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County fair fun

Fairgoers enjoyed four days of fun at the Vilas County Fair last Thursday through Sunday in Eagle River. The grounds played host to a wide variety of midway rides, games, children's activities, live music and more throughout the event.

Above: Sunday's gunny sack races are always a popular hit.

Right: Look mom, no hands!

Middle Right: Juices flowed and hands were sticky after the watermelon-eating contest.

Bottom Right: Blue smoothies stained one child's mouth to match his blue dinosaur shirt on Saturday.

Below: Fair activities reflect off a man's sunglasses while he displays his piping hot funnel cake.

-Staff Photos By MICHELLE DREW







Season tickets on sale for Headwaters Council

Headwaters Council for the Performing Arts (HCPA) is now selling season tickets for its 2023-'24 performance season.

The concert series, which begins Oct. 1 and runs through May 11, will range from "Ireland's greatest showman" to a pop rock orchestra to a Garth Brooks tribute to a special narrative on veterans and their wartime experiences.

"This year we are going to open seating, which means we will not be reserving seats," noted ticket sales director Rick Roder. "However, season ticket holders will have first opportunity to select seats before we admit individuals who purchase a ticket for just the current show. Tickets will be color-coded."

The price for a season

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Chamber seeks antique dealers for Cranberry Fest

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

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

This event is held rain

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

The Eagle River Area River community and at the Vilas County fairgrounds Oct. 7-8.

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

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

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

Health fair slated this Saturday

and seasonal visitors day, Aug. 19, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Attendees will be able to participate in free health screenings, meet the center's new health care providers, take part in the on-site blood drive, donate to Locks of Love, and even do some line dancing or test one another's speed during the event's 5K or onemile races.

More than 30 vendors

North Woods residents will be featured during the event along with Ojibare invited to "Catch the we games, martial arts Wellness Wave" during and yoga exercises, along the Community Health with face painting and Fair at Lac Vieux Desert a bouncy house for the Health Center in Waters- children. Food vendors, meet, Mich., on Satur- raffles, and additional prizes will also highlight this community affair.

Those looking to participate in the health fair's Foam Fun Run 5K or 1-Mile races can register by contacting Giiwe Martin at 906-358-4588 extension 172.

The Lac Vieux Desert Health Center is located at N5241 Highway 45.

For more information, visit lvdhealthcenter. com.



Not that you asked, but ...

BY ERIC JOHNSON

Summer slips away

"The first week of August hangs at the very top of summer, the top of the live-long year, like the highest seat of a Ferris wheel when it pauses in its turning. The weeks that come before are only a climb from balmy spring, and those that follow a drop to the chill of autumn, but the first week of August is motionless, and hot. It is curiously silent, too, with blank white dawns and glaring noons, and sunsets smeared with too much color. Often at night there is lightning, but it quivers all alone."

> - Artist and writer Natalie Babbitt (1932-2016)

IN THE RHYTHM of life, summer went out with a bang last night. Quite literally.

It was the cherry-on-top stuff of a dramatic, crowd-roaring, Hollywood-scripted come-frombehind home season-ending extra innings win, followed by a post-game fireworks show, as the Northwoods League college wood bat baseball season draws to a close.

KABOOM! FIZZ! SWOOSH! BOOM! POW! THWACK! POOM! THWIFF! CRACKLE!

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Candy machines to support FORK's Family Food Helpline

BY NEWS-REVIEW STAFF

Children of all ages love candy, and, starting now, that collective love of something sweet is going to help Feed Our Rural Kids (FORK) continue to support food insecure families across Vilas and Oneida counties.

"Our fight against food insecurity across our North Woods communities requires sources of long-term funding," explained FORK President Perry Pokrandt. "To that end, FORK has entered into a collaborative partnership with local business woman, Cherie Winquist, owner of Star Lake Vending. Together we will distribute old-fashioned standalone candy vending

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A new candy vending machine to benefit FORK's food helpline has been placed at Nicolet National Bank in Eagle River. Displaying the machine are, from left, Danielle Mazur, branch manager; Cherie Winquist, owner of Star Lake Vending which provides the vending machines; and FORK President Perry Pokrandt. -Contributed Photo