill in Harshaw. All completed stamp sheets must be turned in by 5 p.m. the day of the ride, for participants to qualify for awards and raffle prizes.

For more information, contact Jim Sprague at 715-277-4938.

Not that you asked, but...

By Eric Johnson



Losing the human touch?

"I visualize a time when we will be to robots what dogs are to humans..."

— American mathematician Claude Shannon (1916-2001)

MAYBE NOT YET, but perhaps soon. For now, it just might be your doppelgänger AI co-worker.

Ripped from the recent headlines comes word last month that Portland, Ore. radio station KBFF debuted the world's first artificially intelligent disk jockey — an AI version of midday host "Ashley Z" Elzinga dubbed AI Ashley — using Futuri Media's RadioGPT.

Using synthetic voice software and artificial intelligence, the station will broadcast AI-produced segments featuring an artificial version of Elzinga's voice. And in so doing, Live 95.5 became Not So Live 95.5.

At least for now, both Ashley's will be sharing the show. But for how long?

Given the rapid conversion of fast food joints to robotic burger-flippers and electronic self-serve ordering kiosks, and many supermarkets and big box retailers shifting to robotic floor cleaners and self-scan checkouts, I'd put my money on AI Ashley running the show in short order and the real Ashley fetching her AI overlord virtual coffee and donuts — if she's even there at all. AI Ashley doesn't require a weekly paycheck, health insurance, paid time off, or a 401K retirement plan, just an

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'Placid Lassie' makes its return to King's Airport July 21-22

The Placid Lassie, a historical World War II D-Day aircraft, will return to King's Land O' Lakes airport Friday and Saturday, July 21-22.

This event is sponsored by the Land O' Lakes Historical Society in partnership with King's Airport, and under the auspices of the Tunison Foundation.

The plane will be on display to the public Friday, July 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Saturday, July 22, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Individuals will have the opportunity to tour the inside of the plane, including the cockpit, giving viewers the opportunity to explore one of the most historic warbirds in the nation.

The flight crew will be on hand to share information and answer questions. There will also be professional exhibits that tell about the airplane and its history.

The Placid Lassie is a World War II veteran-restored C-47 airplane that was involved in many wartime operations including the June 6, 1944, Normandy invasion



Individuals have the opportunity to explore the inside of the cockpit of the historic WWII airplane, The Placid Lassie, during the Land O' Lakes Airport Days. —Photo By Bob Hughes

over France, dropping paratroopers behind enemy lines.

The warbird was the lead aircraft on the D-Day squadron that flew across the North Atlantic to honor the 75th anniversary of D-Day, and will again take part next year for the 80th anniversary of the landings.

As part of the Land O'

Lakes King's Airport Day on July 22, there will be a pancake breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. Lunch will also be available as a fundraiser by the Land O' Lakes little league baseball teams from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will also be opportunities to tour the airport.

The Wisconsin Kites

Club will also be on hand, giving workshops and tips on kite building and kite flying, along with kite-flying demos.

Water and soda will be available to purchase throughout both days.

For more information, contact the Land O' Lakes Historical Society at 715-547-6979.

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annual software licensing fee.

Somehow, I just can't imagine an AI-run "WKRP in Cincinnati" — with Dr. Johnny Fever, Venus Flytrap, and newsman Les Nesman replaced by computers running artificial intelligence and synthetic voice software — being quite so entertaining to watch as the classic human-populated show.

I can't quite wrap my head around it as a former radio man privileged to work in the waning mid-1980s halcyon days of old school commercial radio, pulling afternoon drives in Illinois' second city, back when local radio was centered on the human touch — all live and all local, 24-7-365.

We talked about local topics, worked live remotes out in the community, fielded phone calls for listener requests, broadcast local high school sports play-by-play, gave listeners breaking severe weather updates, hosted rising star local musicians live in the studio, and personally curated the classic all-vinyl sound of our shows song by song, sifting through the record library pulling select 45s and LPs.

Let's see AI Ashley do that. The first harbingers of the sea change to come to the radio industry were computer automated zombie stations, repetitive tight computer-generated hot hits playlists, and satellite-fed syndicated shows. And now we have voice-synthesized AI DJs.

Given my experiences with the idiotic exchanges with Alexa and Siri, I shudder at the thought.

Transitioned for the past 34 years into the print media, looking ahead I can see the AI handwriting on the wall.

Already, supported by the Google News Initiative and Polis, the London School of Economics and Political Science's journalism think tank, there's JournalismAI, "a global initiative that empowers news organizations to use artificial intelligence responsibly through innovation and

capacity-building to make the potential of AI more accessible and counter inequalities in the global news media around AI."

Just last month, CNBC reported that the New York Times and NBC News are among the media companies that have started preliminary discussions about potential protections against generative AI systems. Given the fast rise of AI, the questions are already out there in the industry. Can artificial intelligence replace journalists? Will AI make journalists obsolete? How will AI affect the future of journalism?

A February article in UK's The Guardian noted that "journalists are at risk of being replaced by artificial intelligence systems like ChatGPT," quoting German media group CEO Mathias Döpfner as saying intelligence tools like ChapGPT promise a "revolution" in information and that AI would soon be better at the "aggregation of information" than human journalists.

Around the same time, a Euronews report examined the question of "will ChatGPT and other AI tools replace journalists in newsrooms," reporting that "CNET, an American tech news outlet, has acknowledged using AI to write financial articles, seemingly as early as November, 2022." The Washington Post called CNET's early foray into AI "a journalistic disaster."

In May, The Economist reported on how "the rise of the robot reporter implies profound changes to the nature of the news," although it conceded that some fine tuning still needs to be done after NPR issued a "sensational scoop" tweet as an automated transcription of SpaceX generated a news update that Elon Musk's "massive space sex rocket" had exploded on launch.

At 58, for me it's a race to the retirement finish line before AI Eric takes over writing my column, although reading about exploding massive space sex rockets might make for more interesting reading.



The Special Consensus will return to Three Lakes for a performance at the Three Lakes Center for the Arts July 28. Tickets cost \$25 and are available by contacting the arts center online or in person. —Contributed Photo

Special Consensus returning to Three Lakes

Three Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCFA) will hold a concert Friday, July 28, at 8 p.m. featuring The Special Consensus.

The band has performed for more than four decades and their music reflects their creative desires, without straying too far from

the group's Bluegrass roots. The Special Consensus has received numerous awards for their work.

"This group continues to be a favorite in the North Woods, as well as in the rest of the country," said Gay Scheffen from TLCFA. "They are four talented

vocalists and instrumentalists."

Beer, wine, and popcorn are available for purchase

Cost for this show is \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under.

The Ethan Bott and the Bottlenecks concert scheduled for Saturday, July 22,

still has a few remaining tickets available for purchase.

Tickets for any of these concerts can be purchased at the door, purchased online, or reserved by phone at 715-546-2299.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit tlcfa.org.

Homeschool programs offered at Trees for Tomorrow campus

Trees For Tomorrow (TFT) Environmental Education Center is offering its second day of homeschool programs on Wednesday, Aug. 9.

Homeschool Days last from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and participants can sign up for a half day of programming for \$10 per student, or a full day at \$20 per student.

While the previous Homeschool Days program focused

on the topic of forestry, this upcoming one will be centered on water and wetlands. Three different day sessions are available, each catering to a different age group: grades 1-3, grades 4-5, and grades 6-8.

"The last homeschool day was an exciting opportunity for families to connect and network with other homeschool families," said TFT educator Jane Feely. "Plus, it was great seeing how quickly kids work and play together after

meeting for the first time."

The early elementary program is designed for first through third grades and will explore a bog, learn about beaver adaptations, and study macroinvertebrates. Students will learn by "critter catching" and traveling to Silver Lake to study some of the local ecosystem's smallest creatures.

Late elementary students, in grades four and five, will attend programs including a deeper look into wetlands, macroinvertebrates and lake

food webs.

Middle schoolers, joining the program in grades six through eight, will learn about tests used to assess water quality and will investigate a local bog.

All grades will have the opportunity to travel off the TFT campus and explore one of the area's local wetlands. Transportation to these sites will be provided and all classes will include plenty of outdoor time.

While on campus, students will have access to restrooms and drinking fountains.

Participants staying the whole day are expected to provide their own lunch, and will have a lunch break at noon.

Parents and guardians are welcome to join the students and take the opportunity to meet other homeschooling families.

The rates of these programs have been reduced since the previous homeschooling day thanks to recent scholarship donations.

Families who require further financial assistance to attend this program can contact the TFT's Operations Manager, Mandy Gingerich, at mandy@treesfortomorrow.com.

Registration is required for students.

For more information or to register, visit treesfortomorrow.com/Homeschool/ or by calling 715-479-6456.

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Local organization works to battle against Vilas County homelessness

By STEPHANIE DYE
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Sunshine For Humanity Inc., a homeless shelter that assists individuals in Vilas County, recently received a large anonymous donation that will allow them to take a “step in the right direction.”

An anonymous \$20,000 was gifted to the organization, and the money will be utilized to support the organization’s “Feet Off The Street” building campaign. Any funding for this building fund will be applied to the costs for the upcoming remodeling and addition to the existing building structure.

Legally, the current housing complex can only accommodate a maximum of eight individuals. The planned remodel project will expand the building to house more individuals in their time of homelessness.

“Homelessness happens for a variety of reasons,” explained Debra Johnson, CEO of Sunshine for Humanity Inc. “A lot of times, there are extenuating circumstances for individuals that are beyond their control.”

Statistics show that in January, 2022, there was an estimated 4775 people experiencing homelessness in Wisconsin. Of those individuals, an estimated 6.3% were unsheltered.

Sunshine For Humanity has had to turn people in need away because of its capacity limits, leaving individuals in Vilas County unsheltered due to the restrictions.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines homelessness as living in a shelter or on the street.

According to HUD, there are four types of homelessness that occur.

Transitional homelessness is a state of homelessness that’s a result of a major



Volunteers from left, Megan Kilgore; Greta Jackman, CAO; Debra Johnson, CEO; and Kent Kohn can often be found helping around the shelter and store.

—Staff Photos By STEPHANIE DYE

life change or catastrophic event. These may include job loss, a health condition, divorce, or personal or family crisis.

Episodic homelessness often occurs to people that are dealing with conditions like a substance use disorder, mental illness, or physical health conditions.

Chronic homelessness is when a person with a disabling condition has been homeless for more than one year. Individuals suffering from chronic homelessness, like episodic homelessness, often have mental health conditions, addiction, and/or other debilitating conditions.

According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, these people tend to be older and make up about 17% of the homeless population.

The last defined homelessness is hidden homelessness, where individuals live with others temporarily without a permanent home. Most times, these people are hidden from the national sta-



Sunshine For Humanity Inc. is the only homeless shelter in the Eagle River area and can house up to eight individuals at a time. The organization is currently raising funding to expand the small location in hopes to accommodate more homeless individuals in their time of need.

istics and are hard to identify.

Several societal issues can also contribute to homelessness, such as lack of affordable housing, poverty, unemployment, and life events which push people into homelessness.

“Regardless of the reasons behind an individual’s homelessness, we believe that every person is entitled to a safe and secure place to live,” continued Johnson. “That is why it is important for our organization to expand our facility as soon as possible.”

The organization’s fundraising efforts for its “Feet Off The Street” campaign is still approximately \$20,000 away from the financial goal to begin construction. The group is hoping to begin the remodeling and renovations in the spring of 2024.

“Being homeless is destabilizing, demoralizing, and depressing. They have lost their base foundation from which to function,” added Johnson. “We at Sunshine

For Humanity believe in providing a helping hand for individuals to get back on their feet. Our job is to take them in, give them a chance to get a job and back on their feet, and then help them move into an affordable place to live.”

Sunshine for Humanity has a Freewill Store located in the garage next to the housing complex, where they take donations for various items. The Freewill Store also functions as a food pantry, where individuals in need can take what they need when their food supply is short.

The organization is also continually accepting donations of household necessities like dish soap and cleaning supplies, and hygienic products for individuals like soap, shampoo, and toothpaste.

Sunshine for Humanity and the Freewill Store are located at 1191 Highway 45 S. in Eagle River. For more information, or to make a donation, call 715-477-2220.



One small kitchen is all the facility has to offer. This area, as well as the office space, are currently the only two rooms available for homeless individuals to put down cots in and sleep.

New credit transfer agreement available at Nicolet, UW-Point

North Woods residents looking to earn a bachelor’s degree in accounting without leaving the area are able to accomplish this with the new credit transfer agreement between Nicolet College and UW-Stevens Point.

Once students earn the two-year associate’s degree in accounting at Nicolet, they transfer to UW-Stevens Point with full junior status.

“This agreement creates a clear path for students with a Nicolet accounting associate’s degree to transfer seamlessly to UW-Stevens Point,” said Ellen Mathein, Nicolet Dean of Business and Entrepreneurship. “One of the greatest benefits to starting a bachelor’s degree at Nicolet is the cost savings. Not only are

credits less expensive, commonly only half as much or even less.”

“Local students can also live at home while attending Nicolet, which also saves on room and board,” added Mathein. “Combined, the savings can amount to many thousands of dollars.”

The new agreement took effect July 1.

Nicolet’s accounting program is also offered in the highly-flexible Nicolet MyWay format, with students completing the coursework at the times that are best for them and fit around their busy lives.

In order to accomplish this, the curriculum is broken down into smaller chunks, known as competencies.

Once students have proven they have mastered one competency, they move on to the next. When they have demonstrated proficiency in all the required competencies, they are awarded college credits and ultimately a college degree.

A portion of the required coursework is commonly completed face-to-face with instructors, during open lab times or scheduled faculty office hours. The remainder is completed online at times that best suit student schedules.

“The academic rigor is the same for Nicolet MyWay classes as it is for the traditional format,” Mathein explained. “College is challenging for many. There’s

just no way around that. Just because a class is much more flexible doesn’t mean it’s going to be easier.”

The Nicolet MyWay format also allows students to start college at numerous times throughout the year. Upcoming start dates in 2023 include Sept. 5, Oct. 2 and Nov. 6.

Over the years, Nicolet has partnered with over 40 four-year universities and colleges to create articulation agreements. These are aimed at ensuring students experience a smooth transition and academic preparedness as they embark on their journeys to pursue a higher degree.

For more information, call 715-365-4493 or visit nicoletcollege.edu.

Ride with Leinie scheduled July 29

By JACKI HILDEBRANDT
CONOVER CORRESPONDENT

Individuals have the opportunity to join Dick Leinenkugel for the 12th annual Ride with Leinie event scheduled for Saturday, July 29.

The fun-filled day of cycling in the North Woods will begin in Conover at 9 a.m. at the Conover Town Park, located at 4697 Park Circle.

There will be three ride options for participants to choose from; a 40-mile road ride, a 20.4-mile, or a 10.4-mile trail ride on the Conover-Phelps Trail.

The cost to register is \$50 per person and registration

includes bike ride, ride t-shirt, and picnic lunch with Leinenkugel. Promoters cannot guarantee shirt size if registered after June 30.

A picnic lunch featuring Trig’s Smokehouse Brats and a Leinenkugel’s Beer tasting will be held at Conover Town Park following the ride. This event is open to the public, both riders and nonriders.

Lunch is available for purchase at the park for nonriding participants.

For more information visit gtrails.org, email ridewithleinie@gmail.com, or call 715-617-0080.

Northwoods Blues Fest to feature Joe Bucher

The 24th annual Northwoods Blues Fest, formerly called Joe Bucher’s Blues Fest, will be held Saturday, July 29, from noon to 9 p.m. at the St. Germain Community Park pavilion.

Hosted and originated by Hall of Fame angler and television fishing celebrity Joe Bucher, this multifaceted event features nonstop rock blues throughout the day.

“Bucher recently retired and moved from the area, but vowed to remain a part of this event,” said organizer Tony Duffel. “He continues to retain a corporate spon-

sorship for the event and will headline the music show with his award-winning band, The TopRaiders.”

In addition to the music event, authentic smoked barbecue ribs, pork butts, and other delicacies will be provided by private chef, Luke Olejniczak.

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

Tickets are \$13 in advance and \$15 at the door. Advance tickets are available at Trig’s in Eagle River.

Master Gardeners to hold sixth annual garden tour

The Vilas County Master Gardeners and Friends will host its sixth annual garden tour in the St. Germain and Sayner areas Saturday, July 29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at any of the gardens, and children younger than 17 years of age are free. All proceeds from the event will be donated to local community garden projects.

Brochures with maps are available at the Eagle River Farmers Market on Wednesdays and Sundays, garden centers around the Eagle River area, at the Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center, or online at eagleriver.org.

Guests will be able to view seven private flower, vegetable, and herb gardens that

range from native plantings to several long-established wooded and lakeside gardens with perennials, annuals, vegetables, berries, fruit trees, and garden art. Viewable added features include a contemplative pond, medicinal and culinary herbs, a ‘She Shed’, raised bed gardens, no-mow grass, and a veteran’s garden.

Master Gardeners meetings are the second Thursday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Walter E. Olson Public Library in Eagle River. During the summer months, meetings may take place at a topic-specific location, such as gardens, greenhouses, orchards, etc.

For more information, contact vcmastergardeners@yahoo.com, or find them on Facebook.

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Events

GED PREPARATION — Nicolet College classes are available at Olson Memorial Library in Eagle River, Mon. and Wed., from 9 a.m.-noon. Call 715-365-4455 or 1-800-544-3039.

NORTHWOODS CHILDREN'S MUSEUM — Hands-on educational exhibits and programs. Fun for all ages. Prime ages 1-10. Call 715-479-4623 or visit northwoodschildrensmuseum.com.

PLUM LAKE LIBRARY — Preschool Story Hour and Playgroup meets Wed. from 10-11 a.m. at the library in Sayner. Call 715-542-2020.

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

Health

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

Meetings

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

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

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

EAGLE RIVER GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY — Meets the 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 Haberser, 715-477-1396.

LAKELAND ART LEAGUE — New members and visitors welcome. Call Eileen, 715-358-3010. lakelandartleague.org or lakelandartleagueui@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 Tues. 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 1:30 p.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 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 Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. Call Bob Dow, 414-758-6411.

BINGO — Every Mon. night, May 22 thru Oct. 9 (including holidays) at Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. Doors open 4:30 p.m. Early bingo 6 p.m., regular bingo 7 p.m. Sandwiches, snacks and beverages available. Public welcome. Call Don, 715-337-2510.

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 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 Brienfeldt, 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 Clouser, 715-453-8055.

LANDOVER SADDLE CLUB meets the first Wednesday of the month at Shiloh Construction in Eagle River. All are welcome. Contact landoversaddleclub@gmail.com.

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.



Spending the day at O Kun de Kun Falls in Ontonagon County. —Photo By Gary Rldderbusch

NORTHWOODS CARVERS — Meets Wed. at 12:30 p.m. at Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River. All ages welcome, beginner or advanced. Call John Modjeski, 715-479-6093.

NORTHWOODS SCALE MODEL PHANATICS — Meets second Sat. of each month at 3:30 p.m. at 3824 Tecumseh Lane in Eagle River. Scale modeling of all types. Learn how to build, or improve skills. Call Tom, 715-479-4988.

NORTHWOODS SINGERS — Meets Tues. at 6 p.m. at Ely Memorial Church in Land O' Lakes. New singers welcome. Call Bill Morgan, 847-254-9623.

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.

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.

Support Groups

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Closed discussion meeting, Mon., 7 p.m., First Congregational United Church of Christ, Eagle River; open big book study, Tues., 7 p.m., First Congregational United Church of Christ, Eagle River; closed discussion meeting, Wednesday, 5 p.m., Kalmal Community Center, Eagle River; closed discussion meeting, Fri., 7 p.m., First Congregational United Church of Christ, Eagle River; closed discussion meeting, Tues., 7:30 p.m., St. Theresa Catholic Church, Three Lakes; closed discussion meeting, Thurs., 7 p.m., St. Germain Community United Church of Christ; closed step meeting, Sun., 2 p.m., Land O' Lakes Town Hall. northwoodsaa.org.

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

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

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

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

GRIEF SUPPORT — 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.

Garden fest to be held at Woodruff gardens

A garden fest will be held Saturday, July 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Aspirus Seasons of Life Garden located at 8951 Woodruff Road in Woodruff.

There will be two private home garden tours available from 10 a.m. to noon, with doors opening for activities at the garden at 11:30 a.m.

Festivities begin with a Lakeland Gardeners plant sale, educational booth on butterflies with Beckie Gaskell, and personalized photos in the garden.

From noon to 2:30 p.m. live music will be performed by Scott Kirby and Ed Willett.

Hot dogs and brats, custard, cookies and refreshments will be available during the event and are included in the ticket price.

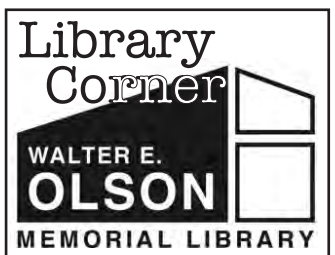
A raffle basket fundraiser will take place during the fest, with the drawing for the winners announced at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are available for a donation of \$20 for adults and \$5 for children aged 16 and under.

Advance tickets are available at JJ's Acres, Northern Pines Greenery, and Stoney Creek Garden. Tickets will also be available the day of the event at the two private home gardens and at the door.

The event is sponsored by the Lakeland Gardeners and Aspirus Seasons of Life Hospice House. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Aspirus Seasons of Life Garden.

For more information, call Linda at 715-482-6412, or visit lakelandgardeners.org.



The Walter E. Olson Memorial Library is participating in the Northern Waters Library Network (NWLN) for the Library Passport Program which runs through Aug. 31. Pick up a passport at any NWLN library and get a stamp for every library visited. For more information visit nwls.wislib.org/passport.

The Summer History Series will present "Hockey History" with Tom Obradovich on Wednesday, July 19, at 1 p.m. This series is an annual partnership with the Eagle River Historical Society.

On Thursday, July 20, at 10 a.m. the library will host "Sink or Float?" a STEM program

for children to learn about buoyancy and get a little wet.

The Northwoods Scale Model Phanatics organization will hold a scale model demonstration Saturday, July 22, from noon to 3 p.m. at the library.

The demonstration will include scale tanks, airplanes, cars, boats and other vehicles.

For more information, contact Jerry at 715-479-2550.

The program "Reptiles and Amphibians" will be presented by Trees for Tomorrow on Thursday, July 27, at 10:30 a.m. Youngsters will have the opportunity for a close-up look at the differences between reptiles and amphibians, and learn more about species found in Wisconsin.

The outdoor Family Movie Night in Riverview Park is set for Friday, July 28, at 8:30 p.m. "Puss in Boots: The Last Wish" will be the feature film. Attendees are encouraged to bring a chair or blanket, the library will provide popcorn

and bug spray.

Every summer, ukulele instructor Cooksey Smith offers free ukulele lessons to our community. Times and class information is available at olsonlibrary.org.

The library also hosts a variety of weekly and monthly events including academic success hours, ukulele practice, story time, 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 Monday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 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, olsonlibrary@gmail.com, or visit olsonlibrary.org.



Attendees go on a field trip to learn firsthand about the different species of mushrooms in the North Woods' forests. —Contributed Photo

Foraging program offered at TFT

Trees For Tomorrow (TFT) Environmental Education Center will host Nature's Bounty, a foraging class, on Thursday, Aug. 3, from 9 a.m. to noon.

This course is part of its Sustainable Living Institute (SLI) series of programs and is designed for adults only.

Local fungi expert, Anne Small, will teach attendees how to sustainably harvest and prepare fungi and wild plants.

"I grew up foraging with my family for both mush-

rooms and plants, and have found it to be very rewarding," said Small. "I look forward to sharing my knowledge and experiences with all of the participants."

Alongside learning about the wild foods the North Woods offers, attendees can gain valuable insights into plants and fungi that are better left admired from a distance.

Nature's Bounty will begin with an indoor lecture on TFT's campus before taking a bus ride to a local forest for

a foraging expedition. Once in the field, participants will hike off-trail over gently rolling terrain to identify wild plants and fungi.

Registration is required and due by Tuesday, Aug. 1. Cost is \$55 per participant and includes a field guide on the fungi of Upper Michigan and Wisconsin to take home. Couples can sign up for \$80 and receive one field guide.

For more information or to register, visit treesfortomorrow.com, or call 715-479-6456.

LIFESTYLE

The story behind 'Backroads': a uniquely constructed quilt

BY KARLA S. ZYHOWSKI
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Quilt of the Month on display throughout July at the Walter E. Olson Memorial Library in Eagle River is titled "Backroads."

The elaborate and richly-colored quilt is the result of a collaborative effort by 15 members of the Cranberry Country Quilters, Inc. organization. The quilt was completed in 2022, with significant meaning for the group behind the project.

In November of 2021, Cranberry Country Quilters member Nancy Ahnen presented an idea to the group. Her request was simple: "Let's make a quilt that can be entered in shows."

The group began by painting white fabric with InkTense ink blocks, which formed the backgrounds.

Next, freezer paper was used as templates to create blocks used as leaves. Continuing to learn new techniques for this quilt, directions were emailed to the group so they could learn the Korean folding technique used for the creation of the road.

Members gathered at their Spring Sleep at Home Retreat to lay every component out and start putting the pieces together.

Finally, in June 2022, the quilt was completed.

Cranberry Country Quilters who participated in the



The quilt, "Backroads," created by members of the Cranberry Country Quilters will be on display throughout the month of July at the Walter E. Olson Public Library in Eagle River.

—Photo By Karla Zyhowski

project were Wendy Ahnen, Sharon Anderson, Mary Pat Bergersen, Maureen Brand, Cheryl Breitenfeldt, Kelly Court, Marilyn Duschl, Cindy Eggers, Kathryn French, Jill Harmon, Shirley Hilgers,

Kathy Jones, Mary Mader, Beth Moore and Jeanne Stephens.

For more information, visit cranberrycountryquilters.com/special-guild-projects/backroads-quilt-its-story.

Tuesday, July 25, at 2 p.m. The presentation is designed to provide information and assistance to individuals in the North Woods.

Laura Rozga, lead ADRC specialist of Vilas County, will provide expertise and information for decision-making processes regarding individualized situations.

ADRCs are accessible places where older individuals and people with disabilities can obtain information,

advice, and help locating services or applying for benefits.

The organizations are designed as a central source of reliable and objective information about a broad range of programs and services.

Personnel at these centers are trained to help people understand and evaluate the various options available to them.

For more information, visit winchesterpubliclibrary.com or call 715-686-2926.

Elderly info program slated in Winchester

The Winchester Library will host a presentation in conjunction with the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Vilas County

BADGER BRIDGE IN EAGLE RIVER

Results of 7/10/23

North-South, first place, Dave Tarsi and Mark Melchiori; second, Anne Boyer and Parke Boyer; third, Ginny Arvey and Marie Andersen.

East-West: first, Bob Dow and Jerry Baerenwald; second, Dan Del Ponte and Lloyd; third, Shele Fawcett and Mary Saggau.

Badger Bridge is played Mondays from noon to 4 p.m. at Kalmal Community Center in Eagle River and is open to the public. For information, call Bob Dow, Club Director, 414-758-6411 (cell).

Eagle River Senior Citizen Menu

More Than A Meal Café at The Rock Mission Center Serving at noon Sponsored by ADRC of Vilas County

Lighter substitute available in place of main entrée: grilled chicken salad. Reservations or cancellations MUST be made 24 HOURS in advance. Call Jennie Johnson at 715-891-1221 to reserve or cancel a meal.

MON., JULY 24

Sloppy Joe on a bun
Roasted potatoes
Baked beans
Grape salad

TUES., JULY 25

Stuffed green pepper casserole
Dill carrots
Raisin bread
Spice cake

WED., JULY 26

Seasoned baked chicken
Twice baked mashed potatoes
Cold pickled beets
Wholewheat bread
Peaches and vanilla pudding

THURS., JULY 27

Ham and scalloped potato casserole
Pacific blend vegetables
Wholewheat roll
Banana

FRI., JULY 28

Loaded broccoli, potato and cheddar soup
Naked chicken breast strips
Crackers
Mandarin oranges
Coleslaw
Cookie

Vacation Bible School planned at area church

Our Savior Lutheran Church will host its annual Vacation Bible School, July 24-27, from 9 a.m. to noon each day. The church is located at 223 Silver Lake Road in Eagle River.

Children ages 3 to 11 are invited to join the program.

This year's theme will be "Keepers of the Kingdom," setting a scene that allows participants to travel back to a time of castles and dragons. Youngsters can enjoy

crafts, games, music, snacks, a daily drama, and engaging Bible activities following the theme, focusing on the armor of God.

Family and friends are invited to a closing program Thursday, July 27, at 11:30 a.m., followed by a luncheon.

There is no cost for children to attend this event.

For more information or to register, visit oursavioreagle.org, or call the church at 715-479-6226.

Easy Eagles club invites new members to join

The Easy Eagles men's luncheon group invites new members to join them for their next meeting Wednesday, July 26, at 11:30 a.m. at Chef Rene's at the Eagle River Inn and Resort.

Featured speakers present at each meeting. Some prior topics that have been discussed include deep space exploration, log cabin building, restoration of a vintage wooden boat, and local civic and busi-

ness events.

A buffet style lunch will be served, and there will be a cash bar. Cost for lunch is \$16.

Meetings generally conclude by 2 p.m.

Easy Eagles is a group of predominantly retired men who meet biweekly to socialize.

The next meeting for the organization is scheduled for Aug. 9.

For more information, call Mike at 414-840-3338.

ON CAMPUS

GREEN BAY — The following students earned honors at UW-Green Bay for the spring 2023 semester: Jacob Trapp of Arbor Vitae; Amy Deditz, Alex Gengler, and Bjorn Luebke, all of Eagle River; Amber Wildcat of Lac

du Flambeau; Madeline Perry of Sayner; and Bo Peterson of Woodruff.

WHITEWATER — Robert Hallisy of Eagle River graduated from UW-White-water with a Bachelor of Science in mathematics.

BACKWARD GLANCES

Compiled by
Jon Eichman

One Year Ago - 2022

The Eagle River Rotary Club donated \$15,000 to the Greater Eagle River Tennis Association as part of its ongoing project to rebuild the tennis courts near the Vilas County fairgrounds ... Brian Park took over the Best Western Derby Inn in Eagle River from longtime owner, Allen Decker ... Nearly 150 players competed in a pickleball tournament in Three Lakes.

10 Years Ago - 2013

Overtime costs and staffing levels at the Vilas County Sheriff's Office were a cause for concern for the Vilas County Law Enforcement Committee and Emergency Management Committee... The Three Lakes Waterfront Association installed the first signs for its Signs for Safety program at designated shoreline sites ... Northland Pines High School track athlete Ryan Ozelle advanced to the Junior Olympic Nationals in Greensboro, N.C., after placing fifth in the 400-meter dash in the Region 8 competition.

20 Years Ago - 2003

A Conover resident who announced his intentions to run for the state senate in 2004 was charged with stealing funds as treasurer of the Conover Chamber of Commerce ... A city-wide ban on feeding deer went into effect in Eagle River ... Walleye fishing on Lac Vieux Desert hit a 20-year peak despite a management fight that pitted property owners against the DNR.

30 Years Ago - 1993

Two men were injured in a one-car accident following a high speed chase on Highway 70 just south of Eagle River ... The board of directors at Northwoods Living Care Center in Phelps announced the start of Project Evergreen 2000 to build a larger clinic ... Eagle River's Tom Zdroik broke the track record at K-G Speedway when he



A black bear estimated to weigh between 400-500 pounds was a visitor to the home of Cliff and Delores Woller in Sugar Camp, seen in this 2003 News-Review archive photo.

turned in a 17.09-second lap in the sportsman time trials.

40 Years Ago - 1983

A Rhinelander man was seriously injured after slamming his boat into the cement piling of the Highway 45 bridge in Eagle River ... Seven of the 32 tracts of land put up for sale by Vilas County sold, with total proceeds of \$61,716 ... The building and equipment of the L'Anse Sentinel (Mich.) was destroyed in a blaze.

50 Years Ago - 1973

The Phelps branch of the First National Bank announced it had compiled assets in excess of \$2 million ... Fishing success rates for the area appeared to have improved, judging by the hefty catches registered at Denton's Sport and Gift Shop in Conover ... Bart Starr was confirmed as a guest speaker of the annual Youth Benefit Smorgasbord at Eagle Waters in Eagle River.

60 Years Ago - 1963

The 20 cents per student charge for lunches at Eagle River High School was nearly raised at the district's annual meeting ... Recapitalization to stimulate interest and the development of Pleasure

Island in Eagle River was contemplated by P-M, Inc. ... Dedication of a new \$80,000 Masonic Temple in Eagle River was marked by special ceremonies.

70 Years Ago - 1953

Passenger train service from mid-October until May was suspended on the only railroad line which serves Three Lakes, Eagle River and Land O' Lakes ... The son of a Wisconsin professor was killed during an electrical storm in the Clearwater Lake area ... It was claimed that several downtown stores in Eagle River suffered heavy shoplifting losses.

80 Years Ago - 1943

Requests for supplementary gasoline were made by vacationists who wished to return home ... A meeting of all tire inspectors in Vilas County was held at the court house ... Two more points per pound of butter was the sad news brought to American homes.

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.

Program on dementia offered at library

A Dementia Conversations program will be held Monday, July 24, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Walter E. Olson Memorial Library, located at 203 N. Main St. in Eagle River.

This program explores important conversation topics related to Alzheimer's and dementia that can be challenging for families.

According to statistics, Alzheimer's disease affects more than six million people in the United States and is the most common form of dementia.

The disease causes memory, thinking and behavior problems that interfere with daily living. Often, the earliest signs are dismissed as part of the aging process, and the conversation with family and friends about those changes can be challenging and uncomfortable.

The Alzheimer's Association® developed the Dementia Conversations education program to help family and friends become more comfortable with difficult topics

regarding these diseases.

Topics covered in the program include why it is important to talk to one's doctor about concerns with regard to memory, thinking, and behavior as soon as they are noticed, how to encourage someone who is reluctant to talk to their doctor about memory concerns, and strategies for how to talk to someone when there are concerns regarding memory.

Also covered in the program are ways to discuss driving safely with individuals who

are suffering from memory issues, and when retiring from driving may become necessary.

The importance of making legal and financial plans for the future, and the necessity of planning ahead, learning about community resources, and developing a supportive care team is also featured during the presentation.

Registration is requested, but not required.

For more information or to register, contact Julie St. Pierre at 715-352-4091, or jstpierre@alz.org.

Coin, stamp show planned

The Lakeland Coin and Stamp club will be holding its 17th annual Coin and Stamp Show on Saturday, July 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the community room at the Woodruff Town Hall on Highway 47 in Woodruff.

There will be coin and stamp collectors and dealers on-site during the event, dis-

playing their collections and items for sale.

The show is free and the public is welcome to attend.

The Lakeland Coin and Stamp Club meets twice monthly at the Minocqua Public Library. For more information on the club or show, contact Bill Reardon at 715-479-8055.

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LIFESTYLE

Sponsors, auction items needed for upcoming Bootlegger's Ball event

The Eagle River Historical Society (ERHS) is "putting on the ritz" with its upcoming speakeasy soiree, the Bootleggers' Ball.

The public event, scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 9, at 6 p.m. at Eagle Waters Resort, will be an evening of glitz, glamour, vintage cocktails, lavish hors d'oeuvres and live jazz music.

"This is the fifth annual gala for ERHS and proceeds support the society in many ways," said Karen Sailer, society executive director. "A successful event will also allow funds to be added to the Choosing Growth Capital Campaign, which are subject to doubling by the Tawani Foundation."

Sailer noted that auctioneer Bryan Mergan will share his experience and entertainment skills to lead the Anything Goes Auction, alongside music by local jazz group Tall Pines Jazz. This band has entertained guests at several of the ERHS' events.

"Eagle Waters is creating a special beverage package of vintage cocktails as an add on," Sailer added. "We encourage guests to come in period dress, and there will be prizes for best dressed man and woman, with a special award for best hat. There also will be a photo station for guests to take home a memory."

ERHS is welcoming new sponsors for the event as well

as donations to be used as auction items.

"We are featuring 'experience' packages at the auction, and a lot of Eagle River-area businesses are offering lodging, restaurant packages, Packer parties onsite, private dinner parties and more," Sailer said. "We are offering a slate of sponsor recognition items."

For those wishing to attend, tickets can be purchased for \$100 each both online or via mail.

Table packages for 10 are also available, starting at \$1,250. These tables include a reserved, beautifully decorated table, signage for the group or business, and prime positioning for the auction.

ERHS is also interested in adding more period cars to the staging at Eagle Waters from anyone who has a vehicle from the '20s or '30s.

To purchase a table or individual tickets online, visit eagleriverhistory.org. For an off-line option or more information on sponsorships, donations, or loaning a period car for the event, email eagleriverhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

Funds from this event will help aid the building of the planned Heritage Center at 1181 Highway 45 South.

The Tawani Foundation has pledged a three-year matching grant to ERHS. The society hopes to break ground on the new center in 2024.



SUCCESSFUL SALE — Peoples Bank donated \$1,503 to the Vilas County Foster Care Closet after raising the funds at a brat fry and bake sale July 6. The sale was manned by seven employees from the Eagle River Branch and the retail team leader from the Rhinelander Branch and their family members. Bank employees presented the check to Kelly

Pynes from Vilas County Social Services July 13. The funds will be utilized to purchase supplies and clothing for families in need. Employees presenting the funds were, from left, Laurie Mathisen, Pynes accepting the check, Sue Soderberg and Andy Jensen.

—Staff Photo By STEPHANIE DYE

Art League to hold 58th annual show

The 58th Annual Manitowish Art Show will take place Thursday, July 20, through Sunday, July 23, at the Manitowish Waters Town Hall. The art show will be open to the public Thursday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Debuting nearly 200 original works of art from approximately 80 North Woods artists, the show will feature all-new original fine art paintings, sculpture, photography, fiber art, glasswork, pottery and more. Many of the works

will be available for sale.

Judge for the show will be Mary Ann Beckwith, a professor of art at Michigan Technological University for 40 years, who presently holds the title of Professor Emerita.

Beckwith has taught extensively throughout the United States, Canada, Korea and England.

She has been awarded signature memberships and awards in many distinguished art societies, has extensive art juror experience, and has been included in the publications "Who's Who in Ameri-

can Art" and "Who's Who of American Women."

Beckwith will select the Best of Show entry, plus five Merit Awards and Honorable Mentions, where artists can win one of \$1,350 in total prizes.

There is no admission charge for the show.

A silent auction of up to 10 donated works will be held to support the arts in the area.

This year's Manito Art League Scholarship winners will display samples of their work, including painting, architecture, filmmaking and

performing arts during the show.

The Manito Art League is an organization dedicated to the promotion, development and appreciation of the arts.

In addition to their annual art show, the league provides a scholarship program, workshops, and an artists' plein air group that paints and draws weekly at a variety of outdoor locations.

The group is comprised of area artists, and welcomes anyone at any level to join.

For more information, visit manitoartleague.org.

Medicaid eligibility being checked by state agencies

North Woods community members are reminded that states have started the process of checking everyone's eligibility for Medicaid for the first time in three years.

A federal provision that previously suspended Medicaid renewal-enrollment requirements during Covid ended March 31.

The renewal period will continue from now until May, 2024. State agencies are sending out letters outlining the actions that must be taken to renew eligibility and avoid a loss in Medicaid coverage.

This applies to anyone enrolled in health, dental, and/or vision insurance through a Medicaid state program for themselves or their dependents, and also includes anyone with coverage through Wisconsin's BadgerCare Plus or the Healthy Michigan Plan.

The timing of the letters and renewal dates varies based on when individuals initially qualified for Medicaid.

In Wisconsin, letters were sent to impacted individuals by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services in late March or early April informing them of their renewal month. Wisconsin Medicaid recipients can check their renewal month online at access.wi.gov or through the MyAccess app.

Individuals in Wisconsin will receive a renewal packet the month prior to their renewal.

In Michigan, the Department of Health and Human

Services is sending awareness letters and renewal packets according to each individual's renewal month.

People typically lose Medicaid coverage if they start making too much money to qualify for the program, gain health care coverage through their employer, or move into a new state.

Initial data tracked by the Kaiser Family Foundation indicate that individuals across multiple states are predominantly losing Medicaid coverage because they are not fully completing the renewal process, not because they are ineligible.

Aspirus Health advises anyone with Medicaid coverage to ensure individuals have current contact information on file with their state agency and to take immediate action as directed. Individuals or their dependents who no longer qualify for a Medicaid program have up to 60 days from the loss of coverage to enroll in alternative insurance.

While Aspirus Health is not involved in the Medicaid renewal process, it does offer support for anyone with questions about the renewal process or anyone who may lose coverage. Certified Application Counselors can help individuals enroll in an appropriate alternative coverage through the Insurance Marketplace.

For more information, call 844-568-0672, or email questions to insurancemarketplace@aspirus.org.

Program on river otters offered in Winchester

The North Lakeland Discovery Center will hold a presentation, The Playful Life of River Otters, on Tuesday, July 25, at 10:30 a.m. at the Winchester Public Library in downtown Winchester.

Naturalist Licia Johnson will discuss the habits and behaviors of river otters.

Known to be one of the only animals that plays, Johnson will explain why river

otters are fun to watch and learn about. The presentation will allow participants to explore information on river otters, learn about their unique adaptations, and play a fun river otter game.

Adults and kids of all ages are welcome to attend this informative program.

For more information, call 715-686-2926 or visit winchesterpubliclibrary.com.

Tintype photography to be featured at the Warehouse

Wisconsin artist Alex Simpson and his portable wet plate collodion tintype studio and darkroom will be at the Warehouse Community Arts Center Saturday, July 22, for the center's Arts on Tap.

Arts on Tap is a free learning/lecture series sponsored in part by a grant from Wisconsin Arts Board. This series is free to attend and open to the public.

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Simpson will set up his pop-up studio and darkroom and provide demonstrations to attendees, offering chances for individuals to have a tintype portrait taken.

This wet plate collodion tintype process was first discovered in 1851 with the initial chemical recipes and procedures made public by Sir Frederick Scott Archer.

Arguably the very beginning of photography as we know it, it was the main technique in image making throughout the 19th century and led to the inventions of most modern imaging technologies today.

Later in the evening, from 7 to 9 p.m., Simpson will give a presentation on his process



A portable tintype studio and darkroom will be on display at the Warehouse Arts Center this coming Saturday, July 22.

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during photography. He will chronicle his experiences traveling throughout the Midwest, making tintype portraits of folks along the way.

Live music

Also scheduled at the Warehouse this week is a performance Friday, July 21, by local singer and songwriter Brett Winters. He will perform from

7 to 9 p.m.

Winters is an indie-folk musician from the North Woods who acoustically and vocally blends classic to modern folk styles.

He has attributed many of the inspirations for his song writing and acoustic talent to life's milestones and road bumps.

More information on Win-

ters and his music can be found at brettwintersmusic.com.

This performance is free, open to the public, and family friendly.

The Warehouse's Inspiration Bar will be open and drinks will be available for purchase during the performance.

For more information, visit eagleriverart.com.

Aspirus recognized for immunization efforts

The Aspirus Rhinelander Clinic — North Shore Drive pediatrics department has earned statewide recognition from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) for vaccination efforts of young patients.

The Rhinelander pediatrics clinic joins Aspirus Kronenwetter Clinic and Aspirus Pediatrics — Wausau as recipients of the 2023 Wisconsin immunization program's annual BigShot award. The award honors organizations that had outstanding immunization rates for 2022, according to data pulled from the Wisconsin Immunization Registry.

The DHS BigShot award

celebrates Vaccines for Children Program providers who are leading the way in protecting children's health by ensuring their pediatric patients are up to date on vaccinations. In 2022, more than 90% of pediatric patients cared for at the three above mentioned clinics were current with their routinely recommended immunizations for Hepatitis A vaccines before the age of two.

"One of the best ways to help protect our children is to vaccinate them from diseases that are dangerous but preventable," said Aspirus physician Amy Slette, M.D. "Vaccines help the immune system fight infections more

efficiently by sparking the immune response to specific diseases."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends parents with infants and toddlers from birth to age 2 years should consider immunizations for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella, Chickenpox, Hepatitis A and B, Pneumonia, and Polio.

"It's always better to prevent a disease rather than treat one after it occurs," added Aspirus physician Paul Fischbuch, M.D. "We're honored to be recognized for our efforts to keep children safe and healthy."

According to the DHS,

people began getting vaccines decades ago on a regular basis, and that greatly reduced the spread of diseases. However, the viruses and bacteria that cause these diseases still exist. Some of them can make you very sick and some are deadly.

DHS officials added vaccines are the best way to prevent serious illness or death from these diseases.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Amy Slette or Dr. Paul Fischbuch, call Aspirus Rhinelander Clinic — North Shore Drive at 715-361-4700.

For more information about Aspirus Health and its other medical providers, please visit aspirus.org.