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Historical society reaches \$100,000 fundraising goal

BY NEWS-REVIEW STAFF

Eagle River Historical Society (ERHS) has successfully met and exceeded its first-year goal of raising \$100,000 — part of a capital campaign which will go toward erecting a new Heritage Center and expanding other historical society services and programs.

In 2022, the Tawani Foundation awarded a three-year matching grant to ERHS, in addition to a planned gift of \$300,000. The grant requires that ERHS match the funds one-to-one for each of the

three years.

After a successful three-year match, the total amount in the fund will be \$900,000.

ERHS President Alice Kramer expressed herself as “beyond happy,” and added that meeting the first-year matching gift ensures that the society will be able to break ground in 2024 on the planned heritage center. The center will be built on the main campus as an addition to the existing museum at 1181 Highway 45 South.

Society Executive Director Karen Sailer said that this grant and gift package is “nothing less than life-changing.” In addition to funding

the heritage center project, funds also will be put toward the endowment whose interest will help support paid staff.

“The support of the Tawani Foundation guarantees that the society will be able to fully implement its 21st century strategic plan and fulfill its vision,” said Sailer.

The centerpiece of the heritage center will be a community meeting and conference area. Kramer highlighted that not only will this addition allow a major expansion of society programs, traveling exhibits, and collaborative ventures, but it will be avail-

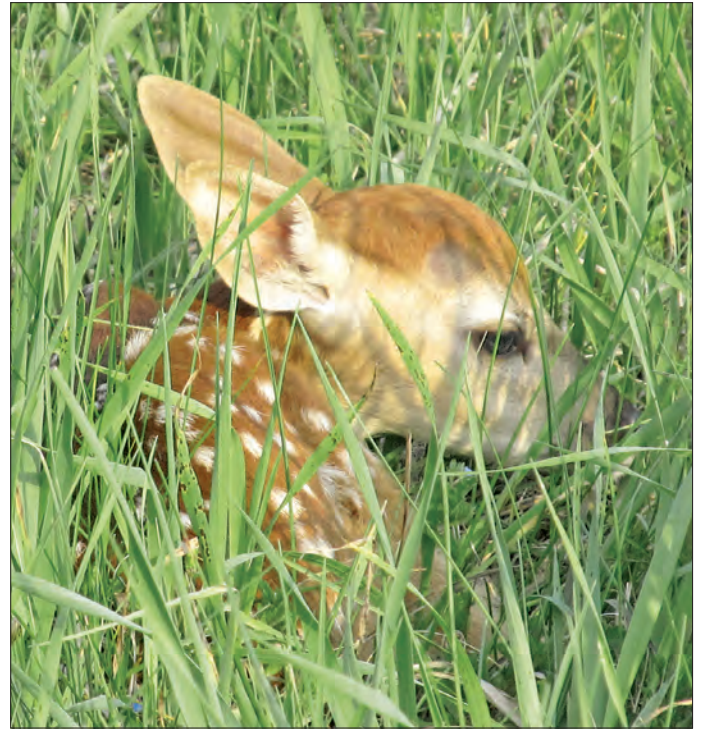
able to other community groups as well.

Kramer and Sailer agree that this is a big step toward making ERHS a recognized community and economic asset.

The ERHS has been attempting to further this goal in other areas as well including working with the Main Street Program and Eagle River Revitalization Project Executive Director Karen Margelofsky toward the creation of a historic district in downtown Eagle River.

That plan took a big step forward this spring when

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FIRST FAWN — Fawns are starting to appear in the area and can be found bedded down in hiding while mother does go in search of food. People are reminded to leave fawns alone if they find one unattended. —Photo By Ken Anderson



SMILING SENIORS — Graduating Northland Pines seniors were all smiles as they headed out of the field house last Sunday after receiving their diplomas. More photos of the ceremony are on pg. 1B.

—Staff Photo By MICHELLE DREW

News-Review to launch new website Thursday

BY NEWS-REVIEW STAFF

The Vilas County News-Review and The Three Lakes News will be launching a new website at 10 a.m. this Thursday, June 8.

Under construction for the past five months, the new website is more dynamic, fresh, and offers all visitors a wide range of public records and local news that includes obituaries, letters to the editor, the North Woods Trader, and special sections.

All visitors will be required to create a new account on their first visit. Current subscribers to our full website and newspaper e-editions must use the email address currently associated with their digital subscription in

order to be recognized in the new system for subsequent log-ins.

As part of the account sign-up, subscribers must click “email newsletter” on the dashboard to activate the process for getting a weekly reminder that the website and e-editions are ready for viewing.

“The upgrade to a more dynamic and user-friendly site will be helpful to our readers,” said Publisher Kurt Krueger. “But it’s also about delivering a live, local, and regional audience to our advertisers who, like our subscribers, are the backbone to

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Tribal members caught spearing illegally on Trout

BY DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

For the second time in as many spring harvest seasons, members of the Lac du Flambeau Tribe were caught illegally spearing walleye on lakes within the Ceded Territory, but outside the jurisdiction of the reservation boundaries.

According to a report released by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Quentin Charles Negani and Melvin Gate LaBarge Jr., both of Lac du Flambeau, were issued citations for fishing by illegal means after being confronted on private property the night of Sunday, May 14, on the west shore of Trout Lake in the town of Arbor Vitae.

In their possession were six walleye, all that were speared by the two individuals that night. In addition to the illegal spearing, the individuals were issued citations for trespassing and timber theft.

LaBarge was also issued a citation for obstructing/resisting a law enforcement officer as he fled the scene initially

and was captured by members of the sheriff’s department and Wisconsin DNR later that same evening.

Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission (GLFWC) officers also informed LaBarge that he would be issued citations from their department as well.

The report released by the DNR stated that their law enforcement officials received information about possible illegal activity happening in the area and investigated during the daytime hours. It is the second time in as many years officials have discovered illegal spearing activity off of the reservation by members of the tribe.

Last year, three Lac du Flambeau tribal members were caught after having speared 126 walleyes illegally on Squirrel Lake in Oneida County, a case that led to the confiscation of the boat, motor, trailer, spearing equip-

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Beerfest to feature 27 breweries Saturday

BY MICHELLE DREW
EDITOR

The annual Up North Beerfest will be held rain or shine this weekend, giving 27 breweries the opportunity to showcase their best blends of grain, hops and yeast.

The sell-out event will take place at the Hi-Pines Campground in Eagle River Friday and Saturday, June 9-10. It begins with a Premier Beer Night on Friday from 6 to 8 p.m., followed by the main Beerfest event Saturday from 2 to 6 p.m.

Friday’s Premier Beer Night — billed as a “more eloquent tasting of hand-crafted beers,” will feature 13 of the 27 breweries offering beers that will not be available at Saturday’s event.

“We will literally be rolling out the red carpet for this evening,” said Eagle River Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Kim Emerson. “There will be live entertainment by Hijinx, tasty hors d’oeuvres, and a special glass for the showcased samplings for all to enjoy.”

Tickets are on sale



The popular Up North Beerfest will return to Hi-Pines Campground this Saturday featuring more than two dozen craft breweries. Tickets

for Saturday’s main event are still available for a cost of \$50 each through the Eagle River Chamber. —STAFF PHOTO

now at a cost of \$75 each for Premier Beer Night. They can be purchased online at upnorthbeerfest.com.

Then, on Saturday, festival goers will receive a souvenir glass on their way in, which allows them to sam-

ple 2- to 3-ounce pours of beers from more than two dozen craft breweries, while enjoying the live music performed by the band All In.

In addition to local Tribute Brewing Company, some returning brew-

eries will include Fox River Brewing, Bare Bones Brewery, and Some Nerve Brewing, according to Emerson. There also will be several new breweries at this year’s

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NEWS



SERVICE HELD — Eagle River put on its Memorial Day service May 29 in front of the Vilas County Courthouse. The program included patriotic performances by Northland Pines High School band and choir students, an opening prayer by Pastor Peter Kufahl, a speech on the importance of the military by Brigadier General Joane Mathews, bag pipe solos, and the laying of

poppies at the Tomb of Unknown Soldiers by local Boy and Girl Scouts. Cannon salutes also took place by the 8th Wisconsin Artillery as well as a rifle salute by members of the Color Guard. Above, Vilas County Veterans Service Officer Brian Thomas and Boy Scout Hudson Warner perform a wreath laying. —Staff Photo By MICHELLE DREW

Individuals reminded to check for unclaimed property assets

Citizens are reminded to check for unclaimed property assets with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR).

Each year, the department publishes the names of people with cash and property waiting to be claimed. More than \$600 million in unclaimed property assets is currently held by the agency.

DOR Operations Bureau Director Erin Egan said that traffic to the DOR's unclaimed property search page continues to grow. She

added the department's online tool is the best way for anyone to search, find, and claim their cash and other assets.

"This is an exciting time of year for us as we see a precipitous uptick in people finding their name in the paper and contacting us," said Egan.

According to the DOR, one in seven people have unclaimed property in their name. The average claim in Wisconsin is worth \$1,225.

"So many people don't know about Wisconsin's

unclaimed property program or that they may have money waiting for them here," said DOR Secretary Peter Barca. "It could be an uncashed paycheck from past employment or an insurance policy payment that didn't reach them after they moved to a new home. All they need to do is search and make their claim, and we'll send them their money."

Unclaimed property, in general, is any financial asset that hasn't had owner activity for a period of one year or

more and the asset holder is unable to contact the owner. Assets include funds from savings or checking accounts, uncashed dividends, insurance policies, or other accounts the owner may be unaware of or forgot.

Banks, credit unions, insurance companies, and other businesses must report unclaimed property to DOR each year by Nov. 1.

For more information, or to search for unclaimed property in one's name, visit revenue.wi.gov/ucp.

WEATHER CORNER

Note: Precipitation amounts are recorded at 8 a.m. for the previous 24 hours.

LAST SEVEN DAYS			ONE YEAR AGO		
	Hi	Lo Prec.		Hi	Lo Prec.
Tues., May 30	85	46 None	Mon., May 30	83	64 None
Wed., May 31	87	55 None	Tues., May 31	80	55 None
Thurs., June 1	85	58 None	Wed., June 1	67	47 None
Fri., June 2	80	60 1.20"R	Thurs., June 2	70	39 None
Sat., June 3	86	53 1.10"R	Fri., June 3	62	36 .02"R
Sun., June 4	83	52 .05"R	Sat., June 4	73	33 None
Mon., June 5	81	52 None	Sun., June 5	73	47 Tr.R

LAST YEAR The average daily high at this time last year for the next seven days was 70, while the average overnight low was 41. There was rain on four days measuring .40 of an inch.

COMPARISON Days precipitation recorded since April 1, 2023, 29 days; 2022, 42 days. Average high of past 30 days, 2023, 74; 2022, 68. Average low of past 30 days, 2023, 43; 2022, 45.

FOREST CONDITIONS Temperatures are heating up and the majority of forest floors are beginning to reflect the warmer weather with dryer forest floors. Trails are solid throughout the North Woods and mosquitoes and ticks are at a high count.

STREAMS AND LAKES Water levels are still relatively high and recreational sports are underway. Fishing, boating and swimming has commenced in the North Woods and although warmer in areas, water enthusiasts are encouraged to remember that some lakes remain at colder temperatures.

FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK

Wednesday: Sunshine. High: 75° Low: 41°
Thursday: Partly cloudy. High: 77° Low: 46°
Friday: Mix of sun and clouds. High: 80° Low: 54°
Saturday: Partly cloudy. High: 75° Low: 45°
Sunday: Abundant sunshine High: 72° Low: 45°

(PORTIONS OF THE WEATHER CORNER ARE THROUGH THE COURTESY OF DARYL RUTKOWSKI, EAGLE RIVER and NEWSWATCH 12 WEATHER.)

Beerfest

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festival, including Haen's Pople River Brewing, Lake 11 Brewing, and La Crosse Brewing.

A complete list of participating breweries can be found at upnorthbeerfest.com.

Tickets for Saturday's event cost \$50 each and can be purchased online at upnorthbeerfest.com, or by stopping in at the Eagle River Chamber of Commerce, Tribute Brewing, or at Trig's

Cellar 70 liquor department in Eagle River.

Ticket prices increase to \$60 at the gate on the day of the festival until sold out.

Emerson noted that this is a 21 and older event, and children and pets are not allowed to attend. No carry-ins are allowed and souvenir items will be for sale on the grounds.

For more information about the Eagle River area and its events, contact the Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center at 800-359-6315, or visit eagleriver.org.

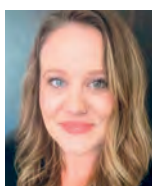
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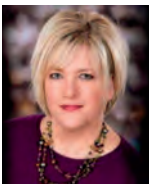
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NEWS

Heller retires from sheriff's office after almost 32 years of service

By CHRIS OATMAN
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

"It's a great job but the times have changed."

Those were the words from Vilas County Sheriff's Deputy Peter "Pete" Heller last Friday, May 26, on his final day on the job after nearly 32 years with the department.

Heller, age 55, grew up in Racine. He said he started thinking about going into law enforcement around his junior year in high school.

After graduation, he went to Gateway Tech in Kenosha for his two-year degree. Then he put himself through the Waukesha County Technical College Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Academy.

Heller's first job was as a dispatcher for the Sturtevant Police Department, where he stayed for a year-and-a-half.

"Fred and Carol Radtke, the parents of my wife at the time, Debbie Heller, had a place in St. Germain. I had family in Rhinelander, and we wanted to move up this way," he said.

"Vilas County hired me under a tribal grant on Aug. 28, 1991. At the time, our department handled anything criminal in Lac du Flambeau. Randy Schneider and I would head to Flambeau and work night shifts until we got seniority when the Tribal Police were reorganized, so we came back and worked in the county."

About six years after

that, Heller got promoted to detective and worked five years in that division.

"I appreciated being able to specialize in certain fields and doing investigations," noted Heller.

"Technology has changed greatly. We had 35-millimeter cameras and you had to do fingerprints manually. It's just crazy nowadays, the technology. Everything is digital," he said.

After his time as a detective, Heller went back on the road and was in that capacity until his recent retirement.

"It's a big area up here. You don't realize how big it is and how few officers we have. In the city you may have backup a mile away, but your backup here could easily be 20 miles away. That's why you have to know how to communicate with the people you're dealing with on a call.

"A senior officer years ago told me his best advice is to hope for the best, but prepare for the worst. We take an oath to protect people and you have to do the job," Heller added.

Heller says it takes a special person to succeed in the field of law enforcement, but the talk about defunding the police and diminishing support from some in government circles is discouraging to him.

He cited the August 2020 police shooting of Jacob Blake in Kenosha and the resulting riots and unrest around the United States.

"You had the governor and lieutenant governor



Sheriff Joe Fath, left, presents the retiring Pete Heller with an honorary plaque marking his nearly 32 years of service to the department.

—Contributed Photo

making comments before the investigation was completed. It fueled the fire against law enforcement. That same day, two Pennsylvania officers were shot, and one was killed. We had seconds of coverage of it," Heller said.

"It's not a boring job. It's exciting every day and you don't know what's going to come up. It's a great field to be in. Unfortunately, right now, it's tough to find those who want to do it. But people need us."

On a positive note, Heller said this is a great area to raise children.

His own children, Cody, Courtney, and Carter grew up here and loved it. He also noted that the schools are excellent.

"What I've enjoyed most is working with the senior citizens up here," Heller said. "You try to put them at ease whatever type of call

you're on. That everything is going to be okay and you're going to take care of what they need as best you can."

Pete Heller has worked during the terms of five Vilas County sheriffs — Jim Williquette, Michael Schuster, John Niebuhr, Frank Tomlanovich, and current sheriff, Joe Fath.

"Pete was very passionate about his job and helping others. He always showed a lot of empathy," stated Sheriff Fath. "He was a really good detective and a pleasure to work with on different cases."

"One of our dispatchers said, 'It's not going to be the same without Pete. We're all going to miss him,'" Fath added.

As far as retirement goes, Pete Heller said he's all set. He bought a travel trailer and he and a friend are going to do a lot of camping, motorcycling, and kayaking.

St. Germain opens all town roads to year-round ATV use

By JACKI GOEBEL
ST. GERMAIN CORRESPONDENT

"Unless otherwise posted, all town roads are open year-round."

This is how St. Germain Town Ordinance 30.05(c) (1) reads following last week's town board meeting, where it was decided that ATVs and UTVs would be allowed to operate on town roads throughout the year.

The agreement came after discussion between the St. Germain ATV Club, Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club, and the town board. Public comment supported the amendment, and the board vote passed unanimously.

The trails will have signage posted, and ATV/UTVs must stay off the snowmobile trails and highways unless marked.

Highway 155 is open from Birchwood heading south into town.

Regarding the fire department's well project, MSA Professional Services Inc. is sending invitations to bid to select companies, noting time is of the essence. This process should be completed by the

next town board meeting.

The well is currently not functioning properly and operating at a low volume.

Chairman Tom Christensen and Supervisor Kalisa Mortag, along with Tom Stoltman, superintendent of Department Public Works, have been studying the roads in St. Germain to determine priorities for replacement and maintenance.

Discussion was initiated by Christensen to how the town roads are to be rated for usage. Resorts, businesses, boat landings, recreational routes, and other considerations factor into this rating.

The board is comparing its findings to the Wisconsin Information System for Local Roads report. The report works with the Department of Transportation and municipalities to improve decision-making and to ensure they meet state statute requirements.

The next town board meeting is scheduled Monday, June 12, at 6:30 p.m.

Ontonagon man dies in one-vehicle accident

The Oneida County Sheriff's Office responded to a call of a one-vehicle rollover accident June 1 at 5:20 p.m. on Highway 45 north of Highway C in the town of Piehl.

It was reported that the male driver of the vehicle was ejected and was unresponsive, but breathing.

After medical personnel attempted life-saving measures, the 60-year-old male, identified as Michael E. Fort-

ner from Ontonagon, Mich., was pronounced deceased.

The Oneida County Sheriff's Office is completing the accident report. Stella First Responders, Three Lakes Fire Department, Oneida County Ambulance Service, Three Lakes Police Department, Life Link Medical Flight Services, and the Oneida County Medical Examiner's Office assisted the Oneida County Sheriff's Office at the scene.



BANKING GENEROSITY — Peoples State Bank of Eagle River recently presented the Eagle River Rotary Club with a \$500 donation toward the club's matching campaign for its Rotary Square project downtown. Taking part in the check presentation

are, from left, Nancy Schuller, Eagle River Rotary President-elect Karen Margeolofsky and Parsons of Eagle River owner Bill Weber alongside Andy Jensen and Tori Dunlap with Peoples State Bank.

—Staff Photo By JON EICHMAN

Plan underway to improve community health

Vilas County Public Health Department (VCPHD) is in the process of working up its Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) which will be available to the public later this year.

Every five years, local health departments are required by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) to update their CHIPs. This plan is meant to be the community's vision for important health areas that community members would like to see improved.

"The CHIP is about the

community, by the community, and for the health and well-being of the community," said Rachael Cornelius, community health educator for VCPHD. "Wisconsin's newest health plan, Healthy People 2030, provides a foundation for the CHIP process by identifying focus areas of overall health significance.

"In collaboration with UW-Stout, Oneida County Health Department, Forest County Health Department, Aspirus Healthcare System, and Marshfield Clinic Health-

care System, we began our CHIP process in late 2022. With help from our community and our partners, we have completed a community survey, focus group discussion, and key informant interviews," she said.

The information or data collected will be used to identify health priorities specific to the Vilas County community. Once the health priorities have been identified by community partners, the CHIP will include goals, objectives, and strategies to improve identified health priorities.

According to DHS, the

goal of the plan is to "create and support solutions for better health, with strategies and measures for collective action by public health."

"This plan is meant to be a vision for the work that we want to accomplish together as a community. The final report for the Community Health Improvement Plan will be available later this year," Cornelius added. "We look forward to working together with you to make our community a healthier place for everyone."

Web

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our existence and survival as a community newspaper."

Among the new features is an account dashboard that allows registered users to submit and track classified ads, which will be approved by website monitors prior to being paid for or posted. The dashboard also includes subscription information and provides access to newsletter

subscriptions, online renewals, or new subscriptions.

Readers have a choice between a print subscription that includes free digital access to the website and e-editions, or just a digital-only subscription.

"Subscribers have full access to our extensive website offerings, e-editions, and all of the by-lined content including a wide variety of local columns," said Krueger.

With a more user-friendly website, the News-Review is hoping to expand its reader-

ship beyond the 50,000-plus page views and the more than 19,000 unique visitors that it currently gets each month.

"Our local newspaper website is one of the most visited websites in the area, giving visitors key public records, weather information, and breaking news," said Editor Michelle Drew. "And for years, Google Analytics has shown that on average, 50% of our website visitors are new visitors. That means a lot of new eyes are viewing our website every day."

Edward Jones

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OBITUARIES

Thomas Gerald Gruhn

Thomas "Tom", "Wimp" Gerald Gruhn, age 73, of Minocqua, Wis., went to his Lord Jesus Christ on May 20, 2023, at Marshfield Hospital in Minocqua.



GRUHN

Thomas was born to Gerald F. and Kathlyn (née Holterman) Gruhn on Nov. 16, 1949, in Beaver Dam, Wis.

Tom was raised in Waupun, Wis., where he attended Waupun High School, class of 1968.

He was in business with his parent's family orchard, being the third generation. The orchard was called Tom Doolley Apple Orchard, named after Tom and his grandfather's nickname "Doolley." It was located on Highway 49 in Waupun.

Tom found Eugenia "Genie", "Rabbit" Ramage in 2002 again, as they dated in 1986.

Tom retired from Sadoff Iron and Metal due to health issues.

In 2010, Tom and Genie moved to Eagle River, Wis., to be near his parents, the North Woods and wildlife.

Tom and Genie married on Oct. 8, 2016, in Eagle River.

Tom enjoyed fishing on his dad's pier with his best friend

Mike James from Rosendale, Wis.

Tom and Genie also enjoyed volunteering in their community. Tom worked with Genie at Needs Ministries (free clothing to those in need) and Salvation Army - his love of all loves. Tom rang the bell for the Salvation Army for about three years. His last was in 2016 with 206 hours of ringing. Tom and Genie rang from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. most days they were open. He also participated in the Salvation Toy Program.

Tom is survived by his wife, Eugenia; sister, Mary Ann (Dennis Parson) Gruhn of Baraboo, Wis.; brother-in-law, William Ramage of Ripon, Wis.; sisters-in-law, Mary Pagel of Ripon, Wis., and Nancy (Erv) Barnes of Yuma, Ariz.; nieces, nephews and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, aunt, uncle and many dear friends.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, June 24, 2023, at St. Mary of the Snows Anglican Church, 1019 E. Wall St. in Eagle River, Wis., 54521. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service and James Fosdick will be officiating.

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

PAID OBITUARY 1613

Kevin Scott Moses

Kevin Scott Moses of Three Lakes died Friday, May 19, 2023, at the age of 62.

He was born in Sacramento, Calif.

He worked as a licensed vocational nurse and licensed contractor in California before moving to northern Wisconsin in 2007, where he worked in the construction and hospitality industries.

Mr. Moses was preceded in death by his father and stepmother, Ellsworth and Nancy Moses of Clearwater

Lake; stepfather, Russell Fillner; and two nephews.

He is survived by one daughter, Misty Moses; mother, Edith Fillner; partner, Peggy Faulkner; one brother, Monte Moses; one sister, Beth LeMasters; three grandsons; and three nieces.

A graveside memorial service is scheduled Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 10 a.m. at the Clearwater Lake Seventh-Day Adventist cemetery.

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

Daniel J. Mueller

Daniel J. Mueller, 90, of Three Lakes, Wis., passed away peacefully on Dec. 31, 2022, of natural causes, with Deidre (Manney), his loving wife of 65 years, by his side.

Dan was born on Feb. 5, 1932, in Milwaukee, Wis. He graduated from Messmer High School, served in the U.S. Army and obtained a business degree from Marquette University.

Dan most notably started Albo Corporation in West Bend, Wis., with his longtime friend, Robert Schneider.

Dan spent his retired years presiding over his dream home in Three Lakes.

Dan was preceded in death by his son, Kevin (four); and his parents, Elsie and William Mueller.

Dan is survived by his remaining eight children, Kurt (Sharon) Mueller, Karl (Jean) Mueller, Karen (John) Scholz, Khris (Kevin) O'Brien, Kyle (James) Wienser, Keith Mueller, Kathryn (David) Moore and Kelly Mueller.

"Grandan" adored all thirteen grandchildren: Shannon (Mitch) Cain, Nicole (Phil) Gostisha, Casandra (Tyler) Beaugard, Zachery (Chelsey) Mueller, Rebecca (Jeff) Fields, Janet Mueller

(Ken Martin), Jacob Mueller, Amanda Scholz, Andrew Scholz (Jake Chudecke), Meghan O'Brien (Tyler Fortune), Victoria (Joshua) Voigt, Madaline (Taylor) Schallock and Jared Moore. Grandan was also blessed with twelve great-grandchildren: Sophia, Chloe, Lauren, Osiris, Brandon, Derek, Lilly, Elizabeth, Eleanor, Skyler, Elijah and Thomas.

Dan took comfort in his faith and the promise of eternal salvation. He valued a hard day's work, enjoyed fishing, putzing around his property on his many projects and relaxing or playing cards on the porch. He will forever be remembered as the best hugger, and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 10, 2023, at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Three Lakes. Visitation will be held a half hour prior to the service.

Donations in Dan's name may be offered to the Three Lakes Waterfront Association.

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

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NEWS

Lexus auction to benefit FORK

BY NEWS-REVIEW STAFF

A new fundraising initiative has been launched by Feed Our Rural Kids (FORK) that gives people in the North Woods the chance to bid on and win a classic 2002 Lexus RX 300.

"This classic car was donated to FORK to help us raise money to provide nutritional support to children from food insecure homes within the Northland Pines, Three Lakes, and Phelps school districts," explained FORK President Perry Pokrandt. "The FORK Board of Directors felt that a closed bid auction was the best way to generate interest in the fundraiser, as well as the efforts of FORK to help kids."

Bidding starts at \$3,500 as a minimum. The Lexus RX 300 has less than 60,000 miles and has never seen snow as it was a "lake home" car for the last two decades, Pokrandt said.

"Similar cars on Carfax, with more than two- to three-times the mileage, sell for \$6,000 to \$8,000," Pokrandt said. "Projected mileage with proper maintenance on an RX 300 should be expected to be between 250,000 and 300,000 miles before repair costs become prohibitive. You



Bidding is now open for this 2002 Lexus RX 300 to benefit FORK. The car has never seen snow and has less than 60,000 miles on it. Minimum bid is \$3,500, and will close at midnight on Wednesday, June 21. More information can be found at feedourruralkids.org/lexus.

—Contributed Photo

can learn more details about this vehicle online at <https://www.edmunds.com/lexus/rx-300/2002/review/>.

Vehicle photos are available online at feedourruralkids.org/lexus or the car can be viewed in person at the Northland Pines Middle and High School's rear parking lot, next to the building trades house in Eagle River.

Bidding for the car will close at midnight on Wednesday, June 21.

"FORK will reach out to the highest bidder on June 22 via phone and email," Pokrandt said. "The winning bidder will then have 48 hours to make payment in full."

Failure to make payment by the deadline will result in the bid being awarded to the

next highest bidder.

Two viewing dates and times have been established for individuals to test drive the car. The first is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, from 6 to 7 p.m., and the second will be June 21, from 9 to 10 a.m.

The winning bid will be posted on FORK's Facebook page, as well as online at feedourruralkids.org on June 22.



MATCHING FUNDS — Members of the Three Lakes Student Council last week presented \$600 toward Feed Our Rural Kids' (FORK) \$10,000 Weekend Backpack Matching Grant Challenge. Taking part in the check presentation are, front row from left, students Sophia Nafziger, Kaya Szews, Jenna Erikson,

Willow Schroeder and Ada West; and back row, Jan Harris and Pastor Catie Ford from Faith Lutheran Church, FORK President Perry Pokrandt, student council advisors Scot Lindquist, Terri Kroll and Marge Anderson of Faith Lutheran.

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RIGHT TURN WRECKAGE — Emergency services responded to a two vehicle accident May 31 at the corner of Mill Street and Highway 45 in Eagle River. The call came in at 12:38 p.m. when a semi tractor-trailer operated by Swanson Solutions LLC pulled in front of a northbound pickup truck. Vilas County Sheriff's Department, Eagle River Police Department and Eagle River Fire and Rescue all responded to the scene. Two people were transported to Rhinelander Aspirus with possible injuries by Onieda County Medic and Eagle River Aspirus ambulances.

—Staff Photo By STEPHANIE DYE

Vilas County Court report

Minocqua man, 53, charged with felony for failing to maintain sex offender registry

A 53-year-old Minocqua man, Bart R. Crowe, charged with failing to maintain the sex offender registry, a Class H felony, was in Vilas County Circuit Court last week for his preliminary hearing in front of Branch 2 Judge Daniel L. Overbey.

Detective Sergeant Cody Remick from the Vilas County Sheriff's Department provided testimony to the court. Judge Overbey found probable cause that Crowe had committed a crime in Vilas County Jan. 26. His arraignment was scheduled for June 8 at 2:45 p.m.

In other felony cases, Joseph Turney, 22, of Lac du Flambeau, charged with first-degree reckless injury, a Class D felony, made an initial appearance. His preliminary hearing was scheduled for June 8 at 2 p.m.

Turney's \$45,000 cash bond was continued with the following conditions: no weapons, no contact at all with

seven individuals ordered by Judge Overbey, curfew from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., and must be fitted with a GPS monitor prior to leaving jail. He remains in custody in the Vilas County Jail. According to documents, the alleged incident occurred May 16 in Vilas County.

Jennifer H. Rochelle, 35, of Milwaukee, charged with possession with intent-Fentanyl (greater than 10 grams) and felony bail jumping, waived her preliminary hearing. The court found probable cause and Rochelle was bound over for arraignment. A judicial pretrial, in court, was scheduled for July 25 at 11:15 a.m. Rochelle, who remains in custody in the Vilas County Jail, is being held on a \$2,500 cash bond. The alleged incident occurred Feb. 9 in Vilas County, according to court documents.

Keanna L. Thompson, 22, of Lac du Flambeau, charged with possession of narcotic drugs and two counts of fel-

ony bail jumping in two cases, had her preliminary hearing. The court found probable cause and Thompson was bound over for arraignment. Not guilty pleas were entered by the court.

Thompson remains in the Vilas County Jail on a \$2,500 cash bond, which was continued. A judicial pretrial, in court, was scheduled for July 25 at 11:15 a.m. The alleged incident occurred Feb. 6 in Vilas County and the second felony bail jumping charge stemmed from an alleged incident Jan. 17.

Thomas L. Beard, 33, of Arbor Vitae, charged with possession of narcotic drugs, waived his preliminary hearing. Branch 1 Judge Maratha J. Milanowski found probable cause and he was bound over for arraignment. Not guilty pleas were entered by the court. The court also granted a motion to amend Beard's \$1,000 cash bond to \$500, which was previously posted.

A judicial pretrial, in court, was scheduled for Sept. 12 at 8:30 a.m. The alleged incident occurred May 18, 2022, in Vilas County, according to court documents.

Dean R. Anderson, 68, of Saukville, pleaded guilty and was found guilty to one felony count of misappropriating identity information to obtain money, a Class H felony. Two additional counts of the same charge were dismissed, but read in at sentencing as part of the plea agreement.

Judge Milanowski sentenced Anderson to 115 days in jail, but was credited with 115 days of presentence credit resulting in a time served sentence. He also must pay restitution of \$996.59 to the victims in the case, pay a restitution surcharge of 10%, with his cash bail to be applied to restitution first and then court costs totaling \$518. According to court documents, the incident occurred Feb. 3, 2021, in Vilas County.

POLICE REPORT

Vilas County Sheriff

Vilas County Sheriff's Office dispatchers last week reported at least 91 911 hang-ups, eight car vs. animal accidents, one hit and run vehicle accident, four vehicle accidents with property damage, five requests to assist another agency, seven burglary alarms, three ambulance requests, eight animal problems, three attempts to locate, nine requests to assist citizens, two reports of criminal damage to property, one custodial interference report, two death investigations, one request to dispatch deer in roadway, seven disturbances, one firearm denial notice, one fireworks complaint, one report of found property, one fraud incident, one drive-off, one gas fumes report, one harassment claim, one restraining violation, five juvenile problems, one Lifeline alarm, one littering offense, five reports of lost property, two noise complaints, two operating while intoxicated (OWI) with drugs or alcohol offenses, three parking violations, one vacation check, one repossession, three requests to assist another officer, two lewd and lascivious complaints, nine reports of suspicious circumstances, two thefts, 11 reports of hazardous conditions, 11 traffic violations, two general weapons offenses and 12 welfare checks.

There were at least 40 informational or procedural entries.

In the past week, one or more persons were booked into the Vilas County Jail for the following offenses: OWI, dismounting from a moving vehicle, failure to install ignition interlock device, and felony possession of marijuana.

Eagle River Police

Among the calls received by Vilas County dispatchers were at least 39 calls for the

Eagle River Police. These included three alarms, one ambulance request, one animal problem, one bail jumping incident, three requests to assist citizens, one communications offense, one death investigation, one disorderly conduct report, two driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs offenses, one juvenile problem, one noise complaint, three reports of suspicious circumstances, one sexual assault report, one non-reportable vehicle accident, three vehicle accidents with property damage, one vehicle accident with personal injury, one traffic hazard, one threats claim, two traffic violations, one theft incident, five welfare checks and one weapons offense.

A total of 2 persons were taken into custody and booked into the Vilas County Jail.

Three Lakes Police

The Three Lakes Police Department reported 13 911 hangups, one vehicle accident with personal injury, one alarm, two ambulance requests, three animal problems, two requests to assist citizens, two requests to assist motorists, one burglary report, 60 business checks, one child custody dispute, two civil matters, two mental health commitments, two disturbances, four requests for extra patrol, one brush fire, three reports of hazardous conditions, one welfare check, one juvenile problem, one missing persons report, one noise complaint, one offender check, two parking violations, two reports of lost or found property, two reports of reckless driving, five recreational problems, one fraud incident, one shoplifting incident, two reports of suspicious circumstances, three traffic complaints and 12 traffic stops.

Sexual assault jury trial postponed until January

By KEN ANDERSON
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

A five-day jury trial set to begin this week for Justin King, 42, of Eagle River, has been postponed after Vilas County Circuit Court Judge Martha Milanowski said she needed more time to review motions filed by King's defense attorney.

King is charged with first-degree child sexual assault with a child under the age of 12, a class C felony punishable by up to 60 years in prison.

King's public defender, Tsz-King Tse, filed up to eight motions and, at the time of the final pretrial hearing last month, Vilas County District Attorney Karl Hayes did not file the state's response.

"I need to hear these motions and to review the juvenile history," Milanowski said, "so another date needs

to be set." According to the criminal complaint, the charge came about when the victim told a classmate about what King was doing to her. She referred to him as "father," even though he was not the victim's father.

Vilas County Social Services conducted an investigation and turned their findings over to law enforcement, in addition to what was found by the state crime lab. The criminal complaint was filed on April 21.

Motion hearings were scheduled for June 6 and July 5, as well as another pretrial hearing on Dec. 15.

A new five-day jury trial is tentatively set to begin Jan. 22, 2024. King remains in custody under a \$400,000 cash bond.

Spearing

FROM PAGE 1A

ment, and the 126 fish which were eventually turned over to Tribal members.

Recently, wardens visited the area on Trout Lake during the daytime and found evidence that pointed towards potential fishing violations. Materials discovered including two metal files similar to those used to sharpen points on a spear, several cigarette butts, random trash, and fresh fish eggs on the banks of the lake.

"Based on these findings, I concluded that fisherman may be showing up here during the evening hours and spearing fish," the warden report said. "Knowing this, I decided to wait until the evening to return to the area and observe for any possible suspects showing up."

Around 11 p.m. on May 14, law enforcement returned to the area, and with the aid of night vision could see lights near the shoreline and could hear people talking.

"I observed two subjects near the lake edge using red and white lights to shine down into the water," the warden report said. "I could also hear what I've learned to identify as a spear hitting rocks in shallow water. Due to officer safety/suspect numbers, I backed out of the area by foot and contacted the Vilas County Sheriff's Office by radio. I gave the Sheriff's Department my location and asked dispatch to send a deputy to assist me in contacting the anglers. Dispatch advised they would send a deputy to assist."

After waiting for assistance, the DNR warden and sheriff's department deputy walked down towards the lakeshore with the aid of night vision and observed the two suspects still spearing.

The two approached to within 15-20 feet of the suspects before turning on a flashlight and yelling "police; put your hands in the air."

At this point, the closer of the two suspects turned and looked at the officials and began to raise his hands. The other suspect turned away and jumped into the water.

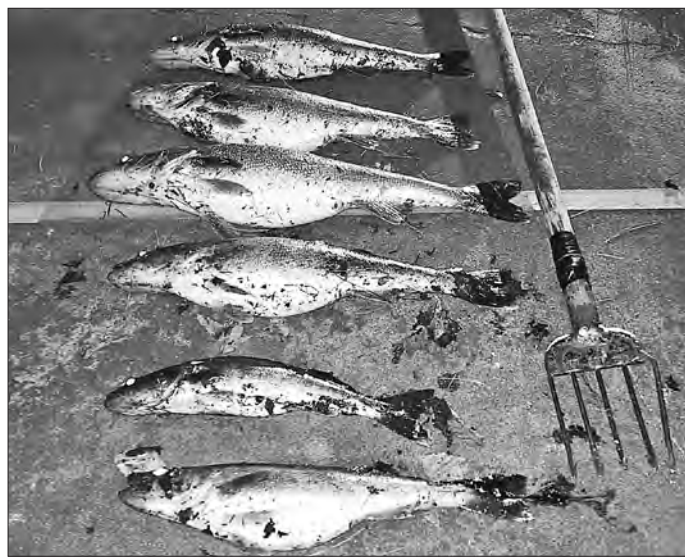
After ordering the first suspect to the ground, the suspect dropped a large spear which landed close to a recently speared walleye. The second suspect crossed over a small river to the other side, falling several times, submersing himself in the river.

After securing the first suspect in handcuffs, law enforcement gave chase to the second suspect before calling in reinforcements to help locate him.

Wardens then did a brief search of the area where the two suspects were spearing and observed one large walleye speared close to the first suspect and several large tubs down the shoreline, further into the woods.

Officers recovered large plastic tubs filled with clothing, food, lights, ropes, and metal files similar to the ones found earlier in the day. A second tub was clear in color and contained five speared walleye.

DNR officials identified five of the six walleye as female, while recording one as an unknown sex. Each of the fish were measured, and officials say the largest walleye was a 28.9 inch female.



Six large walleye illegally speared by two members of the Lac du Flambeau tribe were confiscated by law enforcement following a June incident on Trout Lake in Vilas County.

—Photo Courtesy of Wisconsin DNR

Negani had complied with orders and identified himself initially to law enforcement. LaBarge however, fled, and was apprehended later that evening by members of GLIFWC, Vilas County Sheriff's Department, and the DNR.

After being apprehended, LaBarge was questioned about several trees cut and damaged near where he and Negani were observed spearing earlier.

LaBarge admitted that he was responsible for that, along with his fishing partner, Negani. He was also informed by wardens that they had left garbage and litter behind on private property where they were spearing including cigarette butts, soda bottles, plastic wrappers, toilet paper, etc.

Officials were not able to list, nor did the two individuals reveal to law enforcement, how many days prior to being caught they had taken part in

other illegal spearing.

Negani was transported back to Lac du Flambeau by law enforcement. LaBarge was released from custody and drove a vehicle that was discovered at the scene, an older Ford Expedition registered to a Susan Kay Dominguez.

The vehicle was found parked on a property not associated with the registered owner. Nearby, DNR wardens also recovered a handle of another spear located close to this vehicle, hidden in the woods.

Following the events that evening, all evidence was handed over to the GLIFWC officers including the spears, walleye, tubs, etc.

Details of any other penalties or fines issued by GLIFWC are not available as they will be prosecuted in Tribal court and not available to the public through open records request due to tribal sovereignty.

NOTICE
VACANCY - VILAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
District #14 – Town of Conover,
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The Vilas County Board Chairman is accepting applications for an individual to be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Vilas County Supervisor, District #14, comprised of the Town of Conover, Ward 1 and Town of Lincoln, Ward 1. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §59.10(3)(e) applicants for this appointment must be a qualified elector and a resident of District #14 for at least 28 days to be eligible to fill this vacancy. Applicants for this position should send a letter expressing interest in the position and a resume to:

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Kimberly A. Oikowski
Vilas County Clerk
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VINTAGE VIEWING - The Snowmobile Hall of Fame in St. Germain held its 19th annual Classic Sled Round-up at the community park Memorial weekend. The event featured vintage snowmobiles and a swap meet. The Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club offered concessions during the event to raise money for the club. Above: Spectators admired several models of sleds during the event. Right: Antique snowmobiles were on display to show the advancements over the years. Below: A variety of participants brought sleds to swap or display. Photos by Jacki Goebel



Vilas County Parks and Recreation Supervisor Todd Bierman (left) and Phelps Town Chairmen Steve Doyen cut the ribbon at the Military Creek Trailhead in Phelps to signify its opening for the 2023 season. —Staff Photo By JON EICHMAN

Military Creek trail in Phelps now open

By JON EICHMAN
ASST. EDITOR

Nearly three years ago, the Phelps Town Board had a vision to develop a trailhead near Military Creek for snowmobilers, ATV/UTV riders, and silent sports enthusiasts.

On May 27, Phelps Chairman Steve Doyen and Vilas County Parks and Recreation Supervisor Todd Bierman cut the ribbon to open the trail for its first summer season. The site offers a spacious parking area and access to the Military Creek Trail along Highway E, one-half mile north of Phelps.

In order to make this happen, an 80/20 motorized stewardship grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) was applied for by Bierman, with the help of DNR official Jeff Pennucci of Rhinelander. Phelps was awarded a total of \$260,073 from the grant and

the town covered the remaining \$74,599, for a total cost of \$334,672 to complete the project.

Design work began in 2021 and when the grant was awarded in 2022, construction began. The trail was finished last fall.

At the ribbon cutting ceremony, Doyen thanked all those involved, including MSA Professional Services of Marshfield and Rhinelander for their help with the design and engineering of the trailhead.

Doyen also thanked phase one project manager Ron Buell, Musson Brothers Inc., phase two project manager Rollie Alger, Pitlik and Wick, Neal Adams for the construction of the trailhead kiosk, the Phelps Town Board, and the people of Phelps for their support of the project.

Culvert work to begin June 12

Beginning Monday, June 12, the Vilas County Highway Department (VCHD) will begin replacing multiple culverts on Highway M North from Boulder Junction to Highway B.

Work hours will run each day from approximately 8:00 a.m. through 4 p.m. until June 29. The department will begin this project at County Highway B and County

Highway M and proceed south.

County Highway M will be closed daily for the safety of public workers, Monday through Thursday, to all traffic at the worksite from 8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This work will be done in preparation for upcoming road construction in late summer 2023 and summer 2024. No sign detour will

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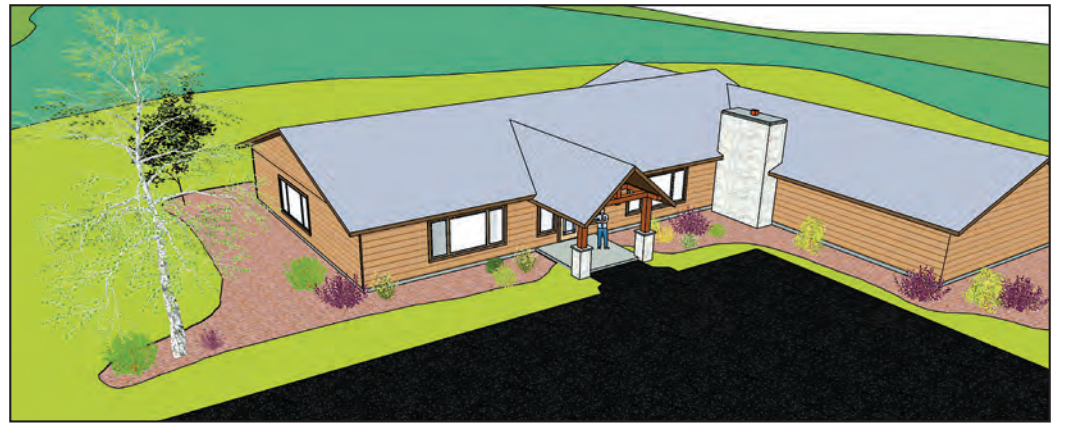


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NEWS



The addition of the Eagle River Historical Society's Heritage Center will serve as a community outlet for different groups to further the organization's goals and expansion. This rendering shows the initial design of the project. —Contributed Image

Museum FROM PAGE 1A

State Historic Preservation Officer Elizabeth Hilton presented two information sessions in Eagle River. Sailer detailed that the positive response to those meetings resulted in hiring a consultant to guide the project to a conclusion within a year.

Margelofsky and Sailer said things look promising. However, the final consul-

tant's report will determine the exact scope of any potential district.

On a broader scope, ERHS has been leading the creation of the Northern Wisconsin Heritage Council (NWHC), a group of northern Wisconsin historical societies, museums, and other heritage groups. NWHC is in the process of creating a far-reaching digital heritage tour website.

When complete, the site will allow visitors to search for a geographic area, special interests, and ultimately

special events across several counties. The beginning work is being funded by a grant from the Wisconsin Humanities Council and dues from the member organizations.

Sailer, who also holds the position as NWHC president, pointed out that heritage tourism is a large and growing segment of the tourism market. She added that this is another way that historical societies across the north can support their communities economically.

For more information, visit eagleriverhistory.org.



STREET SALE — Vendors offering a wide variety of craft items lined Wall and Railroad streets in downtown Eagle River May 29 during the annual Eagle River Memorial Day Arts and Crafts Show put on by the chamber of commerce. Pottery,

woodworked items, homemade soap, baubles, food and drink items and much more was available for shoppers to peruse throughout the day.

—Staff Photo By MICHELLE DREW

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Time to keep watchful eye for lowly turtles

IT'S THAT time of year when 11 different turtle species will be crossing Wisconsin roads to search out higher ground during the egg-laying season, a time when motorists can make a big difference in the survival of adults and the next generation of turtles.

I was prepared, with the late spring, to wait a week before printing this reminder, but seeing a squashed snapping turtle on Highway 17 last Friday convinced me that our recent heat spell has turtles back on their regular schedule.

Early to mid June is when turtles emerge from rivers, lakes and wetlands to lay eggs, and quite often they target traditional sites in well-drained sandy uplands that are often on the other side of a road or highway.

The lowly turtles don't get a lot of respect, especially when careless or ruthless motorists crush them. I say ruthless because some studies have shown that a small percentage of motorists, and men most of the time, actually hit the gravel to intentionally run over turtles.

Biologists with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) say death by getting run over by cars is the leading cause of the decline in Wisconsin turtle numbers.

So what can we do? The most effective prevention is driving with caution near wetlands, rivers and any place you see a yellow turtle stencil on a roadway or a turtle crossing sign. They are going to lay those eggs or die trying; you can bet on that.

These aren't deer jumping out in front of you or banging into your side panels as you pass. They move like turtles and should be easy to miss most of the time.

The other thing you can do, with highway safety in mind,

is pull over and help a turtle cross in the direction they were pointing.

Turtle nests are also exposed to high levels of predation as populations of nest-raiding animals such as raccoons, skunks, fox and coyotes grow to historically high levels.

And maybe the worst problem, one that surfaced most recently, is an increased demand for pet turtles that has fueled the illegal turtle trade.

Last month, a 41-year-old Virginia man pleaded guilty in federal court to collecting and trafficking hundreds of turtles, many of them rare species such as the eastern box turtle.

The guy received about \$12,700 while using Facebook Marketplace for the sales. Many of the purchasers, in turn, smuggled the turtles from the United States to Hong Kong and China for the illegal pet trade.

These rare box turtles typically reach a length of up to six inches and can live more than 100 years. Turtles with more colorful markings are particularly prized in the domestic and foreign pet trade market.

This whole illegal pet trade is pretty disturbing. At a time when the experts say at least 40% of the U.S. freshwater turtle and tortoise species are threatened with extinction, this illegal trafficking has become a huge problem.

On March 3 of this year, customs agents at Manila's Ninoy Aquino International Airport uncovered more than 1,500 rare, live turtles duct-taped in four pieces of luggage.

"The soaring demand for turtles at home and abroad could be the downfall of ancient reptiles that outlasted the dinosaurs," the DNR stated.



A big snapping turtle gets off the roadway safely as it takes the annual egg-laying trek to higher, well-drained uplands. The public can aid long-term turtle survival by

staying watchful as they drive and by helping turtles cross busy roadways safely. Some turtles can live more than 100 years.

— Photo By The Author

Poaching turtles has a large-scale and pervasive conservation impact, they say, because turtles are long-lived and slow to reproduce. When people take turtles, they take reproductive potential out of wild populations that are already at risk.

According to the DNR, some Wisconsin species must reach old ages and participate in many nesting seasons to reproduce successfully. Blanding's turtles and wood turtles cannot reproduce until they are 12 to 20 years old, while others, like ornate box turtles, lay only a few eggs a year.

The Three Lakes Waterfront Association is leading the charge in local turtle protection. They've signed and otherwise marked all of the known turtle crossing areas on town roads, including road art on the pavement as a reminder.

"Please slow down and maneuver to avoid contact, or stop and help the turtles across the road in the direction they are headed," said board member Jon Willman. "Either way, you help protect a unique member of our North Woods ecosystem."

An online program to report turtle crossings started in 2012 on the DNR's website. Since that time, people have provided more than 7,500 reports — with roughly half of those identifying turtle crossings.

That online site has also allowed people to report nearly 70 locations of previously undocumented populations of ornate box turtles, wood turtles and Blanding's turtles, which are all either endangered or a threatened species.

The information is entered into the Natural Heritage Inventory, a

database of rare species locations and populations information.

The database is consulted by DNR staff reviewing plans for roadway and other developments.

Turtles are up against tough odds, even without highway mortality. Biologists say that as few as 5% of eggs laid survive to hatch and, of those, only one in 100 may survive to reproductive age of 10 years or more.

If you want to protect a nest site where eggs were laid, place wire mesh material over the area and bury several inches on each side. Openings of three inches or slightly larger will allow hatchlings to exit the nest.

Time to drive with care and keep a watchful eye out for poaching activity — especially if they are selling turtles on Facebook.

Spongy moth outbreak predicted in North Woods

The public is advised that the next two months could bring the worst spongy moth caterpillar outbreak in more than a decade, according to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Invasive spongy moth caterpillars, formerly known as the gypsy moth, strip trees of their leaves, potentially killing high-value trees. They prefer to feed on oak, birch, crabapple, aspen and willow leaves, but will also feed on many other tree and shrub species.

Southern parts of Wisconsin and parts of the North Woods are already in a high-population outbreak that is predicted to spread, as stated by DNR Forest Health Specialist Bill McNee of Oshkosh.

"Populations have remained high due to a low incidence of caterpillar-killing diseases last summer," said McNee. "In addition, weather conditions are favorable for the caterpillars and unfavorable for Entomophaga maimaiga, a fungus that kills spongy moth caterpillars."

He added that property owners are encouraged to examine their trees and take action. Management options include using burlap collection bands, physically destroying caterpillars, or applying insecticide to protect trees and reduce nu-

sance caterpillar numbers.

"Insecticide treatments can be a suitable option for high-value host trees, but are usually not practical for woodlots," McNee noted. "Insecticide treatments are most effective when the caterpillars are small."

Property owners should plan for insecticide treatments ahead of time to help secure an applicator and avoid a last-minute rush when pesticide application businesses may already be very busy. Resources for finding a qualified pesticide applicator include the Wisconsin Arborist Association, International Society of Arboriculture, and a local phone book.

Watering yard trees weekly during dry periods to help reduce tree stress and aid a tree's recovery from heavy leaf loss by the caterpillars is also an effective measure.

McNee urges property owners to wait to cut down any trees that have lost their leaves. Healthy hardwood trees usually produce a new set of leaves a few weeks later.

Forest management may need to be postponed in forest stands with expansive leaf loss, he added. Trees will be stressed from heavy leaf loss and often unable to handle the additional stress from forest thinning.

McNee also highlighted that stressed trees are already at an elevated risk of dying and will often die if



Wisconsin residents are advised to take precautions ahead of a predicted spongy moth outbreak across the state that could be the worst population spike in more than a decade.

—Contributed Photo

they lose a lot of leaves in 2023. Low-vigor oak trees are likely to be infested by the native beetle, two-lined chestnut borer, contributing to tree decline and death.

If all else fails, individuals can consult an arborist or forester for additional management recommendations.

"Those who find spongy moth caterpillars should avoid touching them as the hairs often cause a skin rash, welt, or other irritation," stated McNee. Rubbing alcohol can help to remove the hairs and chemical irritants from skin that is exposed to the hairs."

Spongy moth populations

may have a temporary, large increase in an area about every 10 years, according to McNee. Many areas currently experiencing a second or third year of the spongy moth outbreak will likely see a population decline or collapse due to diseases or starvation.

"Predicting where and when the decline will happen is difficult, and heavy leaf loss often occurs before the caterpillar population collapses," he added.

For more information, visit spongymoth.wi.gov/pages/home.aspx, or dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/foresthealth/spongymoth.

Fishing with the Guides

By George Langley



Water temps normal; walleyes in weeds

An absolutely incredible string of summer-like days was interrupted last Friday by some rain, but even that is welcome now. A very warm end of May was just what we needed to get those water temps up to normal. The only fly in that ointment: mosquitoes, and lots of them. Take repellent along anywhere outside.

Water levels are pretty good now after that extreme winter with all of its snow. The trilliums are in bloom and the woods are absolutely beautiful at this time of year. Water temps are in the 70s and fishing in general has been quite good for all species.

Walleye fishing is good with fish moving into the weeds and onto the mud flats. Weed walleyes will be the order of the day now until the mayfly hatch, which is just starting. These weeds are full of fish and have developed quite nicely due to the warmer weather. You can "jig" through these weeds with patience, or use weedless jigs. At this point, all types of live bait have been working, but we feel that minnows are still the best for them.

Slip bobbers with minnows are another effective technique for these weedy walleyes. In general, look for the deepest weeds you can find, but they will surprise us daily with their use of shallow weeds - especially on the Chain.

Northerns are hitting very well in those weeds also. These fish at time drive the walleye anglers crazy with "bite offs" but are a lot of fun to catch. If you know how to fillet out the "Y" bones, they are delicious. They'll hit anything that moves. The more flash the better.

Muskie action is starting slow as these fish recover from their spawn. The smaller, warmer lakes are more active than the bigger lakes, where they are still spawning. With the colder water, slow down your retrieve a little and use smaller baits.

Panfish action is absolutely fantastic for both crappie and bluegill. For the 'gills use worms or waxworms. For the crappies use either minnows or any of the small plastics. Perch can be found in the weeds.

What a great start to the season.

Good luck and good fishin'!

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OUTDOORS



ALL SMILES — Over the weekend, Fishing Has No Boundaries celebrated its 28th annual outing on the Eagle River Chain of Lakes. Participants enjoyed a weekend filled with guided fishing adventures, boat rides under the sun and a bevy of great food.

Above: Participants began to dock their boat and bring in the day's catch. Many who went out on the water said the fish were biting and that the increased activity early on this season made for a great weekend of fishing and fun.

Right: One of the boat groups took time for a photo to remember a day of being together and sharing in a great North Woods fishing tradition.

—Staff Photos
By JON EICHMAN



LAKE GIANT — Aliana Wamser from Waukesha smiled with her brother, Ian, after she caught this 25-inch, 6-pound walleye on the Eagle River Chain of Lakes using a 4-pound test line on a Zebco pole. —Contributed Photo



Roy Dahlgren, his wife and their daughter pose for an aerial shot with a mixed bag of assorted furs and pelts. Dahlgren has been trapping since he was 9 years old and hopes to pass that tradition along. —Contributed Photo

Trappers expo drawing near

The 64th annual National Trappers Convention and Outdoor Expo is coming to Michigan's Upper Peninsula (U.P.), July 27-29.

Festivities will take place at the U.P. State Fairgrounds in Escanaba and run from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. all three days. According to U.P. Trappers District 3 President and Event Coordinator Roy Dahlgren, the expo will feature an all-star lineup of speakers and presenters and will provide something of interest for anyone who attends.

"There will be more than 100 inside vendors on hand and outside tailgaters seemingly everywhere on your way to other buildings," said Dahlgren. "This fun, family event offers something of interest for everyone. Raffles, games, a fishpond, contests, demos, products on sale, and tailgaters selling and swapping all kinds of treasures are just some of the many attractions."

Dahlgren added that there is a huge building set up for children's entertainment called the Kids Cave that will feature games and other activities for young ones. Additionally, The She Side is another featured area where there will be trapping

demonstrations led by women.

"In addition, there will be 24 great trapping seminars presented by experts on the hour, every hour, for three solid days in the main demo building," said Dahlgren.

Dahlgren will also be a featured speaker and his trapping demonstration on winter bobcats is sure to be a good one. He has been an avid trapper for more than 50 years and uses his love for the sport to get others involved and spread his knowledge throughout the midwest.

Admission costs for this U.P. Trappers Association hosted event are \$10 for one day and \$20 for three days, with children 12 and under able to attend for free.

For more information visit uptrappers.com/nta-convention or contact Dahlgren at 906-399-1960 or trapperroy@outlook.com.



OUTDOOR CELEBRATION — Land O' Lakes Elementary School students held a "Trout Release Celebration" May 26 at Lake Pleasant in Conover. The celebration commenced after teacher Ivy Lapp's third and fourth grade students released the 48 trout into Stormy Lake after raising the fish in their classroom since November 2022. At the celebration, students taught younger classmates and attendees about trout and participated in outdoor activities.

Above: Lapp's students teach younger classes about the life cycle of a trout.

Below: Youngsters examined and identified bugs during the event.

Left: Fly tying was taught using feathers and pipe cleaners.

—Staff Photos By STEPHANIE DYE



THREE LAKES WEDNESDAY NIGHT MUSKIE LEAGUE

Results as of 5/31/2023

STANDINGS	
Tavern on the Loop No. 1	84
SpiritView Lakeside	70
Big Stone Golf Course	68
Pine Isle	52
Highway 32 South	34
Hideaway	8
American Legion	8
Scotty's Bait and Tackle	8
Rendezvous	8
Brew Station	8
Tavern on the Loop No. 2	6

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Kallie Volk leaps through the air during the long jump competition at the WIAA Division 3 State Track & Field Championships in La Crosse this past Saturday. The Three Lakes senior finished her high school career in spectacular fashion, winning three medals.

Volk earns three podiums; Weavers throws well at State

BY DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

Two Three Lakes-Phelps athletes ended their season and high school careers at the WIAA State Track & Field Championships this past weekend in La Crosse.

Karlee Weavers competed in the Division 3 girls shot put where she made the top 10, qualifying out of the preliminary round before finishing 10th overall in the field with a final distance of 36-0 1/2.

Kallie Volk's weekend was a well-accomplished one, as one of the greatest track and field athletes in all of Three Lakes School history added to her State medal total, winning the Division 3 triple jump while adding two runner-up finishes in the long jump and high jump, while setting or tying three school records in the process.

"As we were driving back from La Crosse, I told the girls what a pleasure it's been to watch them," said coach Charlie Volk.

Coach Volk had a unique view of the events this past weekend, with his youngest daughter competing in her final high school meet, and the rest of his family alongside in the stands and on the track.

That included UW-Milwaukee sophomore Kortnie Volk who was a State medalist herself, and is a current member of the UWM Panthers track and field team in Milwaukee. She strapped her coaching shoes on to help her younger sister across the two-day meet.



The emotions of Kallie Volk come pouring out after the Three Lakes senior passed over the bar at 5-feet 7-inches during the girls Division 3 high jump competition at the State meet in

La Crosse this past weekend. Volk finished second, tying a school record in the process with her best leap.

—Staff Photos By DOUG ETTEN

"I guess this weekend I was able to enjoy a little more as a dad because Kortnie was back from school, and that was a huge difference in the way Kallie has attacked and approached the weekend," said Charlie Volk. "I think Kallie needed to have someone that is more knowledgeable than her. Doubts come in sometimes, no matter how good you are, so to have Kortnie there to analyze and judge was just outstanding."

And the proof came in the results as Volk went out and

broke the school record Friday in the girls triple jump in a State championship effort.

Volk waited until it was down to her final jump of the event to put forth the best jump of her career, stretching the tape to 38-9, which was over a foot and a half past her longest jump of the prelims or the finals. It was also after both her father and sister thought it would be best to not jump one last time and concentrate on Saturday's long and high jump competitions.

"She hadn't jumped like that all year," said coach Volk after. "We rested her quite a bit this week. 'I think Kallie herself was most surprised.' The advice that Kortnie and I were giving her was to not do (her final jump of the triple jump event). She said she'd regret it if she didn't. From there she just hit one. When everything is perfect, it's just amazing how it comes together."

"Kortnie sort of just told

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Sports Sidelines

By Doug Etten



Golf, softball, tennis State tournaments set

The WIAA will host the three separate State tournaments this week as boys golf, boys tennis, and girls softball all take center stage in different areas around Wisconsin.

Starting in Kohler for the second consecutive year, the Meadow Valleys Course at Blackwolf Run will host the WIAA Boys State Golf Championships, which got underway this past Monday.

The competition features 16 teams and 24 individual qualifiers in Division 1, and eight teams and 12 individuals in Divisions 2 and 3. Weather permitting, all competitors will play 36 holes, including 18 holes on each day. The lowest scores from the first day will have the later tee times Tuesday.

The schools qualifying for the State Meet in Division 1 are Arrowhead, DeForest, Eau Claire Memorial, Fond du Lac, Franklin, Holmen, Kettle Moraine, Kimberly, Lakeland, Marquette, Milton, Sheboygan North, Waukesha North, Waunakee, West De Pere, and Westosha Central.

Teams qualifying in Division 2 are Amery, Berlin, Edgerton, Edgewood, Kettle Moraine Lutheran, McDonnell Catholic/Regis, Winneconne and Xavier. Qualifying teams in Division 3 are Barneveld, Cambridge, Glenwood City, Lena, Mineral Point, Neillsville, Newman Catholic, and Sheboygan Lutheran.

The 47th State Softball Tournament will take place Thursday through Saturday, June 8-10, at Goodman Diamond on the University of Wisconsin campus in Madison.

Division 1 qualifiers are Superior, Menomonee Falls, Oshkosh West, Sun Prairie East, Kaukauna, Waterford, Arrowhead, and Oak Creek. In Division 2 it will be New Berlin Eisenhower, New London, Freedom, and Turner.

Division 3 qualifiers are Brodhead, Somerset, Mishicot, and Manville. In Division 4 it will be Grantsburg, Iola-Scandinavia, Stratford, and Waterloo. Rounding out competition in Division 5 will be Stevens Point Pacelli, Chippewa Falls McDonnell Catholic, Wisconsin Rapids Assumption, and Oakfield.

All championship games in each division are set for Saturday, June 10.

The 28th Boys Team Tennis Tournament will be held Friday and Saturday, June 9-10, at Nielsen Tennis Stadium on the campus of the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Action will begin at 3:30 p.m. Friday with Division 1 quarterfinals. Play will resume with Division 1 and 2 semifinals at 9 a.m. Saturday. The championship matches in both divisions will begin following the semifinals, based on court availability.

Teams qualifying in Division 1 are Middleton, Badger, Eau Claire Memorial, Notre Dame, Brookfield Central, Neenah, Marquette, and Westosha Central.

In Division 2 it will be Brookfield Academy, East Troy, University School of Milwaukee, and Aquinas.

For information on any of the WIAA tournament series, go to wiaawi.org and click on "tournaments" in the top navigation bar.

Baseball classic seeking players

The Northwoods Baseball Classic youth baseball tournament will return to Burnside Park in Three Lakes June 23-25.

The tournament features a field of 32 teams spread evenly across four separate age divisions, 11U, 12U, 13U and 14U. Teams are welcome from across the North Woods, Wisconsin and Michigan.

Food will be available on-site along with raffles and drawings for team members,

coaches, parents and spectators to take part in. Proceeds raised from the classic support park facilities in Three Lakes.

Cost to register is \$500 per team. Checks should be made out to Three Lakes Parks Commission and mailed to: Jason Stebbeds, 8051 Highway 45 S., Eagle River, WI 54521.

For more information on the event, visit northwoods-baseballclassic.com.

Huelskamp, Springer selected as All-GNC softball

BY DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

Carly Huelskamp and Tommie Jo Springer were each recognized this week by coaches in the Great Northern Conference following the completion of the 2023 spring season.

Huelskamp, a junior, was selected as a unanimous selection to the All-GNC First Team while Springer, a senior, was selected as a member of the Honorable Mention team.

"Carly and Tommie were both exceptionally deserving," said Pines head coach Ben Hecke.

Huelskamp held the catching position down tight for Hecke's squad this season, and joined Makala Beck and Lily Weix of Antigo, Saylor Timmerman of Lakeland, Martha Miller of Medford, and Amber Gonzalez of Mosinee as fellow unanimous First-Team selections.

"Carly is the best catcher in the conference, and her hard work was recognized unanimously by the coaches within the GNC," said Hecke. "With 15 less conference at bats compared to peers due to run rule games, she posted some of the most elite offensive numbers in the conference."

In 12 games Huelskamp batted a robust .387 while

posting an on-base percentage of .424, both team highs. Her 10 runs batted in ranged her tied for fourth in the league. She tied for the league lead with two home runs along with her teammate, Springer, and two others.

Her 12 hits in 12 games were a team high in league play, as were her 10 runs batted in.

For Springer, her coach says she was an unquestionable team leader who set the tone for the team all season.

"She has endured so much in her high school career, including two knee injuries from which she had to battle back from," said Hecke. "While her future may lie in

downhill skiing, her heart is in softball, and her leadership was a cornerstone of our team this season."

Along with tying for most home runs in the GNC, Springer hit second inside the Pines' lineup all year.

"This was to get her as many at bats as possible," said Hecke. "Each game, opposing coaches knew of her potential, and she rarely got a pitch to hit this season based on reputation alone. To be able to post her offensive stats is a testament to her ability."

In 12 games Springer led the team in runs scored with seven, was second in hits (8), first in doubles (4), and was tied for second in runs batted



HUELSKAMP

in on the Pines' squad. She averaged .286 in league play, which was second on the



SPRINGER

team, and had a .394 on-base percentage, which was second to just Huelskamp.

SPORTS

Gremban wins 1,600 State title; Gjovik makes podium

BY DOUG ETTEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Northland Pines girls and boys track team season came to a close as each were represented at the WIAA Division 2 State Track & Field Championships in La Crosse over the weekend.

On the girls side the team was, for the third straight year, showcased by Nora Gremban who after qualifying in three events, was the WIAA State champion in the 1,600-meter run. She followed that up with another podium finish in the 800-meter event, finishing sixth.

She also qualified in the 3,200 meters, but due to an injury sustained in the 800-meter race, was unable to compete in the two mile race on Saturday.

Also taking part for the girls was Kirkland Williams who qualified in the triple jump, and set a new career-best mark in La Crosse as she finished 13th overall with a distance of 34-4.

For the boys, senior Jack Gjovik finished his career at the State level, qualifying in the triple jump where he'd make a

sixth place podium appearance following the event. He also joined with teammates Ryan Muench, Griffin Stiemke, and Eli Kerner as ninth place finishers in Division 2 in the boys 400-meter relay.

Muench also qualified for Pines in the triple jump, where he ended his season there with a 15th place effort of 40-1 1/2.

"Having kids in seven events was great," said Pines coach Josh Rhode. "This was one of the better results we've ever had as a team. We've brought kids down before, but haven't always performed to their capability. Four personal records, three school records, and a State champion. What more can you say?"

On the boys side, Rhode could not have been more proud of the 400-meter relay squad.

"Those kids just know how to compete," said Rhode. "As a coach, it was a great weekend to be able to spend with them."

In the preliminary round the Pines foursome put down a school record time of 43.69, which tied with Amherst as the eighth fastest time, qualifying them for the finals Saturday.

The moment never got too large for any of them accord-

ing to Rhode, as they would finish the finals in eighth place in a time of 43.76.

Denmark won the event with a time of 42.11.

"Their preparation sets them apart. They have been in big moments in other sports," said Rhode. "They know what it takes. Watching them all season, I was impressed with the way they practice. It set them up for success. They were making adjustments on their own as they understood more and more. They would show up on Sunday's to work on hand-offs and make adjustments. Because they had been in big moments in other sports, and because they knew they were prepared, they were loose."

Muench was in just his second full season as a member of the track and field team. So too was Kerner, while for Stiemke it was his first season.

"They had the demeanor and preparation of a veteran squad, which was great. We never had to talk about what could go wrong. They crushed it," said Rhode. "To go out and set a school record in the prelims, and then follow that up with the second best time they've ever run in the finals, was just awesome."

"Ultimately they ran into some really good competition. But still, they shaved almost a full second off the school record."

In the triple jump, Gjovik again set a new personal-best distance there. After qualifying for the finals, the senior laid out a jump of 43-11, which at the time had him in the third place spot. He went on to finish in sixth place and put himself on the podium with the State's best.

"Jack is our captain this year for a reason. He's a great role model for everyone," said Rhode. "To see him have his best jump ever at the State meet was just indicative of the way he competes and practices."

"He works with our younger athletes. He goes out of his way to help them and teach them things that he has learned. That sets him apart as one of the finest young men we've had in our program. Coaches have come up and told me what a good representative he is of our program, school, and community. He's going to be tough to replace."

Another athlete that won't need replacing next season, but instead will likely return with a large chip on her shoul-



Northland Pines runner Jack Gjovik reaches back for the baton from teammate Ryan Muench during the preliminary boys 400-meter relay at the WIAA State Track & Field Championships held Friday and Saturday in La Crosse. —Staff Photos By DOUG ETTEN

der will be Gremban, whose State meet was cut short by injury.

"Nora is a three-time state champ, and is going to come back stronger than ever," said Rhode. "She's a warrior and doesn't like losing."

After finishing her first race Friday with a State championship in the 1,600 meters, setting a new school record with a time of 4:53.30, Gremban was beckoned back to the track about 2 hours later for the 800-meter race.

She was pacing the field alongside Meredith Richter of Medford, Claire Wille of Grafton, and Claire Helmila of Freedom when, with about 200 meters to go, Gremban felt a twinge in the back of her leg which following the meet seemed to be a hamstring injury, according to Rhode.

"She was fading on that final stretch, and when that pack was surging by her she went for it," said Rhode. "She tweaked her hamstring. So she went back to the hotel and ran on the treadmill, but the next day it was just too tight. She really wanted to race in the 3,200, but we had to tell her she couldn't. She was disappointed, but yet very satisfied being a three-time State champ."

Rhode said Gremban is unlike any athlete that's ever run for Pines before.

"She is a competitor. She doesn't ever step onto the track to take second place," he said. "It's a testament to her determination. She's a very

impressive young woman who I know will be back to the top of the podium at State again next season."

Richter won the 800-meter race with a time of 2:14.08. Gremban would settle for sixth in a time of 2:18.16.

Rounding out the competition for Pines was Kirkland Williams in the triple jump. Her school record distance of 34-4 was good at 13th out of 16 competitors in La Crosse. Rhode said he's excited after the progress Williams made this year, to see how she fares next year as a senior.

"Kirkland had an amazing season," said Rhode. "The

final month a light bulb turned on. She kept going further and further. It was a goal of her to break that triple jump record and then broke it two more times. For her first time at the State meet, she stayed focused and got her biggest jump. It's been a long time since I've seen someone improve the way she did across the season."

As a team, Pines boys finished 39th with four points. On the girls side Pines was 19th overall with 13 points.

The boys Division 2 State title went to Lakeside Lutheran with 45 points. The girls crown was captured by Osceola with 50 points.



Northland Pines junior Nora Gremban crosses the finish line ahead of a field of competitors during Friday's running of the 1,600-meter championship race at the WIAA State Track & Field Championships in La Crosse. It was the third consecutive State title for Gremban.

Pines golf season ends at sectionals

BY JON EICHMAN
ASST. EDITOR

A solid season for the Northland Pines golf team ended last week after its WIAA Division 2 Sectional match hosted at Lake Wissota Golf Club in Chippewa Falls on May 30.

The Eagles ended up shooting a 361 to finish 11th out of 12 teams. Head coach Paul Logan noted that even in defeat, the team improved all season and a late spring melt made for some bumps along the road.

"The spring weather wasn't helpful, with the team's first outside practice being held May 18," said Logan. "The Great Northern Conference meets were essentially our practices."

Pines senior Gabe Smith led the team at Wissota, posting an 88 to stay inside the top-50. Not far behind was fellow senior Logan Kramsvogel who jotted down an 89 for the day.

Logan stated that he was immensely proud of the leadership shown by the two seniors throughout the season and knows they'll do great things in their next chapter.

The younger golfers struggled a bit during the Sectional match, with Pines sophomores Anderson Kielty and Ryder Will coming in with a pair of 92s, and sophomore Anthony Gaetano finishing at 106 for the afternoon.

Even with their struggles at Sectionals, the trio is already chomping at the bit to get to work on improvements for next season, according to Logan.

"I'm optimistic about the future with three good sophomores returning next year who have a true passion for the game," said Logan. "These guys played 18 holes at an invite in Merrill this year and then returned back to play more golf at St. Germain that same day; you can't get much more dedicated than that."

Pines took to Eagle River Golf Course on Friday to play in a team scramble for an end-

of-season varsity and junior varsity inter-squad match.

The top two teams moving on to the State Championship match from Wissota were McDonell Central Catholic High School, firing in a 306, and first place Amery who came into the clubhouse with an impressive 302.

Amery's own Aaron Mork took home the individual win at Wissota after posting a very nice one-under-par 71.

Individual qualifiers not on the top two-placed teams included Medford's Connor Lingen who shot a 74, finishing third overall to give the GNC some representation at the State championship match. Also qualifying individually were August Lang (74) of Somerset and Nicholas Mueller (72) of Saint Croix Central.

GNC rival Lakeland Union high school will return to the WIAA Division 1 State championship match after finishing second as a team in its Sectional match at the RiverEdge Golf Course in Marshfield, May 30. The team shot a combined score of 322, fueled by junior Matt Haggart's 74 that was good enough for second place individually. Lakeland Junior Jack Rubo also finished in the top 10, coming in with a 79.

Mosinee's Jeff Walters, who has been solid all season, missed out on an individual bid to State by only one stroke, shooting a 77 to finish seventh individually at the team's WIAA Division 1 Sectional playoff match May 30 at Hilly Haven Golf Club in Wrightstown. Mosinee finished sixth as a team, posting a 336.

Championship play began for all divisions June 5 at the Meadow Valleys course at Blackwolf Run in Kohler and concluded June 6. Stats were not made available ahead of press time.

Interested individuals can recap the action at wiaawi.org/sports/spring/boys-golf/tournament.

STANDINGS

EAGLE RIVER LADIES GOLF LEAGUE

Results of 5/30/23

Bessie winner: Michelle Richardson.

Shoot out: Dawn Gonitzke, closest at 5 feet.

Longest putt: Katie Rheinschmidt, 16' 9".

LOW GROSS

Flight A: First place, Jane Bowers; second, Katie Rheinschmidt; third, Debbie Cyrtnus.

Flight B: First place, Denise Pedersen; second, Penny Neis; third, Barbara Hollmann.

Flight C: First place, Laura Labno; second, Marsha Lewis; third, Glenda Wikoff.

Flight D: First place, Heather Kramsvogel; second, Georgi Starz; third, Susan Visner.

Flight E: First place, Tara Rosploch; second, Michelle Janet; third, Judy Barr.

LOW NET

Flight A: First place, Jane Bowers; second, Sarah Guenther; third, Debbie Cyrtnus.

Flight B: First place, Denise Pedersen; second, Barbara Hollmann; third (tie), Penny Neis and Ellen Weiten.

Flight C: First place, Laura Labno; second, Marsha Lewis; third, Mary Adler.

Flight D: First place, Heather Kramsvogel; second, Georgi Starz; third, Susan Visner.

ST. GERMAIN ODD COUPLES GOLF LEAGUE

Results of 5/30/23

One on 3's, two on 4's, three on 5's

First place team: Larry Jones, Joanne Jones and Jim Bergeron 139.

Closest to the pin, hole No. 2: Larry Jones.

ST. GERMAIN MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE

Results of 5/25/23

TWO BEST LOW NET

First place, scorecard playoff: Dave Preboske, Jeff Malison, Mike McCormick, Larry Jones 135.

Second, scorecard playoff: Mike Cohen, Lucas Malthauzer 135.

Third, scorecard playoff: Pat Ford, Carl Gretenhardt, Mike Quehoff 135.

Closest to the pin, hole No. 6: Greg Hanson.

Longest putt, hole No. 12: Carl Gretenhardt.

Results of 6/1/23

LOW NET ON THE PAR 4s

First-place team: Bill Hawes, Jim Vinci, Tom Carlstelt and Larry Neitzel 29.

Second-place team: Bruce Weber, Norm Schuettner, Tom Stecker and Tom Geigner 31.

Third-place team: Ed Tiezzi, Jim

Modlinski, Dave Mitchell and Pat Crotty.

Closest to the pin, hole No. 11: Tom Geigner.

Longest putt, hole No. 4: Dave DeYoung.

ST. GERMAIN TUESDAY NIGHT GOLF LEAGUE

Results of 5/23/23

FUN NIGHT

Longest putt, hole No. 1: Jim Modlinski

Closest to the pin, hole No. 2: Jim Kloehn

Longest drive in the fairway, hole No. 3: Pat Crotty

Closest second shot, hole No. 4: Scott Messner

Longest drive in the fairway, hole No. 5: Jim Modlinski

Closest to the pin, hole No. 6: Pat Ford

Longest drive in the fairway, hole No. 7: John Huber

Closest third shot, hole No. 8: Greg Hanson

Longest putt, hole No. 9: Jeff Malison

Results of 5/30/23

Low gross score: Brandon Messner 41.

Low net score: Bill Schneider 34.

Longest putt, hole No. 9: Penny McCormick.

Closest to the pin, hole No. 2: Dave Mitchell.

HEADWATERS HORSESHOE LEAGUE

Results of 5/18/23

Results: Bucksots I 6, Eagle Lanes II 3; Bucksots II 9, Club 45 II 0; Nutty Squirrel 6, Uncle Kent's II 3; Eagle Lanes I 9, Uncle Kent's I 0.

Top ringers: Blake Benzing 22, Susie Erickson 21, Jim Verstoppen 17.

Six-packs: Geno Wojo 4, Cliff Erickson 3, Michael Benzing Jr. 2, Tonya Kaulum 2.

Results of 5/25/23

Results: Eagle Lanes I 5, Bucksots I 4; Eagle Lanes II 6, Uncle Kent's I 3; Club 45 I 6, Club 45 II 3; Bucksots II 6, Uncle Kent's II 3.

Top ringers: Susie Erickson 23, Jim Verstoppen 22, Mary Simac 21.

Six-packs: Mary Simac 7, Jim Verstoppen 5, Cliff Erickson 4.

STANDINGS

Division A	W	L
Bucksots II	15	3
Eagle Lanes I	14	4
Nutty Squirrel	6	3
Club 45	6	3
Division B	W	L
Bucksots I	10	8
Eagle Lanes II	9	9
Uncle Kent's II	6	12
Uncle Kent's I	3	15
Club 45 II	3	15

SPORTS



Charlie Liebscher slides safely into third base ahead of a throw during Tuesday's WIAA Regional semifinal matchup against Elcho in Three Lakes.

—Photos By Kerry Griebenow

Three Lakes-Phelps ousted by Edgar in Regional baseball final

By CHRIS OATMAN
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Coming off a 15-win regular season, the Three Lakes-Phelps baseball team had their season come to a screeching halt last week as the team fell to Edgar 2-0 in the WIAA Division 4 Regional final in Three Lakes.

The Bluejays opened the post-season by hosting the Northern Lakes Conference (NLC) foe Elcho, defeating the Hornets 9-0.

Brandon Baumann earned a dominant pitching victory, tossing 6.2 innings while allowing just three hits and recording 11 strikeouts.

Jared Kaufman led the offense with two hits, a triple and double, and two runs batted in. Carter Flannery had a double and knocked in two runs.

The next day, Three Lakes-Phelps hosted the Regional final game against a very good Edgar Wildcats team, the No. 4 seed.

The game turned into a pitcher's duel between the Bluejays' Kaufman and Edgar's Leyton Schuett.

In the top of the fourth inning, Edgar led off with a bunt. The throw to first went down the right field line and the Wildcats had a runner at third.

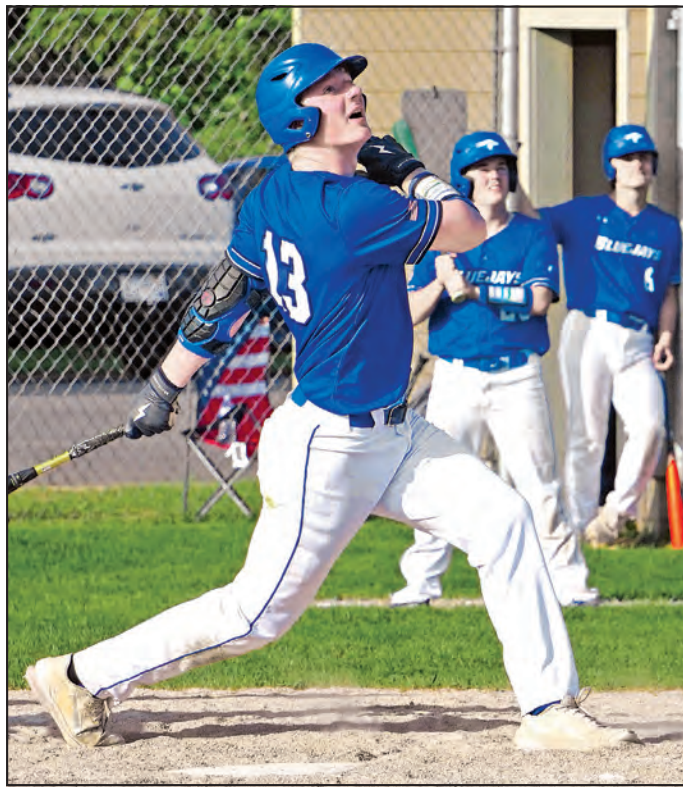
They bunted again and the throw could not be handled at first base. The runner at third scored and Edgar had a 1-0 lead.

Edgar got another run in the sixth when a pop-up to right center field found the grass between three Bluejay fielders, bringing a runner home from third and Edgar led 2-0.

The Jays put two runners on with no outs late in the game, but the Wildcats turned a wicked line drive into a double play.

Schuett pitched into the sixth for Edgar and Lucas Stahnke came on in relief.

He cut short a possible Bluejays threat, then struck out the side in the seventh, to



Jared Kaufman looks up to the sky as he follows the ball into the outfield during last week's Regional semifinal win over Elcho.

close out a combined no-hit-ter and a 2-0 Edgar victory.

Kaufman went the distance for the Jays, allowing just three hits and two runs, one unearned, with a walk and six strikeouts.

"We had great pitching, strong defense, guys got on base, hit the ball, but just couldn't capitalize," said coach Brad Bisnette. "It was a tight game between two good teams and a couple little things made the difference. That's baseball."

Bisnette afterwards also sent out a thank you to the

Bluejay fans and the community for their support.

"Biggest thanks go to the 16 players on the team this year," he said. "Looking ahead to big things next year. The work starts now."

The Three Lakes-Phelps baseball team finished the season with an overall record of 15-3. They finished in a three-way tie with Crandon and Florence for the NLC championship.

That made it six straight years that the Jays have taken at least a share of the conference title.

Hometown drivers score big in opening night races

Opening night at the Eagle River Speedway gave fans a show May 28 as last season's champions looked to defend their crowns against a slew of hungry challengers from throughout the state and beyond.

A highlight of the evening came when hometown driver Dustin White fought off former track champion Jason Zdroik, also of Eagle River, to capture the checkered flag in the B mod feature series race.

The race was marred by five caution flags within the first circuit. In the early going, it appeared Michigan's Dave Dishaw was on his way to victory. However, his machine stalled halfway through the event, handing the lead over to White on the restart.

White scored the win with Jason Zdroik, Tad Schoonover, Austin Zdroik, and Geoff Zdroik placing second through fifth, respectively.

Jason Zdroik gained a bit of redemption later in the night after he pulled off a pass during a race restart on Tomahawk's Travis Friske to score the late model feature series win.

Defending stock car champion David Blackberg of Eagle River also came out swinging on opening night. During the 20-lap stock car feature series race, he took the lead at the drop of the green flag and never relinquished the top spot.

Wausau's Kevin Bogdanovic took second and Eagle River's Ryan Glembin took third in the stock car feature.

Phillip's Devin Fries claimed the pure stock feature series win after skillfully weaving his way through lapped traffic and fighting off Brent Mindock on a restart with only six laps remaining in the race.

Dustin Kangas of Phelps swept the competition in the 600 micro sprints, winning both the heat race and the caution free 15-lap feature. The 300 micro sprint features were captured by visiting racers Miken Iverson of Galesville and Bentley Richer of Escanaba Mich.

In the Dairyland Vintage racers feature series, Merrill's Jason Torney came away with a clean sweep.

The Eagle River Speedway returned to its regular, weekly Tuesday night schedule June 6. The first green flag flies at 7:30 p.m. each week.

For more information, visit eagleriverspeedway.com or check the Eagle River Speedway Facebook page for additional updates.

Race summary

B Mod: Dustin White, Eagle River; Jason Zdroik, Eagle River; Tad Schoonover, Eagle River; Austin Zdroik, Eagle River; Geoff Zdroik, Rubicon; Bruce Belland, Eagle River; Gunner Hurst, Merrillan, MN; Beetle Bailey,

Argonne; Andy Fink, Minocqua; Rodney Hurst, Merrillan, MN; Pete Paulus, Phillips; Jesse Aho, Twin Lakes, MI; Dave Dishaw, Ontonagon, MI; Ryan Brown, Eagle River; Scott Swanson, Wausau; Vince Jung, Iron Ridge; Lee Lonsgaard, Fountain City; Frank Gasperini, Iron Mountain, MI (DNS).

Heats: 1) White; Brown 2) Dishaw; Austin Zdroik.

Late Model: Jason Zdroik, Travis Friske, Tomahawk; Jim Zdroik, Hartford; Austin Zdroik, Eagle River; Zack Friske, Tomahawk; Peyton Towne, Boulder Junction.

Heat: Travis Friske; Jim Zdroik.

Stock Car: David Blackberg, Eagle River; Kevin Bogdanovic, Wausau; Ryan Glembin, Eagle River; Anthony Kotula, Gresham; Jonathan Miller, Eagle River; Matt Cleary, Lac Du Flambeau; Patrick Farley Jr, Green Bay; Clint Evans, Hortonville; Ethan Hommerding, Merrill; Travis Stadler, Oshkosh; Jim Zdroik, Hartford; Ben Miller, Oshkosh; Trentin Bell, Eagle River; Tony Wilz, Menasha; Jeff Zdroik, Eagle River (DNS).

Heats: 1) Hommerding; Bell 2) Miller; Blackberg.

Street Stock: Cody Potter, Pell Lake; Logan Verhagen, Little Chute; Jason Eisel, Sugar Camp; Jason Melton, Three Lakes; Blake Hartman, Conover; Quentin Morrison, Eagle River; Jeff Hartman, White Pine, MI; Emerson Manos, Ontonagon, MI; Kim Brown, Eagle River.

Heat: Potter; Verhagen.

Pure Stock: Devin Fries, Phillips; Brent Mindock, Prentice; Trevor Schumann, Tomahawk; Jason Melton, Three Lakes; Bobby Hommerding, Merrill; Hope Eisel, Rhinelander; Jon Peterson, Eagle River; Cody Bauknecht, Crandon; Teagan Melton, Rhinelander; Ben Judnic, Rib Lake; Jerame Ristau, Tomahawk; Gunnar Orcutt, Tomahawk; Chris Busche, Tomahawk; Ronni Judnic, Rib Lake; Samantha Tingley, Hazelhurst; Derek Posto, Tomahawk.

Heats: 1) Fries; Orcutt 2) Mindock; Eisel.

600 Micro: Dustin Kangas, Phelps; Logan Getzloff, Wilson, MI; Andy Fink, Minocqua; Chase Richer, Escanaba, MI; Nathan Kieffer, Minocqua; Carson Artley, Escanaba, MI (DNS).

Heat: Kangas; Fink.

300 Micro: 1) Miken Iverson, Galesville; Carter Aho, Twin Lakes, MI; Blake Joslin, Rhinelander; Mason Meier, Eagle River; Cooper Aho, Twin Lakes, MI; Katherine Towne, Boulder Junction 2) Bentley Richter, Escanaba, MI; Archer Peter, Manitowish Waters; Madisyn Dieringer, Marshfield; Chase Zdroik, Rubicon; Taylor Artley, Escanaba, MI; Lucas Zdroik, Eagle River; Addison Dishaw, Ontonagon, MI.

Heats: 1) Iverson; Cooper Aho 2) Richer; Peter.

Dairyland Vintage: Jason Torney, Merrill; Scott Teidt, Lyndon Station; Will Garske, Tomahawk; Bill Froelich, Merrill; Shauna Cottrell, Oshkosh; Matt Eder, Merrill.

Heat: Torney.

Tennis association to meet

A Greater Eagle River Tennis Association membership meeting will be held Thursday, June 22, at 4:15 p.m.

All members and other community persons interested in tennis are invited to attend the meeting to be held at the tennis courts in Eagle River. The summer schedule of events will be discussed, in addition to the bathroom issue and anything that interested persons would like to talk about.

For more information, call Sherry Stecker at 715-542-2337.

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SPORTS

Pines defeats Somerset in opener; falls on the road to end season

By CHRIS OATMAN
NEWS CORRESPONDENT

The Northland Pines girls soccer team had high hopes as the Eagles opened post-season playoff action last week. After defeating Somerset in the first game by a score of 2-0, the team fell in the second round to Baldwin-Woodville, 2-0.

Pines came into the tournament series as the No. 4 seed in their Sectional, and started out by hosting No. 5 Somerset.

Somerset controlled possession in the first 20 minutes, but didn't have any real goal-scoring opportunities.

Pines coach Rod Sternhagen made some positional adjustments at about the 28-minute mark, and soon after Cassidy Sternhagen played the ball through to Zoe Anderson.

It created a breakaway, but the Somerset goalkeeper made a diving save. The Eagles kept the pressure on but could not finish, and the game went to halftime in a scoreless tie.

As the teams came back on the field for the second half, weather pushed teams indoors for shelter as a 30-minute lightning delay ensued. The game resumed after about a 45-minute delay.

"At the half, I told the girls we need to find the channels between the defenders instead of kicking the ball to their defenders," said coach Sternhagen.

The girls followed that advice and eight minutes into the second half Grace Plank's corner kick was knocked across the goal mouth. Two players attacked the ball which came off Isabella Chuckel's head and into the back of the net, to give Pines a 1-0 lead.

It took less than 12 minutes for the Eagles to hook up again with a through



Isabella Chuckel (No. 3) runs behind a Somerset player (No. 15) during last week's home playoff action at Northland Pines High School in Eagle River. —Photo By Chris Oatman

ball to Mallory Schmidt who attacked the goal line, slammed on the breaks, and slid the ball to Grace Plank.

Plank ripped the ball off the leg of a defender and just out of reach of the Somerset keeper to make it 2-0 with 20 minutes left in the second half.

At that point, lightning sent both teams back to the school and continued to reset the 30 minute delay time. As the delay dragged on, Somerset was offered the option to wait it out or come back the next day.

Given the four hour travel time to Somerset, they chose to wait it out. However, the weather never cooperated and Pines was declared the winner.

"Somerset was a classy team and took it well," said Sternhagen. "I was able to have a great conversation with their coach (Emily Salt-emberger) who is a Northland Pines graduate."

The win sent the Eagles on a lengthy road trip Saturday as they advanced to face Baldwin-Woodville, who was the top team in the bracket.

"It was hot and humid, but the girls worked hard," said Sternhagen. "The first half was back-and-forth. They put up eight shots with three on goal. We had three shots with all three on goal."

The first half was scoreless, though coach Sternhagen felt Baldwin-Woodville should have been called for a clear hand ball in the scoring box.

Sternhagen felt the home team played physical, and at times too physical, as it seemingly took Pines out of their sets.

Tied at the half, Sternhagen asked his team to match the physicality, but not so much the dangerous play he felt the opponent was taking part in. He also asked his team to mark tighter on defense.

Baldwin-Woodville struck first as they scored 10 minutes into the second to take a 1-0 lead.

Pines was whistled for a plethora of calls in the second, one of which produced a free kick which would find the back of the net. That was how it ended as Pines fell, 2-0.

"Baldwin was the better team," said Sternhagen. "We're a young team and if these girls take this feeling they have right now and use it to drive them between now and next season, we will bounce back and be right in the playoff mix of the top teams."

The Eagles lose standout senior Cassidy Sternhagen to graduation, but anticipate the return of everyone else.

Pines finished its season with an overall record of 7-9-3. They tied Mosinee for fourth place in the Great Northern Conference with a 3-6-1 mark.

Jays golf ends season in Crivitz

By JON EICHMAN
ASST. EDITOR

After finishing second in the Northern Lakes Conference this year and advancing past the Regional playoff round for the first time since the early 2000s, the Three Lakes Blue Jays golf team season ended last week at Hunter's Glen in Crivitz.

Head coach Michele Brown said that although the season came to an end at Sectionals, the team played pretty well with golfers that hadn't played at that level before.

"We had a really nice season overall with a lot of 'firsts' for this team," Brown said. "We won a conference match for the first time in over 12 years, took second place in the conference for the first time in over 12 years, and we had our team make Sectionals with a second place finish at Regionals for the first time since the mid 2000s."

The Jays shot a 373, earning them a seventh place finish at Sectionals. Junior Ian Mouw was the low man for the squad finishing with an 87, good enough to stay inside the top-20 individually.

Following Mouw at the WIAA Division 3 Sectional match was Jays' junior, Tyler Kimmerling-Keating, who put down a 92 on the scorecard. Three Lakes freshman Grayson Polcaster was not far behind, posting a 93.

Jays' senior Wyatt Simons and junior Tracton Fogerty struggled on the day, coming into the clubhouse with a 101 and 103 respectively.

Moving onto the WIAA Division 3 State championship match June 5 as a team were Lena (342) and Newman Catholic, who fired in a 337 to take first place. Newman Catholic's Conner Krach took home the individual first place finish, posting a solid five-over-par 76.

"Newman Catholic has some really strong players,

four of whom are seniors," said Brown "The boys found out what it takes to be sectional champs by playing alongside them.

"We lose Simons this year, but have a strong foursome returning next year," Brown highlighted. "They will be led by Mouw, our captain, most valuable player, and the conference player of the year."

Kimmerling-Keating and Polcaster, who both had solid seasons, plan to get to work right away, according to Brown. Fogerty is also aiming to improve after an up and down year, but Brown said that he is an extremely hard worker and knows he can go low heading into his senior year.

"Our returning golfers are determined to keep working on their game and hopefully play well enough to get us to that next level next year. It's always disappointing when the season ends, but we have so much to build off of and reach more firsts, and I can't tell you how excited I am for next year."

She added that the Jays have been out golfing every day since the season ended and they are determined to go farther next year.

Individual qualifiers, not a part of the top two teams at Hunter's Glen, included Kaiden Bailey (76) Saint Thomas Aquinas, Konnor Mehlerberg (78) of Wisconsin Valley Lutheran, and Spencer Lynch (79) of Saint Mary Catholic.

The State Championship matches for all divisions began June 5 at the Meadow Valleys Course at Black Wolf Run in Kohler and concluded June 6. Stats were not made available ahead of press time.

Those interested in getting a recap of the action can do so at wiaawi.org/sports/spring/boys-golf/tournament.

Volk FROM PAGE 11A

her if she's going to do it, then reach for the (State record) flag."

Moving to Saturday, Volk would be competing in consecutive events as both the Division 3 long jump and high jump competitions were taking place at the same time on the south end of the complex.

Volk started by taking part in the preliminary long jump, as she qualified for the finals, before heading to the high jump pit for what turned into a dual with Westby's Erin Gluch.

Volk came in as the

defending State champion in Division 3 as she had cleared 5-5 the year prior. Gluch was the champion of Division 2 the year prior, also clearing 5-5 in 2022.

Gluch had no problems with the first four of her attempts, as she was unscathed going into the bar at 5-5. Volk had missed her first attempt at 5-0 as she attempted to jump with an orthopedic insert in her foot, which didn't sit well.

"After she missed that jump, she took it out," said coach Volk. "It was just too sloppy, she said, and didn't really let her plant well."

Volk cleared 5-5 in her first attempt and it was now down to just her and Gluch heading to 5-6.

Both jumpers missed their

first attempt there before clearing in their second attempt. The bar then moved to 5-7, which neither Gluch nor Volk had ever cleared prior. After both missed their first attempt, each cleared on their second as the attention of most of the stadium was turned directly to the dual in Division 3 high jump.

The bar moved next to 5-8, which the duo failed to cover in either their first or second attempt. Gluch then cleared it in her third and final attempt, leaving one final try for Volk who, after nearly clearing it on her second, tripped the bar on her way up which kept her as the Division 3 runner-up and crowned Gluch as the State champion.

"That was pretty awesome to watch that back and forth,"

said coach Volk. "Those two have done that before at indoor State. We knew we were going to have a battle."

Because of the ongoing battle in high jump, Volk timed out of her first attempt in the finals of the long jump competition, meaning she had just two attempts to catch leader Ava Washburn of Webster who was the defending State champ. Her lead was at 18-7, while Volk's best preliminary attempt was 17-5 1/4.

As the heat beat down on athletes with the clock approaching 12:30 p.m., Volk turned in her top performance of her career on her first of two attempts in the finals, pushing the tape to 18-5 1/2 which not only broke her sister Kortnie's school record, but put her just an inch and

a half behind Washburn with one leap left.

"The heat was a little bit of a worry, but we planned for it," said coach Volk. "We did as much as we could to keep her cool and off her feet as much as possible."

Volk's third and final attempt in the long jump came in at 17-11, finishing her in second place and completing her season and career with another State medal.

Ending the day for Three Lakes-Phelps was Weavers in the shot put.

There Weavers started in the first flight of the prelims and put forward a best effort of 35-4 1/4, which ended up being enough to qualify her for the finals.

"It was great to see her make it into the finals," said

coach Volk. "She did not throw her personal best at State, but did have a 37-foot throw this season, which would have put her on the podium in La Crosse. It was good to see her get a crack at it."

Weavers made huge strides across the season according to her coach, even saying it was unfortunate she wasn't able to qualify for the State meet in the high jump where her Regional height of 5-2 would have put her in the final meet had she advanced out of the Regionals.

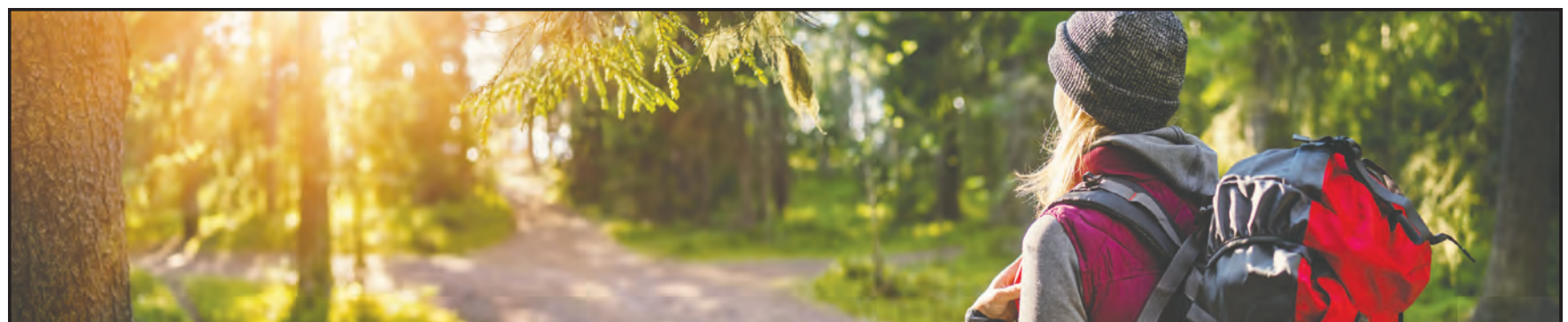
"Karlee jumped 5-2 at the Regionals and didn't qualify," said Volk. "She very well could have and should have been a State high jumper. She broke our discus record and she qualified for state in the shot."

"Between Kallie and Karlee, the two of them almost single-handedly won the conference for us. Her and Kallie just complemented each other so well. They were so unselfish during the conference meet."

For Volk, the meet also signaled the end to his track and field coaching career, and his tenure as athletic director at Three Lakes as he enters the world of retirement.

"I am probably not done coaching for good, but probably done with coaching track," he said. "We'll see what the future holds. It's been a lot of fun watching the girls compete over the years."

As a team, Three Lakes-Phelps placed fifth overall at the State competition with 26 points. They tied with Cashton (26) and trailed only Rosholt (27), Chequamegon (28), Lancaster (28), and Division 3 girls State champions Fall Creek (55).



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CLASS OF 2023 — Northland Pines High School graduated 113 seniors at its ceremony held Sunday afternoon in the fieldhouse. Pines staff, board members, choir and band students, and of course, graduates, took part in the ceremony.

Top: Principal Dan Marien presents a smiling Alyssa Karns with a diploma.

Right: Dominic Dahlquist gives a fellow graduate a piggy-back ride during the recessional.

Bottom Right: Massa Justice performs a solo during the choir's rendition of "Landslide" by Fleetwood Mac.

Lower Left: Seniors fist bump as they file in at the beginning of the ceremony.

Below: Student speaker Arthur Gloss addresses his graduating class.

Above: Graduates let the caps fly at the end of the ceremony.

—Staff Photos By MICHELLE DREW



Tickets still on sale for Sip and Shop

A few remaining tickets are available for the fifth annual Sip-N-Shop Wine Walk event, planned for Saturday, June 17, by the Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce.

This year's event will run from noon to 5 p.m. in the downtown Eagle River area.

Participants can enjoy an afternoon of shopping and wine sampling at participating businesses that will be offering special discounts exclusively for Wine Walk participants.

Each ticket allows individuals an opportunity to sample up to 20 to 40 options of hand-selected red and white wines, while following a map to businesses designated as "wine stops."

Advance tickets cost \$35 and are available at the Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce at 201 N. Railroad St.

or online at erchamberevents.ticketspice.com/sip-n-shop-wine-walk-2023.

Limited tickets are available; any remaining tickets will be sold the day of the event for \$45.

"The event has sold out in previous years," said chamber Executive Director Kim Emerson. "We recommend anyone interested in the event to purchase advanced tickets."

Check-in for the walk will be at the Chamber from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. At that time, participants can turn in their wine walk ticket in exchange for a goodie bag consisting of the event flyer of wine stops at participating businesses, their wine glass, and sampling punch card.

For more information, call 715-479-6400 or visit eagle-river.org.

Patchouli, Terra Guitarra to perform at Three Lakes arts

Wisconsin musicians Patchouli and Terra Guitarra will take to the stage Saturday, June 17, at 7:30 p.m. at the Three Lakes Center for the Arts (TLCFA).

Master guitarist Bruce Hecksel and singer-songwriter Julie Patchouli blend music from their two musical projects to form Patchouli and Terra Guitarra.

The duo will perform vocals, duets, and guitar artistry for attendees.

The pair has performed in over 5,000 shows, appeared many times on TV, film and radio, and produced 22 albums. They frequently return to the TLCFA to perform for their North Woods fan base.

The couple's sound is a soulful fusion of blazing Spanish and worldly guitar instrumentals, lush vocal har-

monies, and epic folk rock anthems.

Anyone wishing to hear the pair's music can visit patchouli.net. Beer, wine, and popcorn will be available for purchase during the event.

Cost for this show is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under.

The Jencks and Styka concert scheduled for Friday, June 9, still has a few remaining tickets available for purchase.

Other upcoming shows include The Madtown Mannish Boys taking the stage Saturday, June 24.

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 online, visit tlcfa.org.

Easy Eagles to hold meet and greet

The Easy Eagles Group will host a meet and greet Wednesday, June 14, at 11:30 a.m. at Chef Rene's at the Eagle River Inn.

Individuals are invited to join the group to learn more about what the organization entails.

Hors d'oeuvres prepared by Chef Rene will be served.

The group is comprised of predominately retired men who meet to socialize every other Wednesday while enjoying a meal prepared by Chef Rene. After the meal, a local individual puts on a presentation.

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

Not that you asked, but...

By Eric Johnson



Emerald diamonds

"They'll watch the game and it'll be as if they dipped themselves in magic waters. The memories will be so thick they'll have to brush them away from their faces ... The one constant through all the years ... has been baseball. America has rolled by like an army of steamrollers. It has been erased like a blackboard, rebuilt and erased again. But baseball has marked the time. This field, this game: it's a part of our past ... It reminds us of all that once was good and it could be again."

—James Earl Jones as reclusive author Terence Mann in "Field of Dreams," 1989.

IN THIS FAST-PACED age of instant everything, where the life moves at the unrelenting lightning speed of broadband internet, 5G cellular phone service, Instant Pots and microwave ovens, it's nice sometimes to put on the countercultural turn signal and make an off ramp exit onto life's slower lane.

For me, it's a chance to unwind the clock back from the modern breakneck rat race pace of 2023 to the bucolic, sepia-toned days of Cooperstown, N.Y. in the summer of 1839, when Abner Doubleday is reputed to have invented the simple game of stick-and-ball known as baseball, the enduring national pastime.

Well, maybe not quite Abner and Cooperstown in the hurrahs and huzzahs days of baseball forerunner

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LIFESTYLE

County program educates, connects local students

In May, more than 270 sixth-graders from across the North Woods came together for the annual sixth-grade positive alternatives conference.

Each year, members of the Vilas County Youth Coalition work with local agencies to make the conference a place where youngsters can learn, collaborate, make new friends, and have fun.

"This conference is a very unique event, as it is the only one that draws students together from the entire county," said Sharon Krause, member of the Vilas County Youth Coalition.

Students from all Vilas County schools, plus the Minocqua J1 class, are invited to attend the conference annually.

Together, students learn about healthy relationships, practice cultural awareness, experience the outdoors, learn about the impacts and dangers

of substance use, and more.

The goal of the program is to equip students with the tools they will need to lead a healthy life and introduce them to activities that exist in the county that can help them utilize these opportunities.

By encouraging collaborative learning across the school districts, students also learn how to work together and may even leave with a new friend or two.

One sixth-grader in the program stated that "you never know who you can be friends with."

Organizers agreed that while the students learned a lot that day, one student summarized the program accurately with the quote that summarized the true goal of the event, "The most important thing I learned today is that we can make a difference."

For more information, visit vcyouthcoalition.org.



WILDWOOD VISIT — Pre- and kindergarten students from Three Lakes Elementary School made a visit to Wildwood Zoo in Minocqua during the final days of school to meet a wide variety of animals. Students had a chance to explore the zoo, feed the animals and they even enjoyed an educational program in their outdoor learning amphitheater.

—Staff Photos By RACHEL WOOD

Virtual learning to be offered for cybersecurity

Vilas County Economic Development Corporation, in conjunction with Associated Bank, will host a free lunch and learn titled "Artificial Intelligence (AI) Cybersecurity Simplified" Thursday, June 15, at noon.

The program will be taught virtually by Brad Gauthier, owner of Sitecast. Gauthier has been building automation-based software his entire career and has taught on the topic of productivity for over 15 years.

His combined knowledge and experience has led him to become an ideal teacher regarding the topic of AI.

The presentation will teach attendees how to stay safe online and learn how to protect a business from modern cyber threats in an easy-to-understand way.

Gauthier will provide prac-

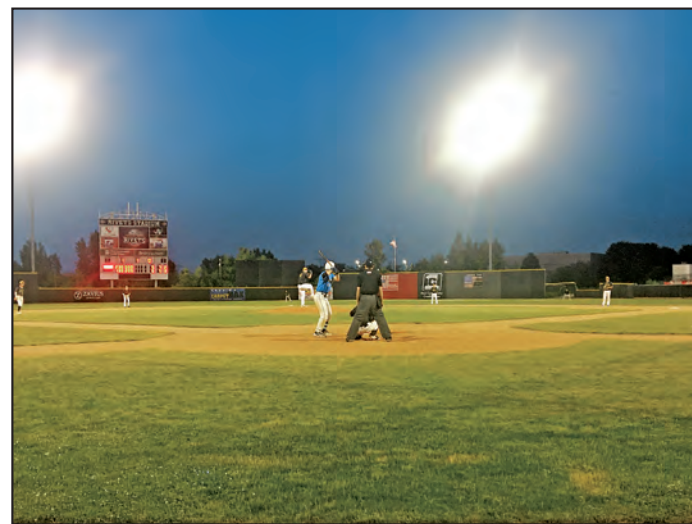


BRAD GAUTHIER

tical steps to boost security by teaching how to create more security in the online environment for employees and customers.

To register for the lunch and learn, visit vilascoun-tyedc.org.

For more information, call 715-337-0061.



The Northwoods League collegiate wood bat summer baseball league fields 24 teams across seven Midwestern states and Ontario, Canada, including Wisconsin teams in Wausau, Wisconsin Rapids, Eau Claire, La Crosse, Green Bay, Fond du Lac, Madison, Kenosha and Menomonee Falls in metro Milwaukee. Here, the Rockford, Ill. Rivets take on the Battle Creek, Mich. Battle Jacks under the lights June 3 at Rivets Stadium in suburban Loves Park. —Photo

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townball, but you get the idea. Even in this era with the advent of game-quicken- ing pitch clocks, American baseball is still a laid-back old school sport of beer, brat, hot dog, peanut, popcorn and cracker jack concessions, dizzy bat race contests, anthropomorphic racing sausages, seventh inning stretch serenades of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," and long, relaxing contemplative interludes punctuated by brief moments of excitement on the verdant green field.

It was three games of central casting picture-perfect breezy and mild summer eve-

nings as I watched the local boys of summer as the 184th anniversary season of baseball in America got underway with a two-series home opener against the Kenosha Kingfish and Battle Creek Battle Jacks at Rivets Stadium in Rockford, Ill.

The hometown Rivets are one of 24 teams comprising the Rochester, Minn.-based Northwoods League, a 30-year-old summer development league of collegiate baseball players inclusive of Badger State teams in Wausau, Wisconsin Rapids, Eau Claire, La Crosse, Green Bay, Fond du Lac, Madison, Kenosha and Menomonee Falls in metro Milwaukee.

America has evolved over multiple generations over the past 184 years, but baseball has indeed marked the time,

the classic old school game still playing out today on emerald green fields of grass with wood bats and game namesake bases and hand-sewn leather balls.

Baseball history runs long and deep down here in the heart of the Rock River Valley, where the meandering Rock — which gave Illinois' second city its longtime moniker for the rocky-bottomed shallows where early settlers and travelers forded the river — lazily cuts its way 299 miles southwest from its headwaters in the Horizon Marsh in Fond du Lac County to the mighty Mississippi River.

From 1865-1871, the Rockford Forest Citys Baseball Club was widely feted as the best "western" team of its era, home to two future Baseball Hall of Famers in pitcher Albert Goodwill Spalding and third baseman Adrian "Cap" Anson, and serving as a charter club in the National Association of Professional Base Ball Players, forerunner to today's National League.

Rockford would also gain entry into the Baseball Hall of Fame with the 1988 induction of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League, which the Rockford Peaches anchored during the league's entire 1943-1954 run, bringing home a league-leading four championships in 1945, 1948, 1949 and 1950. My late in-laws, Dick and Roma, used to watch Peaches games at old Beyer Stadium on 15th Avenue. The 1992 debut of the sports drama film "A League of Their Own" was old news to them.

More than 310 Northwoods League collegians have

advanced to Major League Baseball over the past three decades, including three-time All-Star and 2016 Roberto Clemente Award winner Curtis Granderson, three-time Cy Young Award winner and World Series Champion Max Scherzer, two-time World Series Champions Ben Zobrist and Brandon Crawford, World Series Champion Chris Sale, 2019 Rookie of the Year and 2019/2021 Home Run Derby Champion Pete Alonso, and 2021 All-Star, MLB Gold Glove winner and 2019 Second Team All-MLB shortstop Marcus Semien.

As it was for Hall of Famers Spalding and Anson of Forest Citys generations ago, the local ballfields — here in Rockford and in countless communities across the nation, from American Family Field in Milwaukee to the local summer youth league sandlot in Manitowish Waters — remain very much a field of dreams.

Is there enough magic out there in the moonlight on these summer nights to make their dreams come true? I hold out hope for these local boys of summer — Ben, Dylan, Jacob, Nick, Braden, Spencer, Aaron, Jake, A.J., Noah, Zach, Carson, Gavin, Cale, Matthew, Michael, Cameron, Carson, Jack, Brett, Nick, Jack, Khalil, Bradley and Bradley.

If they believe the impossible, the incredible just might come true. Just as it has for generations.

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The Alzheimer's Association recently presented the 2023 Alzheimer's Association Professional Award to Chris Koepl, MD, Aspirus Medical Group. Koepl is pictured here with Julie St. Pierre of the Alzheimer's Association.

—Contributed Photo

North Woods doctor recognized

Dr. Chris Koepl of Aspirus Rhinelander Clinic, was awarded the 2023 Alzheimer's Association Professional Award at the 37th annual Wisconsin State Conference held May 21-22.

The Professional Award is bestowed upon an individual who brings a dedication to his or her employment that serves as a model to others in the field.

Koepl is well-known as the "expert of the North Woods" when it comes to supporting patients on a journey with dementia. He was instrumental in beginning the Northern Wisconsin Memory Diagnostic Clinic in Rhinelander in 1998, one of the first memory diagnostic centers to be established outside of Madison or Milwaukee.

Since that time, the clinic has seen over 1,200 patients facing cognitive challenges.

He also reinforces a clinic model in which health care professionals work hand-in-

hand with organizations who offer services, such as the Alzheimer's Association.

"It is thanks to Dr. Koepl that so many people in Northern Wisconsin have access to diagnostic services close to home," said Julie St. Pierre, program manager, Alzheimer's Association. "He is passionate about patient care and gives families a voice."

St. Pierre added that it is a great comfort to many families that they can go through this difficult process in their own community, without having to travel hundreds of miles.

The Professional Award is coordinated by the Alzheimer's Association as part of their annual statewide conference.

The state conference highlights innovative approaches to Alzheimer's care, examines critical research initiatives, and facilitates the sharing of ideas among dedicated professionals and family members.

For more information, visit alz.org

LIFESTYLE

Students place at state competition

Band and choir students from Northland Pines High School recently performed at the Wisconsin School Music Association's (WSMA) State Solo Ensemble Festival. The festival was held May 6 at UW-Stevens Point.

To perform at the state level, each student received a first division rating at the district solo ensemble competition held in March.

Each student performed for and was rated by a qualified WSMA Master adjudicator.

Students were accompanied on piano by Sharon Anderson and Kate Jansen.

Two Northland Pines performances received special recognition as Exemplary Performance Nominees: Emma Perry for Musical Theater Solo and Elise Gregersen as a Trombone Solo. Additionally, Gregersen's trombone solo was named an Exemplary Performance Award Recipient.

Each adjudicator nominates exemplary performances for their outstanding quality throughout the day and then narrows their nominees down to one or two award recipients at the end of the day. Gregersen also received this top award in 2022 and was one of only three trombone solos recognized in the state this year.

Students that received state first division ratings included:

Soprano Solo - Malia Remme and Addison Rottier;

Alto Solo - Emma Perry and Elise Gregersen;

Tenor Solo - Kaemyn



Students that participated in the solo ensemble event included Elise Gregersen (left) and Emma Perry, who both received exceptional recognition at the event. —Contributed Photo

Heritage; Musical Theater Solo - Emma Perry and Malia Remme; Piano Solo - Elise Gregersen; Trombone Solo - Elise Gregersen; Jazz Brass Improvisation Solo - Nick Fluegel and Shawn Miller; Jazz Strings Improvisation Solo - Nolan Warner; Jazz Piano Improvisation Solo - Matt Milanowski; Jazz Ensemble - Taya Bolte, Tyler Busha, Sydney Felesena, Nicholas Fluegel, Elise Gregersen, Ike McClelland, Matt Milanowski, Shawn Miller,

Chloe Moran, Kyle Page, Kira Sandberg, Lucas Schmidt, Natalie Simac, Jenna Uhrine, Nolan Warner, Sam Warner and Michael Williams; Creative Jazz Combo "The Weathermen"- Tyler Busha, Nick Fluegel, Matt Milanowski, Shawn Miller, Christian Sandberg, Natalie Simac, Nolan Warner and Michael Williams; and Creative Jazz Combo "Kyle and The Seven Dwarves" - Eliza Brunton, Owen Libby, Ike McClelland, Chloe Moran, Kyle Page, Kira Sandberg, Chloe Tabbert and MaKayla Zmek.

Students that received state second division ratings included:

Tenor Solo - Lucas Schmidt and Riley Moore; Jazz Brass Improvisation Solo - Sam Warner and Mike Williams; and Miscellaneous Brass and Percussion Ensemble - RJ Behrens, Eliza Brunton, Tommy Burr, Coleman Crum, Noah Daniszewski, William Gregersen, Kaemyn Heritage, Owen Libby, Chyanne Meacham, Alyson Mignon, Isaac Mora, Christian Sandberg, Chloe Tabbert, Michael Warwick, Andrea Wiler, Chloe Zmek and MaKayla Zmek.

Aspirus Woodruff to host open house

The Aspirus Woodruff Clinic - Maple Street, will host an open house Thursday, June 22, from 4 to 6 p.m. The clinic is located at 240 Maple St. inside the Howard Young Medical Center (HYMC).

Community members are invited to tour the newly renovated Family Practice Clinic, the remodeled Specialty Clinic, and the Aspirus Tick-Borne Illness Center.

Attendees can meet Aspirus Health physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, medical assistants, and clinic leaders. Appointment scheduling will also be available during the event.

"We're excited to showcase our enhanced clinic with the community," said Karl Larson, MD, at Aspirus Woodruff Clinic. "Attendees will learn about the terrific family medicine and specialty care we provide in this state-of-the-art facility and we look forward to introducing ourselves and meeting members of this great region."

Aspirus Health renovated its Aspirus Woodruff Clinic - Maple Street as part of a multiphase plan to consolidate its two primary care clinics in Woodruff

and enhance overall patient experience.

The former cardiology suite at HYMC was remodeled to provide additional space for specialty care services with updated interior finishes.

The Family Practice Clinic and registration area were also updated to create a calmer environment, improve safety and patient experience, while enhancing workflow for staff.

Community members have direct access to family medicine providers and other care options including Pediatrics, Gynecology, Cardiology, Podiatry, Orthopedics, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, General Surgery, Rheumatology, and Aspirus Koller Behavioral Health services.

Laboratory Services, Radiology, Outpatient Therapies, Occupational Health, Pain Management, Emergency Care, Urgent Care, and the Aspirus Tick-Borne Illness Center are now available under one roof in Woodruff.

Participants are asked to park in Lot C and enter through the clinic entrance.

For more information, call 715-356-8702 or visit aspirus.org.

Youth Horse Camps This Summer For Your Horse Crazy Kids!

WHERE? Plum Lake Equestrian Center, Inc. 8177 Plum Lake Station Rd, Sayner, WI
INSTRUCTOR: Penny Wahlgren, 715-892-2216
WHEN? Session 1 July 10-13 • Session 2 July 31-Aug 3
 Session 3 Aug 14-17 • Session 4 Aug 28-31

We offer an unmounted 4-day Youth Horse Camp for the summer of 2023. Students will gain a basic knowledge of horse care through hands-on experience. Topics include breeds, grooming, gaits, leading, tack, anatomy, body language and veterinary care of the horse. Each session is 4-8 kids. Cost is \$200/session. Pre-registration will be required with payment in full to reserve your child's spot. Upon successful completion of a session, your child will be eligible for private or semi-private mounted lessons at a reduced price.

To register: Call or email for a Registration Form, visit www.plumlakeequestriancenter.com, or find us on Facebook.

Plum Lake Equestrian Center, Inc.
 8177 Plum Lake Station Rd, Sayner, WI 54560
 414-312-1630



Historic tour in Winchester

Winchester Library will present a historic walking tour around Winchester townsite Thursday, June 8, starting at 11 a.m.

The tour will leave from the Winchester Library located at 2117 Lake St.

Participants will see many historic sites and locations.

Blaze Burton, assistant librarian, will offer insight as the tour walks through the Winchester townsite.

Area Lions Clubs met to discuss membership retention and future endeavors. Participating in the meeting was back row, from left, Lion Bill Reckling, Lion Scott McFerson, Lion Rollie

Alger, Perry Pokrandt and Lion Steve Chandler. Front row, from left, Lion Zone Chair Hollie Larkin, Past District Governor Collette Sorgel and Lion Brian Blank. —Photo By Sharon Gifford

Area Lions clubs discuss future conjoined events

BY SHARON GIFFORD
 PHELPS CORRESPONDENT

At the recent Phelps-Land O'Lakes Lions meeting at Gateway Lodge, several speakers took part to inform Lions members of various programs and themes for the upcoming year.

Feed Our Rural Kids (FORK) president Perry Pokrandt spoke regarding what it has taken to get where the organization is today as they begin its fourth anniversary.

Lion Collette Sorgel from the Three Lakes Lions Club talked to the group about the new District Governor Don Meeder's theme, "time

for some serious fun," and also shared the focus for the upcoming year within the district, Lions new member recruitment, and existing member retention.

"Our club is looking for volunteers to help at our various fundraising events and community events," Lion Brian Blank said.

Sorgel stated that one goal is to coordinate the Lions into zone community activities among the six or seven clubs in Three Lakes, Eagle River, St. Germain, Conover, Phelps, and Land O' Lakes. There are plans underway for a full zone get-together during the summer.

Lion Zone Chair Hollie Larkin inducted the current slate of officers for the

Phelps-Land O' Lakes Lions Club including President Steve Chandler, Vice President Scott McPherson, Secretary Rollie Alger, Treasurer Brian Blank, and Past President Bill Reckling.

ON CAMPUS

SUPERIOR — The following students were named to the University of Wisconsin-Superior Dean's List for academic achievement during the Spring 2023 semester: Grace Allison and Jaelyn Halsey, both of Eagle River; Kelsey Hinterleitner of Woodruff.

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — Cody Jantzen of St. Germain graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Sioux Falls.

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Sip & Shop Wine Walk

June 17, 2023
 Noon - 5pm

Join us for an afternoon of Wine Sampling and Shopping in Downtown Eagle River

Tickets: In Advance: \$35
 At the Door: \$45 (if available)

Each Participant will receive:

- a souvenir wine glass
- a sampling of 19 different wines
- a map to participating stores
- store discounts

Tickets Available at:
 Eagle River Area Chamber of Commerce - 201 N. Railroad St.
 Online: www.erchamberevents.ticketspice.com/sip-n-shop-wine-walk-2023

For more information contact:
www.eagleriver.org 715-479-6400

The Almanac

This space is reserved for recurring events and services.
Listings which are not updated or confirmed annually
will be removed after one year. Call 715-479-4421.

June

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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 Kalm 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 Habersetzer, 715-477-1396.

LAKELAND ART LEAGUE — New members and visitors welcome. Call Eileen, 715-358-3010. lakelandartleague.org or lakelandartleaguewi@gmail.com.

LIONS CLUB — The Eagle River club meets the second Wed. of each month at 6:30 p.m. Call 715-479-2666.

LIONS CLUB — The St. Germain Northwoods club meets the first 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 a.m. at Kalm Community Center in Eagle River. Call Kalm 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 Boudeman, 715-546-3221. vcarc.net.

VILAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS — Meetings are held at various locations and times. Call Shirley Egan, 715-891-1771.



Families honor those who served during Eagle River's Memorial Day service. —STAFF PHOTO

Recreation

BADGER BRIDGE — Duplicate — Meets Mon. at noon, at Kalm Community Center in Eagle River. Call Bob Dow, 414-758-6411.

BINGO — Every Mon. night, May 22 thru Oct. 9 (including holidays) at Kalm 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 Kalm Community Center in Eagle River. Groups playing any other board or card games welcome. Call Kalm Center, 715-337-2510.

HEART AND SOUL QUILTERS — Meets Wed. from 9 a.m. to noon at Kalm Community Center in Eagle River. All ages welcome, beginner or advanced. Call Cheryl Brierfeldt, 920-973-5489.

ISLAND CASINO TRIPS — Monthly. For details, call 715-337-2510.

KNITTING CLUB — Northwoods Knitters and Purlers meets the fourth Mon. of each month at the Woodruff Town Hall in Woodruff. Call Carol Clauser, 715-453-8055.

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 Kalm Community Center in Eagle River. A 2023 card is required. Experience preferred. Want to learn mahjongg? Call Joy Vandenhuevel, 715-573-8836.

NORTHWOODS CARVERS — Meets Wed. at 12:30 p.m. at Kalm 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 Kalm 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., Kalm 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.

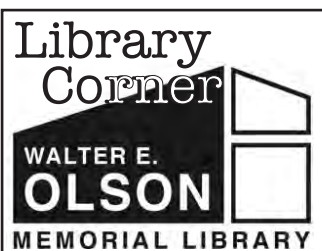
GRIEF SUPPORT — Open to any adult experiencing grief, meets the third Tues. of each month from 1-3 p.m. at Ascension At Home in Rhinelander. Call 1-800-643-4663.

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.



The Walter E. Olson Memorial Library is participating in the Northern Waters Library Network for the Library Passport Program which runs through Aug. 31. Pick up a passport at any Northern Waters library and get a stamp for every library visited. Receiving 10 stamps enters individuals for prizes like gas cards, travel games, tire air compressors, and more. For more information, visit nwl.wislib.org/passport.

The State Park Day Pass program is here. Cardholders can check out a one-day vehicle pass good for any state park, forest, or recreation area where admission is required.

The 2023 Summer History Series will begin Wednesday, June 7, at 1 p.m. with "Can You Dig It" presented by archaeologist Cindi Stiles. This program is an annual

partnership with the Eagle River Historical Society.

"Read to a Dog" will return to the library Monday, June 12, at 11 a.m. Participants are encouraged to bring a favorite book or find one at the library and share a story with one of the therapy dog friends.

On Wednesday, June 14, at 1 p.m., the Summer History Series presents "Postcards from the Past" with photographer and author Dave Tank. This program is an annual partnership with the Eagle River Historical Society.

New ukulele classes return for the summer and will begin on Friday, June 16, with Cooksey Smith. 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.

For more information, contact the library at 715-479-8070, olsonlibrary@gmail.com, or visit olsonlibrary.org.



HONORING OUR MILITARY — T.A. Solberg Companies and Trig's employees honored area veterans with its sixth annual Cupcake for Vets fundraiser. Six-packs of patriotic cupcakes were sold at

all Trig's locations and proceeds from the sale were donated to veteran's organizations in our local community.

—Contributed Photo

Summer programs offered in Rhinelander

James Williams Middle School (JWMS) in Rhinelander is offering two summer program opportunities for area students from June 19-24.

Students grades 1 through 12 will have an opportunity to participate in the musical production of "The Little Mermaid." Students entering grades 1 through 4 will have the opportunity to participate in the Youth Summer Art Program.

According to Oneida County 4-H Educator Anne Williams, these programs

offer opportunities for youth to try something new, meet new friends, and build life skills such as communication, cooperation, creativity, and persistence. Students from public, private, or homeschooled are welcome to participate.

"The Little Mermaid" musical production will feature two professional actors/directors from the Missoula Children's Theater Company (MCTC). A set, lights, costumes and props will all be provided as well by MCTC.

The team will hold an

open audition and plans to cast up to 50 area students to perform in the production.

The show will be rehearsed throughout the week and one public performance will be presented on June 24 at 1 p.m. at JWMS.

This musical is a new version of the age-old tale and will include music, plot surprises, humor, ferocious dragons, advancing armies, and a resourceful prince charming.

The Youth Summer Art Program allows children to create art projects and

explore water-themed environmental topics.

Then, on Saturday, June 24, participants will have the opportunity to show their art creations to the public, which will help set the scene for "The Little Mermaid" performance.

This program is sponsored by the Oneida County Extension and the Old School Arts and Learning Center.

For more information and to register for the musical or the art program, visit oneida.extension.wisc.edu or call 715-365-2750.

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Attendees of the Spiritual Adoption panel were able to enjoy songs, discussion and refreshments during the event held at St. Peter the Fisherman church in Eagle River.

—Photo By Jacki Goebel

Council of Catholic Women hold Spiritual Adoption panel

By JACKI GOEBEL
ST. GERMAIN CORRESPONDENT

The Superior Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (CCW) held a Spiritual Adoption panel on May 17 at St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church.

The panel featured a birth parent, an adoptive parent, and the story of an adult adoptee.

The council, concerned with last year's Supreme Court decision, felt a need for our society to begin to understand that adoption can be a positive

choice for the pregnant woman, the unborn child, and the waiting parents.

The purpose of the Spiritual Adoption program encourages prayer for babies in danger of abortion and educates on the development of a preborn child.

Participants in the program, "spiritual parents," pledge to pray for nine months for an unborn child whose parent(s) are unsure of their plans.

Individuals, groups, and programs "adopt" the child, focusing on the reality that their prayers help the particular baby and develop a con-

nection.

Some participants even hold a baby shower, donating the gifts to local child-support programs. Participants do not know who the particular child is; the program is developed to support the child through prayer.

The council is part of the Northern Lakes Catholic Communities which includes St. Peter's in Eagle River; St. Albert the Great Catholic Church in Land O' Lakes; St. Kunegunda of Poland Catholic Church in Sugar Camp; St. Theresa of Avila in Three Lakes, and St. Mary's in Phelps.

Vision club plans luncheon

The Northwoods Low Vision Lunch Club will host a lunch and social event Wednesday, June 14, at 11:30 a.m. at The Wild Boar located at 1426 Highway 51 in Arbor Vitae.

The club is for the visually-impaired and blind individuals and meets the second Wednesday of every month.

During the event individuals can discover tips, find resources, and share stories with others learning to live independently with low vision.

New members and their sighted supporters are always welcome.

For more information, contact Diane Egan 715-358-0361 or Brent Goodman at rhi.vip.club@gmail.com.

Bridge courses to be held at Kalmar Center

A 10-week series of American Contract Bridge League Courses will be offered at the Kalmar Community Center in Eagle River beginning June 16.

Individuals interested in learning to play bridge, and those who already enjoy playing bridge and want to improve their skills, are invited to participate.

The series will be conducted by the Badger Bridge Club and will be divided into two five-week sessions beginning Friday, June 16, and ending Friday, Aug. 18, according to Bob Dow, Club Director of the Badger Bridge Club.

The Badger Bridge Club meets every Monday at noon at the Kalmar Community Center.

The first five-week class

will include no-trump and major and minor suit opening bids, as well as the Stayman Convention.

The second session will focus on pre-emptive opening bids, weak-two bids, over calls and responses, negative doubles, strong two opening bids, Blackwood convention, Gerber convention, and more.

The fee for one course is \$65.00, and the cost for both courses is \$115.00 if paid upfront.

Charge includes course materials, text book, and additional bridge aids.

To enroll in one or both courses, contact Mary Jo Berner at 715-891-1934.

For more information, contact Dow at 414-758-6411.

One Year Ago - 2022
Kallie Volk of Three Lakes and Nora Gremban of Northland Pines came home from the State track and field championships in LaCrosse with first-place medals in the high jump for Volk, and 2,800-meter and 1,600-meter runs for Gremban ... After nine years as the face of the St. Germain Chamber of Commerce, Penny Strom resigned from her position as director ... Phase one of the Rotary Square community area project in Eagle River was completed.



During fawn time in the North Woods, Aqualand in Boulder Junction saw a big crop with nine being born. Two are seen being bottle-fed in this 1973 News-Review archive photo.

10 Years Ago - 2013
The 20th anniversary of the Fishing Has No Boundaries event was celebrated on the Eagle River Chain of Lakes by more than 180 participants and volunteers ... A grant application to fund a school resource officer for the Northland Pines School District was approved by the Vilas County Board ... The Three Lakes Blue Jays baseball team won a Regional title for the first time in 18 years.

20 Years Ago - 2003
Tim Garasha, Carol Meadows, Andy Schaffer, Nancy Schaffer, Jack Sparks, Fay Thielke and Barbara Wagner, whose experience combined for more than 200 years of service to the Northland Pines School District, were set to retire at the end of the year ... The Independent Insurance Agents of Wisconsin selected Peter Anderson IV of Anderson Insurance in Eagle River as its 2003 Young Agent of the Year ... The Northwoods Association of Realtors celebrated its 50th anniversary.

30 Years Ago - 1993
North Woods residents teamed up with the Department of Natural Resource forming "Team Deer" to help monitor the state's deer population ... Don Keister of Boulder Junction won the Guides Division of the Vilas County Musky Marathon ... Lake Forest Golf Club won a high-service award for the

fourth year in a row from Interval International.

40 Years Ago - 1983
About 75 exhibitors displayed more than \$2 million worth of guns at the first Superior Gun Show in Eagle River ... Dr. Russell Nooyen purchased the Three Lakes Family Clinic from the Eagle River Memorial Hospital ... General Telephone drilled new conduit piping under Wall Street in Eagle River to house its wires for both local and long-distance calling, a massive undertaking that increases carry capabilities for the area.

50 Years Ago - 1973
St. Peters school choir of Eagle River received a first-place rating after participating in the Three Lakes Music Festival ... Top drivers representing most of the major snowmobile manufacturers were to meet with members of the Eagle River Lions Club to help suggest a new layout for the World Championship oval track ... A 19-year-old Land O' Lakes resident pled guilty to a charge of illegal sale of venison in Vilas County Court.

60 Years Ago - 1963
The Eagle River Northerners were declared the Intermediate U.S. Hockey champions ... A ten cent per house increase in the state wage for women and

minors was approved by the Minimum Wage Advisory board of the state Industrial Commission ... Herb Garbisch's Gamble store in Eagle River celebrated its 25th anniversary.

70 Years Ago - 1953
During a violent electrical storm, an Eagle River resident was struck by lightning in addition to multiple houses catching fire from lightning strikes ... The first public meeting of stock holders of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation was held in Milwaukee ... Bad weather ruled out play for the Vilas County softball league during its first week of scheduled games.

80 Years Ago - 1943
A total of \$174.50 was awarded to women bowlers from Eagle River, Phelps and Land O' Lakes at the state bowling tournament ... The state conservation department sought deer pictures from North Woods residents ... A new ration guide was released with another cut to the amount of sugar one could receive.

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.

Packers accepting grant applications

Applications are now being accepted by the Green Bay Packers Foundation for the organization's annual grant program.

This year, the foundation will focus on awarding grants to organizations that will use the funds for programs or projects that address services for the elderly, combating homelessness, human services needs and hunger insecurity.

Organizations that are classified as exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) code with a valid IRS Tax ID for a minimum of two years and are located in the state of Wisconsin are eligible to apply for a grant. Additionally, organizations may

only apply for a grant once during the three-year cycle.

All grant applications received will be reviewed by the Green Bay Packers Foundation Trustees, who will finalize the list of grant recipients in October. A public announcement of the grant recipients will take place in November or December.

Last year, in its annual distribution of funds, the Foundation awarded \$1.25 million to 243 civic and charitable groups throughout the state of Wisconsin. With these disbursements, the Foundation has distributed more than \$19.28 million for charitable purposes since it was established in 1986.

Different focus areas are emphasized through the application process each

year, and this is the first year of the current three-year grant cycle. In 2024, the focus areas will be arts and culture, athletics and education.

Interested applicants can find out if they are eligible and apply for a grant online at packers.com/foundation.

The Green Bay Packers Foundation grant program is part of Green Bay Packers Give Back, the Packers' all-encompassing community outreach initiative, which include the Green Bay Packers Foundation's annual and impact grants, appearances by players, alumni, coaches and staff, cash and in-kind donations, community events, Make-A-Wish visits, football outreach and much more.

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., JUNE 12
Seasoned baked chicken
Twice baked mashed potatoes
Cold pickled beets
Wholewheat bread
Peaches and vanilla pudding

TUES., JUNE 13
Stuffed green pepper casserole
Dill carrots
Raisin bread
Spice cake

WED., JUNE 14
Ham and scalloped potato casserole
Pacific blend vegetables
Wholewheat roll
Banana

THURS., JUNE 15
Sloppy Joe on a bun
Roasted potatoes
Baked beans
Grape salad

FRI., JUNE 16
Loaded broccoli, potato and cheddar soup
Naked chicken breast strips
Crackers
Mandarin oranges
Coleslaw
Cookie



50 YEARS — Dave and Chris Roberts of Eagle River celebrated 50 years of marriage earlier this month. The couple was married June 2, 1973, in Grafton. They have one child, Elizabeth (Keith) Maltby of Oconomowoc; and four grandchildren, Isabella, Evelyn, Kenneth and Isaiah. —Contributed Photo

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It's a family tell-all performance of college donations during the Border Troubadours performance recently held at Ely Memorial Church in Land O' Lakes. The group donates to various charities and nonprofits in the North Woods. —Photos By Bob Hughes

Theater troupe supports humane society

The Border Troubadours theatre troupe performed two free live performances back-to-back on May 25 at the Ely Memorial Church in Land O' Lakes.

The original plays written by Cindy Pesek, "A Dog's Life: Shelter Secrets" and "College Donations: A Life of Their Own," included support for the Humane Society of Vilas County.

Community cash donations of \$545, along with pet food donations received at the event, went directly to support the humane society.

The next upcoming free theatre event, Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" adapted by Dr. Carolyn Harper, is scheduled for Thursday, June 22, at 7 p.m. at

the Snowflake Building, located at 6492 Town Hall Road.

Proceeds from this event will be in support of The Warehouse Art Center in Eagle River. Attendees are encouraged to bring a lawn chair for seating.

Border Troubadours is a volunteer-based theatre troupe which celebrates the arts, connects people, and supports the community by offering free access to local theatrical productions.

The troupe's mission also includes fundraising activities to support a variety of charities.

For more information, email bordertroubadours@gmail.com, or follow Border Troubadours Theatre Troupe on Facebook.



It's a dog's life as one pooch prepares for the performance.



Land O' Lakes Public Library
P.O. Box 450 715-547-6006

The Land O' Lakes Public Library has the summer event calendars for June, July, and August available at the library and online.

Summer Reading Program sign-up began June 5. Story time will be held weekly throughout June, July, and August on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Popcorn Wednesdays has returned to the library. Fresh, hot popcorn will be available, free of charge, near the circulation desk every Wednesday all summer.

Story time will be held every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. throughout June, July, and

August beginning June 6. Story time will be held outdoors on the front lawn whenever possible.

June's movie is "80 for Brady." Movie Night is Thursday, June 8, at 6:30 p.m. and Movie Afternoon is Monday, June 12, at 1:30 p.m.

The Nonfiction Book Club will meet Monday, June 12, at 10:30 a.m. to discuss "There is Nothing for You Here: Finding Opportunity in the 21st Century" by Fiona Hill. New members are always welcome, contact the library for details.

Land O' Lakes residents Bob and Cheri Hughes will present a travelogue program, "Traveling Through Portugal," Wednesday, June 14, at 1 p.m.

Kid's Movie Mondays will begin with a showing of "Lightyear" June 12 at 10:30 a.m. Supervision will be provided, however a caretaker of babysitting age or older must remain on premises. Adults are

welcome to enjoy the library garden or reading room during the movies.

Mahjong games are held every Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the downstairs community room.

The library has a partnership with Creativebug, an online platform offering video arts and crafts, workshops, and techniques. Patrons can access thousands of classes for all skill levels by visiting the Land O' Lakes Library's website and creating an account with a valid library card.

One-on-one assistance for phones, tablets, and laptops is currently offered. Patrons may schedule a 30-minute session with a librarian to learn about a technology topic of their choice, ranging from smartphone basics to downloading eBooks. To reserve a session, call the library.

The library is accepting donations of new or gently used items for the upcoming

Library of Things, a collection of useful items, such as tools, outdoor equipment or kitchen items, that may be checked out.

Additionally, mobile hotspots are available for checkout at the library. These hotspots use cellular signals to create internet access points and are available with both Verizon and AT&T service.

The Overdrive app will no longer be available. Users are encouraged to explore the Libby by Overdrive app. Library staff can help with the transition.

The Land O' Lakes library is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information on any event or program, contact the library at 715-547-6006, visit landolakeslibrary.org, or stop by at 4242 Highway B.

Land O' Lakes Senior Dining

Love of Life Café,
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Serving at 11:30 a.m.
Sponsored by ADRC of Vilas County

Butter and margarine offered. Coffee and milk served with each meal. Lighter substitute in place of main entrée: grilled chicken salad. Place reservations and choice with **Anna Moore** at 715-547-6076 at least 24 hours in advance.

TUES., JUNE 13

Broiled cod
Baked French fries
Three bean salad
Coleslaw
Rye bread
Cake

WED., JUNE 14

Spaghetti and meatballs
Dark green salad
Garlic bread
1/2 apple
Pudding



Barbara Grubel, former student and professional dancer, presented the dedication for the Dolores Lapp Studio of Dance. —Photos By Bob Hughes

Dance studio dedicated to honor Dolores Lapp

Land O' Lakes Arts (LOLA) held its dedication ceremony May 27 for the Dolores Lapp Studio of Dance room.

Lapp was a dance teacher in the Eagle River area for decades and a resident of Land O' Lakes since the 1940s.

Initiatives for the studio started at the end of 2017 and due to the generosity of friends, family, and former students contributing to the funds, the Dolores Lapp Studio of Dance room was created.

The upstairs room overlooks downtown Land O' Lakes, complete with a dance floor and mirrored wall.

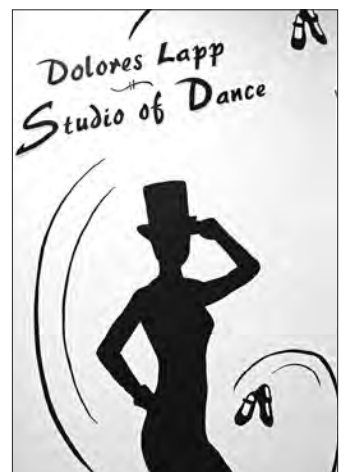
A shadow box is on permanent display for viewing with original photos and copies of old programs from Dolores' life.

The walls of the room are decorated with a mural of dancing silhouettes painted by Sharon Molinaro.

The dedication ceremony included a speech, some dancing, and a brunch catered by Lynn Richie.

Former student and professional dancer, Barb Grubel, gave the dedication, giving a speech filled with facts, quips, and stories about Lapp and her passion for dance.

After studying dance and performing professionally in Las Vegas, Dolores moved to Land O' Lakes to marry Jack



A mural of dancing silhouettes painted by Sharon Molinaro decorates the walls of the dance studio.

Lapp. In the early 1960s she started the Dolores Lapp School of Dance, where she taught many children from the Land O' Lakes, Eagle River, and Iron River, Mich. areas.

An annual recital for the studio was held in the Eagle River High School Auditorium.

The Dolores Lapp Studio of Dance room is now being used for summer line dancing classes with Gloria Andersen, and will be soon utilized for tap dance and hip hop classes for kids and adults during LOLA's Summer Arts Venture program.

For more information, visit lolaartswi.com.



IN REMEMBRANCE — This year, the Land O' Lakes Memorial Day ceremony drew a larger than normal crowd of residents and visitors to remember all those service men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country and our freedom. The Honor Guard from the Land O' Lakes Veterans Center was on hand for the service. Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) Commander Chris

Cichy led the observance of remembrance for the fallen and Alysa Imse sang a rendition of the National Anthem. Wreaths and flowers were laid by VFW veterans and the honor guard fired off the rifle volleys just before Taps was played. Several military personnel and veterans were on-site for the program.

—Photo By Bob Hughes



POPPY DAYS — Veterans with poppies is a familiar sight around Land O' Lakes and Eagle River this time of year. Poppies are given out for a donation and funds are utilized to support veteran programming. This group of veterans were outside the Pine Cone Café and the post office in downtown Land O' Lakes over Memorial weekend. —Photo By Bob Hughes

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HONORING THE FALLEN — Memorial Day services were held in Three Lakes May 29 that began with a solemn procession down Superior Street to the Three Lakes Cemetery where the service was held. Patriotic music was provided by the Three Lakes High School band.

Above: Three Lakes Class of 2023 President Gus Fink addresses attendees while co-valedictorian Kallie Volk and members of the Color Guard look on.

Right: A member of the American Legion Auxiliary places a wreath in remembrance.

Below: An Army vehicle is part of the procession into the cemetery.

—Photos By Kerry Griebenow



Redman Realty to open new office this Thursday

Redman Realty Group of the North Woods will host a grand opening celebration at its new Three Lakes office this Thursday, June 8, from 3 to 6:30 p.m.

The new office is located at 6990 West School St. in downtown Three Lakes, in the Open Armoire building.

Food, beverages, and games for the family will be provided. There will also be live music performed by Brett Winters.

Known as the number one real estate brokerage in the North Woods, Redman Realty Group has a proven record for providing a first class, professional service and getting results for its customers and clients.

“Our numbers speak for themselves,” said Broker/Owner Adam Redman. “We set ourselves apart by working closely with you to develop robust marketing campaigns structured for your individual needs.”

Redman Realty Group works in many of the communities in the North Woods

with offices in Minocqua, Manitowish Waters, Rhinelander, Eagle River, and now Three Lakes.

Broker Associate Tara Stephens works out of the Three Lakes office. She joined Redman Realty Group in 2023, bringing with her more than 16 years of expertise and dedication to offering the best support possible to her clients and customers.

She has been a top producer for many years, earning several prestigious honors including the Quality Service Award and is a Triple Centurion recipient.

Across her career, Stephens has remained in the top 5% of sales ranking in the Greater Northwoods MLS. She holds a broker license and brings extensive experience in residential sales, management, and new agent education in both Wisconsin and Florida.

For information on Redman Realty Group, visit redmanrealtygroup.com.

The grand opening is open to the public.

Sugar Camp Lions Club to host fish fry June 9

The Sugar Camp Lions Club will sponsor a fish fry open to all ages Friday, June 9, at the Sugar Camp Town Hall from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Dinner includes fish, hash browns, coleslaw, rye bread and coffee or milk. Beer and soda will be available for purchase at the bar.

Ticket prices are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children under 12, and toddlers five and under eat for free. All proceeds from this event will go toward Sugar Camp Lions Club projects.

For more information, contact Ron Winquist at 715-360-1817.



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SMART STUDENTS — April Students of the Month for Three Lakes Junior High and High School were honored at a breakfast held May 4 in the Three Lakes commons. Displaying their certificates are, from left, Noah Kincaid, 10th grade; Principal Justin

Szews; Gus Fink, 12th grade; Lacey Christophersen, 11th grade; Malia Szews, seventh grade; and Mira West, ninth grade. Not pictured, Luke Norship, eighth grade.

—Photo By Jennifer West



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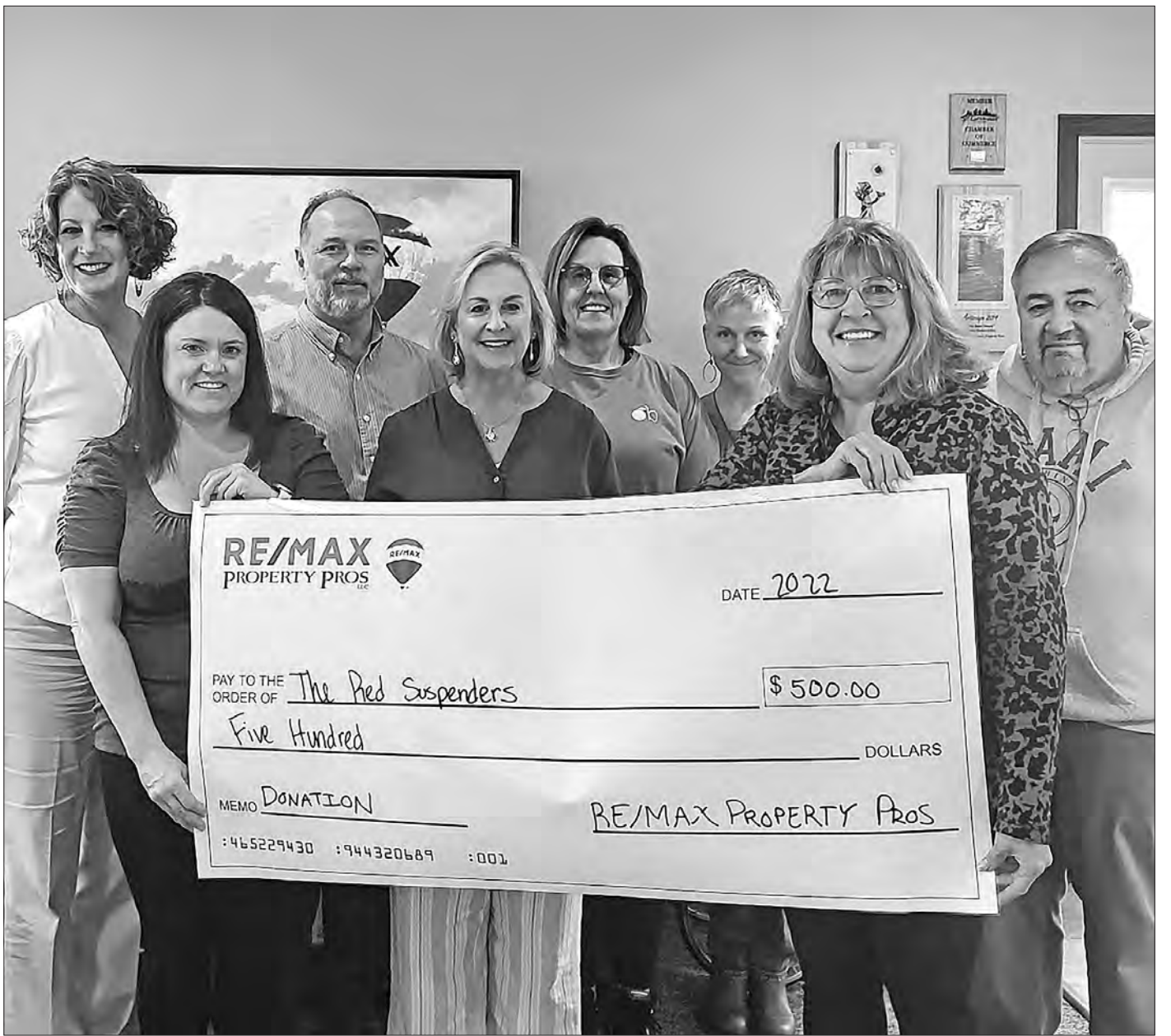
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SUMMER READING — The Three Lakes Parent Teacher Organization held its Reading Roundup last month, providing every elementary school student the opportunity to take home multiple books to enjoy throughout the summer. Above, students Liam McKissack and Kennedy Mortenson look at some of the available options, and right, Amos Kirby is stocked and ready with an armload of books.

—Photos By Jennifer West



GIVING BACK — The RE/MAX Property Pros Eagle River and Three Lakes Office Agents recently made a \$500 donation to the Three Lakes Red Suspenders Society. Participating agents from left are Julie Winter-Paez, Elli Soder, Eric Eggman, Judy Barr,

Kay Reil, Kirsten Erickson, Collette Sorgel and Bob Merz. Other agents that participated included Alicia Dal Ponte, Becky Prigge, Brenda Schmidt, Denise Goldsworthy, Drea Myszka, Eric Eswein, Lisa Eggman and Mandy Mortag. —Contributed Photo



DKG WINNER — Sutton Pitlik from Sugar Camp Elementary took second place for fourth grade in the annual Mary Jo Nettesheim Memorial Literary Competition hosted by Delta Kappa Gamma. Her story was titled "Liberty and Jet."

—Photo By Jennifer West

Three Lakes Senior Citizen Menu

Reiter Center
Serving at 11 a.m.

Delicious meals by Lynn's Catering. Suggested contribution of \$4.75 for home delivered meals and \$4.00 for dine-in meals for those age 60 or older. \$10 required payment for diners under the age of 60. Chef Salad option available for on-site diners: turkey, ham or chicken. Call at least one day in advance to make or cancel a reservation: **715-499-3738**.

- MON., JUNE 12**
Seasoned baked chicken
Twice baked mashed potatoes
Pickled beets
Peaches and vanilla pudding
- TUES., JUNE 13**
Stuffed green pepper casserole
Dill carrots
Raisin bread
Spice cake
- WED., JUNE 14**
Ham and scalloped potato casserole
Pacific blend vegetables
Wholewheat roll
Banana
- THURS., JUNE 15**
Sloppy Joe on a bun
Roasted potatoes
Baked beans
Grape salad



FUNDS PRESENTED — Roger Brisk, Three Lakes town chairman and president of the Oneida County Tavern League, presents a

\$500 donation check to Chris Blicharz of the Three Lakes Fish and Wildlife Improvement Association. —STAFF PHOTO

PUBLIC NOTICE

(One Week, 6/7/23)
Regular Meeting
Board of Education
School District of Three Lakes
May 17, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by President Kwaterski.

Board members present: Mike Kwaterski, Stacey Klein, Josh Kral, Michelle Muetlein and Elisha Williams.

Others present: T. Maney, District Administrator; S. Gruszynski, T. Riha and J. Szews, Principals; C. Kleinhans, Business Manager; J. West, Communications Coordinator; K. Ison, District Secretary and (4) visitors.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Maney reported on the agenda posting and notification of the meeting to the media.

Maney requested removal of agenda item 5G regarding health insurance as final numbers have not been received. Motion by Klein/Muetlein to approve the agenda as presented with the removal of item 5G. Motion carried. 5:0.

Motion by Muetlein/Williams to approve the 4/19/23 minutes as presented. Motion carried. 5:0.

Motion by Kral/Muetlein to approve the checks dated April 12, 2023 through May 11, 2023 for accounts payable checks #222300246 - #222300279, regular checks #128037 - #128144 (voided check 128030) and manual checks #5455- #5466 in the amount of \$614,457.45 and ACH payroll checks #900040105 - #900040324 and regular payroll checks #59288 - 59289 (voided check 59288) in the amount of \$328,886.19 for a total amount of \$943,343.64. Motion carried. 5:0.

There were no visitor comments.

Maney reported the site visit for the Civil Rights Compliance review on 5/11/23 went well. A findings report will be sent in early-mid June and the District will have one year to make required corrective actions.

Maney reported that Tiny Tykes Daycare, located in the building, will be closing on 5/31/23.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 6/21/23 at 6:00 PM at Sugar Camp Elementary School. Maney requested a special meeting be held to address salaries and health insurance for 2023-2024. Motion by Williams/Klein to set a special meeting on 6/31/23 at 6:00 PM at Three Lakes. Motion carried. 5:0.

Maney presented revisions to the staff professional development calendar, changing 8/31/23 to a flex day opportunity and adding eight one-hour sessions throughout the year. Motion by Kral/Klein to approve the revisions to the staff professional development calendar for 2023-2024 as presented. Motion carried. 5:0.

Motion by Williams/Kral to approve the personnel report of new hires and resignations. Motion carried. 5:0.

Kwaterski called for nominations for President. Motion by Kral/Williams to nominate Mike Kwaterski to remain as President. There were no additional nominations. Motion by Klein/Williams to close

nominations and elect Kwaterski as President. Motion carried. 5:0.

Kwaterski called for nominations for Vice President. Motion by Klein/Muetlein to nominate Elisha Williams for Vice President. There were no additional nominations. Motion by Muetlein/Klein to close nominations and elect Williams as Vice President. Motion carried. 5:0.

Kwaterski called for nominations for Clerk. Motion by Williams/Muetlein to nominate Stacey Klein for Clerk. There were no additional nominations. Motion by Muetlein/Williams to close nominations and elect Klein as Clerk. Motion carried. 5:0.

Kwaterski called for nominations for Treasurer. Motion by Williams/Muetlein to nominate Josh Kral for Treasurer. Motion by Klein/Muetlein to close nominations and elect Kral as Treasurer. Motion carried. 5:0.

A CESA delegate and alternate was not designated at this time.

Motion by Klein/Kral to approve the open enrollment applications as presented. Motion carried. 5:0.

Kleinmans presented information on the implementation of P-cards (purchasing cards) in the District and discussed the benefits. Motion by Kral/Klein to approve the resolution to implement use of P-cards as presented. Motion carried. 5:0.

Butch Fitzpatrick gave a short presentation on human trafficking awareness.

Maney reminded the Board of the dates/times of the year-end awards programs in the District.

Maney reviewed the list of staff members receiving service awards for this year.

Maney reported the hearing for the pending litigation is scheduled for July 31-August 2, 2023. Legal representation from Pines Bach, DNR, and the District will visit the Camp 3 site in preparation for the hearing. These dates have been pre-arranged with district permission.

Staff shared District Related Positive Happenings.

Motion by Kral/Williams to adjourn to executive session at 5:39 PM pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, specifically to consider staffing levels, individual staff contract(s), hiring of staff and/or resignation/retirement of staff. Roll call vote: Ayes - Klein, Kral, Muetlein, Williams, Kwaterski. Motion carried. 5:0.

Motion by Williams/Muetlein to reconvene to open session at 6:02 PM to consider motions on matters taken up in executive session. Roll call vote: Ayes - Klein, Kral, Muetlein, Williams, Kwaterski. Motion carried. 5:0.

Motion by Kral/Williams to forward contract for Rae Grosman to teach at Three Lakes School District for 2023-2024. Motion carried. 5:0.

Motion by Kral/Klein to adjourn at 6:05 PM. Motion carried. 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,
Kerri Ison District Secretary
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LEARNING VOLUNTEERISM — Students in grades 8 through 11 took a walking tour of Three Lakes recently to hear from local volunteer organizations. This inaugural fair was organized by Forward Three Lakes with the hope that students will learn more

about volunteer options as they work to fulfill their graduation requirements. Here, a group of students visit the Three Lakes Center for the Arts. —Contributed Photo

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GRADUATING WITH CLASS — The 2023 Phelps graduating class celebrated their accomplishments during a ceremony held May 27.

Above: Phelps seniors, from left, Sara Szula, Kayla Wilson, Cloe McCormick, Brooke Anderson, Nick Hamilton, Nadia Steeno, Dustin Kangas and Simon Garcia get together for one last group shot before the ceremony.

Left: McCormick congratulates her classmates and thanks a crowd filled with loved ones during her farewell address.

Below: Anderson and her fellow graduates take a moment following the ceremony to share hugs and handshakes outside with family and friends.

—Staff Photos By JON EICHMAN



Twin Lakes church to hold June Bible school program

The Twin Lakes Bible Church has planned its annual Vacation Bible School for the week of June 26-30 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the church located at 3245 Highway 17.

The program, "Keepers of the Kingdom," focuses on teaching the attendees how to put on the armor of God.

Youngsters entering grades kindergarten through sixth

are encouraged to grab their armor and join the program for an adventure filled with excitement.

The theme allows participants to travel back to the time of castles and dragons, kings, queens, knights and jesters.

To register, or for more information, contact Teresa at 715-891-3128, or visit twinlakesbiblechurch.myanswers.com.



ELEANOR ELLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

PHELPS, WI 54554

Patrons of the Eleanor Ellis Public Library now have access to new online programming with a Northern Waters Library System library card. New items include Kanopy, which streams thousands of movies, and Creativebug, which offers online video arts and crafts workshops and techniques, taught by artists and experts.

Workshops and classes include painting, knitting, crocheting, sewing, jewelry making and so much more. Links for both Kanopy and Creativebug can be found on the library's website. Library cards are free upon request with proof of residency.

The 2023 Summer Reading Program, "Pollinators Please!," begins on Monday, June 5, and will go through Friday, July 28. Parents can register their children and participants will receive reading incentives, as well as the opportunity to enter for special prize drawings each week. Call the library for more information.

The library's Summer Family programming is under way and will be giving away on a first come, first served basis, a limited number of fruit cages for butterflies and other pollinators. Each cage is for hanging and comes with directions.

Community members can also pick up a free milkweed seed kit to help create a butterfly sanctuary. Each kit comes with seeds and instructions for planting.

The library has a "Bee a Part of the Hive" display

where all kids are invited to color their own bee and add it to the hive. Adults can also take part and donate to have their personal bee added to our hive as well. All donations will go toward books for Kids in the Marshfield Wisconsin Children's Hospital.

Friday, June 9, at 10 a.m. the library will kick off the Summer Family Program Series with "Look What a Seed Can Do!" This program will take place at the Phelps Fire Hall.

Patrons are invited to enter in drawings for four hand-crafted book bags by Ann Switalski of Conover; the first drawing will be Friday, June 16.

Stories with Ms. Laura Myszka will meet Tuesday, June 13, at 2 p.m. This event is open to ages preschool and up and meets the second Tuesday of each month.

The Adult Book Club will meet Wednesday, June 21, at 6 p.m. The book choice is "Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI" by David Grann. Discussion will be facilitated by Karla Larson.

Library hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesday, 2 to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wi-Fi and digital service is available at all hours.

Material pickup is available 24-7 using the secure outdoor locker system and is available by calling the library during regular business hours. Materials also can be delivered and picked up through Eleanor Ellis Homebound, a service available to anyone in Phelps or in close proximity to the library.

For more information call 715-545-2887, stop in at 4495 Town Hall Road, or visit phelpspubliclibrary.org.



MEMORIAL SERVICE — Residents and visitors in Phelps gathered May 29 to celebrate Memorial Day and honor those who gave their lives for freedom with service members from all branches in attendance.

Above: Former armed service members honor their fallen comrades with a salute to freedom during the presentation of the Color Guard.

Right: Attendees are invited up to the podium when the names of service men and women they knew were called to pick a flag to be placed on the final resting place of the soldiers.

— Staff Photos By JON EICHMAN



Chamber seeks parade marshal nominations

The Phelps Chamber of Commerce board is currently seeking parade marshal nominations for the Phelps Fourth of July parade.

"Anyone can be nominated, including Phelps residents, business owners or staff, philanthropists, individuals, couples, business partners or anyone influential in

Phelps who means something to our fantastic community," said Chamber Director Laura Boll.

Nominations are open until June 19 and can be made in person or may be made anonymously.

Nomination forms are located on the Phelps Facebook page or phelpswi.us.

Shed Built by Phelps Students For Sale!!!

Multi purpose white shed with flat roof.

Measures 12' tall x 8' wide x 14' long. \$4000.00 cost of materials only, no labor. If interested or for more information.

Contact: dspink@phelps.k12.wi.us or call (715)-891-4933



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Seeking Applications for Phelps Park Commission

Seeking applicants to be a part of managing and caring for our parks now and into the future. Interested persons may contact the Town Office for an application or find an application online at townofphelps.com.

Please submit your application or resume to the Phelps Town Office by June 26, 2023.

Applications may be submitted to Town Clerk Sheryl Ward by mail - Town of Phelps, PO Box 157, Phelps WI 54554; or email townclerk.phelps@gmail.com. For more information, please call 715-545-2270.

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Take a Kid Fishing event set Father's Day weekend

The Conover Lions Club and Headwaters Muskies Inc. will once again be sponsoring the Take a Kid Fishing on Father's Day event to be held June 18 at Lake Itsey Bitsey at Town Park Highway K in Conover.

Registration for the event will begin at 11 a.m. with fishing running from noon to 3 p.m.

Admission for the event is free of charge and every child 12 and under will have the opportunity to catch a fish. Thirty of the stocked fish have tags and if caught, children will receive a \$5 prize.

The organizations will furnish fishing poles and bait for participants.

The child who catches "Marvin the Big Trout" during the event, will be able to have the fish mounted by Lax Reproductions.

An all day concession stand will be available during the event. Raffles and a bounce house will be ongoing throughout the day.

Children are encouraged to bring their dads to the event to celebrate Father's Day.

For more information, contact Kathy at 715-477-0575.

Taste of Conover to return to North Woods June 25

The Conover Chamber of Commerce is currently planning the 16th annual Taste of Conover event to be held Sunday, June 25, at the Conover Recreation Center.

The recreation center is located at the Conover Town Park at 4697 Park Circle, east of Highway 45 on Highway K.

From 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Conover Chamber of Commerce members will offer a taste of some of their popular specialty items.

Community service groups and trail clubs will

be on hand to provide information regarding upcoming events, recreational opportunities, fundraisers, and more.

Admission to the Taste of Conover is free.

Tickets for food and beverages are available at the recreation center entrance in \$1 increments. Tickets can be utilized to buy sample portions from many area restaurants, taverns, and businesses.

For more information, email conover.org@gmail.com, call 715-479-4928 or visit conover.org.

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YOUNGSTERS ADVANCE — Phelps School District celebrated kindergarten students' graduation this past week. Graduating youngsters were all smiles as they finished off their first official

year in elementary school. Graduates included, from left, Alden Barron, Gabriel Testini, Josie Spink, Karla Tinoco, Nevaeh Anderson and Sylas Smith. —Contributed Photo



SUPPORTING STUDENTS - The Phelps Woman's Club scholarship committee recently presented \$500 scholarship awards to three Phelps high school seniors. Pictured during the donation

is, from left, club member Sharon Gifford, club member Denise Ambrosius, Brooke Angersen, Kayla Wilson, Cloe McCormick and club member Carol Smith. —Photo By Sharon Gifford

Grow With Us
Conover Gardens

Open 7 Days A WEEK
Mon.-Sat. 10-5
Sun. 10-2

Large Selection of
Annuals • Shrubs • Hanging Baskets • Flowering Crab Trees
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FRESH PRODUCE COMING IN DAILY!

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Like us on Facebook at Conover Gardens for WEEKLY SPECIALS!
715-891-2475
Located north of Eagle River at
4844 Torch Lake Rd. and Hwy. 45 just south of Conover



Phelps Senior Citizen Menu

Golden Years Café,
Northern Exposure Restaurant
Serving at noon
Sponsored by ADRC of Vilas County

Lighter substitute available in place of main entrée: healthy salad. All meals served with fat-free milk and whole grain rolls/bread with margarine. Reservations or cancellations MUST be made 24 hours in advance. Call Judi Heikkinen at 715-545-3697 to reserve or cancel a meal.

MON., JUNE 12
Salisbury steak
Mashed potatoes with gravy
Green beans
Wholewheat bread
Fruit

WED., JUNE 14
Liver and onions
Mixed greens salad and tomato
Wholewheat bread
Gelatin with mixed fruit

FRI., JUNE 16
Mac and cheese bake
Green beans
Wholewheat bread
Gelatin with fruit

Phelps-Land O' Lakes Lions Club

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WI LIONS FDN CAMP/LCIF/WLF DATE 5/2023

PAY TO THE ORDER OF WI LIONS EYE BANK/LEADER DOG \$ 3,000⁰⁰

THREE THOUSAND _____ DOLLARS

MEMO DONATION PHELPS & LOL LIONS CLUB

CHARITABLE DONATION- The Phelps Land O' Lakes Lions Club recently donated \$3,000 to the Lions Clubs International Foundation. The club requested the donation be applied to the leader dogs for the blind, the Lions eye bank of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Lions Camp for physically or visually impaired participants and the Lions sight

programs including the international foundation and the pride endowment foundation of Wisconsin. Pictured with the donation front row, from left, Lion Brian Blank and Lion Steve Chandler. Back row, from left is Lion Bill Reckling, Lion Scott McFerson and Lion Rollie Alger. —Photo By Sharon Gifford

Public Notice
Public Information Meeting for the County S Reconditioning Project, Towns of Conover and Land O' Lakes, Vilas County

Proposed Transportation Improvements
The Vilas County Highway Department with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is proposing a reconditioning project for County S. The project is located on County S from E Flowage Road to Clair Fire Lane, located in Sections 14, 15, 23, and 26 of T42N, R09E, Towns of Conover and Land O' Lakes, Vilas County, Wisconsin.

Please Attend
All persons interested in the County S project are encouraged to attend a Public Information Meeting on Wednesday, June 28, 2023. The meeting will be held from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at the Conover Town Park Pavilion at 4697 Park Circle, Conover, WI 54519 in Conover. The meeting will be conducted as an informal open house, with a short presentation beginning at 4:30 P.M.

Information Available
Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc. and Vilas County Highway Department staff members will be on hand during the scheduled meeting to discuss the proposed reconditioning project. Project plans, location maps, and other exhibits will be on display to illustrate the work in detail.

Your Involvement
If there are issues you would like to discuss, please attend the Public Information Meeting. If you are not able to attend in person on Wednesday, June 28th call the Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc. staff member listed below to share your comments.

Persons requiring a sign language interpreter may contact Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc. through the Wis. Telecommunication Relay System (1-800-WI-Relay) by June 21, 2023.

Project Contact
For additional information about the County S Reconditioning project, please contact Nick Pehler at:

Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc.
310 E. Jackson Street
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
Phone: (715) 424-2424
Email: nick.pehler@jewellassoc.com

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AIRPLANE PRESENTATION — Last week was the second presentation of Placid Lassie, held at the Phelps School District. Students were able to learn from presenter and pilot Jon Helminiak about the World War II aircraft and the battles it was involved

in over France. The Placid Lassie will return to King's Airport for tours again in July for the Land O' Lakes Airport Days scheduled for July 22-24. —Photo By Bob Hughes

JACKI GOEBEL

ST. GERMAIN/SAYNER

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IN HONOR — The St. Germain Lions Club held a Memorial Day ceremony May 28 at the Veterans Memorial Wall. Lion Keith Slizewski emceed and Pastor Bill Wendorf of Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church provided the invocation and benediction.
Above: Attending the ceremony are members of the St. Germain Lions Club, Gary McCormick, veteran Air Force; Betty McCormick; Betty McCormick; Mike McCormick, veteran Army; Marlene Rakowski; Deb Carlberg; Jim Carter, veteran Air National Guard; and pup Maddie.
Right: Raising of the flags ceremony honored each branch of service.

—Photos By Jacki Goebel



Plum Lake Public Library
 Sayner, Wis. 715-542-2020

Summer Story Time at the library will start June 13 and take place every Tuesday at 10 a.m.
 Individuals that like to cook or learn about food can join the new Cookbook Club Thursday, June 29.
 A new community-based knitting and crocheting group has formed and meets at the library every Monday at 3 p.m. Participants should bring their own project to work on.
 The Friends of the Plum Lake Library holds an ongoing bag sale in the library's basement. Fill a bag of books, DVDs, and CD books for just \$1. There is no limit on the number of bags.
 Everyone is welcome to utilize the Feed Our Rural Kids food pantry in the library foyer during regular business hours.
 In addition to access to Kanopy, an online video streaming service, library cardholders can now access Creativebug and Transparent Language.
 For more information, visit plumlakelibrary.org, call 715-542-2020, or stop in at 8789 Peterson St. in Sayner.

Plum Lake Public Library patrons can get a free day pass to the Wisconsin state parks at the library. The offer is available to anyone with a library card and Wisconsin license plates on their vehicle. There is a limited supply.
 The Night Owls Book Club will hold its next book discussion Wednesday, June 7, at 6 p.m. at a member's home after meeting at the library. Discussion will be on "The Night Shift" by Alex Finlay.
 Starting June 9, there will be a four-week session of Tai Chi at the library on Fridays at 9 a.m. Registration is requested by calling the library.
 Plum Lake Fiction Book Club will meet Monday, June 12, at 11 a.m. at the library to discuss "The Breaker" by Nick Petrie.

Cornhole events scheduled

Tourists and locals are invited to join in friendly competition at three Bags & Brews Cornhole Night events, sponsored by the Sayner-Star Lake Chamber of Commerce.
 The first event is scheduled for Tuesday, June 20, at Sayner Pub. Additional events will be held July 18 at the Hillside Tavern and Grill and 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 per event or \$80 for pre-registration for all three events.
 "This event brought such joy to the community last year, and we're excited to bring it back! 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 Sayner-Star Lake Chamber of Commerce Event Committee Chair Helen Bryner.
 For more information, visit sayner-starlake.org or contact Bryner at 407-624-9071.

PUBLIC NOTICES

(One Week, 6/7/2023)
 Town of St Germain
 Office of the Clerk
 PO Box 7
 St Germain WI 54558
www.townofstgermain.org

The following applications for liquor licenses have been made with the undersigned Clerk of St Germain, Vilas County, Wisconsin. Licenses are from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024:
 Marli's, Lisa Busha agent, 2530 Hwy 155 St Germain, WI 54558; Mar-Li's Bar, 2630 Hwy 155, St Germain, WI 54558; Class "B" beer, "Class B" liquor
 RKM Ventures, Kaye Manthei agent, 8690 Big St Germain Drive, St Germain, WI 54558; Fibbers Bar and Restaurant 8690 Big St Germain Drive, St Germain WI 54558; Class "B" beer, "Class B" liquor
 N&M Transfer Company Inc, Katarzyna Bogard agent, PO Box 262, St Germain, WI 54558; 19th Hole Sports Bar & Grill, 9067 Hwy 70 W, St Germain, WI 54558; Class "B" beer, "Class B" liquor
 Jackson's Lakeside Operations LLC, Kenneth Jackson agent, 1045 Jackson Lane, St Germain, WI 54558; Jackson's Lakeside Cottage, 1114 Jackson Ln, St Germain, WI 54558; Class "B" beer, "Class B" liquor
 Weber's Wildlife, Karen Stecker agent, 2649 Cty C, Sayner, WI 54560; Weber's Wildlife, 2649 Cty C, Sayner, WI 54560; Class "B" beer, "Class B" liquor
 Pub N Prime LLC, Samantha White agent, 12766 Duner Point Lane, Minocqua, WI 54548; Pub n Prime, 8085 Hwy 70E, St Germain, WI 54558; Class "B" beer, "Class B" liquor
 Loonatics Bar LLC, Marcus Walker agent, 212 State Hwy 70 E, St Germain, WI 54558; Loonatics Bar & Grill, 212 State Hwy 70 E, St Germain, WI 54558; Class "B" beer, "Class B" liquor
 Murmuring Waters Lodge LLC, Timothy Kiesow agent, 1729 Apache Trail, St Germain, WI 54558; Murmuring Waters Lodge, 8105 Patti's Place, St Germain, WI 54558; Class "B" beer, "Class B" liquor
 Whitetail Country Club LLC; Kirk Ecklund agent, 7500 Center Rd, Neenah, WI; Whitetail Country Club LLC 9038 Hwy 70 W, St Germain WI 54558; Class "B" beer, "Class B" liquor
 Cira Investments LLC, Rhiannon Cira, agent, 7489 Hidden Trail, Minocqua, WI 54548; Cira's Red, White & Brew, 1175 Old Hwy 70, St Germain, WI 54558; Class "B" beer, "Class B" liquor
 Legends of the North, Inc, Kevin Brandt agent, 8225 Chipmunk Lane, St Germain, WI 54558; Legends of the North Inc, 420 Hwy 70, St Germain, WI 54558; Class "B" beer, "Class B" liquor
 Timbers of the Northwoods LLC, Roberta Hams agent, 2529 6th Avenue, Grand Marsh, WI 53936; Timbers Bar & Grill, 1053 Elbert Road, St Germain, WI 54558; Class "B" beer, "Class B" liquor
 Thunderbird Bar & Grill LLC, Joseph Minaudo agent, 8130 Greenwood Drive, St Germain, WI 54558; Thunderbird Bar & Grill, LLC, 1021 Parkway Drive, St Germain, WI 54558; Class "B" beer, "Class B" liquor
 Clearview Supper Club, Kristin Nielsen agent, 10064 Witches Lake Road, Arbor Vitae, WI 54565; Clearview Supper Club, 8599 Big St Germain Circle, St Germain, WI 54558; Class "B" beer, "Class B" liquor
 Knocker's Pizza Company Inc, Shelley Hodkiewicz agent, 1645 Little Island View Road, St Germain, WI 54558; Knocker's Pizza Company, 438 State Hwy 70, St Germain, WI 54558; Class "B" beer, "Class B" liquor
 Sisters Saloon, Inc, Cherie L. Anderson agent, 1547 Englewood Drive, Arbor Vitae, WI 54568; Sisters Saloon, 8780 Hwy 70, St Germain, WI 54558; Class "B" beer, "Class B" liquor; cigarette license
 McGregor's Blink Bonnie Supper Club

Inc. Scott McGregor agent, 1451 Jerry Rd, St Germain, WI 54558; McGregor's Blink Bonnie Supper Club, 1506 Jerry Rd, St Germain, WI 54558; Class "B" beer, "Class B" liquor
 Coffee Creations Inc, Donald Elstrom agent, 8971 Wilderness Circle, St Germain, WI 54558; Ren Canoe Coffee Company, 108 Hwy 70, St Germain, WI 54558; Class "B" beer, "Class B" liquor
 Saint Germain Brewing Company LLC, Richard Reinke II agent, 8000 Hwy 70, St Germain, WI 54558; Saint Germain Brewing Company, 8000 Hwy 70, St Germain, WI 54558; Class "B" beer, "Class B" liquor
 Lynn Ann's Campground & Lodge LLC Jeremy Ceranski agent, 1597 South Shore Drive, St Germain, WI 54558; Lynn Ann's Campground & Lodge LLC, 1597 South Shore Drive, St Germain, WI 54558; Class "A" beer, "Class A" liquor
 RAC Corporation, Bruce B Weber agent, 5985 Hwy 70, St Germain, WI 54558; Little Saint Express Mart, 8090 State Hwy 70E, St Germain, WI 54558; Class "A" beer, "Class A" liquor; cigarette license
 Medford Cooperative Inc, Andrew Stotka agent, 106 S Main Street Apt B, Medford, WI 54451; Camp's Fresh Market, 474 Hwy 70, St Germain, WI 54558; Class "A" beer, "Class A" liquor; Cigarette license
 Krist Oil Company, Nicole Lecher agent, 8140A Lost Lake Drive, St Germain, WI 54558; Krist Food Mart #71, 310 Hwy 70, St Germain, WI 54558; Class "A" beer, "Class A" liquor; Cigarette license
 Northstar Shell Gas & Go, Tracy Wendt agent, 8208 Lost Lake Drive South, St Germain, WI 54558; St Germain Shell, 9111 Hwy 70 West, St Germain, WI 54558; Class "A" beer, "Class A" liquor; Cigarette license
 Dolgencorp, LLC, Melody Laudloff agent, 5234N Vaughn St, Mercer, WI 54547; Dollar General Store #18255, 8020 S 70 East, St Germain, WI 54558; Class "A" beer, "Class A" Liquor, Cigarette license
 Town Clerk
 Town of St Germain
 June Vogel
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(One Week, 6/7/2023)
 TOWN OF ST GERMAIN
 OFFICE OF THE TOWN CHAIRMAN
 P.O. BOX 7
 ST GERMAIN, WISCONSIN 54558
www.townofstgermain.org
 NOTICE OF NEW OR UPDATED ORDINANCES
 TOWN OF ST GERMAIN, STATE OF WISCONSIN
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the St. Germain Town Board voted to adopt amendments to the following chapters of the St. Germain Code of Ordinances at its meeting in the St. Germain Community Center at 6:30 P.M. on Thursday, May 25, 2023:
 Chapter 14 – Alcohol Control
 \$14.08 CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL ON TOWN PROPERTY was revised to require two holders of a Town issued operator's license to be present when alcoholic beverages are being served or sold.
 Chapter 30 – All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) and Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) Routes
 \$30.05(C) was added to allow year-round use of town roads.
 The updated chapters can be viewed on the Ordinances page of the town website at: <https://townofstgermain.org/ordinances.html>
 Dated this 30th day of May 2023.
 June Vogel,
 Town Clerk
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VIRTUES BREAKFAST — The St. Germain Elementary School and Northland Pines Montessori Learning Center celebrate teaching students about character and the gift of virtues through the Virtues Project. Each week, students learn one of the 52 virtues that instill good citizenship through activities, games and discus-

sion. At the end of each month several students are selected as Virtues Recipients for using the virtues and are invited with family members for a breakfast and award ceremony. May students were recognized during a recent breakfast.

—Photo By Jacki Goebel



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donation from Lorel Ingram (left) and Ellyn Dahnke. Each year, local organizations cover all expenses to bring Purple Heart Veterans to the North Woods for a guided fishing adventure.
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Our View

Historical Society meets its first-year challenge

The Eagle River Historical Society (ERHS) has raised more than \$100,000 in the first year of its capital campaign, triggering the first of three \$100,000 challenge grants from the Tawani Foundation.

That's great news because the ERHS board of directors and generous donors are capitalizing on the most significant event in the society's history. It was last August that the Tawani Foundation announced a direct gift of \$300,000 and a challenge grant of up to an additional \$300,000 over a three-year period.

If the recent success of the capital campaign continues, the organization will raise \$900,000 to help implement its new multi-year Choosing Growth development plan.

The campaign will help support the creation of a community heritage center on the society's main campus on Highway 45 South to include a large exhibition, meeting and conference space, as well as administrative offices and collection rooms. It will nearly double the building footprint.

Besides the campus additions, the Choosing Growth program will support an endowment fund that can be used to finance paid staff and future projects. The fund started in 2016 when the 100 Exceptional Women group made pledges.

We'd like to thank the Tawani Foundation and retired Lt. Col. Jennifer Pritzker, co-founder and president of the foundation, for helping preserve the culture and heritage of our community. Their support is a "life-changing event" for ERHS.

But none of this would be possible without the society's dedicated board of directors, president Alice Kramer and executive director Karen Sailer. Their vision and persistence since the purchase of the campus in 2012 has made all of this possible.

Ultimately, the Choosing Growth plan will only work if generous donors continue to step forward in the name of preserving Eagle River's rich history. They still have to raise \$100,000 annually in the next two years to engage the challenge grants.

The heritage center will allow the society to add more programming, accept and exhibit traveling collections, and work with program partners to develop joint programming by sharing space on both a paid and pro bono basis.

Behind the editorial 'we'

Members of the Vilas County News-Review editorial board include Publisher Kurt Krueger, Editor Michelle Drew and reporters Jon Eichman, Stephanie Dye and Doug Etten.

Citizens are finally pushing back

FOR THE PAST decade, we thought we could do just about anything in politics, business and lifestyle and not pay a price or suffer any consequences: we could defund the police, legalize marijuana and proliferate pronouns. Citizens are now pushing back.

What's emerging now is an active dissatisfaction with the political and cultural status quo in America, says Wall Street Journal columnist Dan Henninger, with the intention growing to replace it. Many of these flakey ideas came from academia. Finally, the adults in the room are deciding that enough is enough.

The idea of being "woke" about gender, race and identity gained elevation, seemingly spreading everywhere. Wokeness has always felt like a progressive guilty pleasure, an ideology with too much soft thinking to last.

The social media echo

People Make the Difference

By Byron McNutt



chamber ensures that errant ideas can bounce around a long time. But in a healthy democracy, people aren't stupid forever. The system will self-correct.

For example, New York City Mayor Eric Adams recently realized that soft-on-crime policies hit poor communities the hardest, not only in terms of public safety but also economically. Adams, a Democrat, says progressive Democrats are more concerned with racial parity in punishment than with safe streets. You can't just demand fair justice for the people who commit crimes, you can't forget the people who are the victims of

crimes.

Social justice advocates argue that arresting and prosecuting lawbreakers is tantamount to criminalizing poverty. They are wrong. Crime is costing big liberal cities jobs and businesses are moving out.

Inner city people are unemployed because of the crime and society can't allow repeat offenders to make a mockery of the criminal justice system which happens with no-cash bail policies.

In March, Adams testified that public safety is the prerequisite to our prosperity and blamed career criminals running rampant with no fear of being prosecuted. He

said in NYC there are about 2,000 defiant people who commit crime after crime while out on the street while on bail.

Poverty is not the sole root cause of crime. In previous eras, when Americans were significantly poorer than they are today, crime rates were significantly lower. What has changed? Why are tensions higher?

Crime during the Great Depression was lower than during the 1960s. This disconnect between crime and poverty continues today, according to author Rafael Mangual who wrote "Criminal (In)justice," a book about criminal justice reform.

Liberals have long alleged that merchants in ghetto neighborhoods are exploiting their low-income shoppers by charging higher prices. The fact is those prices reflect the cost of doing business in

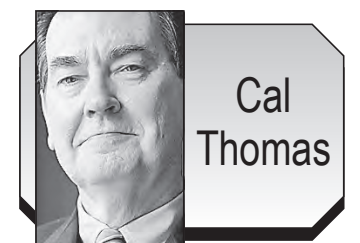
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Goose family enjoys the lake

A family of geese were out Sunday evening of Memorial Day weekend dodging boats and other water recreationists as they took in the sunshine and warm temperatures offered up by Mother Nature. Besides geese, people should be on the lookout for ducks, loons and other wildlife during their outdoor excursions.

—Staff Photo By MICHELLE DREW



No will, no way

"WHERE THERE'S A will, there's a way" is an old and familiar quotation, often attributed to Albert Einstein, who was on to something almost as significant as E=mc².

What if there is no will, is there still a way? It doesn't seem likely.

In Washington, will has come to die to paraphrase Ron DeSantis, governor of Florida and now Republican presidential candidate. Rarely is anything significant ever accomplished. That's because for too many politicians solving a problem means they no longer have an issue with which to bash the other side. At a time when almost no form of behavior is considered a disgrace, the long, drawn-out scenario over the debt ceiling vs. cuts in spending is disgraceful. The debt alone is a disgrace. The battle over it is worse.

Everyone with an intellect lower than Einstein's knows what should be done. A good accountant could come to Washington and fix everything, but the accountant would not be seeking re-election or in need of contributors and the support of his or her base. If you've never seen the movie "Dave," watch it and see what I mean. The fake president invites his friend to the White House and in one 24-hour period they rid the government of unnecessary programs and balance the budget. Every member of Congress should be required to see the film and then to act in a similar fashion.

President Biden wants us to believe that cutting anything will mean the end of Social Security checks and benefits to veterans. It's a lie. The waste, fraud and abuse over government spending is a scandal that has gone on too long. The problem is that too many people are addicted to government and at least

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Summer season has begun

LET THE SUMMER season begin.

For my lovely wife and I, our summer began last week on the day after our 52nd wedding anniversary as we headed for points north and west with camper in tow.

Our initial destination was the sleepy little town of Drummond, Wis. where we camped in the same site we always get at the Drummond Lake municipal campground.

It was another lovely day in Paradise with temperatures hitting near 80. Paradise, except for the 10 zillion mosquitoes and little brown gnats that decided our hides were fair game once we got to the campground. Lots of bug dope sufficed to keep the little buggers away for the most part.

Canada geese honking along the shoreline welcomed us to the campground, or maybe they were vocally telling us to stay off their turf, not sure which.

The next morning broke



Trails & Tales By Will Maines

clear as a bell, but with just enough wind to keep the mosquitoes at bay, along with the help of a gallon or so of bug dope. I found the fish in nearby Perch Lake to be quite cooperative.

In an hour or so of fishing I kept six nice bluegills all in the 8-9-inch range and released a bunch more. I also caught a handful of crappies that I released, the first of their kind I have ever caught out of that lake in 25 or so years of fishing it.

It took a while to complete the next leg of our "honeymoon" trip as it included several side stops at libraries, of all things. My wife is participating in some

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WHAT OTHERS SAY

Wisconsin, national experts predict recession

BY WISPOLITICS.COM

A lot of the economic stats are very, very good. Record low unemployment. Unprecedented state budget surplus. Resilient consumer spending. Easing of pandemic-era shortages, inflation, housing speculation and high gasoline prices.

But credit tightening, some big bank failures and labor shortages are getting executives and government officials worried that a recession could be on the horizon.

So maybe it shouldn't be a surprise that a recent gathering of smart financial minds in Madison resulted in a consensus recession forecast. The Wisconsin Economic Forecast Luncheon was held in late April in Madison. It was organized by WisPolitics.com, WisBusiness.com and the Wisconsin Bankers Association.

At the event, national and Wisconsin experts agreed the U.S. economy is likely headed for a recession later this year as federal officials continue their efforts to tamp down inflation. That could be bad timing for President Biden, who is seeking reelection next year. And if a recession is deep, it could exacerbate the housing shortage and demand tougher budgeting at the state level.

Todd Mattina, head economist for the State of Wisconsin Investment Board, said he and other economists need to be "cautious" about forecasting recessions given the uncertainty involved. But he noted peak inflation rates — like last year's rate of around 9 percent — are usually followed by recessionary periods.

"You don't come off peak inflation rates like that historically without a recession at the end," he said. "Usually the playbook is central banks hike interest rates and then that leads to a slowdown and a recession ... I suspect we'll see some kind of dynamic along those lines."

But he and other speakers expressed uncertainty about the likelihood of a "soft landing" versus a "hard landing," where regulatory efforts to stave off inflation lead to a more severe economic downturn.

In a separate presentation from the other panelists, a managing director and senior economist for Wells Fargo's Corporate and Investment Bank said a soft landing is possible — but not likely. Sarah House noted job growth has been strong in recent months but added that's expected to change, pointing to "some cracks under the surface."

"If you look at temporary hirings ... We've seen that contract over the past year pretty sharply," the Charlotte-based economist said. "So that suggests that you're going to see slower growth in hiring overall. And we are starting to see layoffs tick up."

Forward Analytics economist Dale Knapp predicted a recession will occur in the second half of this year. While he doesn't expect a major downturn, he said it will "probably be a little bit more than mild."

By the first quarter of 2024, he expects the national economy to begin recovering. But he added that

outlook depends greatly on "how well the Fed handles this," highlighting the challenge of balancing efforts to reduce inflation with maintaining a healthy economy.

Meanwhile, Marquette University Prof. David Clark said a recession is slightly more likely than not to occur.

"I think that there's probably a 50-50 chance — maybe even a 51-49 percent chance, I don't want to get too bold here, that they'll classify the beginning of a recession sometime in the second half of the year," he said, though he noted the National Bureau of Economic Research "takes a long time to make up their mind" about declaring a recession.

He said inflation is "probably a tougher problem to deal with" than the Federal Reserve would hope, though he said officials are likely pleased with the progress they've made already after inflation recently fell slightly to around 5 percent. Still, that remains well above the target rate of around 2 percent.

The president of Farmers & Merchants Bank of Kendall, Cynthia Erdman, highlighted the impact this expected recession will have on families in the United States. Though she said by the middle of next year, "I think most American families are going to feel a little relief."

The discussion also captured the effects of inflation and interest rate hikes on the housing market to the state's urban and rural divide, with panelists weighing in on how various industries and regions might be affected by national trends.

"I think by the end of this quarter, we are going to see a little bit of an increase in some credit problems," Erdman said, referring to the banking industry. "But I think it's going to be manageable. Banks will have to be very due-diligent and watch their margin, but I think that's not something we haven't done before."

Speakers also underlined the magnitude of the Federal Reserve's challenge in fighting inflation, with Mattina pointing to a "policy dilemma" for federal regulators. While keeping interest rates high is critical for reducing inflation, he explained, doing so "risks jeopardizing the regional banking system, which is already showing signs of stress."

House described monetary policy as a "famously blunt instrument," noting the target inflation rate of 2 percent probably won't be reached until 2025. She agreed an economic contraction is likely sometime later this year, with the worst coming in the fourth quarter. Still, she added it's not a foregone conclusion.

"There's still a lot of different ways this could go," she said.

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Maines

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The highlight of the trip scenery wise was a half-hour stop high above a crossing of the Namekagon River for a four-course dinner.

Dinner was served by the star of the ride, 13-year-old Alexander Vreeland, son of the railway owners, Greg and Mardell Vreeland.

I can't tell you how much he added to the excursion. He has a natural quick wit and has developed a continually evolving comedy routine that I told his parents will someday land him a gig as host of the Tonight Show should he ever give up serv-

ing as maître d' in the dinner car.

Appetizers, soup, salad and a choice of four main courses are prepared by Chef Greg and delivered on our trip to 18 happy train riders by the aforementioned Alexander.

While maybe not technically an outdoor experience, the train ride of about 25 miles or so round trip includes some nice scenery, and in our case, eagle watching while dining above the river.

Back at the station my wife and I continued the train experience with a comfortable night of sleep in a deluxe sleeper car. The next morning featured a hearty breakfast and a lengthy chat

with Greg, from whom we learned much about the history of train traffic in northwestern Wisconsin.

I was forced to admonish Greg just a bit for not having a jug of Crown Royal in the club car, which forced me to go slumming the previous evening with a dollop or two of Canadian Club. I expect to have that situation rectified before our next train ride.

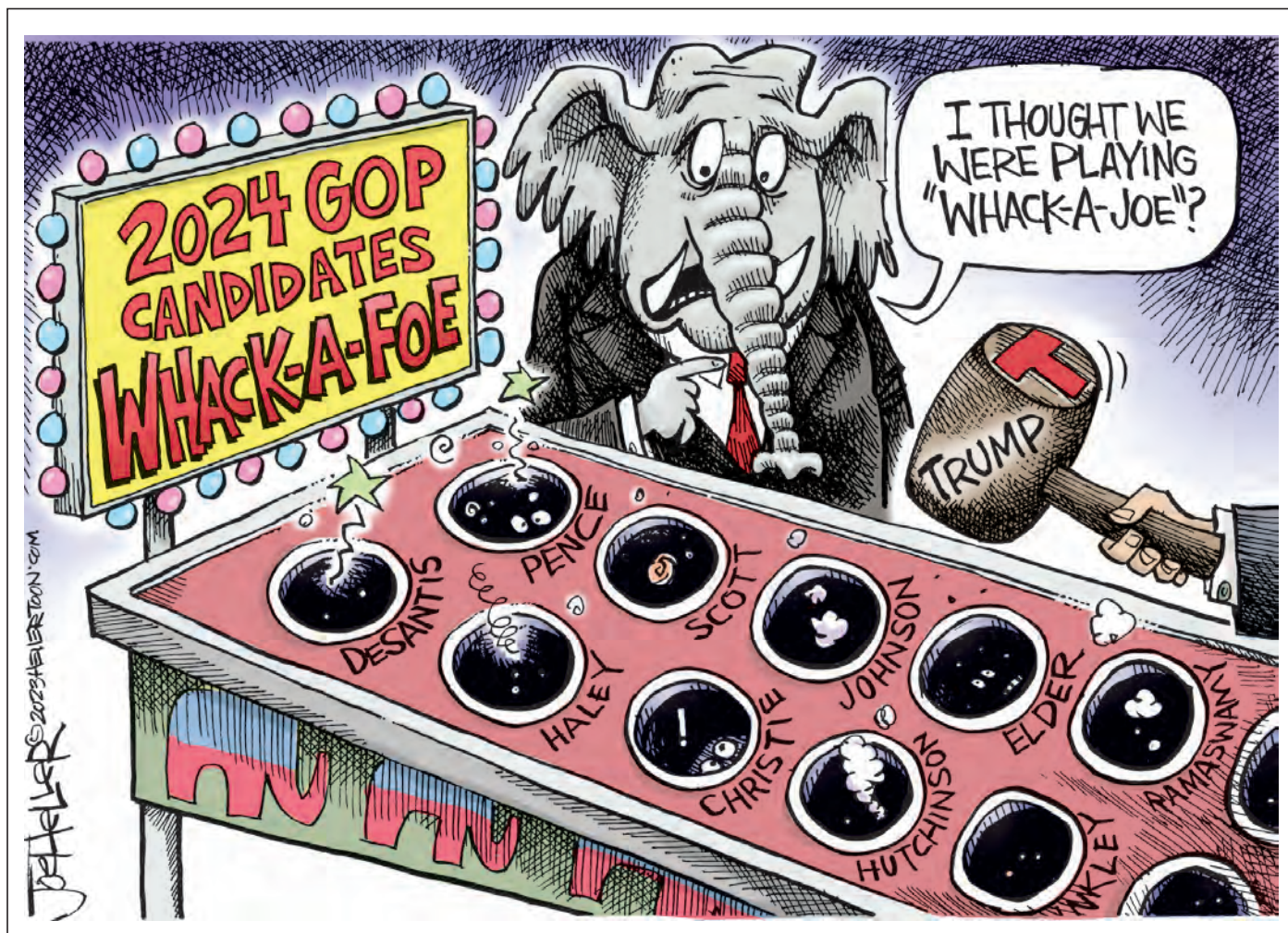
After that it was back to Drummond for more camping and fishing. After two days of sweating in 80-plus degrees, Wednesday saw a high of 46 degrees. Unlike my always prepared wife, I had no warm jacket along, no raincoat; not even a sweatshirt. I groveled enough to

get a rain jacket and flannel shirt from her for an afternoon of wading and fishing streams and small lakes north of Drummond — successful fishing I might add.

I'm ashamed to admit it, but for the first time since we bought our A-frame pop-up camper six years ago I fired up its furnace for Wednesday night's cold sleeping weather. How soon we forget that camping is supposed to be done in rugged style.

On the way home we again saw no elk, but we did surprise a young bear dining on something in the ditch along Hwy. 77.

The only question remaining now is how we are going to top this trip for our 53rd anniversary next year.



Slow-no-wake zone is not about safety

Dear Editor:
 The city of Eagle River has recently adopted a one-year trial of greatly extending the slow-no-wake zone in Eagle River.

One of the members of the city council not only signed the petition, but made the motion. When asked about the data to support greatly extending the slow-no-wake zone, there was none. It was all about safety.

The DNR assessed the situation at the request of the city and they absolutely did not support the need to hamper the boaters use of the water way by extending the slow-no-wake zone. There has been only one small boating accident on the river in the past 10 years at a dock and no records of tick-

ets being issued by the boat patrol.

Furthermore, state statute does not allow towns, cities, or villages to regulate the use of rivers — lakes only. The county has the authority to regulate rivers. So, they denied the recommendation of the DNR and majority of people at the hearing; they didn't follow statutes; and a council member signed the petition, spoke against it at the meeting as opposed to being objective, and then made the motion to extend the slow-no-wake zone!

Extending the slow-no-wake zone in that body of water sets a "community" precedence. Soon it will be easy for other area towns to keep adding buoys and eventually the Chain will no lon-

ger be an attraction for the community members and all our visitors.

The city says they will reconsider after one year. Problem is, there is no data to compare it to as there is no past "safety" data on record. Just an incredibly poor decision for our fantastic North Woods boating community.

Decisions like this do not help the city or its economy. It also deters people from wanting to use our Chain, boat to the bridge, and park to go to eat or shop. The added minutes of idling unnecessarily is a deterrent for most people.

It is not a safety issue; it was just sold that way. We can't argue with safety, but the records show there are more tickets and boating

accidents in every other area of the Chain. The Eagle River is the safest part of the Chain, yet we are adding boating restrictions to it for safety reasons. Go figure.

Jack E. Stoskopf Jr.
 Town of Washington and Plover

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high-crime neighborhoods. New businesses are less likely to open in unsafe neighborhoods where the police can't be counted on to protect private property. Existing businesses are more likely to flee the community and take employment opportunities with them when they leave.

Worse yet, those establishments that remain must take more costly measures to stay open, costs that invariably are passed on to paying customers. Businesses want to serve those communities. High crime rates without tough punishments drives merchants away.

Decriminalizing theft (shoplifting) and other acts of vandalism increases the cost of opening and operating a business. Insurance premiums are higher, security is more expensive and banks charge higher interest rates. All of this hinders shop owners from relying on small profit margins.

Thomas

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the liberal politicians like it that way because they are the party of government and dependency is good for their careers, even if it is bad for those hooked on this subtle but powerful addiction.

As I noted in one of my previous books ("America's Expiration Date"), no nation in history has ever been able to sustain itself with the amount of debt our government has incurred. It is approaching \$32 trillion with interest greater than the GDP of other nations. Along with uncontrolled immigration and the destruction of what were once considered moral norms, we are rapidly headed for the same destination as great nations and empires of the past that failed to pay attention to foundational economic and moral principles.

There is no one to blame except the people who keep electing the politicians who

have burdened us with this debt problem.

In the publication Foreign Policy, Daron Acemoglu and James A. Robinson write about the causes of decline and collapse of other nations: "What's tragic is that this failure is by design. These states collapse because they are ruled by what we call 'extractive' economic institutions, which destroy incentives, discourage innovation, and sap the talent of their citizens by creating a tilted playing field and robbing them of opportunities."

We destroy incentives by overtaxing the successful and subsidizing the unsuccessful, instead of helping the unsuccessful to become successful.

Then there is rampant crime which can be seen played out (along with homelessness) on some cable tv channels. Clearly this is evidence of an unraveling social structure. And let's not forget — as President Biden has forgotten, or more accurately ignores — the Fen-

tanyl crisis, which has killed tens of thousands of Americans and counting.

If we have lost our will as a nation to define what's right and to do it, then we have lost our way in a world that is increasingly being dominated by China, whose president, Xi Jinping, may have correctly diagnosed us as a nation in "decline."

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