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Carnivals, fairs and festivals feature a variety of rides, competitions and games for all ages throughout the summer months. Families can plan a day-long outing for food, festivities and fun.

# Fairs, music shows and more planned in the North Woods

Area chambers of commerce and organizations plan events as added attractions to the lakes and forests that already bring people to the North Woods. The activities planned range from art shows to live music and fairs.

In addition to the events listed here, some weekly events are planned throughout the area as well. For information of things happening in a specific town, visit the corresponding chamber of commerce website.

The following is a list of events and activities provided by tourism officials and other sources. Detailed stories on some of the events can be found in this publication.

**Aug. 9, Eagle River Farmers Market** — Shop for fresh produce on Michigan Street in Eagle River from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Guests can choose from a variety of vendors offering fresh produce and crafts. Contact 715-477-0645.

**Aug. 9, Boom and Bust in Eagle River** — Susan Wilkinson will give a presentation at the Walter E. Olson Memorial Library in Eagle River at 1 p.m. about the booms and busts in Eagle River's history. Visit [eagleriverhistory.org](http://eagleriverhistory.org).

**Aug. 9, Concert Crawl** — Bernie Thompson will perform live music at Clearview Supper Club in St. Germain from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Carry-ins are not allowed in order to help support local businesses. Visit [st-germain.com](http://st-germain.com).

**Aug. 9, Music on the Lake** — Juke Dawgs will perform live music at Lakefront Pines Park in downtown Phelps from 6 to 9 p.m. Food and drink will be available for purchase. Seating is not provided. The event is free to the public. Contact 715-545-3800 or visit [phelpswi.us](http://phelpswi.us).

**Aug. 9, Bootleggers Ball** — The Eagle River Historical Society will host this ball with live music, drinks, auctions, and prizes for best dressed. It will take place at

Eagle Waters Resort from 6 to 11 p.m. Contact 715-337-0811.

**Aug. 9, Aqua Devils Waterski Show** — The Aqua Devils waterski team will perform at the Phyllis B. Felland Memorial Water Ski Park in Three Lakes. The show will begin at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. Seating and concessions are provided. Contact 715-617-0883.

**Aug. 9, Live Event at the Center for the Arts** — Wild Instincts owners Mark Naniot and Sharon Larson will introduce their animals at the Three Lakes Center for the Arts from 7 to 9 p.m. The event is free to the public, but donations are welcomed. Visit [tlcfa.org](http://tlcfa.org).

**Aug. 9, Music on Main Street** — Olivia England and Jared Kay will perform on the stage in People's Park in Boulder Junction from 7 to 9 p.m. The event is free to the public. Seating is limited and visitors are encouraged to bring a blanket or chairs. Contact 714-385-2400.

Aug. 9, Skiing Skeeters Waterski Show — The Skiing Skeeters waterski show team will perform in Rest Lake Park in Manitowish Waters from 7 to 8 p.m. Admission to the event is free, but seating is not provided. For more information, visit the Facebook page.

**Aug. 9, Min-Aqua Bats Waterski Show** — The Min-Aqua Bats waterski show team will perform at The Aqua Bowl in Minocqua from 7 to 9 p.m. Admission to the event is free and seating is provided. For more information, visit [min-aquabats.org](http://min-aquabats.org).

**Aug. 10, Flea and Farmers Market** — Guests can shop for fresh produce and time-less treasures at the Manitowish Waters Community Center grounds from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact 920-327-0473.

**Aug. 10-13, Vilas County Fair** — The fair in Eagle River features midway rides and games, food and

ABOUT THE COVER



The Vilas County Fair, now in its 107th year, brings smiles to the faces of adults and children each year in August. Boasting a variety of rides, games, food, refreshments, vendors and exhibits, the four-day event slated Aug. 9-13 this year at the fairgrounds in Eagle River is sure to please.

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refreshments, live entertainment, a petting zoo, horseshoe tournament, tractor pull, horse judging and more. It opens at 5 p.m. on Thursday, 9 a.m. on Friday, and 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Contact 715-479-2057.

**Aug. 10, Car Park Music —** The Nicolet Dropouts will perform at the Snowflake building in Land O' Lakes from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Food and dessert will be available for purchase. Seating is not provided. Entrance to the event is free to the public. Contact 715-547-3950.

**Aug. 10, Chain Skimmers Waterski Show —** The Chain Skimmers waterski show team will perform on Lake Pleasant in Conover from 7 to 9 p.m. Admission to the event is free. Contact 708-205-9180.

**Aug. 10, WRJO Street Dance —** Live music will be provided at the intersection of Main and Wall Street in downtown Eagle River. Food will be available for purchase from the Boy Scouts. Visit the WRJO Facebook page or tune in to 94.5 FM.

**Aug. 11, Learn-to-Fish Musky Workshop —** The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will provide free fishing tips starting at 8:30 a.m. Attendees can head to the Boulder Junction Community Center to listen in. visit [boulderjct.org](http://boulderjct.org).

**Aug. 11-13, Musky Jam-boree —** Live music, food, beverages and other entertainment for all ages will be available during the celebration in downtown Boulder Junction. The event takes place from 7 to 10 p.m. on Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. For more information visit [boulderjct.org](http://boulderjct.org).

**Aug. 11, Min-Aqua Bats Waterski Show —** The Min-Aqua Bats waterski show team will perform at The Aqua Bowl in Minocqua from 7 to 9 p.m. Admission

to the event is free and seating is provided. For more information, visit [min-aquabats.org](http://min-aquabats.org).

**Aug. 12, Art on Main —** Art will be on display for judging on the corner of Highways 45 and A in Three Lakes, across from the Three Lakes Winery from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Live music, food, and beverages will be provided. Admission to the event is free. Visit [tlca.org](http://tlca.org).

**Aug. 12, Music at Pine Isle —** Dave Perron will provide live music at Pike's Pine Isle Lodge in Three Lakes from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Admission to the event is free. Contact 715-546-3333.

**Aug. 12, Skiing Skeeters Show —** The Manitowish Waters Skiing Skeeters show team will perform at Rest Lake Park in Manitowish Waters from 7 to 8 p.m. Seating is not provided and admission is free. Visit the team's Facebook page

**Aug. 12, Plum Ski-ters Waterski Show —** The Plum Ski-ters waterski show team will perform at the State House Point boat landing in Sayner from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Admission to the event is free. Visit [plumskiters.org](http://plumskiters.org) or contact 262-423-7586.

**Aug. 12, Chain Skimmers Show —** The Chain Skimmers waterski show team will perform on Lake Pleasant in Conover from 7 to 9 p.m. Admission to the event is free. Contact 708-205-9180.

**Aug. 12, Min-Aqua Bats Waterski Show —** The Min-Aqua Bats waterski show team will perform at the Aqua Bowl in Minocqua from 7 to 9 p.m. Admission to the event is free and seating is provided. Visit [minaquabats.org](http://minaquabats.org).

**Aug. 13, Eagle River Farmers Market —** Visitors can shop for fresh produce on Michigan Street in Eagle River from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Guests can choose from a variety of vendors offering produce and crafts. Contact 715-477-0645.

**Aug. 13, Running Bear Triathlon —** The Running Bear Triathlon will be held in Three Lakes starting at 11



Children can enjoy a variety of rides at the 2023 Vilas County Fair scheduled Aug. 10-13.

a.m. The race can be completed individually or in teams of two or three. Visit [hutchinsfoundation.com](http://hutchinsfoundation.com) or contact 608-556-1234.

**Aug. 14, Flea Market —** Visitors can shop for treasures at The St. Germain Community Park from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Various vendors will provide unique items and food for purchase. Contact 715-891-7333.

**Aug. 14, Kalmar Bingo —** Bingo will take place at the Kalmar Community Center in Eagle River with card sales beginning at 5 p.m. and play beginning at 7 p.m. Contact 715-337-2510.

**Aug. 14, Mixed Doubles Tennis Pyramid —** The Greater Eagle River Tennis Association will host a mixed doubles pyramid at the Eagle River tennis courts from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Visit [gertatennis.org](http://gertatennis.org).

**Aug. 14, Manitowish Waters Bingo —** The Manitowish Waters Lions Club will host bingo at the Community Center with doors opening at 6 pm. and play beginning at 7 p.m. Contact 920-327-0473.

**Aug. 15, Craft and Flea market —** The outdoor craft and flea market will be held at the Boulder Junction Community Center from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The free event is hosted by the Boulder Junction Lions Club.

**Aug. 15, Eagle River Blood**

**Drive —** Those desiring to donate blood can head to the Aspirus Eagle River Hospital after calling to schedule an appointment between 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Call 800-280-4102.

**Aug. 15, Ladies Open Tennis —** Women can head to the Eagle River tennis courts to practice and play a friendly game of tennis with warm-ups starting at 5:30 p.m. and play beginning at 6 p.m. Visit [gertatennis.org](http://gertatennis.org) or contact 715-891-5051

**Aug. 15, Pow Wow —** The Waaswaaganing Indian Bowl Living Arts and Culture Center will host a powwow at 603 Peace Pipe Road in Lac du Flambeau. The gates will open at 5:30 p.m. with festivities starting at 6 p.m. Visit [indianbowl-project.org](http://indianbowl-project.org).

**Aug. 15, Bubbles Wine Event —** Attendees can enjoy wine from across the Atlantic with knowledgeable wine enthusiasts at Mary Kate's Wine Bar in downtown Eagle River at 6 p.m. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. and tickets are available online. Contact 715-337-2499.

**Aug. 15, Bags and Brews —** Partners can participate in a friendly cornhole tournament at The Sayner Corner Store with registration starting at 7 p.m. and play beginning at 7:30 p.m. Registration costs \$30 per team. Visit [sayner-starlake.org](http://sayner-starlake.org).

# Nature RV Resort promises relaxing getaway for adults

The Land O' Lakes Nature RV Resort is the perfect relaxing destination for vacationers. The age-restricted resort, for adults older than 25, has two lakes, observations towers, a kayak launch and miles of nature trails for hiking and biking.

The 215-acre property was purchased over 30 years ago by DuWayne Reek. DuWayne, his wife Karen, and their children, Matt and Rachel, enjoyed the property for years while DuWayne crafted his vision to transform the property into an exclusive escape for North Woods visitors.

After a brief opening in August of last year, a grand opening took place May 1. The Reeks are hoping for a successful first summer season at the resort.

"We've been blessed with wonderful guests and have received excellent reviews," said Matt who now co-owns the business with his father.

The father and son team continue to look for ways to improve their guests' experience and are looking forward to a successful first season at the resort.

As the name suggests, the main amenity is the natural beauty.

"We have miles of trails that are great for hiking and biking," said Matt. "Our main trail loop also gives guests access to the lake, the Enchanted Forest, and the two observation towers."

The main trail loops around Blue Diamond Lake with additional trail loops through the Enchanted Forest and to the South Observation Tower where you can enjoy views for miles.

The branching trails lead guests to the kayak launch, lake frontage



Nature RV Resort in Land O' Lakes offers a relaxing getaway for adults in the North Woods. Water frontage and miles of hiking trails on the property are available to keep guests entertained during their stay at the resort.

with picnic tables, as well as the North Observation Tower. There are also miles of other trails to explore off the main trail.

Blue Diamond Lake is the larger lake on the property spanning 7.5-acres. It has a kayak launch with kayaks, paddle boards, and a rowboat supplied by resort for the guest's enjoyment.

The Enchanted Forest is a peaceful, more densely forested section behind Blue Diamond Lake with several trails winding through.

"My mom always loved spending time in that area, and she liked to call it the Enchanted Forest, so we decided to name it that in her memory," explained Matt.

A shorter walking trail leads around Peaceful Lake at the front of the property near the sites

and around the uninhabited part of the lake.

The Nature RV Resort has 25 spacious, pull-through sites around the smaller lake on the property, Peaceful Lake. Each site is equipped with a fire ring, picnic table, full-hook ups for water and septic, as well as 20-, 30-, and 50-amp service.

Guests also have access to free firewood and high-speed Wi-Fi while staying at the resort. Solar powered flame lights are posted at each site for the guest's convenience.

"The resort is big rig friendly. We've already had several guests with 40-foot travel trailers and Class-A RVs, and they've navigated easily and appreciate the pull-through sites," said Matt.

The sites are very spacious, but off-site

storage is also available near the nature trails if a guest would like to store a boat or other vehicle.

The resort is very pet friendly. The miles of trails are great for walking dogs, and there are plenty of open spaces for them to play according to the Reeks.

Direct access to the ATV and bike trails is available at Razorback Road. There are a wide range of nearby activities outside the resort for guests to enjoy for the outdoor enthusiast to explore.

"As my dad likes to say, Land O' Lakes is amenity rich," said Matt.

Nature RV Resort is located at 5922 Razorback Road in Land O' Lakes.

For more information, contact DuWayne and Matt at 715-547-4700 or visit [NaturerVResort.com](http://NaturerVResort.com).



The Vilas County Fair offers fun for all ages to enjoy.

## Vilas County Fair to return to Eagle River, Aug. 10-13

The Vilas County Fair will return to the Vilas County Fairgrounds off Highway 70 West in Eagle River, Aug. 10-13.

The fair's midway, operated by Waupaca-based Sheridan Amusements, opens at 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, and at noon Friday through Sunday, Aug. 11-13.

Vilas County Fair board members stated that they are excited to have Sheridan Amusements returning and new bands coming in for entertainment.

Daily wristband specials will include: Thursday, \$20, unlimited rides from 5 to 10 p.m.; Friday, \$25, unlimited rides noon to 10 p.m.; Saturday, \$25, unlimited rides from noon to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, \$20, unlimited rides from noon to 5 p.m. On Saturday receive \$2 off in exchange for the donation of two nonperishable food items to the Vilas Food Pantry or the Humane Society of Vilas County.

Daily attractions at the fair will include exhibits, several shows, chainsaw carving, face painting, a beer garden, and live music.

Sunday, from noon to 2 p.m., a variety of games will be staged for younger fairgoers including a water balloon toss, gunnysack races, and a watermelon-eating contest.

There will be Dan Kirk juggling shows on Friday, 2 and 4 p.m.; Saturday, 2 and 3:30 p.m.; and Sunday at 2 p.m.

The fair will also offer four days of live music from 7 to 11 p.m. including Burton Tyler, Aug. 10; 2 Miles South, Aug. 11; Still Reckless, Aug. 12; and Julien Kozak, Aug. 13.

The annual horseshoe tournament will begin Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m., and Lena mini and modified tractor pulls start Saturday at 4 p.m.

Food and beverage concessions will be available for purchase at the fairgrounds.

Vendor product sales will be conducted in the Commercial Building, with 4-H exhibits and judging in the Exhibit Hall.

Parking will be available adjacent to the fairgrounds for \$5.

The Vilas County Fair has been a local tradition since the first fair was held in Eagle River on Sept. 7, 1916.

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# Spang's in St. Germain offers top quality food and service

A business that started as a family affair more than 50 years ago has stood the test of time, with Spang's Pizza and Pasta in St. Germain still going strong in 2023.

Founders Ed and Ruth Reid vacationed in the North Woods for many years with their five children. During one of these trips, they decided to purchase a building for their vision of an old-school Italian supper club.

The pair purchased what used to be The Hearth Tavern in 1972 for the future site of Spang's. Soon after acquisition, the whole family moved to St. Germain from Evergreen Park, Ill., and when they arrived Ed, Ruth, and the children got to work.

After months of renovations, remodeling, and deep cleaning, the family-run restaurant opened its doors in June of 1972. The entire Reid extended family and loyal friends have made up the staff throughout the restaurant's history.

Ed and Ruth's son, Joe, who's worked at the Italian eatery since he was 14, took over the business from his parents in 1988.

"We'd like to thank our loyal customers, friends, and employees for their help, support, and patronage over the past 51 years," said Joe Reid.

The Reid family has also been active in the community by helping raise funds for community-driven projects in the St. Germain area. Various nonprofit organizations, in addition to the St. Germain Elementary School, have been aided through Spang's countless spaghetti and pizza benefit dinners.

For decades, the busi-



A variety of freshly made pizzas are just one of the delicious options patrons can order while visiting Spang's Restaurant in St. Germain.

ness has seen success as one of the last remaining supper clubs in the North Woods. Nearly the entire menu is made by hand — a touch that has been lost by many of today's restaurants.

"Almost 90% of the menu is made from scratch and our pizzas are hearth-baked by the time-honored, slow-baked process," Reid noted. "The bread, the dough, sauces, pasta, and our meat are all made, processed, and seasoned in-house."

With this success, the business has also lived through tough times including recessions in the early 1990s and 2008, in addition to the Covid-19 pandemic. Full-service dining has been available at Spang's since last June, but after the 2020 government shutdown, Reid said things haven't been the same.

"I still get calls all the time asking if the dining room is open yet, and we've been open for almost a year," he added. "The pandemic really changed a lot, not just for us, but for all restaurants here in the North Woods."

After keeping its doors closed in 2020, Spang's was open in 2021 for curbside and delivery orders, which brought them success. However, Reid noted that in 2022, when more businesses began to reopen their doors, the busy season at Spang's died down a little bit.

"We used to employ 25 to 30 people and now we run the day-to-day operations with about 12," said Reid.

This year, however, Reid has a feeling it's going to be busy. Two years post pandemic is a lot of time for people to get back to their "normal" patterns, and here in the North Woods eating out at a favorite restaurant is one of the many staples of the traditional family vacation, he said.

With new nightly specials and full drink service, Spang's Pizza and Pasta is ready to serve during the 2023 summer season, Reid said. New items like chicken kiev, seafood pasta, veal parmigiana, and a weekly Friday fish fry highlight a traditional Italian menu that Reid and his family have tweaked to perfec-

tion over the years.

"When we first opened in '72, my mom and dad had snowmobilers breakfasts. We tried brunch, we tried lunch, it's just a perception thing; most people perceive us to be open at night for dinner, so that's what we're sticking with," Reid added.

Some new features at the restaurant include online ordering and pamphlet QR codes that bring up the menu on cell phones or mobile devices.

Reid even ships pizzas all around the country. "A couple guys took a bunch of pizzas back to Poland with them one year and that was pretty cool, but the longest distance I've shipped a pizza was out west to Seattle," said Reid.

Spang's Pizza and Pasta will be open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 5 p.m. until close.

"We hope to be able to serve you and your families for many more years to come, and also hope you will visit Spang's again very soon," Joe added.

For more information, visit [app.focuspos.com/spangs](http://app.focuspos.com/spangs) or call 715-477-1200.



A fresh new look awaits guests who come to WalkAbout Apparel and Paddle in Eagle River. An array of goods for every season are in store and there is something for everyone.

# WalkAbout Apparel & Paddle provides service with a smile

WalkAbout Apparel & Paddle first opened its store on Wall Street in Eagle River in 2001, and they have been outfitting customers with a smile ever since.

With lakes and rivers abounding in the North Woods, WalkAbout offers great watercraft variety: kayaks, canoes, stand-up paddleboards, utility docs, and the all-new electric Lift eFoil hydrofoil boards.

WalkAbout features kayaks from Wilderness Systems, Perceptions, and Eddyline, all made in America. Also, the store carries canoes from Souris River and Pelican.

Souris river canoes are available in Kevlar, and Pelican canoes are stocked in rotational molded plastic. WalkAbout also sells a wide variety of stand-up paddleboards from Boardwalks, Gray Duck, and Lifetime.

According to store manager, Alice Krueger, paddleboarding works for both exercise and relaxation, and is an activity suitable for all members of the family.

The newest addition

to WalkAbout are battery-powered hydrofoil boards from Lift, which come in several sizes.

“Hydrofoil surfing is not a flash in the pan,” said David Eibner. “It’s here to stay and it is available to surfers of all ages, from kids to 70-year-olds.”

The eFoil gives riders the experience of a combination of surfing, flying, and deep-powder snowboarding, and the staff at WalkAbout can confirm this experience firsthand after demonstrating the eFoil with the store’s owners.

Handmade in Puerto Rico, Lift boards are shipped by a family-run business that has developed the eFoil, a hydrofoil board that incorporates technology found in smart phones, drones, and even electric vehicles.

The boards propel their operators forward and above the water using an eFoil fin, relying on electric power instead of manual power or wind. They run on a rechargeable lithium battery and create no emissions or noise.

Speeds are controlled by a Bluetooth-connected hand remote and riders can go upwards of 25 mph on a two-hour charge.

“It’s a new and exciting way to experience the North Woods,” said Eibner.

WalkAbout stocks Paddle North utility docks made with durable materials for floating or slipping and sliding. The docks are even safe for dogs. The store also offers a selection of life-jackets for all members of the family, including the family dog, as well as carries many accessories for water activities and camping.

WalkAbout provides demos of all recreational water toys.

“It’s our try-before-you-buy commitment,” said Krueger.

She said WalkAbout’s trained and experienced staff is ready to assist guests.

“We are committed to providing our guests with the best customer service! We’ll find the right boat and paddle to fit your needs, as well as your favorite comfort

leisurewear or footwear that fits just perfect,” said Krueger.

The store is open 7 days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

With a men and women’s department of apparel and shoes, WalkAbout carries many brands of clothing such as Patagonia, Life is Good, Lakegirl, Carhartt, Charlie B, Brighton, prAna, Kuhl, Vera Bradley, and Stormy Kromer, just to name a few.

“We are a dog-friendly store with treats, beds, chewy toys, collars and leashes, as well as life jackets. We enjoy meeting our guests’ furry friends as well,” said Krueger.

The store has a wide variety of Birkenstock sandals, along with Chaco and Reef. They also carry shoes from Merrill, Keen, Sorel, Dansko, and Ugg.

The storefront is located at 622 E. Wall St. in downtown Eagle River. Customers can follow the store on Facebook and Instagram.

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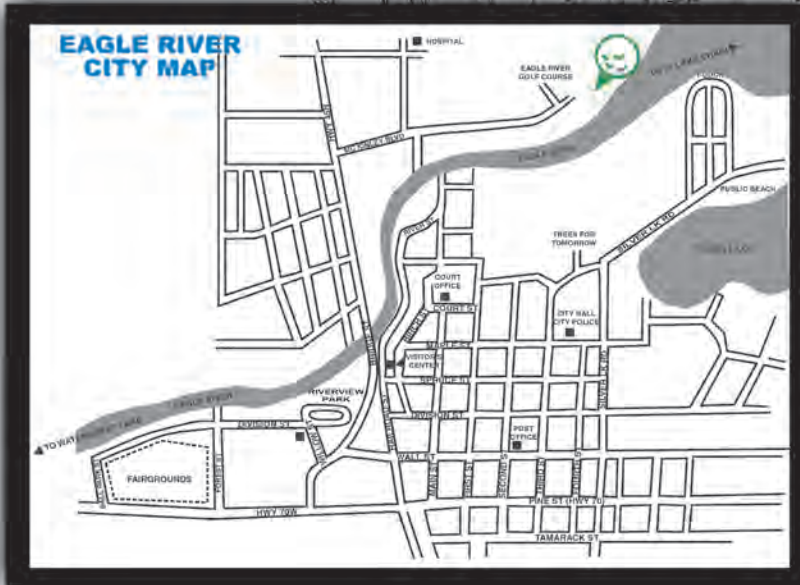
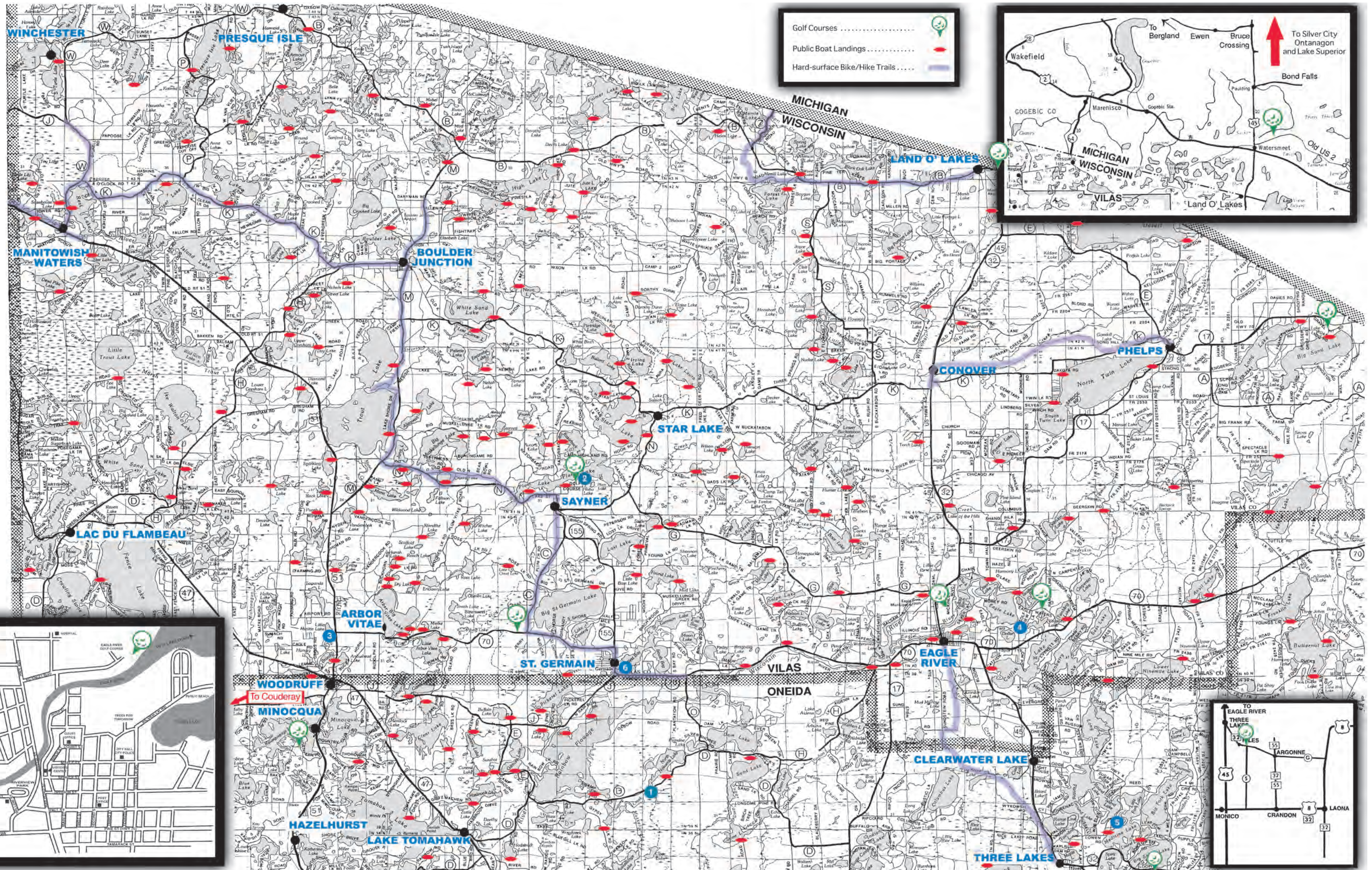
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For trail information, see [vilaswi.com/trail-activities](http://vilaswi.com/trail-activities)

This map shows the approximate location of services and entertainment places in Vilas and Oneida counties. The main highways as shown are accurate. Places listed on this map have placed a display advertisement elsewhere in this publication. You will find useful details about the places by referring to the advertisements.





# Big Stone Golf Course offers more than just nine holes

Over the past few years, Big Stone Golf Course in Three Lakes has implemented numerous improvements, and with head PGA and LPGA Professional Patti Marquis at the helm, a hidden gem awaits golfers in the North Woods.

Currently under the ownership of Three Lakes residents Ed Jacobsen and his wife Sue Sadowske, the course is open to the public and welcomes walkers or cart riders at any time.

Improvements to the course in recent years include the planting of nearly 2,500 saplings and 30 mature trees, the addition of seven new tee boxes and the introduction of an environmentally friendly fertilizer program. All of which have brought renewed life to Big Stone's greens and fairways.

Located at 847 Golf Course Loop Rd. in Three Lakes, a scenic view awaits golfers, guests and everyone in between.

"The course is so beautiful thanks to the grounds crew and it gets better every year," said Marquis. "Superintendent John Schultz, course manager Linelle Sergent, and Bobby Schneider are the three hardest working people I've ever worked with. You could give John a coat hanger and he could fix anything."

Some of the course holes have been lengthened, and with tree trimming and grass management completed, average golfers can challenge their skills and have a chance to score well. Players of all abilities will appreciate the casual atmosphere, smooth consistent greens and enjoyable nine-hole layout.

The PGA has rated the course to a slope of



Head PGA and LPGA professional Patti Marquis (left) gives lessons to golfers of all shapes, sizes and abilities. She has been teaching golf for nearly 50 years and has a knack for finding the right approach to grow the game and lower scores.

129 from the blue tees. Marquis noted that the course is challenging but fair, and added that Big Stone is the "perfect venue" for new or advanced golfers.

Three additional sets of tees are available including white, gold and red sets.

Marquis has been giving lessons at Big Stone Golf Course since 2020. She has been teaching golf for more than 45 years, and has won numerous awards.

In 2022, Marquis was named one of the Top-50 LPGA Teachers in the country. She offers individual lessons and clinics, in addition to classes for new golfers. Classes are available for women, men and juniors.

"Mondays with Patti" is open to all women golfers, regardless of ability. Classes are \$25 per person and run on Mondays from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, July 3, will be the only date this summer when this class

will not run.

Additionally, a junior camp will run July 5, 12, 19 and 26, from 10 a.m. until noon. The cost is \$125 per student. Six different golf leagues are also available for the public to join, including men's and women's leagues, men's and women's senior leagues, a couples league and a men's individual senior league.

With seating available for people inside the air conditioned clubhouse and out on the patio, golfers can meet up with family and friends before or after a round of golf. A late afternoon setting affords many deer sightings of the numerous fawns born on the course, according to Marquis.

The clubhouse patio has views of the course, the local wildlife and Big Stone Lake. A new pavilion, added in 2021, compliments the patio. It can be utilized for special events; or sim-

ply to keep golfers dry during rain, or cool on hot days.

The full-service bar features a broad selection of tap beers, wine, liquor, snacks and the usual golf course fare of brats, sandwiches and pizzas.

Big Stone Golf Course is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. until close, with the last tee time each day being 5:50 p.m.

For more information, to book a tee time or sign-up for lessons, call (715) 546-2100 or visit [bigstonegolfcourse.com](http://bigstonegolfcourse.com).



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## Ask the Lake Guy

BY TED RULSEH

**Dear Lake Guy, why are water weeds important to lake ecosystems?**

**Answer:** On land, weeds are, by definition, plants growing where humans don't want them. Like dandelions in the lawn or burdock in the garden.

But what of the plants that grow in our lakes? Why do we call them weeds? After all, they are essential to healthy lake life as trees are to forest ecosystems, as grasses and forbs are to prairies.

It's true that some water plants are invasive, like Eurasian water milfoil, or are natives that can grow to nuisance proportions.

For the most part, though, water plants promote healthy and diverse fisheries and all manner of aquatic life. They help infuse the water with oxygen. They provide cooling shade and shelter for fish. They can dampen wave action and help prevent shoreline erosion.

Water plants fit into four basic categories; emergent, floating-leaf, submersed, and free-floating.

Emergent plants are those we see along shorelines like cattails, arrowhead, pickerelweed, and various sedges and rushes. Their spongy leaf tissue makes nesting material for muskrats and waterfowl. Their interlocking root and rhizome systems help keep the sediment stable.

Floating-leaf plants, like water lily with white flowers and spatterdock with yellow flowers, grow in slightly deeper water, sending up flexible stalks topped by broad leathery floating pads.

Submersed plants, like cabbage weed and coontail, are the ones anglers look for when seeking places to cast a lure or suspend a bait on a bobber. These plants are diverse in height, leaf structure, root system and lifecycle. Being buoyant, they don't need sturdy stalks. Spongy leaf tissue latticed with air spaces helps with flotation.

Free-floating plants are represented mainly by duckweed, with one to three leaves less than one-eighth inch in diameter that simply drift on the surface. Duckweed is a favorite food for waterfowl and marsh birds.

So when we see these plants in the water, we should remember all the good they do. And then maybe we'll think twice before labeling them as weeds.

*Ted Rulseh, The Lake Guy, lives in the lake country of northern Wisconsin. He is the author of two books about lake life and lake science. You can ask him a question by visiting [thelakeguy.net](http://thelakeguy.net).*

## HairLip Dog to perform at Music in the Park

HairLip Dog will perform Sunday, Aug. 13, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Frank B. Koller Memorial Park in Manitowish Waters.

They perform as part of the Music in the Park series. The series will take place every Sunday until September 10, with some special additions on other days.

Visitors can arrive in cars, boats or any other means of transportation. Dock space is limited, but anchoring to listen on the water is allowed.

Seating is not provided, attendees are encouraged to bring chairs, blankets, food and beverages.

The event is open to the public, free of charge.

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# Timber's Bar in St. Germain features great food and more

Timber's Bar and Grill has entertainment for the whole family from the full bar to the outdoor playground and game room. Guests of all ages can enjoy all it has to offer.

Owners Bobbie and Phil Hams bought a house in the North Woods six years ago, which kickstarted their inclusion in the business. The building and bar had been standing for 90 years before being opened to the public in 2010 by previous owner, Jason Hegewald.

"It was really talking to Jason that got us into the business," according to Bobbie. Shortly after moving to the area, the Hams were able to get involved with the bar and eventually own it.

"My parents owned restaurants when I was younger so I'm familiar with that part," said Bobbie. "The challenge was learning the bar-side of the business. It was a different side that was completely new to me."

Bobbie and Phil continue to expand the business today. New additions have been made to the menu, as well as the inclusion of live music in their scheduled events. Additionally, the friendly staff has been growing since the new owners came in.

"My staff is always looking out for each other, whether it's for coverage or anything else," explained Bobbie. She is certain that the staff will serve all patrons with a smile.

They are excited to see the returning patrons, as well as meet the new ones.

"I met some new visitors from California recently and they loved our burgers," she noted. "They said it was the best they ever had which is exactly what we're



Owners Phil and Bobbie Hams can often be seen working and visiting with patrons of their establishment, Timber's Bar and Grill.

known for."

"It's surprising how many people have never been here before," continued Bobbie. "The building has been here for over 100 years, but the number of new people is pretty shocking."

Entertainment around the bar is something that attracts guests of all ages. Live music and seven flat screen TV's are just some of the many things it offers.

"We show a lot of different sports games from baseball to hockey," she explained "People can come here to see any game they want to watch while enjoying a great meal from our kitchen."

Live music will play every other weekend at the bar. Various artists will come to the bar to play either on the deck, or inside depending on the weather and the time. The full schedule is on the Timber's website, as well as other events going on at the bar.

In addition to the events, guests can take a look around the bar for entertainment.

"We display a lot of cool license plates on the walls," said Bobbie "All of them are custom

plates, so if any of our guests have interesting ones they're welcome to bring them in for us to hang."

According to Bobbie, the business is very family oriented.

"Parents can enjoy a drink at the bar while their kids play in the game room, or out on the deck." She said "It's easy to keep an eye on the little ones while still enjoying yourself here."

Pets are welcome at the bar too. As long as they're on a leash, guests are welcome to bring their pets and enjoy a meal and drink on the outdoor porch. Picnic tables are available outside for guests with a furry friend.

Timber's has a small beachfront on the lake with docking available for guests to park their vessels, with more space on the way.

"A highlight this year is the new lot we bought," noted Bobbie "We have more space for boat parking, and we're hoping to build a duplex to rent out this winter."

The bar is located on Little Saint Germain Lake, with access to UTV, and bike trails. It's

available by most modes of transportation according to Bobbie, right off of Highway 70 with signs posted to guide guests to the building.

There is a full bar, with special summer cocktails posted on the wall. The list is updated each summer to offer guests specialized summer drinks to enjoy.

Timber's is most known for its burgers, which has people raving according to owners, but they also offer pizza and wraps. New this year are the gluten-free bun options as well as two vegan meals.

Weekly specials are another exciting part of the menu. It offers a taco special on Monday, a wing special on Wednesday, a Chicago dog special on Thursday, a fish and shrimp special on Friday, and a kitchen's choice special on Saturday and Sunday.

The hours are 11 a.m. to midnight on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday.

For more information, visit [thetimbersbar.com](http://thetimbersbar.com) contact 715-479-3059.

# Boulder Junction Musky Jamboree set for Aug. 11-13

Boulder Junction will host the 66th annual Musky Jamboree Friday to Sunday, Aug. 11-13. Each day will have various activities for attendees of all ages to enjoy.

Attendees are invited to kick-off the event with a Learn To Fish Musky Workshop hosted by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and local fishing guides. The class will start at 8 a.m. at the Boulder Junction Community Center for individuals older than 12 with little to no muskie fishing experience.

It will start with classroom lessons aimed toward muskie identification, biology, and fishing techniques. Lunch will be provided to all registered participants and mentors.

Following the classroom lessons, participants will hit the water with local fishing mentors for a chance to catch muskie.

The event is free of charge to participants, with the exception that all participants engaged in fishing will be required to

possess a valid Wisconsin fishing license. Participants will be provided with all the necessary equipment and a boat to fish from.

For information on how to participate, contact Conservation Warden Brad Dahlquist at 715-623-4190.

Later that evening live music will be provided by Hip Pocket from 7 to 10 p.m. between Coontail and Sauter Builders for the Friday night street party. American Legion Post 451 will provide drinks on-site for visitors.

The Musky Fun Run will begin Saturday morning with a 5K and 10K option, both starting at 8 a.m. Races commence at Boulder Junction Sports and Recreation Park.

Check-in for the races is from 7 to 7:45 a.m. The cost of registration is \$30 and includes a race T-shirt, refreshments, a chip-timed bib and the awards ceremony.

Online registration is open until Thursday, Aug. 10, at noon. Printable

forms can be dropped off at the Boulder Junction Chamber of Commerce until Friday, Aug. 11, at noon. Walk-in registration is permitted.

Following the 10K run, children's 1K and 100 yard dash races will begin at approximately 9 a.m. at the park.

These free races are open to youths younger than 10.

The awards ceremony will begin after the races are completed.

Parking is available at the ballpark and the flats located on Marsh Road, directly across from the chamber office. Strollers and leashed pets are permitted for the race.

Also on Saturday will be the historical society's History Day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Barbecue, brats, a bake sale, raffle drawings and a children's drawing contest will be held at the Boulder Junction Community Center.

Additionally, Erv Keller will give a presentation called "Fish Tales" and will provide some

fishing tips and techniques.

That evening, Scott Kirby will perform live music at the Aqualand Ale House from 6 to 9 p.m.

The celebration will come to a close on Sunday Aug. 13, with the 31st annual Musky Jamboree Car Show starting at 9:30 a.m.

The car show will be located on Highway M North and Main Street in Boulder Junction.

Observers can cast votes on their favorite car from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Awards will be presented at 2:30 p.m. to the top three in multiple classes.

In addition to the car show, the Musky Jamboree Arts and Crafts Show

will be held with vendors occupying Highway M South and Main Street. The show will offer various hand-crafted items like jewelry, pottery, fine art items and more.

The Boulder Junction Lions Club Flea and Farmer's Market will also take place on the community center grounds.

A children's casting contest will take place 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the west end of Main Street near the car show. Children from ages 5 to 14 can show off their casting skills and compete for prizes that will be given out at 2:15 p.m.

Next to the casting contest will be the Meet the Guides booth, where visitors can stop for fishing tips and tricks from

fishing guides.

Children may also enjoy the Kids Zone on Highway M South with a bounce house, a 20-foot slide, water ball and goldfish toss.

The Musky Day Fly-In will also take place during the celebration from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Payzer Memorial Field. Guests can go to the field or just look overhead to see the planes.

At the east end of Main Street, Olivia England will play from 10 to 11:30 a.m., followed by Bob Palmer from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Troy Graham will also perform from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the stage in People's Park.

For more information, visit muskyjamboree.com, or contact 715-385-2400.

## Miles of bike trails available in the North

Visitors and residents have an opportunity to enjoy the 52-mile bike trail, known as The Heart of Vilas County Bike Trail System.

The trails connect Mercer to St. Germain and many sections have recently been freshly paved. There are various campgrounds and trail side motels for bikers to stay at as well as many opportunities for hiking and swimming.

Each part of the trail is funded by donations from the community in which it lies. Copies of the trail map can be picked up at local Chambers of Commerce.

The "Map it Vilas

County" app is another way for bikers to access the map. The app will match bikers with a route that matches their activity and ability. It allows access to 61 different hiking, biking, paddling and skiing trails. Users can see their location on the map even without cell signal.

The Heart of Vilas Bike Trail System's Fixtation is an outdoor bike stand equipped with tools and a tire pump built in for anyone that needs to air up or tune up their bike while on the trail.

There are several stations available throughout the trail system,


including Fixtations provided in Boulder Junction, Sayner, St. Germain, and Manitowish Waters.

In Boulder Junction, there is a Fixtation at the intersection of Highways M and N, and another at the intersection of Highway K and H.

There are two Fixtations in Sayner; one at The Mobil Station and the other at The Corner Store.

There are also Fixtations at the Chambers of Commerce in St. Germain and Manitowish Waters.

For more information or a copy of the map, visit biketheheart.org.



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This church directory will run each week in Vacation Week. If you would like information about having your church added to the list, please stop in at the News-Review or call (715) 479-4421.

# Eagle River Farmers Market offers fresh foods and more

The 19th annual Eagle River Farmers Market season is in full swing twice a week at the farmers market lot just north of the bridge on Highway 45.

The market will be open every Wednesday through Oct. 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sundays starting May 28 through Oct. 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Farmers markets serve as key components in preserving local and regional food production and supply and are essential to our local economy.

“The local farmers, artisans, crafters, and



Buyers can seek out fresh produce, handmade crafts and beautiful bouquets from the market.

tradespeople provide amazing, high-quality products that you

just cannot find in the stores,” stated Market Manager Karen Margolofsky. “The vendors love to build relationships with their customers, and most can create custom designs or take orders to meet your shopping needs.”

Each week, up to 30 vendors will sell a variety of locally grown goods, including seedlings, fruits, vegetables, meat, cheese, eggs, baked and canned goods, dips, syrups, honey, jams, jellies, kimchi, herbs, relishes, breads, plants, fresh-cut flowers and much more.

The Eagle River Revitalization Program, City of Eagle River, and volunteers are anticipating a great start this season with an outstanding variety of vendors.

“Just like shopping our small, locally owned downtown businesses, you are truly supporting a family when you buy from our market vendors,” added Margolofsky.

Each market will feature a few local nonprofit organizations sharing their mission and education on how they are serving our community as well.

For more information, eagleriverrevitalization.org/farmers-market or call/text 715-522-0900.



Many waterski teams throughout the North Woods provide free weekly shows for vacationers and locals to enjoy.

## Weekly waterski shows provide family entertainment

Those seeking evening entertainment on some of the area’s most beautiful lakes should check out the array of local waterski shows scheduled each week.

Spectators are invited to watch skilled water skiers perform tricks, jumps, flips, and other challenging waterski stunts in the beautiful surroundings of North Woods lakes.

Locally, shows are held in Three Lakes, Sayner, Conover, Minocqua, and Manitowish Waters.

For more information, contact area chambers of commerce or the numbers listed here to check on show times. Many ski teams also can be found on Facebook for the latest updates.

The Chain Skimmers water ski show team will hold shows every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 7 p.m. through August on Lake Pleasant, north of Conover off Highway 45. For more information, contact 708-205-9180, or visit its Facebook page.

The Three Lakes Aqua Devils waterski show team will perform Wednesdays and Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. on Big Stone Lake, June 21 through Aug. 9. For more information, visit aquadevils.org.

The Plum Ski-ers waterski show team performs on Plum Lake Wednesdays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. through the end of July. The show site is located at Statehouse Point Boat Landing on Razorback Road off Highway N in Sayner. For more information, visit plumskiter.org or call 262-423-7586.

The Min-Aqua

Bats Water Ski Club of Minocqua will perform Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays at 7 p.m. through mid-August at the Aqua Bowl in Minocqua. For more information, contact the club at 715-575-9754, club@min-aquabats.com, or visit min-aquabats.com.

The Manitowish Waters Skiing Skeeters will perform Wednesdays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. through the middle of August. The shows take place at Rest Park. For more information, contact the club at 715-543-8488 or visit its Facebook page.

## Bret and Frisk to perform for St. Germain Concert Crawl

Bret and Frisk will perform Wednesday, Aug. 16, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the 19th Hole Sports Bar and Grill in St. Germain.

This is the last performance of the St. Germain Live! Concert Crawl, a music series that took place at various businesses in town.

Attendees are asked to not bring carry-ins, and to support the local business.

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## Naturalist presentation slated in Boulder Junction

The Boulder Junction Public Library presents both award-winning weaver Mary Burns, and local author, naturalist and educator John Bates, Thursday, Aug. 10, at 7 p.m. at the Boulder Junction Community Center.

In this joint program, Burns will tell the stories of the women from one of her exhibits. Her husband, John Bates, will highlight the water issues the world currently faces, which may grow if individuals don't change the way water is perceived and conserved. He will share stories of both massive challenges and positive solutions.

Burns will speak about "Women and Water: A Global Exhibit," which celebrates and honors water by portraying women who work with it, protect it and advocate for it. In many traditional cultures, water is imbued with feminine roles and symbolism, with women serving as the protectors of water.

Her jacquard weavings will be showcased at the David R. Obey Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center in Ashland until Oct. 16. Featured are 39 women from 20 countries, including scientists, water walkers, teachers, farmers, activists and healers, all who hold deep connections with water and have remarkable stories.

It is Burns' hope that this globally-inspired exhibit will help develop and strengthen our own ties with water, and inspire actions to further protect our waters.

She is the creator of the handwoven jacquard exhibit "Ancestral Women: Wisconsin's 12 Tribes" as well as her current exhibit "Women and Water: Woven Portraits from Around the World."

The portraits for these exhibits are crafted on her unique hand-operated jacquard loom from Norway. She is one of only 30 individuals in the United States who currently owns such a loom and works professionally with it. A 124-page color book illustrating the exhibit was recently published and will be available for purchase after the program.

Burns' love of weaving began in high school art class, and for many years she wove rug-weight wall hangings, which reside in private homes across the country. She also creates and teaches tapestry weaving, felting, and eco-printing.

She has received many awards, including the Best of Show at Wausau's Festival of Arts in 2008 and 2012.

Bates is the author of 10 books and a contributor on eight others, all of which focus on the natural history of the North Woods.

He has worked as a naturalist in Wisconsin's North Woods for 33 years, leading an array of trips and giving talks all designed to help people further understand the remarkable diversity and beauty of nature, and our place within it.

This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Bates and Burns will be selling and signing books after the program.

For more information call 715-385-2050 or email [info@boulderjunction.wislib.org](mailto:info@boulderjunction.wislib.org).

# Smoked barbecue, unique meats offered at Bad Bones in Arbor Vitae

Bad Bones BBQ has been deemed one of the most absolute must-visit spots for any barbecue enthusiast.

Opened in 2017, the restaurant has quickly become a popular destination for locals and tourists alike, thanks to its delicious menu, friendly staff and inviting atmosphere.

Located in Arbor Vitae, the restaurant faces Little Muskie Lake, a perfect place for guests to catch a sunset and enjoy a meal.

Aaron Amershek and his wife, Jesse, bought the business and are now heading into their sixth summer as owners of the restaurant.

"Barbecuing started as a side hustle for me, but when a friend told me this place was for sale, my wife and I came to see it and we ended up buying the place," said Amershek.

Originally from Kansas, this barbecue specialist is self-taught and had never owned a restaurant before moving to the North Woods.

"I was originally in advertising, but when I came up here, I liked what I saw and decided to take a shot," said Amershek. "I saw an opportunity in the mar-



Barbecue lovers can find sunsets, smoked meats and flavor-filled sides at Bad Bones BBQ in Arbor Vitae. Pizza and craft beers also attract many guests.

ket and figured, why not fill it!"

Six years later, Amershek is gearing up for another summer.

One of the standout features of Bad Bones BBQ is its commitment to using only the freshest ingredients in its dishes. From the succulent smoked meats to the flavorful sides, every item on the menu is made with care and attention to detail.

Whether visitors are in the mood for pulled pork, brisket or chicken, Bad Bones BBQ has got it covered.

What really sets Bad

Bones BBQ apart is the friendly and welcoming atmosphere created by the staff.

From the moment patrons walk in the door, they are greeted with a smile and made to feel like part of the family. The restaurant's cozy interior, complete with rustic decor and comfortable seating, only adds to the warm and inviting ambiance.

In addition to their boisterous meat menu, the business boasts a fantastic selection of homemade sides and desserts.

Fan favorites include the coleslaw with homemade dressing, and a loaded potato salad that is rich, creamy and packed with flavor. The eatery also offers a homemade bread pudding with praline sauce, served cold or deep-fried.

Bad Bones Barbecue offers a full menu of southern-style barbecue, including items such as pulled pork, brisket, ribs and chicken, all cooked in the smoker that can be seen just outside the restaurant.

Diners can enjoy sandwiches, combo

meals and more. Hand-cut fries, cheese curds, and macaroni and cheese are just a few of the sides offered with a meal.

Pizza is offered during non-peak season, from October to May.

The restaurant also offers a selection of craft beers.

"There are 17 different Wisconsin breweries represented currently at Bad Bones," said Amershek. "We really support buying local."

Bad Bones BBQ also caters events such as anniversaries, graduations and weddings with anywhere from 40-plus people.

Business hours are Wednesdays through Saturdays from noon to 9 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 8 p.m.

Those interested are invited to Bad Bones' Sunday night porch party for live music every Sunday from 5 to 8 p.m. until October.

Bad Bones Barbecue is located at 1421 US Highway 51 N. in Arbor Vitae.

For more information, visit [northwoodsbbq.com](http://northwoodsbbq.com) or call 715-358-0200.



Visitors are greeted with a smile and treated like family in the restaurant's cozy atmosphere.

# Scenic waterfalls of Upper Peninsula in Michigan not far from Vilas County

Scenic waterfalls of the U.P. not far from Vilas

The Upper Peninsula (U.P.) of Michigan is home to more than 300 waterfalls, with several located about an hour or less from the Eagle River area.

Five U.P. waterfalls that are a short drive from Eagle River include Bond Falls, Agate Falls, O Kun de Kun Falls, Gorge Falls and Potawatomi Falls.

Bond Falls is in the western U.P. on Bond Falls Road east of Paulding, Mich., on the Middle Branch of the Ontonagon River.

The main drop is 40

feet high and 100-plus feet wide. Above the main falls are a series of cascades and rapids that must drop a total of 20 feet. The water level is controlled by a dam and a steady flow over the falls is maintained for scenic reasons.

Bond Falls is a Michigan State Scenic Site. The site was renovated about 2003. The old parking area was upstream of the falls and a steep concrete stairway (still used by many) led to the base of the falls. The new parking area is near the base of the falls and a level boardwalk leads hikers to prime views of the falls.



O Kun de Kun Falls is one of many waterfalls adventurers can enjoy in the North Woods. Waterfalls can provide entertainment for the whole family in the summer.

Agate Falls, also on the Middle Branch of the Ontonagon River, is another Michigan State Scenic Site located 6.5 miles east of Bruce Crossing, Mich., on Highway 28.

There is parking at Joseph F. Oravec Roadside Park just past the bridge over the Ontonagon River. This is one of the largest and most impressive waterfalls in Michigan, dropping about 40 feet.

O Kun de Kun Falls, named after an Ojibwe chief, is one of the largest of the waterfalls in Ontonagon County and is located on the Baltimore River.

The trailhead to the falls is located on the east side of Highway 45 about 8 miles north of Bruce Crossing. There are signs for the parking area. The trail to the falls is part of the North Country Trail. It is a mile-plus hike to O Kun de Kun Falls and there are no fences or signs.

While it is not as large as Bond or Agate falls, it is just as scenic and far wilder. It drops about 25 feet. The waterfall is also unusual in that it is an actual plunge falls.

Before hikers reach the main falls, they will see a smaller 10-foot plunge upstream, but should keep going as the real falls is just a short distance downstream. The trail crosses a suspension bridge below the falls.

Gorge Falls is named for the deep and narrow gorge above and below the falls and is part of Black River Scenic Byway waterfalls. It is also one of the easier waterfalls to visit, being only a short distance from the parking area.

There are a fair number of stairs to the falls overlook. It is only a short walk upstream to see Potawatomi Falls.

The Black River Scenic Byway starts north of Highway 2 near Bessemer, Mich. There are signs on Highway 2. Gorge Falls is about 14.5 miles north of Highway 2. The scenic area is on the right and is clearly marked.

Potawatomi Falls drops 30 feet and is just upstream of Gorge Falls, and is reached from the same parking area. Potawatomi is the name of one of the native tribes. This waterfall is wheelchair-accessible.

## Juke Dawgs to perform for Music on the Lake

Juke Dawgs will perform Wednesday, Aug. 9, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Lakefront Pines Park located in downtown Phelps. This is the last performance of the event, Music on the Lake.

There will be food and beverages available for purchase from the Phelps Fire Department, the RBA Food Truck, Dublin's Paddy Wagon and Phelps-Land O' Lakes Lions Club.

Seating will not be provided and attendees are encouraged to bring their own chairs or blankets.

For more information, call 715-545-3800, or visit [phelpswi.us](http://phelpswi.us).

## Running Bear Triathlon scheduled in Three Lakes

The sixth annual Running Bear Triathlon will be held Sunday, Aug. 13, in Three Lakes.

The race will start at 11 a.m. at the Triangle Motel in Three Lakes, located at 6985 Javen Road.

This is a unique point-to-point triathlon beginning in Three Lakes and ending at the lakeside cabin of Ed and Gwen Hutchins.

The event winds through the North Woods, beginning with a 15K bicycle ride, followed by a 5K run around a peninsula, and then a 0.2K swim ending at 7791 Friedle Road with awards and celebration to follow.

Online registration is open now. All ages are welcome, and a relay

option is available for two- or three-person teams.

Day-of registration will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Cost to register is \$60 for an individual, \$85 for a two-person team and \$110 for a three-person team.

All proceeds will benefit Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) of the Northwoods camp scholarships, the Three Eagle Trail, and Three Lakes High School sports organizations.

This race is sponsored by Ed and Gwen Hutchins Family Foundation.

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## Flea market scheduled Wednesdays in Three Lakes

The Fireman's Flea Market is held at Cy Williams Park each Wednesday throughout the summer, announced the Three Lakes Chamber of Commerce.

The weekly market offers flea, craft, direct sales, and farm items to shoppers.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., weather permitting.

Vendors interested in taking part in the market can do so for a cost of \$10 per week, payable in advance or the day of the market. Vendors should email [events@threelakes.com](mailto:events@threelakes.com) for an application or more information.

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# Watersmeet's Northern Waters hosts numerous slot machines

Individuals looking for food, golf, gambling and entertainment options, can find them all at the Northern Waters Casino Resort in Watersmeet, Mich.

Big changes in the last few years have transformed the former Lac Vieux Desert Casino into a remodeled, re-energized and renamed to become Northern Waters Casino Resort.

The casino floor and décor feature a new and warmer atmosphere.

Beyond a revitalized casino floor with many of the newest and most popular slot machines, other changes include a new upscale sports bar, a remodeled food court, hotel room improvements and a remodeled event center.

"The casino was built over 20 years ago with a Las Vegas feel -- neon, stark colors, lots of bright reds and yellows. We wanted to make it a more inviting, warmer feel," said Gary Murrey, casino general manager.

"We wanted to reconnect with nature and embrace where we are from as our inspiration to use earth tones, animals and the woods."

Northern Waters continues to show that it pays to play. Amy, a



Northern Waters Casino Resort has undergone various updates to create a warmer atmosphere. Many new slot machines are also available for guests.

North Woods resident, was playing the Game of Thrones progressive slot machine. Not even five minutes into her visit, she hit the jackpot for a win of over \$1.4 million. Northern Waters has also paid out a \$5.2 million jackpot in the past.

Located about eight miles north of the Wisconsin-Michigan border in Michigan's Western Upper Peninsula. It's owned and operated by the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Native Americans.

Northern Waters Casino Resort has over 500 slot machines and is connected to 132-room Dancing Eagle Hotel which offers a variety of rooms and suites to



The resort offers a sports bar, food court and event center in addition to the 500-plus slot machines.

choose from and a heated indoor pool. There are also multiple dining options as well as the region's largest sports bar.

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For more information, call 906-358-4226 or visit online at [northernwaterscasino.com](http://northernwaterscasino.com).

## Eagle River's last street dance scheduled for Thursday

WRJO 94.5 FM radio's popular street dance series will conclude with the final performance this week.

DJ Justin Pitlik will be the last to provide live music at the event Thursday, Aug. 10. WRJO noted that the entertainment is subject to change.

The street dance takes place at the intersection of Wall and Main streets in downtown Eagle River. In addition to live music, Eagle River Boy Scouts will serve food and prizes will be available to win. There will be a beer garden available for beverages.

Attendees can bring along their own lawn chair for the event. In case of inclement weather, the dance will move to Shotskis on White Pine Drive.

For more information visit the facebook page or tune in to 94.5 FM.

## Olivia England and Jared Kay to perform for Music on Main

Olivia England and Jared Kay will perform Wednesday, Aug. 9, from 7 to 9 p.m., on a stage at People's Park located in downtown Boulder Junction.

They will play as the last installation of Music on Main Street, a summer music series in Boulder Junction.

Seating is limited; attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on. Carry-ins are allowed and restrooms will be available.

In the case of inclement weather, the event will be canceled.

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## Waaswaaganing Indians to host season's final pow wow

The Waaswaaganing Indian Bowl Living Arts and Culture Center will hold its final pow wow event of the season.

The last scheduled Pow Wow will be Tuesday, Aug. 15, at 7 p.m. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. and the pre-show will start at 6:30 p.m.

The Pow Wows will be held at 603 Peace Pipe Road in Lac du Flambeau.

The cost is \$10 for adults ages 18 to 54, \$5 for seniors ages 55 and older, \$3 for Lac du Flambeau (LDF) tribal members, \$1 for youth younger than six and LDF elders attend for free.



Pow wows are a unique way to experience culture in the North Woods and take place in Lac du Flambeau.

For more information, visit [indian-](http://indian-bowlproject.org)

[bowlproject.org](http://indian-bowlproject.org) or call 715-588-9325.

### Cornhole night set in Sayner

Tourists and locals are invited to join in friendly competition at three Bags and Brews Cornhole Night events, sponsored by the Sayner-Star Lake Chamber of Commerce.

The final event is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 15, at The Corner Store.

Registration for teams of two begins at 7 p.m. for each event and the first toss will be at 7:30 p.m.

Cost is \$30 to register.

"Whether you've played cornhole for years or are trying for the first time, this promises to be a delightful few nights out in Sayner-Star Lake," said event committee Chair Helen Bryner.

For more information, visit [sayner-star-lake.org](http://sayner-star-lake.org) or contact Bryner at 407-624-9071.

### 42nd annual Paul Bunyan Fest planned for Aug. 16

The 42nd annual Paul Bunyan Fest will take place Wednesday, Aug. 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in downtown Eagle River.

The family-fun event will include chainsaw carving demonstrations by Ken Schels, over 80 arts and crafts booths and live music from the Pinery Boys.

Food will be available from the Sno-Eagle Snowmobile Club as well as

beverages.

Throughout the event, downtown businesses will have sidewalk sales taking place.

This family event is sponsored in part by Republic Services and the Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center.

For more information, contact the chamber at 715-479-6400 or visit [eagleriver.org](http://eagleriver.org).

### The Nicolet Dropouts to perform at Car Park Music

The Nicolet Dropouts will perform Thursday, Aug. 10, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Snowflake Ice Rink in Land O' Lakes.

They perform as part of the Car Park Music Series. There will be several other performances on Thursdays through August as part of this ongoing music series hosted by Land O' Lakes Arts.

The performances are open to the public and admission is free.

Food and dessert will be available for purchase from the RBA Food Truck and The Sawbuck.

Seating will not be provided and visitors are encouraged to bring their own chairs or blankets.

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